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The Cage [TOS #1]

Stardate Unknown

Ten years before James T. Kirk takes command of the U.S.S. Enterprise, Captain Christopher Pike and his starship crew receive a distress signal from the planet Talos IV and beam down to investigate. Tracking the beacon, the landing party discovers crash survivors from a missing scientific expedition; among the survivors is a beautiful human female, Vina. Pike is concerned for the woman's safety, yet allows himself to become distracted by her beauty and is subsequently captured by the Talosians who live beneath the planet's surface. The distress signal and expedition survivors, except for Vina, are revealed to be but illusions created by the Talosians to lure the Enterprise and Pike to the planet.

The Talosians are a strong race, yet after decades of illusory indulgence, they have physically atrophied and need sturdy beings to rebuild and repopulate their barren planet. In Pike, with Vina, the Talosians hope they have finally found the one being who can serve as their breeding stock for a healthier and even more powerful race.

The Talosians use their power of illusion to interest Pike in Vina, presenting her in various disguises: a Rigellian princess in distress, a green Orion animal woman, and a loving, compassionate companion. When Pike resists, the Talosians lure Pike's female first officer and yeoman from the Enterprise to offer further temptation. By then, however, Pike has discovered that primitive human emotions neutralize the Talosians' ability to read minds, and he eventually escapes to the surface of the planet along with his fellow prisoners.

The Talosians confront Pike and the three prisoners before they can beam up, but the captain refuses to negotiate, threatening to kill himself and the others rather than submit to the Talosians' demands. Frightened at losing their only source of repopulation, the Talosians inspect the U.S.S. Enterprise's records and discover that the human race is far too independent to be of adequate service to them.

Faced with no other choice, the Talosians release the humans. After the first officer and yeoman beam up, Pike remains behind with Vina, urging her to leave with him. Despite her growing attraction to the captain, Vina is unable to leave the planet. It is revealed that an expedition had indeed crash landed on Talos IV. Vina, the only survivor, was greatly injured and disfigured. With the aid of the Talosians' illusions, however, she is able to appear beautiful and feel healthy.

The Talosians pledge to continue to provide Vina with the appearance of health and beauty while allowing her to roam the planet free of intervention. Realizing that she will be in good hands after all, Pike returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise. The Talosians, in an

act of good will, send the captain an image of Vina on the starship's viewscreen. Not only is she beautiful again, aided by the Talosians' illusory powers, but by her side is another illusion -- that of the handsome Christopher Pike.

Crew : Jeffrey Hunter (Capt. Christopher Pike)

John Hoyt (Dr. Phillip Boyce)

Laurel Goodwin (Yeoman J.M. Colt)

Leonard Nimoy (Mr. Spock)

M. Leigh Hudec (Number One)

Peter Duryea (Navigator Jose Tyler)

Cast : Adam Roarke (Chief Petty Officer Garrison)

Clegg Hoyt (Transporter Chief Pitcairn)

Jon Lormer (Dr. Theodore Haskins)

Malachi Throne (Voice Of The Keeper)

Meg Wyllie (The Keeper)

Susan Oliver (Vina)

Written By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Robert Butler

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Where No Man Has Gone Before [TOS #2]

Stardate 1312.4

Some years before this second pilot, the S.S. Valiant had encountered a unknown energy barrier at the rim of the galaxy. Something had then made its captain destroy his ship.

The U.S.S. Enterprise finds the Valiant's disaster record-marker, which reveals that just prior to its destruction the crew had been searching library tapes for any information on psionics.

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at the edge of the galaxy and the same force affects the ship's drives that must have affected those of the Valiant. Kirk notices a strong personality change in his good friend, Lt. Gary Mitchell, whose latent psionic abilities are heightened by the force field. Soon Mitchell has gained enormous extrasensory powers, displaying many talents which include moving objects with his mind and controlling his own heart rate. To a smaller degree, Dr. Elizabeth Dehner is also affected by the force field's power and the two are drawn together by their common powers.

As Mitchell's powers grow, he becomes more dangerous. Spock believes that when the Valiant experienced the same phenomena, it destroyed itself to prevent the power from taking over the galaxy. Gary Mitchell confirms his fears when he informs them that he is becoming a god who will rule the humans. Spock feels that Mitchell's death is the only solution, but Kirk is unable to kill his old friend. Instead, he exiles him to an uninhabited planet. However, once on the planet's surface, Mitchell kills his guard and escapes, taking Dr. Dehner with him. Kirk follows with a phaser rifle and Mitchell attempts to kill Kirk with his psionic powers.

Witnessing this display, Dr. Dehner realizes how inhuman and dangerous Mitchell has become and tries to help Kirk defeat him. Without remorse, Mitchell kills Elizabeth Dehner. Before he can refocus his psi powers, Kirk creates a rockslide that entombs Mitchell, killing him.

Afterwards, Spock admits to Kirk that for the first time in his life, he felt something akin to human emotion.

Crew : George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Andrea Dromm (Yeoman Smith)
Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)
Gary Lockwood (Lt. Cmdr. Gary Mitchell)
Lloyd Haynes (Lt. Alden)
Paul Carr (Lt. Lee Kelso)
Paul Fix (Dr. Mark Piper)
Sally Kellerman (Dr. Elizabeth Dehner)
Written By : Samuel A. Peeples
Directed By : James Goldstone

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The Corbomite Maneuver [TOS #3]

Stardate 1512.2

While exploring an uncharted region of space, the U.S.S. Enterprise comes upon an alien space buoy which is cube-shaped and spins, warning ships away and blocking the starship's path. Kirk's orders the phasers to destroy the buoy but immediately an alien's ship, the I.S.S. Fesarius, shaped like a large, glowing crystal traps the starship.

A ghostly, almost skeletal face appears on the viewscreen, identifying itself as Balok. He tells Kirk that the U.S.S. Enterprise has trespassed and committed hostile actions, and therefore, must be destroyed. Employing a trick from the Earth game, poker, Kirk tries a desperate bluff by convincing Balok that if the U.S.S. Enterprise is fired upon, the corbomite in the starship's hull will self-destruct and destroy both ships.

Believing Kirk, the Fesarius instead takes the starship in tow, but Kirk wrenches his ship away so suddenly and with such force that Balok's ship is apparently disabled. When the Fesarius transmits a distress call, Kirk, McCoy and Lt. Dave Bailey, still nervous about the bluff played against the powerful alien, beam aboard the Fesarius.

They find that the Fesarius is manned by only one entity, a friendly, child-like being who projects the 'Balok' image to potential enemies, knowing his own stature would be far less daunting. The image of the deep, booming voice of Balok coming from the small child, is very eerie. They also find that Balok's ship has not been damaged, but that the alien was merely testing the U.S.S. Enterprise crew to see if they were as peaceful as they claimed to be. A kind of diplomatic relationship is formed over drinks of tranya, and Lt. Bailey offers to remain with Balok as a sort of exchange student to learn the alien's ways and teach him about the Federation.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)
George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)
James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)
Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)
Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)
William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)
Cast : Anthony Hall (Lt. David Bailey)
Bruce Mars (Crewman)
Clint Howard (Balok)
Ena Hartman (Crewwoman)
George Bochman (Crewman)
Gloria Calomee (Crewwoman)
Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

John Gabriel (Crewman)

Jonathan Lippe (Crewman)

Mittie Lawrence (Crewwoman)

Stewart Moss (Crewman)

Ted Cassidy (Voice Of The Puppet)

Vic Perrin (Voice Of Balok)

Written By : Jerry Sohl

Directed By : Joseph Sargent

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Mudd's Women [TOS #4]

Stardate 1329.8

The U.S.S. Enterprise pursues an unknown ship into an asteroid belt to save its crew before it's destroyed. The four people aboard are beamed on to the U.S.S. Enterprise; former nemesis, Harry Mudd and three beautiful, sultry women: Ruth Bonaventure, Eve McHuron and Magda Kovas. Mudd was transporting the three women to Ophiuchus VI to marry settlers there.

The U.S.S. Enterprise computers reveal that Mudd has been charged with a number of infractions of the law. In pursuit of Mudd's ship, the U.S.S. Enterprise has burned out it's dilithium crystals, which power the starship's engines, and Kirk orders them to proceed as quickly as possible to the nearest dilithium mining planet. That planet is Rigel XII, which is inhabited by only three miners.

Mudd manages to contact Ben Childress, the head miner, and make a deal with him. Mudd promises to deliver the three beautiful women to the lonely miners in exchange for dilithium crystals and their help in escaping Kirk.

Upon reaching the planet, Eve tries to escape, having fallen for Kirk and not wanting to marry one of the miners, but Ben Childress brings her back. They discover that the women are using an extremely illegal Venus drug to make them beautiful and without they become quite plain. By the time the fraud is discovered, Magda and Ruth are already married to the miners, to the satisfaction of all parties involved. Eve, who realizes that Kirk is married to his career and to his starship, settles for marrying Ben. Kirk gets the crystals he needs for the U.S.S. Enterprise and Harry Mudd, on whom he has filed criminal charges.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Eddie Paskey (Conners)

Frank da Vinci (Security Guard)

Gene Dynarski (Ben Childress)

Jerry Foxworth (Security Guard)

Jim Goodwin (Lt. John Farrell)

Jon Kowal (Herm Gossett)

Karen Steele (Eve McHuron)

Maggie Thrett (Ruth Bonaventure)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Roger C. Carmel (Harcourt Fenton Mudd)

Seamon Glass (Benton)

Susan Denberg (Magda Kovas)

Teleplay By : Stephen Kandel

Story By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Harvey Hart

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The Enemy Within [TOS #5]

Stardate 1672.1

While orbiting the planet Alpha 177, the U.S.S. Enterprise experiences a transporter malfunction when Technician Fischer is beamed up from the planet with some magnetic ore on his clothing. Scotty checks the transporter and finds nothing wrong, so Captain Kirk beams aboard. Kirk leaves with his officers and when the transporter room is deserted, a second Kirk materializes on the pad.

When a space animal is beamed aboard the starship and splits into two entities; one tame and one vicious, it is discovered that the same thing has happened to Kirk. While one Kirk is good and honorable, the other is evil and runs amok on his ship, committing violent acts, including the attempted assault of Yeoman Janice Rand.

Meanwhile, the transporter continued to split objects into two entities, thus forcing the remainder of the ship's landing party to remain on the planet's surface. Alpha 177's approaching night promises certain death from exposure and freezing temperatures to the unprotected landing party.

As time passes, the "good" Kirk is weakening, losing his ability to make decisions, while his "evil" half is dying. Neither Kirk can survive without his other half. Time is running out, not only for Captain Kirk, but for the landing party on the planet's surface.

Scotty effects repairs on the transporter, but there's no time to test it. McCoy is fearful because the "space dog" which had been split earlier, had gone through the repaired transporter and, while joined into one animal, was dead. Kirk takes the chance and beams down with his counterpart and returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise whole and alive. Quickly the landing party is beamed aboard, worse for the cold, but alive.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Eddie Paskey (Connors)

Edward Madden (Geological Technician Fisher)

Garland Thompson (Transporter Technician Wilson)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

Jim Goodwin (Lt. John Farrell)

Written By : Richard Matheson

Directed By : Leo Penn

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The Man Trap [TOS #6]

Stardate 1513.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at planet M-113 to deliver supplies to Dr. Robert Crater and his wife, Nancy, whom Doctor Leonard McCoy was once romantically involved with. The Craters have been on M-113 for five years conducting an archeological survey of the planet's ruins. They are the only known inhabitants of the planet.

Crater tells Kirk that the only thing they need are salt tablets. Otherwise, they want to be left alone. Kirk debates this, insisting they must need other supplies and must at least allow McCoy to give them physicals. While this is happening, Darnell, one of Kirk's landing party, meets a beautiful young woman and wanders off with her.

When Kirk goes looking for the young man, he finds him dead, his body scarred with suction cup shaped marks. The Captain orders the Craters to beam aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. On ship, Dr. McCoy is amazed at how little Nancy has changed since he last saw her, several years earlier. Her close proximity on board the starship begins to reawaken old feelings for the doctor that somewhat shadow any suspicions of her that he might normally have had.

However, the woman McCoy sees as Nancy Crater is a shape-shifting creature, the last survivor of M-113, and can literally appear as a different being to each person 'she' meets. By reaching into their minds and drawing on their memories, the creature can lull her potential victims into a false sense of security before she kills them.

The problem facing M-113 is the need for sodium chloride... salt. Without it, the creature will die and its home planet is running out. The rest of its race died due to this shortage, and this final survivor formed a symbiotic relationship with Professor Crater. Crater provided M-113 with the needed salt and the creature in turn gave the professor companionship... something he had craved since the salt creature murdered his wife, the real Nancy Crater, for her body's salt.

Let loose on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, M-113 begins killing members of the crew, first luring them by posing as someone they know and trust, then draining their bodies of their precious salt. Finally M-113 kills Crater and changes into Nancy Crater, nearly killing McCoy. Kirk and Spock, who have figured out the creature's secret, rush to the doctor's quarters and convince him that this is not the real Nancy. In an emotionally painful move, McCoy kills the creature, saving himself and the U.S.S. Enterprise crew.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Alfred Ryder (Professor Robert Crater)

Bob Baker (Beauregard Puppeteer)

Bruce Watson (Crewman Green)

Francine Pyne (Blonde Nancy Crater)

Garrison True (Crewman Guard #1)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

Jeanne Bal (Nancy Crater)

Larry Anthony (Transporter Chief)

Michael Zaslow (Crewman Darnell)

Sharon Gimpel (M113 Salt Creature)

Vince Howard (Uhura's Crewman)

Written By : George Clayton Johnson

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Naked Time [TOS #7]

Stardate 1704.2

Spock and Joe Tormolen beam down to planet Psi 2000 to pick up a research party before the planet disintegrates. They find everyone has died, frozen when life support was turned off. Even stranger, the positions of the researcher's bodies show they were out of their minds when they died and some died by suicide.

Unknowingly, Tormolen carried what is later termed the "Psi 2000" virus, back to the U.S.S. Enterprise and it spreads among the crew at an alarming rate, reaching into their souls and pulling out their deepest desires for public display. The virus is water borne and spread by perspiration in a touch. While trying to stop Tormolen from killing himself, Sulu and Kevin Riley are infected with the virus.

The crew begin displaying actions that are humorous exaggerations of their desires, like Sulu threatening the bridge with a fencing foil and Kirk becoming overly romantic toward the crew. Others are more heart-wrenching, like Christine Chapel admitting her love for Spock and the Vulcan finally weeping over his mother's death. The deadliest result, however, is when Riley declares himself captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise and locks himself in Engineering. Unfortunately, he also locks everyone else out. Once in command of the ship's engines, Riley shuts them down and the U.S.S. Enterprise is pulled toward Psi 2000's by its erratic gravity.

McCoy finds an antidote for the virus which he, fortunately, manages to avoid coming down with, and infects the crew.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bruce Hyde (Lt. Kevin Riley)

Bud Da Vinci (Crewman)

Christin Ducheau (Crewman)

Eddie Paskey (Lt. Ryan)

Frank da Vinci (Lt. Brent)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

John Bellah (Laughing Crewman)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Stewart Moss (Joe Tormolen)

William Knight (Amorous Crewman)

Woody Talbert (Crewman)

Written By : John D.F. Black

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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Charlie X [TOS #8]

Stardate 1533.6

As Charles Evans, the lone survivor of a crashed colonizing expedition to the planet Thasus, comes aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise from the S.S. Antares, but when Captain Ramart of the Antares contacts Kirk about Charlie, the S. S. Antares is suddenly destroyed.

Charlie shows not only a lack of grief for the people who had become his benefactors, but almost an indifference to their deaths. He seems only concerned that his new "family" like and accept him. Unfortunately, teenage hormones and an isolated upbringing make that difficult.

Strange events occur whenever Charlie is angered -- he makes Yeoman Rand disappear when she rebuffs his advances, he breaks Spock's legs when the Vulcan tries to discipline him, and he causes injury and discomfort to anyone who he thinks is laughing at him.

Charlie demands that the U.S.S. Enterprise take him to the nearest inhabited planet, but Kirk fears that his uncontrolled temper and dangerous powers will create havoc for any civilization. Charlie gains control of the ship, but Kirk shortly overcomes him. Suddenly, an alien face appears on the bridge. It is that of a Thasian, the race who raised Charlie and gave him his extremely powerful psionic powers.

The Thasians had realized that Charlie has left their planet and thus sent their own starship to intercept the Enterprise. Despite Charlie's tearful pleas to remain, the Thasians take the lonely child back to Thasus. Before they depart, the beings restore the U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew to normal.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Abraham Sofaer (The Thasian)

Beau Vandenecker (Sam)

Charles J. Stewart (Capt. Ramart)

Dallas Mitchell (Tom Nellis)

Don Eitner (Navigator)

Frank da Vinci (Security Guard)

Garland Thompson (Crewman #2)

Gene Roddenberry (Voice Of Galley Chef)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

John Bellah (Crewman #1)

John Lindesmith (Helmsman)

Laura Wood (Old Lady)

Patricia McNulty (Yeoman Tina Lawton)

Robert Herron (Crewman In Gym)

Robert Walker, Jr. (Charlie Evans)

Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana

Story By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Lawrence Dobkin

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Balance Of Terror [TOS #9]

Stardate 1709.2

The marriage of Angela Martine and Robert Tomlinson is interrupted when a Romulan warbird attacks and destroys Outpost 4, which guards the Neutral Zone between Federation and Romulan space. Kirk learns that the Romulan ship has also destroyed three other outposts and is now running at full speed towards home.

The U.S.S. Enterprise pursues the warbird, hampered by the fact that the Romulans have constructed an invisibility screen which shields them from view. While the screen protects the Romulans from detection visually, it also prevents them using their weapons or visual aids. The Romulan Commander, therefore, isn't sure whether his radar is detecting a Federation ship in pursuit or a harmless space echo.

The U.S.S. Enterprise is able to pick up a visual from the Romulan bridge, which shows the previously unseen Romulans to look very much like Vulcans. This sparks an old prejudice in Lt. Andrew Stiles, whose family fought in the Romulan wars. He is instantly suspicious of Spock, whose physical characteristics are remarkably similar to the Romulans they are chasing.

After every attempt to lose the U.S.S. Enterprise fails, the Romulan Commander is forced to turn and fight. Both ships are damaged; when the U.S.S. Enterprise's phaser banks are damaged, they emit a poisonous gas which disables Stiles and Tomlinson, who are manning the weapons. In an exciting race against time, Spock manages to fire the only remaining phaser manually, disabling the Romulan ship. The Vulcan manages to save Stiles, but Tomlinson is killed. Stiles, realizing by Spock's actions that his bigotry was misplaced, admits that he was wrong.

The Romulan Commander contacts the U.S.S. Enterprise and, in a stirring moment, tells Kirk that under other circumstances, he suspects they might be friends. Rather than let himself and his ship be taken prisoner, the Romulan destroys the warbird.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Baldavin (Ensign Angela Martine)

Garry Walberg (Cmdr. Hanson)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

John Arndt (Engineer Fields)

John Warburton (The Centurion)

Lawrence Montaigne (Decius)

Mark Lenard (Romulan Cmdr.)

Paul Comi (Lt. Stiles)

Robert Chadwick (Romulan Scanner Operator)

Sean Morgan (Romulan Crewman)

Stephen Mines (Lt. Robert Tomlinson)

Vince Deadrick (Romulan Crewman)

Walter Davis (Romulan Crewman)

Written By : Paul Schneider

Directed By : Vincent McEveety

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What Are Little Girls Made Of? [TOS #10]

Stardate 2712.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives in orbit around Exo III, to search for exobiologist Dr. Roger Korby. When Kirk asks Spock if Korby could possibly still be alive, Spock glances at Christine, then quietly shuts off his monitor. Christine Chapel, McCoy's chief nurse, is Korby's fiancée. Chapel had signed on with the U.S.S. Enterprise in the hope of finding him. Korby is known as the "Pasteur of archeological medicine."

At Dr. Korby's request, only Kirk and a very excited Christine Chapel beam down to the planet. They find the doctor living in an underground cavern built by what is known as "The Old Ones," the extinct natives of Exo III. He tells them that he discovered the caverns while suffering from severe frostbite, five years before.

Using equipment left behind by these now-dead beings, Korby has learned how to construct androids who look and act like humans. His android companions, Ruk and Andrea, amaze Kirk and Chapel with their realness. Although, Korby explains, Ruk existed long before he arrived--a product of "The Old Ones."

Christine recognizes Dr. Brown, Korby's aide, but is mystified by his failure to recognize her. The reason for his behavior becomes clear when they discovered that he, too, is a sophisticated android. Korby's plan is to slowly replace key people in the Federation with androids, integrating the machines into other worlds.

Taking Kirk prisoner, Korby creates a perfect duplicate of the Captain, which fools even Nurse Chapel. During the duplication process, however, Kirk plants false memories and ideas in his double's brain which makes Spock realize that something is very wrong. Korby, convinced that his android will fool the U.S.S. Enterprise crew and allow him to take over the starship, has the double beamed aboard. The false Kirk is to look over their proposed route and pick a likely planet on which to begin colonization.

Spock immediately becomes suspicious of his captain until finally, after spewing an ethnic slur at the first officer, Spock is certain that this is not Capt. Kirk. He orders a landing party to meet him in the transporter room after the Captain has beamed down to the planet. Meanwhile, on Exo III, Christine Chapel realizes that somehow Roger Korby has changed; he's no longer the wonderful man she'd fallen in love with. He's become somehow distant and unfeeling... though he obviously still has a great fondness for his fiancée.

Separated from Christine, Kirk is being guarded by Ruk. The Captain convinces the hulking android that Korby is a threat to his continued existence and must be destroyed. Ruk attacks Korby and is eliminated. It is discovered, to Christine's horror, that Korby has housed his essence inside an android body. Kirk convinces the doctor that he's become more machine than human. In front of his horrified fiancée, Korby grabs Andrea and fires a phaser blast that kills them both. Spock arrives with a landing party to find only Kirk and Christine remaining. Chapel announces that she would like to stay with the U.S.S. Enterprise to complete her tour.

Crew : Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Budd Albright (Rayburn)

Harry Basch (Dr. Brown)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Michael Strong (Dr. Roger Korby)

Sherry Jackson (Andrea)

Ted Cassidy (Ruk)

Vince Deadrick (Matthews)

Written By : Robert Bloch

Directed By : James Goldstone

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Dagger Of The Mind [TOS #11]

Stardate 2715.1

When Dr. Simon van Gelder, part of the psychiatric staff at the Tantalus Penal Colony escapes to the U.S.S. Enterprise, exhibiting signs of manic insanity, an enraged McCoy insists that Kirk investigate the colony. The Captain reminds McCoy of Tantalus' excellent reputation, but McCoy is unconvinced.

Kirk and Dr. Helen Noel, the U.S.S. Enterprise's psychiatrist, tour the facility. They discover that the Colony director, Dr. Tristan Adams, has been using a brainwashing device, the neural neutralizer, to control not only the colony's inmates, but his staff, as well. When the doctor realizes that Kirk has discovered his secret, he convinces the captain to try the machine for himself, to prove that it is perfectly safe. The result is that Kirk falls madly in love with Helen Noel and the two remain on the Colony as Adams' prisoners.

Meanwhile, on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, van Gelder is in such a distraught state from the neural conditioning that he is unable to explain to Spock what is going on at the penal colony. The Vulcan attempts a mind-meld with van Gelder and discovers what has been happening on the planet below. On Tantalus, Dr. Noel escapes through an air-conditioning duct to the power room, where she lowers the planet's defense shields, enabling Spock to beam down a security team.

Kirk recovers enough to fight Adams, who falls into his torturous machine. Weakened by the conditioning and his fight with the doctor, Kirk stumbles away, not knowing that Adams is still in the neutralizer. Adams is later found dead. Dr. van Gelder is made sane again and returns to direct the Tantalus Colony.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Ed McCready (Inmate)

Eli Behar (Therapist)

James Gregory (Dr. Tristan Adams)

John Arndt (Crewman #1)

Larry Anthony (Transporter Operator)

Marianne Hill (Dr. Helen Noel)

Morgan Woodward (Dr. Simon Van Gelder)

Susanne Wasson (Lethe)

Walter Davis (Therapist)

Written By : S. Bar-David

Directed By : Vincent McEveety

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Miri [TOS #12]

Stardate 2713.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise answers an old distress signal to find an unnamed planet that is almost an exact duplicate of Earth in the 1960s. A landing party beams down and discovers that 300 years before, the natives of the planet had conducted experiments to prolong life, but had, instead, created a deadly virus. The virus had killed all adults by rapid aging and madness. In children, the virus slowed the natural aging process greatly, providing centuries of prepubescence.

There are no adults on the planet, only children, and they survive the best that they can without adults to aid them. The landing party contracts the virus, except for Spock, who becomes a carrier of the disease. Until a cure for the disease can be found and created, the landing party is confined to the planet. To return to the U.S.S. Enterprise would mean a rapid spread of the disease.

The landing party attempts to make friends with the children, but they vividly remember the horrible deaths of their parents and refuse to have anything to do with them. One of the older children, Miri, falls in love with Kirk and tries to help him with the other children until she begins to see Yeoman Rand as a rival for the captain's affections. Stung, Miri helps Jahn, one of the boys, to lead the children in a campaign to harass the U.S.S. Enterprise crew members. When Kirk tries to reason with the children, he is badly beaten.

One of the older children begins to exhibit symptoms of the disease and Kirk convinces them that they all will get the virus and die horribly, when they finally reach puberty. Using himself as a guinea pig, McCoy creates an antidote from old research notes found in the planet's lab, and finds the cure. The doctor says that the Federation will probably send supervisory personnel to colonize the planet and take care of the children.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Darlene Roddenberry (Dirty-Faced Girl In Flowered Dress)

David L. Ross (Lt. Galloway)

David Ross (Security Guard #1)

Dawn Roddenberry (Little Blond Girl)

Ed McCready (Boy Creature)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

Irene Sale (Female Creature / Louise)

Jim Goodwin (Lt. John Farrell)

John Arndt (Security Guard #2)

John Megna (Little Boy)

Jon Dweck (Boy Who Stole Phasers)

Keith Taylor (Jahn's Friend)

Kellie Flanagan (Blond Girl)

Kim Darby (Miri)

Lizabeth Shatner (Blonde Girl In Red-Striped Dress)

Melanie Shatner (Brunette In Black Lace Dress)

Michael J. Pollard (Jahn)

Phil Morris (Boy In Army Helmet)

Scott Dweck (Boy Who Stole Phasers)

Steven McEveety (Redheaded Boy)

Written By : Adrian Spies

Directed By : Vincent McEveety

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The Conscience Of The King [TOS #13]

Stardate 2817.6

Twenty-two years before this episode takes place, the governor of Tarsus IV, Kodos, evoked emergency martial law and ordered half of the planet's population executed. His intent was to address a severe food shortage on Tarsus IV, and it earned him the name "Kodos the Executioner." It was believed that Kodos died on the planet, but there is some belief that he may have escaped and assumed another identity.

James Kirk, Lt. Kevin Riley, and Dr. Thomas Leighton are the only surviving witnesses to Kodos' previous evil deeds; others who might have known Kodos have been mysteriously killed in various accidents.

A traveling theatrical troupe arrives at Planet Q, and a Dr. Leighton contacts the U.S.S. Enterprise regarding a new synthetic food concentrate. When he is beamed aboard, he tells Kirk that his real reason for contacting him was to tell the captain that he suspects Anton Karidian, the head actor in the theater troupe, is really Kodos.

When Dr. Leighton is murdered, Kirk agrees to transport the Karidian Players to the Benecia Colony on board the U.S.S. Enterprise. His real motive is to study Karidian and his daughter in an attempt to learn if he is, indeed, Kodos and responsible for Leighton's death.

When Riley is poisoned, the young man learns of Kirk's suspicions and goes to the theater on board the U.S.S. Enterprise to kill Kodos. Kirk stops him and takes the actor as his prisoner. Then he learns that Karidian's daughter, Lenore, has been killing anyone who might know of her father's past life. Karidian, who has been trying to forget his past, is horrified to find what his daughter has been doing. Lenore aims a phaser at Kirk, but her father steps into the line of fire and is killed. Lenore goes completely insane at having killed her father.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Arnold Moss (Anton Karidian)

Barbara Anderson (Lenore Karidian)

Bruce Hyde (Lt. Kevin Riley)

Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)

Frank Vince (Voice Of Jon Daily)

Grace Lee Whitney (Yeoman Janice Rand)

Karl Bruck (King Duncan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marc Adams (Hamlet)

Natalie Norwick (Martha Leighton)

Troy David (Larry Matson)

William Sargent (Dr. Thomas Leighton)

Written By : Barry Trivers

Directed By : Gerd Oswald

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The Galileo Seven [TOS #14]

Stardate 2821.5

On its way to deliver medical supplies to plague-ridden Hansen's Planet, the U.S.S. Enterprise passes Murasaki 312. Since they are under Starfleet orders to inspect galactic phenomena such as this quasarlike star group, McCoy, Spock, Scott and four crewmen take a shuttlecraft, the Galileo, for a closer look.

Without warning, the shuttlecraft is pulled off course and out of sensor range of the U.S.S. Enterprise. Spock manages to crash land the shuttle on a foggy, rocky area of Taurus II which is inhabited by giant, hostile humanoids. Between attacks by the war-like residents and quarrels among themselves, the crew attempts to repair the shuttle and get off the planet.

Because of an ionization of its instruments, the U.S.S. Enterprise is unable to find the craft. On board, Commissioner Ferris demands that Kirk abandon the search and proceed to Hansen's Planet. Two of the crewmen from the Galileo are killed by the giant humanoids and Lt. Boma demands, irrationally, that Spock stop his repairs in order to bury the dead men. Spock's logic will not permit him to comply with the lieutenant's wishes in the face of their present situation.

As the U.S.S. Enterprise prepares to leave the area without finding the missing shuttle, the Galileo manages an unsteady orbit around the planet, but is unable to pull away from its gravitational pull. Knowing it will send them crashing to the planet's surface if his plan fails, Spock ignites the remaining fuel. The U.S.S. Enterprise sees the meteor-like flare of the burning fuel and beams the crew aboard as the Galileo disintegrates in the planet's atmosphere. Later, Spock stubbornly insists that his desperate act was not a human instinct to gamble, but a logical Vulcan approach to their problem.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Buck Maffei (Creature)

David L. Ross (Transporter Chief)

Don Marshall (Lt. Boma)

Grant Woods (Lt. Cmdr. Kelowitz)

John Crawford (Galactic High Commissioner Ferris)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Peter Marko (Lt. Gaetano)

Phyllis Douglas (Yeoman Mears)

Reese Vaughn (Lt. Latimer)

Teleplay By : Oliver Crawford

S. Bar-David

Story By : Oliver Crawford

Directed By : Robert Gist

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Court Martial [TOS #15]

Stardate 2947.3

When the U.S.S. Enterprise puts in at Starbase 11 for repairs caused in an ion storm, Kirk gives his report of the circumstances of Lt. Comm. Ben Finney death to Commodore Stone. All goes well until Spock arrives with the computer visual tape of the bridge during the crisis. Spock tries to warn Kirk about what is on the tape, but the Commodore takes it and plays it. While Kirk's statement claims that Finney went into the U.S.S. Enterprise's ion pod to take vital readings. When the storm made it necessary to jettison the pod, Kirk warned Finney, during a yellow alert, and finally, switched to red alert before jettisoning the ion pod, with Finney, apparently, inside.

What the computer tapes shows is Kirk pressing the pod-release switch while still in a yellow alert status. The Commodore informs Kirk that he will have to stand trial for possible court-martial for the death of Lt. Commander Finney. Things are complicated even more when Finney's daughter, Jamie, blames Kirk for her father's death.

When Kirk meets an old girlfriend, Lt. Areel Shaw, that evening she tells him that she's arranged for a lawyer to come and see him. Unfortunately, she's been assigned to prosecute his case and will try her best to bring him down. Dejected, Kirk goes to his rooms to find that Samuel T. Cogley has moved in, books and baggage. Kirk decides that he likes the quirky lawyer and they begin the plan the captain's defense.

On the U.S.S. Enterprise, McCoy reprimands Spock for playing chess with the computer while Kirk is on trial for murder. Spock explains that he has won several games straight... a feat he should not have been able to accomplish unless the computer is malfunctioning. McCoy's interest is piqued and the two men discuss what this development could mean to the captain's defense.

At the trial, just as the defense has rested, Spock appears with the information about the faulty computer. Cogley gives a stirring speech about the rights of men versus machines and the Commodore finally allows the jury to reconvene on board the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Spock explains that having programmed the computer for chess himself just months before, the best he should have been able to do is stalemate. Therefore, the officer explains, someone tampered with the computer, adjusting its memory. When asked who had the knowledge for such an action, the Vulcan admits that it could only have been himself, Kirk or Records Officer Ben Finney. Cogley then suggests that Finney is still alive and hiding somewhere on the U.S.S. Enterprise.

On the bridge, the ship's sensors have been boosted to pick up any sound on the ship. Everyone but the bridge personnel and transporter attendant are beamed to the surface and the demonstration begins. Switching on the sensors, everyone's heartbeat on the ship is audible. One by one McCoy, using a white-light masking device, eliminates the sound of everyone's heartbeat... except one... Finney's.

Kirk goes after Finney and finds him hiding on the ship. Finney has harbored a grudge against Kirk since they were both Ensigns, when Kirk had logged a careless and potentially dangerous mistake of Finney's, which the man claims has kept him from promotion over the years.

The two men fight, with Kirk finally winning. Finney had, however, damaged the ship's engines and the U.S.S. Enterprise is losing its orbit. Racing against time, Kirk manages to repair the damage and the U.S.S. Enterprise regains her previous position. Kirk is cleared of all charges and Samuel T. Cogley takes on a new client... Ben Finney.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Alice Rawlings (Jamie Finney)

Bart Conrad (Capt. Krasnovsky)

Elisha Cook (Samuel T. Cogley)

Hagan Beggs (Mr. Hansen)

Joan Marshall (Lt. Areel Shaw)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice / Starbase Computer Voice)

Nancy Wong (Personnel Officer)

Percy Rodriguez (Commodore Stone)

Reginald Lal Singh (Capt. Chandra)

Richard Webb (Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin Finney)

Tom Curtis (Corrigan)

William Meader (Space Command Representative Lindstrom)

Winston De Lugo (Timothy)

Teleplay By : Don M. Mankiewicz

Steven W. Carabatsos

Story By : Don M. Mankiewicz

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Menagerie, Part 1 [TOS #16]

Stardate 3012.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew are diverted by a signal from the former captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise on Starbase 6, and proceed to the call. When they arrive they find Captain Christopher Pike, who is severely crippled by radiation burns, confined to a moving chair and limited in his ability to communicate to the answers "yes" or "no."

Unbeknownst to Captain Kirk, Spock abducts Pike on board the ship. Captain Kirk returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise with Commodore Mendez, and soon discovers that Spock has locked the ship's controls on a course set for the planet Talos IV -- a planet to which a visit carries the death penalty. Forced by the extreme actions of the Vulcan first officer, the two convene a court-martial against Spock.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Adam Roarke (Chief Petty Officer Garrison)

Brett Dunham (Security Chief)

Clegg Hoyt (Transporter Chief Pitcairn)

George Sawaya (Chief Humbolt)

Hagan Beggs (Mr. Hansen)

Ian Reddin (Security Guard)

Jeffrey Hunter (Capt. Christopher Pike)

John Hoyt (Dr. Phillip Boyce)

Julie Parrish (Miss Piper)

Laurel Goodwin (Yeoman J.M. Colt)

M. Leigh Hudec (Number One)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice / Starbase Computer Voice)

Malachi Throne (Commodore Jose Mendez)

Meg Wyllie (The Keeper)

Peter Duryea (Navigator Jose Tyler)

Sean Kenney (Paralysed Pike)

Susan Oliver (Vina)

Tom Lupo (Security Guard)

Written By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Menagerie, Part 2 [TOS #17]

Stardate 3013.1

During the proceedings, from an unknown source, they watch the events that transpired when Captain Pike was in command of the U.S.S. Enterprise. They are shown Pike's initial contact with the Talosians -- a race of beings eager to study human beings in their natural state, and who can provide illusions to make things appear exactly as they would like. The transmission relays Captain Pike's entire mission surrounding the Talosians and their bizarre experiments while holding him in a powerful cage. The Talosians are telepathic beings, able to dig deep into the memories to find whatever illusion will be most effective. They attempt to hold Pike captive until his passion and fury force them to release him.

As the proceedings end, the entire court-martial is found to be meaningless, a result of Commodore Mendez being an illusion created by the Talosians for Kirk's benefit. The events, as well, which depicted Pike on Talos IV were also found to originate from the Talosians.

Because of Pike's condition, Spock has risked his career and freedom to bring his former captain to a place where he will be able to live an illusion of a pleasant life, rather than the tragically limited one he lives now. Kirk allows Pike to beam down to Talos IV and all charges against Spock are dropped.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Adam Roarke (Chief Petty Officer Garrison)

Brett Dunham (Security Chief)

Clegg Hoyt (Transporter Chief Pitcairn)

George Sawaya (Chief Humbolt)

Hagan Beggs (Mr. Hansen)

Ian Reddin (Security Guard)

Jeffrey Hunter (Capt. Christopher Pike)

John Hoyt (Dr. Phillip Boyce)

Julie Parrish (Miss Piper)

Laurel Goodwin (Yeoman J.M. Colt)

M. Leigh Hudec (Number One)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice / Starbase Computer Voice)

Malachi Throne (Commodore Jose Mendez)

Meg Wyllie (The Keeper)

Peter Duryea (Navigator Jose Tyler)

Sean Kenney (Paralysed Pike)

Susan Oliver (Vina)

Tom Lupo (Security Guard)

Written By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Robert Butler

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Shore Leave [TOS #18]

Stardate 3025.3

A U.S.S. Enterprise landing party beams down to an uncharted planet. The planet seems like a perfect candidate for shore leave with its "Earth-type" characteristics. Kirk sends McCoy down with the party to check it out.

McCoy's first encounter on the new world is with a life-sized white rabbit in a waistcoat, being chased by a little girl in a pinafore. Kirk answers McCoy's somewhat odd call for help and beams down himself to find his old rival from academy days, Finnigan. While trying to catch his old enemy, Kirk meets Ruth, an old girlfriend. He notices that neither Finnigan nor Ruth have changed in appearance since he'd last seen them. Elsewhere, Sulu is attacked by a Samurai Warrior while others are chased by tigers and aircraft.

McCoy, who has paired off with Yeoman Tonia Barrows, is killed by a black knight on horseback. As the perils become more and more deadly, Kirk and Spock realize that their thoughts are somehow coming to life around them.

An old man appears, explaining that this planet is designed as an "amusement park," and he is the Caretaker for the world. The planet is not meant to be hostile, and the results of one's fantasies are not lasting. McCoy appears, healed, with a Rigel Cabaret girl on each arm. Tonia disengages the good doctor and they go off to spend what promises to be an enjoyable vacation together. The Caretaker invites Kirk and his crew to spend their leave on his planet. Kirk agrees, realizing that once warned, it would provide a most diverting vacation spot. As he makes his decision, Ruth appears.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Baldavin (Ensign Angela Martine)

Bill Blackburn (White Rabbit)

Bruce Mars (Finnegan)

Emily Banks (Yeoman Tonia Barrows)

Jim Gruzal (Don Juan)

John Carr (Security Guard)

Marcia Brown (Alice in Wonderland)

Oliver McGowan (Caretaker)

Paul Baxley (Black Knight)

Perry Lopez (Lt. Esteban Rodriguez)

Shirley Bonne (Ruth)

Tom Sebastian (Warrior)

Written By : Theodore Sturgeon

Directed By : Robert Sparr

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The Squire Of Gothos [TOS #19]

Stardate 2124.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise must cross an empty sector of space on their way to deliver supplies to Colony Beta VI. In this space, they find an uncharted planet whose presence can't be explained. After Kirk and Sulu disappear without apparent reason, Spock orders McCoy and geophysicist Lt. Karl Jaeger to the planet's surface to begin a search.

They find Trelane, a humanoid with tremendous psionic powers and a passion for Earth's 18th century military history. It is he, they discover, who impulsively kidnapped Kirk and Sulu, wanting to add them to his arena of the Napoleonic era that he has created on this planet, Gothos.

While Trelane has great powers, he has little self-control and is spoiled, willful and impetuous. When McCoy and Jaeger appear, Trelane invites them all to join him at his party.

Spock manages to beam them aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, but Trelane, determined to have his way in all matters, transports the entire bridge crew to Gothos for a banquet. Kirk challenges Trelane to a duel and in the process, destroys the device the alien uses to create his illusions. However, Trelane repairs it and prevents the U.S.S. Enterprise from leaving orbit until he can punish Kirk for his rash actions.

In exchange for freedom for the U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew, Kirk offers himself as the prey in a "fox hunt." Suddenly, as Trelane is about to kill the Captain, two more humanoids appear. They explain to Kirk that they are Trelane's parents, and apologize for letting their child play such dangerous games. They then scold the errant child for his selfish behavior and temper tantrums. They inform Trelane that he will not be allowed to have another planet to play with until he learns how to treat other beings with respect.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Babcock (Voice Of Trelane's Mother)

James Doohan (Voice Of Trelane's Father)

Michael Barrier (Lt. DeSalle)

Richard Carlyle (Lt. Karl Jaeger)

Venita Wolf (Yeoman Teresa Ross)

William Campbell (Trelane)

Written By : Paul Schneider

Directed By : Don McDougall

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Arena [TOS #20]

Stardate 3045.6

The U.S.S. Enterprise is in pursuit of an unknown alien ship which has destroyed a Starfleet base on Cestus III. In an uncharted area of space, both the alien ship and the Enterprise are caught by an advanced race called Metrons. The Metrons are angry at the two ships for trespassing into their space and believe that physical combat is the answer to finding justice.

They transport Kirk and the alien captain, a lizard-like creature called a Gorn, to an uninhabited asteroid to fight to the death. The Metrons promise that the victor and his ship will be set free, while the loser will be destroyed, along with his ship and crew.

The Gorn informs Kirk that the base on Cestus III was destroyed because it was believed to be a hostile intrusion on Gorn space. The Gorn is seven feet tall and much stronger than a human, with an extremely aggressive nature, but Kirk has the advantage of speed and agility that his opponent lacks. Kirk manages to keep out of the Gorn's way long enough to mix local minerals into gunpowder, which he uses in a primitive cannon to wound the Gorn captain.

When Kirk refuses to kill the Gorn, the Metrons decide that there may be some hope for the human species after all. Both captains and their ships are set free.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Carole Shelyne (Metron)

Gary Coombs (Bobby Clark)

Grant Woods (Lt. Cmdr. Kelowitz)

James Farley (Lt. Lang)

Jerry Ayres (Lt. O'Herlihy)

Sean Kenney (Lt. DePaul)

Tom Troupe (Lt. Harold)

Vic Perrin (Voice Of The Gorn / Voice Of The Metron)

Teleplay By : Gene L. Coon

Story By : Fredric Brown

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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The Alternative Factor [TOS #21]

Stardate 3087.6

While orbiting what should be a dead planet, the U.S.S. Enterprise experiences a moment of "nonexistence." Starfleet Command fears an enemy invasion and orders Kirk to find out what caused the stellar system disturbance.

On the planet below, Kirk finds a man called Lazarus, who tells Kirk that the effect was caused by his enemy. Lazarus has been chasing him with the aid of a time/space craft and wants the Enterprise's dilithium crystals to continue his search. The captain refuses.

When Kirk takes Lazarus aboard the Enterprise, it becomes apparent that there is something strange about their visitor. He has incredible mood swings, one minute sane and rational, the next exhibiting violent rage. He also has a bloody head wound that disappears, then reappears moments later.

Lazarus manages to steal the ship's dilithium and return to the planet. Kirk follows and discovers that Lazarus is two people -- one sane and one a madman, with one from an anti-matter universe. The sane Lazarus informs Kirk that the beings can only appear in either universe one at a time. Should both men be in the same place at the same time, both universes would be destroyed. Kirk helps the sane Lazarus trap his counterpart in an intermediate time corridor where they can hurt neither the matter nor anti-matter universe, but where the two will be trapped in fight until the end of time.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Arch Whiting (Assistant Engineer)

Bill Blackburn (Security Guard)
Christian Patrick (Transporter Chief)
Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)
Janet MacLachlan (Lt. Charlene Masters)
Larry Riddle (Officer)
Richard Derr (Commodore Barstow)
Robert Brown (Lazarus)
Ron Veto (Security Guard)
Tom Lupo (Security Guard)
Vince Calenti (Security Guard)
Written By : Don Ingalls
Directed By : Gerd Oswald

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Tomorrow Is Yesterday [TOS #22]

Stardate 3113.2

When the U.S.S. Enterprise is thrown into a time warp by a black star, it ends up orbiting Earth in the 20th century. Omaha Air Base detects a peculiar UFO and sends a fighter plane, manned by Captain John Christopher, to investigate.

The starship accidentally destroys the plane, caught in their tractor beam, so the pilot is beamed aboard. The problem now, of course, is to prevent Captain Christopher from returning to tell others on Earth. In order not to change history, in which Christopher's son will prove important, Kirk must return the captain to Earth without knowledge of the ship.

In an attempt to remove all records of the U.S.S. Enterprise sighting, Kirk and Sulu beam down to the air base. Kirk is almost immediately captured by the Air Police, though Sulu manages to escape and gets the stolen records to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Spock and Captain Christopher beam down to help get Kirk away from the Air Police. At the same time, an Air Police sergeant has been accidentally caught in the U.S.S. Enterprise's transporter beam and is reeling as he finds himself on a 23rd century starship.

Spock and Scotty manage to recreate the conditions of the time warp that brought them to this time, with a slingshot effect around the Sun. The confused Air Police sergeant is returned to Earth a second before he was transported to the U.S.S. Enterprise, so he will remember nothing of his astounding experience, and the starship returns to the 23rd century.

This time, the pilot sees nothing and the Air Force concludes that the sighting was a mistake... a UFO. In effect, everything that had happened, never happened.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Ed Peck (Col. Fellini)

Hal Lynch (Air Police Sergeant)

Jim Spencer (Air Policeman)

John Winston (Transporter Chief Mr. Kyle)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Dempsey (Air Force Captain)

Richard Merrifield (Technician Webb)

Roger Perry (Capt. John Christopher)

Sherri Townsend (Crewwoman)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

Directed By : Michael O'Herlihy

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The Return Of The Archons [TOS #23]

Stardate 3156.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise is investigating Beta III, where the U.S.S. Archon disappeared over 100 years before.

When the landing party exhibits strange behavior, Kirk sends another party down to investigate. They find the culture on Beta III is quiescent, with no creative tendencies. The entire culture is controlled by a group of 'lawgivers' known as "The Body" which is, in turn, controlled by the omniscient Landru. The inhabitants change from normal, peaceful people to a violent mob at the coming of the Red Hour. This 'Festival' is the society's only outlet for the tyrannical hold that Landru has over them at all other times.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise is being pulled from its orbit, its crew to be absorbed into the Body. This, they discover, is what happened to the U.S.S. Archon, so many years before.

Archon survivors have formed an underground of sorts to fight the Body, and they help Kirk and Spock reach Landru. Landru turns out to be an incredibly complex computer built by Landru, a scientist who lived 6,000 years before, who wanted to guide his people into a peaceful, civilized progress.

Landru had affected the computer with his scientific thoughts and memories, but not his wisdom. For centuries the computer, 'Landru', has been interpreting his suggestions to the point that no one is allowed independent thought. Kirk tells the computer that instead of helping to nurture the culture of Beta III, it has harmed it. Landru destroys itself, leaving the Betans to work toward the sort of culture Landru had wanted so many centuries before. With the promise of Federation help on the way, Kirk and his crew beam back to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Weber (Dancing Woman)

Brioni Farrell (Tula)

Charles MaCauley (Landru)

Christopher Held (Lindstrom)

David L. Ross (Guard)

Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)

Harry Townes (Reger)

Jon Lormer (Tamar)

Miko Mayama (Yeoman Tamura)

Morgan Farley (Hacom)

Ralph Maurer (Bilar)

Sean Morgan (Lt. O'Neil)

Sid Haig (Lawgiver #1)

Torin Thatcher (Marplon)

Teleplay By : Boris Sobelman

Story By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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A Taste Of Armageddon [TOS #24]

Stardate 3192.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise is ordered to pick up Ambassador Robert Fox, who is headed to planet Eminiar VII on a diplomatic mission. Upon arriving at the planet, the ship is warned away.

Beaming to the surface with a landing party, Kirk and Spock are met by a young woman, Mea 3, who tells them that Eminiar VII has been at war with its neighboring planet, Vendikar, for over 500 years. Mea 3 takes them to the council chambers where they find banks of computers. Eminiar's head council Anan 7 informs them that the two planets have learned to avoid the complete devastation of war because computers are used. When a "hit" is declared by one of the planets, the people declared "dead" willingly walk into an antimatter chamber and are vaporized. Anan 7 further tells Kirk that his ship and all the crew aboard her have been declared casualties and will be executed. When Kirk flatly refuses, the landing party members are taken prisoner.

The council members are unable to convince Scotty, in charge of the U.S.S. Enterprise, to lower shields without a direct order from Captain Kirk. Meanwhile, Ambassador Fox has beamed to Eminiar and is also taken prisoner, marked for death. Kirk and Spock escape and gain the council chambers where they destroy the computers. Kirk tells the council members that they have made this war too easy for themselves and that they will truly experience the horrors of war if they do not learn to make peace first. Ambassador Fox volunteers to stay behind and negotiate a peace between the neighboring planets.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Babcock (Mea 3)

Bill Blackburn (Eminiar Guard / Eminiar Technician)

David L. Ross (Lt. Galloway)

David Opatoshu (Anan 7)

Eddie Paskey (Eminiar Guard / Eminiar Technician)

Frank da Vinci (Lt. Osborne)

Frank Vinci (Eminiar Guard / Eminiar Technician)

Gene Lyons (Ambassador Robert Fox)

John Burnside (Eminiar Guard / Eminiar Technician)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Malone (Ambassadorial Secretary)
Miko Mayama (Yeoman Tamura)
Robert Sampson (Sar 6)
Ron Veto (Eminiar Guard / Eminiar Technician)
Sean Kenney (Lt. DePaul)
Teleplay By : Gene L. Coon
Robert Hamner
Story By : Robert Hamner
Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Space Seed [TOS #25]

Stardate 3141.9

A piece of one of history's great puzzles falls into place when Kirk's crew comes across the S.S. Botany Bay, an old-style, pre-warp sleeper ship from Earth that contains several bodies in stasis. Amongst these bodies is Khan Noonien Singh, a genetically engineered strongman and one of the great leaders of Earth's Eugenics War of the 1990s. Although he disappeared without a trace then, once Khan is aroused from his long sleep he soon reveals the ambition, strength and intelligence that helped him conquer a quarter of the Earth.

Once aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Khan quickly befriends the beautiful Lieutenant Marla McGivers, the ship's historian who has a passion for strong-willed leaders. Together with his Botany Bay crew and new companion, they seize control of the Enterprise by capturing the engine room. Before it's too late, Marla has great misgivings about her newfound loyalties. With her help, Kirk and Spock regain control of the ship by flooding it with gas. Khan's men are soon overtaken and a due punishment is meted out. Khan and his crew, including Marla McGivers, are exiled to a planet where they must start life anew

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Baldavin (Angela Baker)

Blaisdell Makee (Lt. Spinelli)

Bobby Bass (Guard)

Jan Reddin (Crewman)

Joan Johnson (Botany Bay Elite Female Guard)

Joan Webster (Nurse)

John Arndt (Crewman)

John Winston (Transporter Technician)

Kathy Ahart (Crewwoman)

Madlyn Rhue (Lt. Marla McGivers)

Mark Tobin (Joaquin)

Ricardo Montalban (Khan Noonian Singh)

Teleplay By : Carey Wilber

Gene L. Coon

Story By : Carey Wilber

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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This Side Of Paradise [TOS #26]

Stardate 3417.3

Expecting the colonists of Omicron Ceti III to be dead after three years of exposure to deadly Berthold rays, Kirk and Spock are surprised to find the colony alive and flourishing.

Spock beams to the surface and meets a young botanist, Leila Kalomi, that he'd worked with previously and they renew the old friendship. When she'd worked with Spock six years before on Earth, Leila had tried to interest Spock romantically, and failed. Now she leads the Vulcan to a secluded section of the planet where a native plant sprays him with their spores. Leila tells Spock that the plant induces feelings of harmony and peace and love, along with a desire to remain on Omicron Ceti III and their paradise.

The spores serve to break down Spock's inhibitions and soon he has declared his love for Leila and his desire to remain on the planet. Some of the plants are beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and more of the crew are affected.

Captain Kirk, the last holdout, finally is affected by the power of the spores and discovers, through his own violent, adverse effect at leaving his beloved U.S.S. Enterprise, that strong, violent emotions are what reverse the effect of the spores.

Kirk manages to lure Spock back to the U.S.S. Enterprise where he goads Spock into a fight. The extra adrenaline in the Vulcan's system pushes the effect of the spores from Spock and he reverts to normal... just short of killing Captain Kirk.

Using subsonic sound waves, the two officers manage to bring around the rest of the crew and colonists. Now that the colonists realize that the spores have prevented them from making any real progress and accomplishments, they plan to relocate where the plants do not grow.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bobby Bass (Crewman #2)

Dick Scotter (Mr. Painter)

Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)

Frank Overton (Elias Sandoval)

Fred Shue (Crewman)

Grant Woods (Lt. Cmdr. Kelowitz)

Jill Ireland (Leila Kalomi)

John Lindesmith (Engineer)

Michael Barrier (Lt. DeSalle)

Sean Morgan (Engineer)

Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana

Story By : D.C. Fontana

Nathan Butler

Directed By : Ralph Senensky

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The Devil In The Dark [TOS #27]

Stardate 3196.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives to investigate reports of an unknown monster deep in the mining tunnels of Janus VI. The being is apparently destroying machinery and killing the miners, and has the ability to burrow through solid rock. Janus VI is a source for the rare mineral, pergium.

Soon after the landing party arrives on the planet's surface, a reactor pump is stolen and the colony is in jeopardy from fluctuating life support functions. However, this convinces Spock that they are dealing, not with a mindless monster, but with an intelligent lifeform.

Kirk and Spock, along with members of the ship's security team, enter the mines to find the creature. They discover a large, rock-like creature that burrows easily through the stone walls, as a mole might burrow through dirt. Wounded in a phaser blast, the bulky creature manages to escape through the stone wall.

They continue pursuit and eventually Kirk is trapped by the creature. When it doesn't attack, Spock attempts a Vulcan mind meld with the entity and discovers that it is, in fact, an intelligent being. A native of the planet, the creature is normal peaceful, and called the Horta. It doesn't mind sharing the planet with the miners, but when the men broke into the Horta's hatchery and unknowingly destroyed many of her eggs, it attacked to protect its remaining unborn children.

With Spock acting as interpreter, the miners explain that they thought the eggs were some kind of silicon nodules and that no hostility had been meant.

McCoy treats the silicon-based creature, with a trowel and patch material, and heals it. An alliance is formed between the Horta and the miners; the young, newly hatched Hortas will mine the pergium at a far faster rate than the humans could and the miners will be extremely rich. Kirk retrieves the missing reactor and the landing party leaves the inhabitants of Janus VI living in peaceful co-existence.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barry Russo (Lt. Cmdr. Giotto)

Biff Elliot (Schmitter)

Brad Weston (Ed Appel)

Davis Roberts (Lewis)

Dick Dial (Sam)

Eddie Paskey (Security Guard)

Frank da Vinci (Lt. Osborne)

George E. Allen (Engineer #1)

Janos Prohaska (Horta)

Jon Cavett (Guard)

Ken Lynch (Chief Engineer Vanderberg)

Written By : Gene L. Coon

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Errand Of Mercy [TOS #28]

Stardate 3198.4

Kirk and Spock beam down to the surface of planet Organia to negotiate for the erection of a Federation base on that planet. Hostilities between the nearby Klingon Empire and Federation have reached alarming heights and it is feared that the medieval culture of the Organians will not be able to withstand a Klingon attack. However, the Organian Counsel, comprised of five seemingly pleasant, benign elderly men, insist that they prefer to stay with their more primitive culture.

When Kor and his Klingon force attack the planet, Kirk and Spock go undercover as Organian and Vulcan traders. They are captured by the Klingons, and to their surprise, the Organians free them with ease. In turn, the Klingon ship and the U.S.S. Enterprise square off to battle in orbit of the planet.

Displeased by the outbreak of violence, the Organians reveal themselves to be powerful creatures of pure energy who easily neutralize the weapons on both ships, thus ending the threat for the moment.

Back on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Kirk feels certain that the Organians will not only take care of themselves in the future, but monitor their surroundings for any hint of hostilities.

Crew : George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bobby Bass (Klingon Guard)

David Hillary Hughes (Trefayne)

Gary Coombs (Klingon Guard)

George Sawaya (Second Soldier)

John Colicos (Cmdr. Kor)

Jon Abbott (Ayelborne)

Peter Brocco (Claymare)

Victor Lundin (Klingon Lt.)

Walter Davis (Klingon Soldier)

Written By : Gene L. Coon

Directed By : John Newland

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The City On The Edge Of Forever [TOS #29]

Stardate 3134.0

McCoy accidentally injects himself with an overdose of cordrazine, a drug which makes him exhibit signs of paranoia and madness, while treating an ailing Sulu on the bridge. Delirious, he beams down to a nearby planet's surface, with Kirk and a landing party on his heels.

They are too late to stop the doctor from leaping through a living time machine called "The Guardian of Forever." At that moment, the U.S.S. Enterprise ceases to exist and the landing party is stranded. The Guardian explains that McCoy went back into Earth's history and changed it, thereby altering the future. Kirk and Spock go through the Guardian, to Depression-era America, a few days before McCoy is to arrive and change history.

They encounter a social worker, Edith Keeler, who helps them find work to pay for the equipment Spock requires to build a tricorder. Unknown to Kirk and Spock, Edith has taken in the recently-arrived and ill McCoy. Kirk promptly falls in love with

Edith and is devastated when Spock completes his tricorder and discovers that in order to repair history, they must let Edith Keeler be killed in an auto accident. If they allow McCoy to save her -- as he did before -- she will start an effective pacifist movement that will delay the United States' entrance into World War II, thus allowing Hitler's Germany to develop the atomic bomb first and conquer the planet.

When the moment comes, a heartbroken Kirk stops McCoy from saving Edith, and the three officers journey back through the Guardian, where they find things as they should be again.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bart LaRue (Voice Of The Guardian)

Carey Loftin (Truck Driver)

David L. Ross (Lt. Galloway)

Hal Baylor (Policeman)

Joan Collins (Edith Keeler)

John Harmon (Rodent)

John Winston (Transporter Chief)

Michael Barrier (Lt. DeSalle)

Written By : Harlan Ellison

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Operation -- Annihilate! [TOS #30]

Stardate 3287.2

Arriving at the planet Deneva, home of Kirk's only brother Sam and his family, the U.S.S. Enterprise picks up a transmission from a Denevan pilot who has steered his craft into the sun to destroy some unknown menace.

Beaming down to the planet, Kirk finds his brother dead and Sam's wife in a fatal condition. Their only son, Peter, survives informing the landing party of what has occurred. It seems that Deneva has been infested with large, amoeba-like aliens that attack humans and intertwine their tentacles with the body's nervous system. They can move short distances through the air and use excruciating pain as a means of controlling their victims.

When Spock is attacked by one of the creatures, he uses his Vulcan mind control to overcome the pain and return to duty. However, a cure must be found; they must find a way to kill the parasite without harming its host.

Kirk remembers the pilot that flew into the sun and suggests that they may be sensitive to intense light. Spock volunteers to be McCoy's test patient and the doctor bombards him with light beams so strong that the Vulcan is blinded. Too late, the doctor realizes that only ultraviolet light is needed to kill the creatures.

Kirk sets off ultraviolet satellite flares over the planet Deneva, freeing its people from the parasites. Fortunately, Spock's blindness is temporary, due to a second eyelid developed by Vulcans to protect their eyes from the harsh sun on planet Vulcan.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)
Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)
William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)
Cast : Craig Hundley (Peter Kirk)
Dave Armstrong (Kartan)
Eddie Paskey (Transporter Chief)
Fred Carson (Denevan #1)
Jerry Catron (Denevan #2)
Joan Swift (Aurelan Kirk)
Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)
William Shatner (Sam Kirk)
Zahra Maurishka (Yeoman)
Written By : Steven W. Carabatsos
Directed By : Herschel Daugherty

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Catspaw [TOS #31]

Stardate 3018.2

On the planet Pyris VII, two beings known as Korob and Sylvia have been sent on a mission of conquest by their home world. Using a matter transmuter, they assume human form to welcome the U.S.S. Enterprise landing party.

When one member of the initial landing party returns to the ship dead, Kirk, Spock and McCoy beam down to find Scotty and Sulu transformed into mindless zombies. Sylvia and Korob appear as witch and warlock and use scare tactics to keep the officers from investigating the planet and their motives. Kirk, Spock and McCoy are taken prisoner and shown examples of Korob and Sylvia's "powers," which includes heating a small model of the U.S.S. Enterprise over a flame and having the heat transfer to the orbiting ship.

Sylvia takes an interest in Kirk and decides to abandon her original mission in order to learn about human feelings and experiences. When she finds out the captain is merely using her to gain an advantage, she becomes furious and retaliates.

Korob ultimately helps the crew to escape, but Sylvia turns into a giant black cat and crushes him. Kirk then uses Korob's wand transmuter to destroy Sylvia's source of power -- her amulet -- before smashing the wand. Their powers gone, the aliens revert to their true form -- fragile blue creatures who quickly die in the planet's atmosphere. With their demise, Scotty and Sulu return to normal and the landing party beams back to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Antoinette Bower (Sylvia)

Gail Bonney (Witch #2)

Jimmy Jones (Jackson)

John Winston (Mr. Kyle)

Maryesther Denver (Witch #3)

Michael Barrier (Lt. DeSalle)

Mike Howden (Lt. Rowe)

Rhodie Cogan (Witch #1)

Theo Marcuse (Korob)

Written By : Robert Bloch

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Metamorphosis [TOS #32]

Stardate 3219.8

Assistant Federation Commissioner Nancy Hedford has become ill while trying to stop a war on Epsilon Canaris III. The shuttlecraft Galileo is assigned to take her to the U.S.S. Enterprise, where she will receive treatment for the otherwise fatal Sakuro's disease.

En route, the shuttlecraft is pulled off course by a mysterious, cloud-like entity. Deposited safely on the planet Gamma Canaris N, Kirk and his party meet Zefram Cochrane, the scientist that discovered warp drive over 100 years before. But Cochrane appears young and vital, despite his age. The cloud-like creature, whom Cochrane calls, "The Companion," has kept him young and handsome over the years. The Companion captured the Galileo in order to give Cochrane human companionship.

The Companion prevents Spock from repairing the disabled shuttlecraft and Kirk is worried that Nancy Hedford will die before they can get her to the U.S.S. Enterprise for treatment.

By using a translating device, Kirk discovers that the cloud entity has a female personality and is in love with Cochrane, who doesn't care for that idea at all. He's fallen in love with Nancy Hedford and agrees to help destroy the cloud creature so that they can save Nancy's life. When that attempt fails, the cloud creature enters Nancy's body, saving her life, healing her. In this way, the Companion can know human love with Cochrane and Nancy Hedford's life can be saved. With the Companion no longer holding him on the planet, Cochrane is free to leave, but decides to remain with what is now Nancy/Companion. As the landing party departs, Cochrane and his new mate contemplate children and a normal life span.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Elinor Donahue (Commissioner Nancy Hedford)

Elizabeth Rogers (Voice Of The Companion)

Glenn Corbett (Zefram Cochrane)

Written By : Gene L. Coon

Directed By : Ralph Senensky

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Friday's Child [TOS #33]

Stardate 3497.2

Sent to the planet Capella IV to negotiate a mining treaty, Kirk and a party beam to the surface. They find the Capellan's warlike and tradition-bound people. Kirk also finds that a Klingon agent, Kras, has gotten there before them and established an agreement with some of the planet's rebels who kill their leader, Akaar, and take over. Akaar's widow, Eleen, is willing to forfeit her life, as custom demands, because she carries the child that will be the next leader, or Teer.

Kirk convinces her to escape and they hide in the hills beyond the city. While the landing party evades pursuit, a Klingon warbird prevents the U.S.S. Enterprise from helping its people.

When Eleen goes into labor, McCoy delivers the child. Eleen, however, hits the doctor over the head with a rock, knocking him out, and returns to the Capellans. She tells them that the landing party and the child are dead. The Klingon decides this is the time to take control and begins to attack the Capellans.

Arriving on the scene, Kirk and Spock try to use primitive bows and arrows on the Klingons which wound, but do not stop. Maab, the new Teer, draws the Klingon fire while his lieutenant kills him. Eleen names her son Leonard James Akaar, after Kirk and McCoy, and as her son's regent until he comes of age, signs the mining treaty with the Federation.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Ben Gage (Teer Akaar)

Cal Bolder (Keel)

Julie Newmar (Eleen)

Kirk Raymone (Duur)

Michael Dante (Maab)

Robert Bralver (Grant)

Tige Andrews (Kras)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Who Mourns For Adonais? [TOS #34]

Stardate 3468.1

As the U.S.S. Enterprise nears the planet Pollux IV, a huge, green hand made of energy materializes in space, catching the U.S.S. Enterprise and holding it captive. Kirk and a landing party are transported to the planet's surface where they find a being who claims to be Apollo, the last of the Greek gods who dwelled on ancient Earth's Mount Olympus. All the other gods, Apollo tells Kirk, died of loneliness when they left their home of Mount Olympus. Apollo's plan for the U.S.S. Enterprise crew is that they settle on Pollux IV and worship their god, Apollo.

Sensors show that Apollo's god-like abilities come from an organic ability to use energy from sources outside himself. His apparent powers include storms, thunderbolts and an ability to grow into a giant, towering above the U.S.S. Enterprise landing party.

Attempts to foil Apollo's plans are hampered by Lt. Carolyn Palamas, who has fallen in love with the god and whom Apollo decides will be his bride. Scotty, who has beamed down with the party, had harbored hopes of romance with the young lieutenant and objects to Apollo's attentions. Apollo's response is to hurtle the engineer through the air by way of a thunderbolt.

Spock determines that the god's powers come from his temple. When Kirk tells Lt. Palamas to reject Apollo, which she reluctantly does, the captain uses the U.S.S. Enterprise's weapons to destroy Apollo's temple. Apollo, rejected by a mortal woman and bereft of his powers, spreads himself upon the winds to join his fellow Gods.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : John Winston (Lt. Kyle)

Leslie Parrish (Lt. Carolyn Palamas)

Michael Forest (Apollo)

Written By : Gilbert Ralston

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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Amok Time [TOS #35]

Stardate 3372.7

When Spock begins to exhibit strange, erratic behavior, Kirk asks McCoy to conduct a medical examination. McCoy concludes that Spock is experiencing a potentially lethal internal distress.

Spock explains to them that Vulcans are married as children with the understanding that they will fulfill this commitment when they become adults. Spock has reached this time, the "pon farr," and if he doesn't get to Vulcan immediately to mate with his bride, T'Pol, he will die. Kirk jeopardizes his career by disobeying a direct order to the contrary from Starfleet, and proceeds with all possible speed to Vulcan. As Spock's friends, Kirk and McCoy are invited to witness the marriage ritual -- the "koon-ut-kal-if-fee." T'Pol, a highly respected member of the high-counsel, will conduct the ceremony.

Trouble starts when T'Pol announces she would rather marry Stonn, a full Vulcan. T'Pol evokes her right to have Spock fight for her. However, she chooses Kirk as her champion. Fearing his friend is too weak to fight, Kirk agrees. It is only then he is informed that it is to be a fight to the death.

The fight ensues and Spock quickly demonstrates physical superiority. McCoy objects to T'Pol that Kirk isn't used to the Vulcan atmosphere and climate. He asks to inject the captain with a tri-ox compound to compensate. T'Pol agrees and Kirk is given the injection.

During the fight, Spock kills Kirk and McCoy accompanies the captain's body back to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Spock, his mating urges curbed by the knowledge that Kirk, his friend and captain, is dead by his own hand, relinquishes T'Pol to Stonn. He solemnly returns to the starship. There he finds Kirk alive and well, having been injected not with tri-ox, but with a knock-out drug which simulated the signs of death. Overjoyed, Spock smiles and utters a delighted "Jim!" before returning to his controlled, logical self.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)
Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)
Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)
Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)
William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)
Cast : Arlene Martel (T'Pol)
Byron Morrow (Admiral Komack)
Celia Lovsky (T'Pol)
Charles Palmer (Vulcan Litter Bearer)
Frank Vinci (Vulcan Bell Carrier)
Gary Wright (Vulcan Litter Bearer)
Joe Paz (Vulcan Litter Bearer)
Lawrence Montaigne (Stonn)
Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)
Mauri Russell (Vulcan Bell Carrier / Vulcan Litter Bearer)
Russ Peek (Vulcan Executioner)
Walker Edmiston (Space Central Voice)
Written By : Theodore Sturgeon
Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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The Doomsday Machine [TOS #36]

Stardate 4202.9

Sent to investigate the destruction of several planetary systems, the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers a crippled starship, the U.S.S. Constellation, floating in space. Commodore Matthew Decker is the only one left on the ship. Kirk and Scotty remain on board the Constellation to try and repair the starship, while McCoy beams Decker aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Decker informs the crew that a giant robot ship, a planet-eating machine made by a long-dead alien race, is roaming the galaxies, consuming all in its path for fuel, including whole planets. When Decker challenged it, the "berserker," as he calls it, attacked. Decker beamed his entire crew to the planet's surface below, only to have the robot consume that planet, killing the Constellation's entire crew.

When the "berserker" returns, Decker, consumed with guilt over the loss of his crew, pulls rank on Spock and takes control of the U.S.S. Enterprise. He seems determined to destroy the machine, even at the cost of another ship and crew. Kirk, still on board the Constellation, contacts Spock and supports his claim that Decker is exhibiting suicidal behavior and is therefore, unfit to command. Thwarted, Decker steals a shuttlecraft and flies it down the 'throat' of the giant robot ship, killing himself.

Realizing that Decker's idea, on a larger scale, might work, he sets the Constellation to self-destruct and send it after Decker's shuttlecraft. Due to a transporter glitch, Kirk barely makes it back to the U.S.S. Enterprise before the Constellation explodes, destroying the planet killer in its path.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Elizabeth Rogers (Lt. Palmer)

Jerry Catron (Security Guard Montgomery)

John Copage (Elliott)

John Winston (Mr. Kyle)

Richard Compton (Washburn)

Tim Burns (Russ)

William Windom (Commodore Matthew Decker)

Written By : Norman Spinrad

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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Wolf In The Fold [TOS #37]

Stardate 3614.9

Kirk and McCoy decide to take Scotty, who is recovering from a head wound accidentally caused by a female crew member, to a nightclub on the planet Argelian. Scotty becomes infatuated with a lovely dancer at the club and they leave together. In the meantime, Kirk and McCoy decide to sample some of the planet's other pleasures and leave.

A scream sends them to a foggy alley to find the dancer dead with Scotty holding a bloody knife. McCoy suggests that perhaps Scotty's subconscious distrust of women, since his accident, has manifested itself in murder.

Hengist, the local authority, wants to arrest Scotty, but Kirk intervenes and seeks the help of a priestess of an old psionic cult. Unfortunately, she's killed and once more the blame seems to fall at Scotty's feet. Before she dies, the priestess says that something with an insatiable hunger and hatred of women is present in the room. Scotty still claims to have amnesia during the time when the women were killed.

In the end, the entity turns out to be an ancient life form, Redjac, previously known on Earth as Jack the Ripper. It now appears in true form; a non-corporeal vampire who thrives on others' fear. It preys on women because they are more easily frightened. It has been living in the body of Hengist and, when discovered, kills Hengist and flees to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

McCoy administers tranquilizers to everyone on board so that the creature cannot evoke fear. Enraged, it is forced to return to Hengist's body. Kirk, knowing this would happen, beams it into space at maximum dispersal, where it will die from lack of nourishment.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Charles Dierkop (Morla)

Charles MaCauley (Jarvis)

John Fielder (Mr. Hengist)

John Winston (Argelian Bartender / Transporter Chief)

Joseph Bernard (Tark)

Judi Sherven (Nurse)

Judy McConnell (Yeoman Tankris)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marlys Burdette (Serving Girl)

Pilar Seurat (Sybo)

Suzanne Lodge (Serving Girl)

Tania Lemani (Kara)

Virginia Aldridge (Lt. Karen Tracy)

Written By : Robert Bloch

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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The Changeling [TOS #38]

Stardate 3541.9

The U.S.S. Enterprise is sent to investigate the destruction of the Malurian System and its four billion inhabitants. When it arrives at the coordinates, the starship itself is threatened by a space going, self-contained computer/probe calling itself Nomad. When Kirk identifies himself by name, Nomad mistakes him for "The Kirk," and thinks him to be his creator.

Nomad is beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and promptly erases Uhura's memory and kills Scotty, claiming that neither life form was perfect. At Kirk's demand Nomad repairs "the unit Scott," bringing him back to life.

Spock attempts a Vulcan mind meld with Nomad and learns that it was created on Earth in the twenty first century by scientist Jackson Roykirk. Nomad's program was to seek out new life and report back to Earth. Damaged in space by a meteor, Nomad drifted until it found Tan Ru, an alien probe designed to sterilize soil. Using their self-repair systems, the two probes combined themselves into one. Nomad's programming was damaged and by joining with Tan Ru's now believes its mission is to seek out life and destroy anything that it does not believe perfect.

Kirk convinces Nomad that it had mistaken him, Captain James T. Kirk, for Nomad's creator, Jackson Roykirk, thus making Nomad imperfect and a candidate for "sterilization." A confused Nomad begins to self-destruct, exploding just after Kirk beams the changeling into space. Kirk checks on Uhura's progress after the attack by Nomad. McCoy informs him that her brain is undamaged and she must simply "relearn" what the probe erased.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Arnold Lessing (Lt. Carlisle / Voice Of Security Guard #1)

Barbara Gates (Astrochemist)

Blaisdell Makee (Mr. Singh)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Meade Martin (Engineer)

Vic Perrin (Nomad Voice)

Written By : John Meredyth Lucas

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Apple [TOS #39]

Stardate 3715.3

When a landing party beams down to the planet Gamma Trianguli VI, they find what appears to be an idyllic paradise. They quickly discover, however, that the planet is deadly, sporting plants that shoot thorns, rocks that explode, and incredibly accurate lightning bolts.

With a much reduced party, they encounter the planet's inhabitants. They are a peaceful, child-like people who call themselves the "Feeders of Vaal." They dress in flowers and bright paint, never reproducing because they don't age or die. Each day they "feed" Vaal offerings of food. Vaal seems to be a large, serpent's head carved of rock, but is actually the terminal for an advanced, underground computer. Seeing Kirk and his party as a threat, Vaal takes them prisoner and tries to pull the U.S.S. Enterprise from orbit.

Kirk realizes that by depriving Vaal of the native's daily offerings of food, the computer won't be able to convert the offerings into reaction mass. Thus weakened, Kirk uses the U.S.S. Enterprise's phasers to destroy Vaal. This leaves the natives on their own to discover birth, death, and the ways of human life.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Celeste Yarnall (Yeoman Martha Landon)

David Soul (Makora)

Dick Dial (Lt. Kaplan)

Jay Jones (Lt. Mallory)

Jerry Daniels (Marple)

John Winston (Mr. Kyle)

Keith Andes (Akuta)

Mal Friedman (Ensign Hendorff)

Shari Nims (Sayana)

Written By : Max Ehrlich

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Mirror, Mirror [TOS #40]

Stardate Unknown

Caught in the beginnings of an ion storm, Kirk, McCoy and Uhura interrupt their negotiations with the Halkans for dilithium crystals, to return to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Scotty beams the landing party aboard as a burst from the storm hits the starship. The transporter malfunctions, sending Kirk, McCoy, Scotty and Uhura into an alternate universe. In this world, they soon discover the "Galactic Empire" is maintained by fear and assassination. Now, aboard the Imperial Starship Enterprise, the four must find a way to remain undetected until they can return to their own universe.

Meanwhile, the parallel versions of Kirk, Scott, McCoy and Uhura have been beamed on board the positive U.S.S. Enterprise. Their behavior is so different from their counterparts that Spock immediately realizes something is wrong. He had the four imprisoned until the transporter could be checked and repaired.

On the I.S.S. Enterprise, the parallel Chekov is foiled in an attempt to assassinate Kirk. When Kirk refuses to give an order to destroy the Halkans, who have refused to give up their dilithium crystals, the parallel Spock becomes suspicious.

The Imperial Fleet sends a secret message to the parallel Spock, telling him to kill Captain Kirk and assume command of the starship. Finding an unexpected ally in the parallel Spock, Kirk continues to stall while his three comrades gather the information needed to send them back to their own universe.

Parallel Spock has no desire to become captain, and therefore a mark for assassination. Along with Lt. Marlana, who wants the parallel Kirk back because she is "the Captain's woman," they help return the four U.S.S. Enterprise officers to their own world. Before he goes, Kirk talks to the bearded Spock, telling him the advantages of a Federation-like system over the anarchy of this universe. Spock seems almost convinced that he should in fact get rid of his Kirk, seize control of the I.S.S. Enterprise, and manipulate the Imperial Star Fleet into working toward a more civilized universe.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Luna (Marlena Moreau)

Bobby Bass (Chekov's Boy #1)

Bob Clark (Chekov's Boy #2)

Garth Pillsbury (Wilson)

John Winston (Computer Voice / Mr. Kyle)

Johnny Mandell (Sulu's Boy)

Paul Prokop (Guard)

Pete Kellett (Farrell)

Vic Perrin (Tharn)

Written By : Jerome Bixby

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Deadly Years [TOS #41]

Stardate 3478.2

On the way to Starbase 10, the U.S.S. Enterprise stops to deliver supplies to the colonists of Gamma Hydra IV. A landing party, consisting of Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Lt. Galway and Chekov beam to the planet's surface. They find that accelerated aging has taken place, killing most of the colonists. Chekov is terrified when he discovers the first body. The only survivors, an elderly couple who claim to be in their twenties, die shortly after meeting the U.S.S. Enterprise crew. When the landing party returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise, the aging acceleration begins to affect the entire crew... except Chekov, who remains unaffected. While Kirk wants to remain in orbit around Gamma Hydra IV until a cure can be affected, one of his passengers, Commodore Stocker, wants to proceed to Starbase 10 where he feels the best medical aid can be found.

Each person on the U.S.S. Enterprise begins to show the effects of old age and soon Kirk is unable to command, as are Scotty and Spock. Command falls to Commodore Stocker, who, while an efficient desk officer, has no deep space training. Thinking he will save time, Stocker plots a course through the Romulan/Federation neutral zone on his way to Starbase 10. The Romulans are waiting and begin an attack.

Stocker, panicked and inexperienced, has no idea what to do. As the U.S.S. Enterprise is surrounded, McCoy comes up with an antidote to the aging sickness... adrenaline. Chekov, he explains, wasn't affected because his fear at finding the bodies on Gamma Hydra IV had already kicked his natural adrenaline into high gear.

McCoy restores Kirk to normal in time to save the U.S.S. Enterprise by reusing the bluff he'd tried in "The Corbomite Maneuver" and telling the Romulans that the U.S.S. Enterprise would destroy anything within a 200,000 kilometer radius. McCoy distributes the antidote and restores everyone to the normal state.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Beverly Washburn (Lt. Arlene Galway)

Carolyn Nelson (Yeoman Doris Atkins)

Charles Drake (Commodore Stocker)

Felix Locher (Robert Johnson)

Laura Wood (Elaine Johnson)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Computer Voice)

Sarah Marshall (Dr. Janet Wallace)

Written By : David P. Harmon

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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I, Mudd [TOS #42]

Stardate 4513.3

Norman, an android pretending to be a member of the U.S.S. Enterprise crew, takes control of the starship and her crew, taking them to an unnamed planet where Kirk discovers an old nemesis... Harry Mudd.

Fleeing from his most recent criminal exploit, Harry crash-landed on the planet, which is inhabited by androids designed by a long-extinct race. At first their desire to fulfill his every need seemed like paradise, but Harry soon realized that precluded him ever leaving the planet. So, sending Norman to capture the U.S.S. Enterprise, Mudd hoped to trade the starship's crew for his own freedom.

The androids, however, want to use the U.S.S. Enterprise as a vehicle to populate the universe, serving mankind and protecting them from themselves. Unwilling to spend their lives on the strange planet, waited on by machines, Kirk and company set about finding a way out. It is not without temptation, however.

Spock is shown what is supposedly the control center for all the androids... a veritable electronics dream come true. McCoy is given an extensive lab, set up to do all the research he's ever wanted to do, while Scotty is shown the technical machine shop of his dreams. The androids offer Uhura eternal youth and beauty while Chekov contemplates a planet filled with beautiful young women.

In the end, however, the crew bands together in an attempt to thoroughly confuse and, ultimately, short-circuit them. Through a series of illogical and very funny antics, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew and Mudd cause Norman, the central control for all the androids, to have an electronic "nervous breakdown."

Instead of granting Harry Mudd his freedom, Kirk leaves him on the planet with the remaining androids... including many fashioned in the image of his shrewish wife, Stella, until he mends his ways.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Alyce Andrece (Alice Series #1-#250)

Colleen Thornton (Barbara Series)

Kay Elliot (Stella Mudd)

Maureen Thornton (Barbara Series)

Michael Zaslow (Ensign Jordan)

Mike Howden (Lt. Rowe)

Rhae Andrece (Alice Series #251-#500)

Richard Tatro (Norman)

Roger C. Carmel (Harcourt Fenton Mudd)

Starr Wilson (Maisie Series)

Tamara Wilson (Maisie Series)

Ted Legarde (Herman Series)

Tom Legarde (Herman Series)

Written By : Stephen Kandel

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Trouble With Tribbles [TOS #43]

Stardate 4523.3

When the U.S.S. Enterprise receives a top priority order to protect a shipment of quadrotriticale grain on Space Station K-7, Kirk is irritated to be guarding a shipment of "wheat." But the shipment is meant for famine-struck Sherman's Planet, and Klingon's are taking shore leave on the Space Station. Adding to Kirk's irritation is Federation Undersecretary for Agriculture, Nilz Baris and his pesty assistant, Arne Darvin who inform Kirk that Starfleet Command is afraid the Klingon's may try to steal the grain.

Another problem arises when space trader, Cyrano Jones, gives Uhura a purring ball of fluff known as a Tribble. Charmed by the creature, Uhura takes it back to the U.S.S. Enterprise. However, as McCoy soon learns, Tribbles are born pregnant and the more they eat... and they eat constantly... the more they multiply. Soon the starship is overrun by the furry creatures.

Kirk soon finds that the bins that were once full of the precious quadrotriticale are now full of dead Tribbles. The grain has been poisoned by a Klingon agent disguised as the Undersecretary's assistant. He's exposed when Kirk discovers that Tribbles don't like Klingon's (and vice versa) and squeak whenever they're in near proximity. The Klingons leave the space station and Scotty rids the U.S.S. Enterprise of the Tribbles by beaming them aboard the departing Klingon ship where, as he tells Kirk, "...they'll be no tribble at all."

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Charlie Brill (Arne Darvin)

David L. Ross (Guard)

Ed Reimers (Admiral Fitzpatrick)

Eddie Paskey (Security Guard)

Guy Raymond (Bartender)

Michael Pataki (Korax)

Paul Baxley (Ensign Freeman)

Stanley Adams (Cyrano Jones)

Whit Bissell (Mr. Lurry)

William Campbell (Capt. Koloth)

William Schallert (Nilz Baris)

Written By : David Gerrold

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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Bread And Circuses [TOS #44]

Stardate 4040.7

The U.S.S. Enterprise finds the wreckage of the S.S. Beagle, with no survivors, orbiting near the Planet 892-IV. When Kirk, Spock, and McCoy beam to the planet's surface, they find a dishelved group of "sun worshipers" trying to escape being caught by the local authorities. They are captured, along with the landing party, and taken to the city which looks very much like Earth's ancient Rome.

They find that Captain Merik of the Beagle has betrayed his crew, beaming them down to fight in the Roman-like gladiatorial games. Merik is First Citizen of the Empire and supposed close friend to the Proconsul, Claudius Marcus. Kirk realizes, however, that Merik is being used as a lure to get more starship crews to 892-IV for the entertainment of its inhabitants.

When Kirk refuses to beam his crew down to die in the arena, Spock and McCoy are condemned to fight gladiators in the ring. The bout is being televised for the planet's enjoyment, but Scotty cuts off the planet's energy supply, spoiling their pleasure. When Kirk uses the confusion to free Spock and McCoy, Merik sees how a true starship captain acts in the face of danger and uses his communicator to have the Kirk, Spock and McCoy beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. For his treachery, Merik is killed by the Proconsul.

Uhura, who has been monitoring the radio waves of the planet, realizes that the "sun worshipers" aren't talking about the sun in the sky, but of the "Son of God."

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bart LaRue (Announcer)

Bob Orrison (Guard / Policeman)

Ian Wolfe (Septimus)

Jack Perkins (Master Of Games)

Logan Ramsey (Claudius Marcus)

Lois Jewell (Drusilla)

Max Kelvin (Archilles)

Paul Baxley (Policeman)

Rhodes Reason (Flavius)

William Brambley (Policeman)

William Smithers (Capt. R.M. Merrick)

Written By : Gene L. Coon

Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Ralph Senensky

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Journey To Babel [TOS #45]

Stardate 3842.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise is appointed to transport ambassadors from many worlds to the Babel Conferences. Among those aboard are Ambassador Sarek of Vulcan and his human wife, Amanda... Spock's parents.

Keeping peace aboard his ship is complicated for Kirk by an unidentified vessel following the U.S.S. Enterprise and high tensions running among delegates on board. At a cocktail party, Ambassador Gav, a Tellarite, quarrels openly with Sarek about the admission of Coridan into the Federation. When Gav is later murdered, circumstantial evidence points to Sarek. The strain of such an accusation causes Sarek's already existing heart condition to worsen and he has the Vulcan equivalent of a heart attack. McCoy battles with less familiar Vulcan physiology to try and correct the damage. Spock is needed as a blood donor for the operation.

When Kirk is attacked by Thelev, an Andorian, Spock assumes command of the U.S.S. Enterprise, and refuses to participate in McCoy's operation on his father. The Vulcan insists that they identify and stop the vessel that is following them. Kirk fakes recovery and returns to the bridge, freeing Spock to go to the sickbay and assist in his father's surgery. On the bridge, Kirk must deal with the unknown ship, now in contact with someone on board the U.S.S. Enterprise. A search uncovers the fact that Thelev is not Andorian, but a surgically altered Orion, put on board to disrupt the Babel Conference.

The unknown ship attacks the U.S.S. Enterprise and is defeated. Rather than be captured, it destroys itself and Thelev commits suicide. With Spock available for the blood transfusion, Sarek's operation is a success and he recovers. Father and son make peace, realizing they have a common bond that transcends their differences. Kirk returns to sickbay for treatment of the knife wound caused by Thelev and McCoy gets the last word.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Billy Curtis (Little Copper Ambassador)

James X. Mitchell (Lt. Josephs)

Jane Wyatt (Amanda)

John Wheeler (Gav)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Mark Lenard (Sarek)

Reggie Nalder (Shras)

William O'Connell (Thelev)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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A Private Little War [TOS #46]

Stardate 4211.4

Captain Kirk leads a survey mission to a peaceful, primitive planet which he visited 13 years before as a lieutenant. He is dismayed to see a group of villagers armed with flintlocks, weapons they shouldn't have at their current stage of development. The villagers ambush the landing party and wound Spock. Returning to the Enterprise, Spock is put under the care of Dr. M'Benga, who once interned in a Vulcan ward. M'Benga tells McCoy they've done all they can for Spock, and that he has to recover on his own.

Meanwhile, a Klingon vessel is detected in orbit around the planet, and Kirk orders Chekov to keep the Enterprise out of sensor range while he returns to the surface. He'll be looking for Tyree, the tribal leader he befriended years earlier. Minutes after Kirk and McCoy beam down in native clothing, they are attacked by a mugato, a white apelike creature with poisonous fangs, who bites Kirk before McCoy can kill it with a phaser. They can't return to the Enterprise, so Kirk tells McCoy that Tyree's people have a cure for the mugato poison.

Some hill people find Kirk and McCoy and take them to their caves, informing them that Tyree is now their leader, and his wife, Nona, knows how to help Kirk. But Tyree and Nona are currently on a scouting mission. Nona is using drugs to keep Tyree devoted to her, and she urges him to acquire "firesticks" for their people, but being a devoted pacifist, he refuses. Informed about Kirk, Nona heads back to the caves, where she sees McCoy using his phaser to heat some rocks. Nona is intrigued, and wants to know more about their guests. Nona treats Kirk by cutting her hand and pressing a mahko root against Kirk's wound. She collapses but Kirk recovers. Now, according to legend, Kirk will be unable to refuse Nona anything.

Meanwhile, on the Enterprise, Dr. M'Benga has informed Nurse Chapel that Spock is in a state of self-induced hypnosis to heal his own injuries. When Spock's readings fluctuate, M'Benga is pleased, and tells Chapel that if Spock regains consciousness she is to do whatever the Vulcan asks.

Tyree tells Kirk and McCoy that the firesticks first appeared nearly a year ago, but assumes the villagers have been making them -- he hasn't seen any strangers. Kirk asks him to take them to the village under cover of dark. Nona joins them and implores Kirk to help make Tyree a powerful man, but the captain says he will not interfere.

Tyree leads Kirk and McCoy into the village, where they find a forge containing clear evidence that Klingons are involved. They watch in hiding as the villager's leader, Apella, enters with a Klingon. Kirk and McCoy overpower them, take a flintlock and escape with Tyree's help.

Spock regains partial consciousness and demands that Chapel strike him. She does so hesitantly at first, but at Spock's insistence she slaps him harder and harder, until Scotty walks in and stops her, not knowing he's endangering Spock by doing this. M'Benga finds out what's happening, rushes over and slaps Spock violently until he is fully conscious. Spock thanks him for bringing him out of his hypnotic state.

On the planet, Kirk teaches Tyree and his people how to fire the stolen flintlock. McCoy points out that he is corrupting the hill people's society, but Kirk replies that the Klingons left them no choice -- in order to bring equity back between the hill people and the villagers, he has to provide equal weapons. McCoy is horrified, but has no alternative solution. Realizing Tyree is hesitant to arm his people, Kirk hopes that Nona can convince her husband to fight. When he approaches her, she uses the same drug on

him that she used to seduce Tyree. Kirk falls under her spell. Tyree sees what's happening and aims the flintlock at his wife, but he cannot bring himself to shoot. He throws the weapon away in disgust and walks off.

Suddenly, a mugato attacks Kirk and Nona. After a struggle, Kirk is forced to destroy the creature with his phaser. Seeing her opportunity, Nona knocks Kirk out and takes the phaser. Tyree and McCoy find Kirk and revive him, while Nona runs into a patrol of villagers and offers them victory by using Kirk's phaser. But the villagers attack and kill her. Tyree and Kirk rush in and overpower the villagers. When Tyree learns that Nona is dead he takes up the rifle and tells Kirk he needs more weapons. McCoy retrieves Kirk's phaser, and Spock contacts them from the ship. Kirk orders Scotty to manufacture a hundred flintlocks -- they are making serpents for the Garden of Eden.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Arthur Bernard (Apella)

Booker Bradshaw (Dr. M'Benga)

Gary Pillar (Yutan)

Janos Prohaska (The Mugato)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Michael Whitney (Tyree)

Nancy Kovack (Nona)

Ned Romero (Krell)

Paul Baxley (Patrol Leader)

Teleplay By : Gene Roddenberry

Story By : Jud Crucis

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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The Gamesters Of Triskelion [TOS #47]

Stardate 3211.7

During a routine transport to a planet, Captain Kirk, Lieutenant Uhura and Ensign Chekov are intercepted and abducted by a powerful and distant transporter beam. Arriving, literally, flat on their backs on a planet called Triskelion in the M-24 Alpha star system, they are immediately attacked by beings from several different species, each of them wearing a collar around their necks.

Kirk and his crew mates have been brought to this planet to fight as gladiators in combat games in order to entertain and provide exciting gambling for the disembodied entities called "The Providers." Each assigned a "drill thrall" of their own, Kirk and his companions are collared as well, which asphyxiates those who are disobedient to The Providers.

On board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Spock, aware that the crew members are missing, attempts to locate them, and eventually finds the origin of the beam. Upon its arrival, the crew of the starship is also taken captive by The Providers.

With the ship and his entire crew at stake, Kirk makes a final wager to The Providers which they cannot resist: himself against three drill thralls on the condition that if he wins, all the drill thralls go free and are taught how to live for themselves again. If Kirk fails, he promises himself and the entire crew as the most entertaining fighters ever seen.

Kirk beats the three drill thralls and wins the wager, and The Providers set all the thralls free and permit the U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew to leave also.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Angelique Pettyjohn (Shahna)

Bob Johnson (Voice Of Provider #1)

Dick Crockett (Andorian Thrall)

Jane Ross (Tamoan)

Joseph Ruskin (Galt)

Mickey Morton (Kloog)

Steve Sandor (Lars)

Victoria George (Ensign Jana Haines)

Written By : Margaret Armen

Directed By : Gene Nelson

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Obsession [TOS #48]

Stardate 3619.2

Eleven years ago, the U.S.S. Farragut encountered a deadly cloud creature with vampire-like tendencies. James T. Kirk was on board the Farragut at that time as they entered the region of Tycho IV. The creature killed the ship's captain, Captain Garrovick, and half the crew by draining their red blood cells. To this day, Kirk feels guilt at having hesitated before firing at the creature... even though his phaser blast had no effect.

On his way to deliver necessary medical supplies, Kirk encounters what he believes is the same blood-sucking entity. He pursues it, against orders, determine to destroy it before it kills again.

A landing party beams down to the surface of Argus X, where the creature has taken refuge. In the party is the son of Kirk's former captain... Ensign Garrovick. Garrovick spies the creature and, like Kirk eleven years before, hesitates before firing. The creature escapes and Kirk blames Garrovick for the resulting death of a crewman.

The creature leaves the planet with the U.S.S. Enterprise in pursuit. When Kirk fires on it, the creature turns and enters the starship. Fortunately, its first victim is Spock and, after tasting the copper-based blood, flees toward its home world, Tycho IV. Fearing the creature will reproduce and, at the very least, kill others, Kirk and Garrovick prepare a trap with a matter/antimatter bomb and human blood. The lure the creature to take the bait and beam aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise as the creature is killed in the resulting explosion.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)

Jerry Ayres (Ensign Rizzo)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Stephen Brooks (Ensign Garrovick)

Written By : Art Wallace

Directed By : Ralph Senensky

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The Immunity Syndrome [TOS #49]

Stardate 4307.1

The Enterprise is en route to Starbase 6 for shore leave when Uhura receives a jumbled message from which all she can make out is a sector coordinate and the name U.S.S. Intrepid, a starship manned entirely by Vulcans. Suddenly, Spock shudders with pain and reports that the Intrepid just "died."

Kirk gets orders to head to Sector 39J because all contact has been lost with solar system Gamma 7A and with the Intrepid, which was investigating it. As the Enterprise changes course, long-range sensors show that the solar system, and its billions of people, are dead.

Approaching its destination, the Enterprise encounters a strange dark area in space. Kirk launches a probe. Seconds later, the crew hears a high-pitched whine throughout the ship, rendering half the people on board ill, and causing some to faint. Spock speculates that the phenomenon is some form of energy that is probably responsible for the death of the system inhabitants and the Intrepid crew. Kirk decides to move closer, and the crew hears the whine again. This time when they recover, the stars seem to have vanished. Spock reports that the noise was produced when the Enterprise passed through a boundary layer, and that they are surrounded by a field that is draining their mechanical and biological energy. McCoy confirms this when he reports from sickbay that everyone on the ship is dying.

Attempts by Scotty to recalibrate the engines and break free from the dark zone fail, and in fact the ship's expenditure of energy attracts an enormous amoeba-like creature approximately 11,000 miles in length. McCoy identifies the creature as an incredibly simple, single-celled organism which feeds on energy, but he needs more data to save the ship. He and Spock each volunteer to take a shuttle to investigate the creature -- what would most certainly be a suicide mission -- and Kirk decides to send Spock.

Spock takes the shuttlecraft through the creature's membrane and moves toward its nucleus. He reports that the creature appears to be ready to reproduce. He loses voice contact but manages to continue transmitting data.

Kirk and McCoy determine that if the creature begins to reproduce, it will spread rapidly and pose a serious threat to the galaxy, so it must be destroyed. But the Enterprise only has enough power left to survive for an hour.

Kirk and McCoy realize they have to use the Enterprise as an "antibody." Kirk orders the ship to punch its way into the giant creature and set a course for the nucleus. An antimatter charge is attached to a probe with a seven-minute delay. As soon as it is lodged in the nucleus, the Enterprise backs away at full impulse. There are only a few seconds to spare, but then they detect Spock's shuttle. Kirk locks two tractor beams onto the shuttle, even though doing so delays their escape. But when the antimatter explosion ruptures the creature's membrane, both ships are thrown to safety.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : John Winston (Mr. Kyle)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Story By : Robert Sabaroff

Directed By : Joseph Pevney

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A Piece Of The Action [TOS #50]

Stardate 4598.0

The planet Iotia's last visit by the Federation was by the U.S.S. Horizon... a hundred years before. Realizing the lapse in monitoring the planet, the Federation sends the U.S.S. Enterprise to observe the progress of Iotia's population.

Beaming down to the planet's surface, Kirk, Spock and McCoy are surprised to see a much different society -- an Earth-like 1920s gangster culture -- than was reported by the U.S.S. Horizon crew. Bodily seized, the landing crew are taken before one of the major planetary leaders, mobster Bela Oxmyx. Wishing to unite the population under his rule, Bela offers Kirk "a piece of the action" in exchange for the technologically advanced weapons of the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Meanwhile, the other lead gangster, Jojo Krako, has his own idea about being the head mobster and captures the Enterprise officers. Struggling to gain the upper hand in this comical power struggle, Kirk creates a diversion... a little card game known as Fizzbin. Without knowing the nuances of the culture, Kirk and Spock try to accomplish their mission when Kirk attempts to drive a car and Spock strives to speak in gangster slang.

Finally, Bela Oxmyx is given a display of the Federation's power when he is beamed aboard the Enterprise and held hostage in the transporter room. Arranging a meeting between the two antagonists, Kirk is successful in uniting the two gangs in a loose system of government with the Federation as Godfather... for a piece of the action, of course. Furthermore, upon discovering a book -- "Chicago Mobs of the Twenties" -- the U.S.S. Horizon crew left behind 100 years before, Kirk and Spock finally understand how the highly imitative Iotians reinvented their entire society.

Back aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Kirk notices McCoy unusually drawn and worried. When questioned, McCoy is forced to admit that he thinks he left his communicator on Iotia, leaving him to wonder what type of planetary society the next Federation visit will find...

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Anthony Caruso (Bela Oxmyx)

Bill Blackburn (Lt. Hadley)

Buddy Garion (Hood)

Christie (Hood)

Conte (Hood)

Dyanne Thorne (Girl #1)

Jay Jones (Mirt)

John Harmon (Tepo)

Lee Delano (Kalo)

Marlys Burdette (Krako's Gun Moll)

McIntosh (Hood)

Sharyn Hillyer (Girl #2)

Sheldon Collins (Tough Kid)

Steve Marlo (Zabo)

Victor Tayback (Jojo Krako)

Teleplay By : David P. Harmon

Gene L. Coon

Story By : David P. Harmon

Directed By : James Komack

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By Any Other Name [TOS #51]

Stardate 4657.5

When the U.S.S. Enterprise answers a distress call from a small planet, the landing party is captured by a group of agents from the Kelvan empire, located in the distant Andromeda galaxy. The Kelvans' purpose is to find planets suitable for colonization. However, their own ship was destroyed and now they need the Enterprise to make the three hundred year journey home. To utilize the starship, the Kelvans -- huge, tentacled creatures -- take on human form. After several attempts at escape, Kirk accepts his fate and agrees to let the aliens take over his ship. The Kelvans use their technology to transform all but essential Enterprise personnel into small "cubes" which, unless broken or damaged, can be restored to human beings.

Recognizing that the Kelvans, in their new human bodies, are discovering human sensation and emotion, the remaining crew attempts to foster dissent among the aliens: Scotty succeeds in getting one of them drunk, McCoy injects an irritant into another, and Kirk makes romantic overtures to the Kelvan leader's woman. With the Kelvans thus distracted, Kirk and the crew are able to regain control of the ship.

Kirk points out to Rojan, the Kelvan leader, that the Kelvans are already becoming less like they were before by encountering the humans. In three hundred years, their descendants will be so human-like that they won't be able to live among their people on Kelva. Rojan sees the logic in his argument and sends a robot probe to Kelva, reporting what has happened. Pledging to restore the Enterprise crew, Rojan accepts Kirk's offer that the Enterprise find the Kelvans a Class M planet to colonize.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Bouchet (Kelinda)

Carl Byrd (Lt. Shea)

Julie Cobb (Yeoman Leslie Thompson)

Lezlie Dalton (Drea)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Robert Fortier (Tomar)

Stewart Moss (Hanar)

Warren Stevens (Rojan)

Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana

Jerome Bixby

Story By : Jerome Bixby

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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Return To Tomorrow [TOS #52]

Stardate 4768.3

The Enterprise tracks a mysterious SOS to an ancient planet presumed long dead. The crew hears a voice from a telepathic being named Sargon, who asks Kirk to beam down to the surface. When Kirk, Spock and McCoy arrive in the transporter room, they find that Dr. Ann Mulhall has also been summoned. Sargon operates the transporter and leaves the security guards behind.

The landing party finds themselves in a vault, and encounters a glowing sphere that identifies itself as Sargon. He explains that his people were destroyed in a cataclysmic war half a million years ago, and that he once had a body, but now is only pure thought. Sargon insists that he and two others of his kind need to "borrow" the bodies of the Enterprise officers long enough to construct new artificial ones. Sargon briefly takes control of Kirk's body, and leads the landing party into another chamber holding two rows of spheres, which are all now dark except for two. Those two beings are Sargon's wife, Thalassa, and his former enemy, Henoah. Sargon explains that this is how they stored their minds after the war, laying in wait for someone to find them. But by now Kirk's body is weakening, so Sargon returns control to the captain.

Scotty beams the three receptacles aboard and McCoy monitors the transfer process in Sickbay. Sargon takes Kirk's body, Thalassa takes Mulhall's, and Henoah takes Spock's. They are all overwhelmed by the pleasure of having physical bodies after so many years. Almost immediately, though, Henoah plots to kill Sargon in Kirk's body. While Sargon leads the effort to build androids for them to occupy, Henoah attempts to lure Thalassa into agreeing that they should keep their host bodies.

Henoah telepathically forces Nurse Chapel to poison Sargon (in Kirk's body) and then destroys the globe that houses Spock's mind. McCoy and Nurse Chapel keep Kirk's body on life support, but his mind is still trapped in Sargon's receptacle. Henoah has completed an artificial body for Thalassa, but she refuses to transfer her consciousness into it. Instead, she goes to sickbay and offers McCoy a chance to save Kirk in return for keeping the human body. McCoy refuses, so she attacks him with her thoughts. But then she realizes what she's doing and breaks off her assault. Suddenly, she and McCoy hear Sargon's voice -- he transferred his mind into the ship's computer, and he has a plan. Chapel arrives, and Thalassa orders McCoy out of the room. The room shakes, and a few seconds later Chapel walks out. When McCoy rushes back in, he finds Kirk and Mulhall restored to normal, and all the receptacles destroyed. Kirk orders McCoy to prepare a hypo with a deadly injection--Spock's mind is now dead, so now they must destroy Henoah.

By now Henoah has taken control of the Enterprise. On the bridge, McCoy attempts to inject him, but Henoah stops him and orders Nurse Chapel to inject the Doctor. She takes the hypo, but injects Spock's body instead. Henoah tries to move to another body, but Sargon stops him, and he falls to the floor. Chapel staggers, and Spock stands up. It turns out that Spock's consciousness had been transferred into Chapel's body, and that the injection wasn't really deadly -- Sargon had manipulated the Doctor to believe it was because Henoah could read McCoy's thoughts.

Sargon and Thalassa realize that they cannot live in the physical world, but before they depart to roam the universe in their noncorporeal state, they inhabit Kirk's and Mulhall's bodies one last time so they can share a kiss.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Cindy Lou (Nurse)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Ann Mulhall)

Eddie Paskey (Security Guard)

James Doohan (Voice Of Sargon)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Roger Holloway (Mr. Lemli)

Written By : John Kingsbridge

Directed By : Ralph Senensky

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Patterns Of Force [TOS #53]

Stardate 2534.0

The U.S.S. Enterprise investigates the disappearance of an old Academy professor of Kirk's -- John Gill. Kirk and Spock discover that Gill had "gone native" and violated the Prime Directive by patterning the planet of Ekos after Nazi Germany prior to World War II. It was Gill's belief that, under the right direction, this type of patriotism could be used to positive purpose in the advancement of the planet's culture. The results turn out to be disastrous -- the Ekosian people turn on their neighbors, the Zeons, and place John Gill in the role of the Fuhrer! When Kirk and Spock reveal a power-seeking Ekosian has been controlling Gill, they are able to help him recall a large scale attack and begin the process of restoring peace to both cultures.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bart LaRue (Newscaster)

Bill Blackburn (Trooper)

Chuck Courtney (Davod)

David Brian (John Gill)

Ed McCready (SS Trooper)

Gilbert Green (SS Major)

Laskey (Trooper)

Patrick Horgan (Eneg)

Paul Baxley (Trooper #1)

Peter Canon (Gestapo Lt.)

Ralph Maurer (SS Lt.)

Richard Evans (Isak)

Skip Homeier (Melakon)

Valora Noland (Daras)

William Wintersole (Abrom)

Written By : John Meredyth Lucas

Directed By : Vincent McEveety

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The Ultimate Computer [TOS #54]

Stardate 4729.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise is chosen to be the test ship for the new M-5 Multitronic computer system, a computer meant to be able to run a starship without human intervention. Also aboard for the test is Doctor Richard Daystrom, the inventor of the M-5 and an obsessive and unstable individual.

Initially the M-5 performs well, but when it decides to destroy a robot freighter, Kirk orders the test canceled. M-5, however, protects itself and makes it impossible for it to be disconnected. The computer becomes increasingly erratic, a result of Dr. Daystrom's decision to impress his engram onto the computer as part of its programming. Starting a scheduled war games drill, M-5 uses the full arsenal of the U.S.S. Enterprise to attack four other Federation starships.

In a last-ditch appeal to M-5, Kirk makes the computer realize that it has committed the sin of murder. Since Dr. Daystrom would be ethically abhorred at such an act, M-5 is equally penitent and tries to commit suicide by leaving the U.S.S. Enterprise defenseless against a counter-attack by the remaining other starships. At the last moment, Spock and Scott are able to finish disconnecting M-5. Kirk keeps the shields down, gambling successfully that the attacking ships would not fire on an undefended vessel. Restoring communications next, the fleet is called off.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barry Russo (Commodore Robert Wesley)

James Doohan (M-5 Computer Voice / Voice Of Commodore Enwright)

Sean Morgan (Ensign Harper)

William Marshall (Dr. Richard Daystrom)

Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana

Story By : Laurence N. Wolfe

Directed By : John Meredyth Lucas

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The Omega Glory [TOS #55]

Stardate Unknown

The U.S.S. Enterprise finds a crewless starship, the U.S.S. Exeter, in orbit around the planet Omega IV. The boarding party from the U.S.S. Enterprise contracts a virus that may have killed the Exeter's crew, but the biosphere on Omega IV is found to contain an immunity. The party is beamed to the surface.

There they discover Captain Tracey, the commander of the U.S.S. Exeter. He has been violating the Federation's Prime Directive by interfering in the politics of the natives, using his phaser to protect the Oriental villagers, the Kohms, against the barbarian raiders, the Yangs. Tracey demands that Kirk supply him with more phasers, which Kirk refuses to do.

The Yangs capture the Kohms village and the U.S.S. Enterprise crew learns that these people are possibly descendants of Earth's Communist Chinese who left Earth in the last years of the 20th Century. The Yangs mouth a distorted version of the United States Constitution, which are their 'holy words' and which Kirk recites, gaining their confidence. Prolonged exposure to the planet's atmosphere cures the landing party and, with Captain Tracey under arrest, they return to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : David L. Ross (Lt. Galloway)
Ed McCready (Dr. Carter)
Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)
Frank Atienza (Kohm Villager)
Irene Kelly (Sirah)
Lloyd Kino (Wu)
Morgan Farley (Old Yang Scholar)
Morgan Woodward (Capt. Ronald Tracey)
Roy Jenson (Cloud William)
Written By : Gene Roddenberry
Directed By : Vincent McEveety

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Assignment: Earth [TOS #56]

Stardate Unknown

Sent back in time to find out how Earth managed to survive without destroying itself, the U.S.S. Enterprise inadvertently beams aboard a space traveler, Gary Seven, along with his black cat, Isis. Seven claims to be a twentieth century Terran raised and trained by unknown and unnamed aliens to prevent Earth from destroying itself. Before Kirk can determine whether or not the man is telling the truth, Seven escapes to the planet below. Kirk and Spock follow him to Earth. Meanwhile, Seven has tried to contact two fellow agents, who are discovered to have recently died in an auto accident. Instead, he contacts Roberta Lincoln, who becomes his reluctant cohort.

An orbital bomb is about to be launched by the United States and it is Seven's mission to make sure the rocket explodes somewhere over Asia, thereby frightening the governments into not launching future bombs into space.

When the rocket goes out of control, Seven barely succeeds in stopping it, despite Kirk and Spock's well-meaning interference. Before Kirk and Spock leave Earth, Kirk consults the Enterprise's computer records and informs Seven and Roberta that they have a very interesting future in the offing.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)
George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)
James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)
Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)
Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)
Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)
William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)
Cast : Barbara Babcock (Exciever Computer Voice / Voice Of Isis)
Bruce Mars (Policeman #1)
Don Keefer (Mr. Cromwell)
Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)
Lincoln Demyan (Sergeant Lipton)
Majel Barrett (Beta 5 Computer Voice)
Morgan Jones (Col. Nesvig)

Paul Baxley (Crewman McKinley)

Robert Lansing (Gary Seven)

Ted Gehring (Policeman #2)

Terri Garr (Roberta Lincoln)

Teleplay By : Art Wallace

Story By : Art Wallace

Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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Spectre Of The Gun [TOS #57]

Stardate 4385.3

Kirk ignores an alien buoy that warns the U.S.S. Enterprise that it is trespassing into Melkotian space and continues forward when the Melkots transport Kirk, Spock, McCoy, Scotty, and Chekov to a recreation of Earth's wild west. Here their instruments will not function and they are forced to relive, in "a manner befitting their heritage for trespassing," the shoot-out in Tombstone, Arizona on October 26, 1881.

The U.S.S. Enterprise party is transported to the OK Corral, but as they will not fire on the "Earps," the gunfighters cannot hurt them. Chekov, in the role of Billy Clanton, is killed and Spock realizes that these events are not really transpiring. Through a series of mind melds, Spock is able to reject the illusions of the hostiles enabling the crew to succeed without shooting at the others. The Melkots are impressed by the peaceful behavior of the U.S.S. Enterprise party and return them, including Chekov, who had been killed in an earlier altercation, to the U.S.S. Enterprise. The Melkots agree to establish contact with the Federation.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Abraham Sofaer (Voice Of The Melkotian)

Bill Zuckert (Johnny Behan)

Bob Orrison (Man In Bar)

Bonnie Beecher (Sylvia)

Charles Maxwell (Virgil Earp)

Charles Seel (Ed)

Ed McCready (Barber)

Greg Palmer (Rancher)

Gregory Reece (Man In Bar)

James Doohan (Melkotian Warning Buoy Voice)

Mike Manor (Mask)

Paul Baxley (Man In Bar)

Rex Holman (Morgan Earp)

Richard Anthony (Rider)

Ron Soble (Wyatt Earp)

Sam Gilman (Doc Holliday)

Written By : Lee Cronin

Directed By : Vincent McEveety

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Elaan Of Troyius [TOS #58]

Stardate 4372.5

Two United Federation of Planets members, Elas and Troyius, suffered war for centuries. With Klingon Empire expansion approaching the planets' system, Tellun, the Federation sends the U.S.S. Enterprise to lend assistance in a peace negotiation. The peace treaty is to be completed by the bonding in marriage of the two planets' leaders, the Dohlman of Elas and the leader of Troyius. The Starship provides transport for the Dohlman to Troyius, while also offering a time and place for the Dohlman to learn the duties and customs of Troyius.

Upon her arrival on the U.S.S. Enterprise, it is clear that the Dohlman, Elaan, is an arrogant and reluctant bride. Ambassador Petri from Troyius attempts to educate Elaan in preparation of her wedding, but is rewarded with a knife wound. Captain Kirk must step in as Elaan's tutor to insure that the alliance takes place. Kirk takes a strong hand in Elaan's education, but his efforts are compromised when she begins to cry and he touches one of her tears. The Elasian tears of a Dohlman carry an infectious agent which acts as a powerful aphrodisiac.

While the captain fights the effects of Elaan's tears, a Klingon battlecruiser appears. In the ensuing melee, it is apparent that the Klingon captain is attempting to lure the starship into warp speed which, as Scotty soon discovers, would destroy the ship. A saboteur from the Elasian party has damaged the dilithium crystal chamber, rendering the crystal inert, and the ship nearly powerless.

While under attack, Spock detects strong energy readings which emanate from a crystal necklace of Elaan's -- made of dilithium. Fitting the raw crystals into the anti-matter chamber, the ship is able to fend off the Klingons and continue to Troyius. Kirk and McCoy discover the one true cure for the Elasian tears -- prior infection -- in Kirk's case, the starship Enterprise had infected him even more powerfully than had the Dohlman.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Charles Beck (Elasian Guard #2)

Dick Durock (Elasian Guard #1)

France Nuyen (Elaan)

Jay Robinson (Petri)

K.L. Smith (Klingon)

Lee Duncan (Crewman Evans)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Tony Young (Kryton)

Victor Brandt (Technician Watson)

Story By : John Meredyth Lucas

Directed By : John Meredyth Lucas

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The Paradise Syndrome [TOS #59]

Stardate 4842.6

Investigating a planet in danger of collision with an asteroid, Captain Kirk, Mr. Spock, and Doctor McCoy discover both Native American inhabitants and a strange alien obelisk. While examining the obelisk, Kirk is accidentally trapped inside. Trying to escape, he inadvertently triggers a device that gives him amnesia.

Unable to locate the Captain, Spock and McCoy return to the U.S.S. Enterprise to try and stop the asteroid from hitting the planet.

Now free from the obelisk, Kirk is found by the natives, who come to believe Kirk (calling himself Kirok with his damaged memory) is a god. Kirk both becomes the tribe's medicine chief and marries the priestess Miramanee.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise fails in its attempt to destroy the asteroid. Spock is able, however, to translate the obelisk's carvings. He learns that an alien race known as the Preservers transplanted the Indians to this world, and provided an asteroid deflector inside the obelisk to protect them.

Returning to planetary orbit, Spock and McCoy beam down. They find the natives, frightened that Kirk does not know how to use the obelisk to protect them, stoning Kirk and Miramanee. Rescuing the pair and restoring Kirk's memory, Kirk and Spock enter the obelisk and activate the deflector. The planet is saved but Miramanee, pregnant with Kirk's child, dies from her injuries.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : John Lindesmith (Engineer)

Lamont Laird (Indian Boy)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Naomi Pollack (Indian Woman)

Peter Virgo, Jr. (Lumo)

Richard Hale (Goro)

Rudy Solari (Salish)

Sabrina Scharf (Miramanee)

Sean Morgan (Engineer)

Written By : Margaret Armen

Directed By : Jud Taylor

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The Enterprise Incident [TOS #60]

Stardate 5027.3

Seeming tense and erratic, Captain Kirk takes the U.S.S. Enterprise into Romulan space and the ship is immediately surrounded by Romulan warships. Kirk and Spock beam aboard the Romulan flag-ship and confront the Romulan Commander, a woman. Kirk explains that his ship entered Romulan territory because of equipment malfunction. Spock, however, denounces this explanation, saying Kirk ordered them here, due to his reduced mental stability. This, not surprisingly, enrages the Captain. The Romulan Commander orders the U.S.S. Enterprise be taken to the Romulan base. Scotty, placed in command of the starship,

refuses. McCoy is beamed aboard the flag-ship to tend Kirk, who has become irrational to the point of violence. When he arrives, Kirk attacks Spock who reacts, without thinking, by using the Vulcan death grip, killing Kirk.

McCoy returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise with Kirk's body, while Spock remains on the Romulan ship. Unknown to the Romulan Commander, this has all been a ploy to sneak the officers on board and steal the Romulan cloaking device. After Kirk's body has been removed to his ship, the Romulan Commander begins to try and entice Spock into defecting to the Romulan side.

Disguised as a Romulan, Kirk returns to the Romulan ship and steals the vessel's cloaking device and returns with it to the U.S.S. Enterprise. When the Commander discovers the theft, she feels betrayed and in retaliation decides to execute Spock. The Vulcan pretends to confess to her and ultimately stalls until Scotty is able to install the cloaking device on board the U.S.S. Enterprise. Spock is beamed back aboard the starship, but since the Romulan Commander was standing near him, she is also beamed aboard.

The Romulan Subcommander, now in charge of the flag-ship, gives chase, ordered by his commander to destroy the Federation ship. Fortunately, the newly-installed cloaking device works and the U.S.S. Enterprise makes good her escape, with the Romulan Commander on board as their prisoner.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Gordon Coffey (Romulan Soldier)

Jack Donner (Romulan Subcmdr. Tal)

Joanne Linville (Romulan Cmdr.)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Mike Howden (Romulan Guard)

Richard Compton (Romulan Technical Officer)

Robert Gentile (Romulan Technician)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

Directed By : John Meredyth Lucas

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And The Children Shall Lead [TOS #61]

Stardate 5029.5

When the U.S.S. Enterprise finds that all the adults in the Starnes expedition to Triacus have killed themselves, they beam to the planet's surface to investigate. The children, however, are alive and well and strangely oblivious to their parents' fates.

They are beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise while Kirk searches for an answer to the strange occurrences. The children summon their "friendly angel" Gorgan, who tells them to take the U.S.S. Enterprise to a planet he can control. By garbling Kirk's words and deceiving Spock, the children are able to take control of the starship. Finally, seeing Kirk's anxiety at the loss of his ship, Spock realizes that something is wrong and helps the Captain regain control.

Kirk shows the children tricorder tapes of their parents... and their graves, demonstrating to them that Gorgan is not a "friendly angel" but an evil force. The loss of his believers renders Gorgan impotent and he fades into oblivion.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Brian Tochi (Ray Tsingtao)

Caesar Belli (Steve O'Connell)

Craig Hundley (Tommy Starnes)

Dick Dial (Technician #2)

Eddie Paskey (Mr. Leslie)

James Wellman (Professor Starnes)

Lou Elias (Technician #1)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Mark Robert Brown (Don Linden)

Melvin Belli (Gorgan)

Pamelyn Ferdin (Mary Janowski)

Written By : Edward J. Lakso

Directed By : Marvin Chomsky

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Spock's Brain [TOS #62]

Stardate 5431.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise is on a routine mission in deep space when a beautiful young woman beams onto the bridge. Without a word, she touches a band on her wrist and everyone is rendered unconscious. She moves around the bridge until finally she comes to Spock. Smiling, she lays a hand on the Vulcan's head, as if she's found what she was looking for.

When Kirk awakes, Spock is gone from the bridge. Before the captain can find out where his first officer has gone, McCoy calls, demanding his presence in sickbay immediately. Spock's body lays on a diagnostic table, on full life support. McCoy explains that his brain is gone... miraculously removed with some technology that the doctor has never seen before. Every nerve was sealed and there was no blood lost. However, McCoy tells him if the Vulcan's brain isn't returned to his body within 24 hours, Spock will die.

Kirk orders the starship in pursuit of the woman's ship. By following their ion trail, the Enterprise arrives at the sixth planet in the Sigma Draconis system. When Kirk and party beam down, they find a rough, frozen world inhabited by two peoples: the Morgs, who are comprised solely of men, who live on the surface in a primitive culture, and the Eymorgs, an all female group who live deep under the planet's surface. While the Eymorgs live in a highly technological society, they don't understand that technology and are trained to perform various tasks--like the operation enabling them to steal Spock's brain--by what is known as "The Great Teacher." This "teacher" was left behind by ancient technologists who once lived on the planet.

McCoy, having fashioned a device which will control Spock's body without the aid of his brain, beams down with the Vulcan to join Kirk and his party. They find Kara, the woman who beamed aboard the Enterprise. They quickly realize that Kara doesn't have the skill or knowledge to have performed the operation on Spock, and she tells them about "The Great Teacher."

Finally, Kirk finds Spock's brain. The Eymorgs have hooked it up to run their central control system. The brain is now revered as "The Controller," which they hope will control their central systems for the next ten thousand years. After trying unsuccessfully to get Kara to repeat the operation on Spock in reverse, McCoy submits to "The Great Teacher" device and gains the knowledge needed to restore Spock's brain and save the Vulcan's life.

Without their Controller, the Eymorgs fear for their existence. Kirk suggests they share their greater knowledge with the Morgs and live together on the surface.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Daris (Creature)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Marj Dusay (Kara)

Sheila Leighton (Luma)

Written By : Lee Cronin

Directed By : Marc Daniels

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Is There In Truth No Beauty? [TOS #63]

Stardate 5630.7

In an attempt to adapt Medusan technology to Federation use, and vice versa, the U.S.S. Enterprise picks up Medusan ambassador Kollos, instrument specialist Lawrence Marvick and telepath Dr. Miranda Jones. The Medusans have a great beauty of character, but their physical appearance causes shock to the point of insanity in humanoids.

When Dr. Jones turns down her co-worker, Lawrence Marvick's, proposal of marriage in favor of staying with Kollos, Marvick tries unsuccessfully to kill Kollos. Instead, he is driven insane by a glimpse of the Medusan. He takes over the U.S.S. Enterprise engines, which he helped design, and drives the ship out of the galaxy into an indeterminate region. The crew experiences acute sensory distortion and Marvick finally dies.

While the crew cannot pilot the starship back to the galaxy, it is possible that Kollos can, with Spock forming a mind meld. Kirk distracts Dr. Jones, who jealously objects to Spock contacting Kollos in this manner. Kirk discovers why Dr. Jones is able to gaze upon Kollos... she's blind.

Using Spock's body, Kollos pilots the U.S.S. Enterprise back to its galaxy, but the Vulcan forgets to wear his protective visor when restoring Kollos to his box, and goes insane. Dr. Jones mind-links with Spock and draws the Vulcan's mind back to reality. She then makes a permanent mind link with Kollos and transfers with him to the Medusan vessel.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bill Blackburn (Security Guard)

David Frankham (Dr. Laurence Marvick)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Miranda Jones)

Dick Greay (Security Guard)

Robert Balver (Yeoman)

Vince Deadrick (Security Guard)

Written By : Jean Lisette Aroeste

Directed By : Ralph Senensky

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The Empath [TOS #64]

Stardate 5121.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise goes to pick up research personnel on the second planet of the star Minara. While Kirk, Spock and McCoy are on the surface, a radiation storm endangers the starship and Scotty takes the Enterprise out of orbit, sure that the planet's atmosphere will protect the landing party from radiation.

The three officers find themselves in an underground chamber shared with a mute humanoid which McCoy names "Gem." Two other humanoids, different from Gem, appear to them. They tell the men they are Vians, and take Kirk as a test subject to torture. He is assured, however, that it isn't he who is being tested. Gem, who turns out to be a fully functional empath, heals Kirk's wounds. The Vians tell the captain he must choose one of his men to be the next test subject. Each man volunteers, but McCoy wins, managing to anesthetize both Spock and Kirk, and is taken away by the Vians.

When he is returned to them, McCoy is near death. Gem attempts to cure him, but is frightened by the severity of his injuries. The Vians explain to them that they are testing Gem to see if her people are worthy as a species to be saved from their doomed sun. They are testing Gem's capacity for compassion and self-sacrifice. Overcoming her fears, Gem heals McCoy and the Vians decide that her species is to be saved. The officers are returned unharmed to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Alan Bergmann (Lal)

Davis Roberts (Dr. Ozaba)

Jason Wingreen (Dr. Linke)

Kathryn Hays (Gem)

Willard Sage (Thann)

Written By : Joyce Muskat

Directed By : John Erman

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The Tholian Web [TOS #65]

Stardate 5693.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives in an uncharted area of space to answer a distress call from the U.S.S. Defiant. The starship is visible on their viewscreen, but sensors on board the U.S.S. Enterprise say it's not there.

Kirk, Spock, McCoy and Chekov beam aboard and spread out to investigate. Everyone aboard is dead... apparently killed in a bizarre mutiny, although there are no life readings aboard. McCoy, in the ship's sickbay, tells Kirk that he can find no clue as to why the crew died, but has taken readings to study. Then, as his hand passes through a body and exam table, McCoy realizes the U.S.S. Defiant is dissolving.

Quickly Kirk orders them beamed back to the U.S.S. Enterprise, but Scotty explains that due to the poor stability of the space around them, he can only beam three aboard. After the usual debate, Kirk stays behind while the others beam back. When Scotty tries to bring Kirk aboard, his image wavers, and disappears. Interphase, Spock calculates, will occur in a little over two hours. In the meantime, they must wait. If the captain is still alive, they should be able to retrieve him then.

Complications arise when Chekov goes berserk and attacks Spock on the bridge. Slowly, more members of the crew fall prey to the 'illness', attacking their crewmates. McCoy and his staff work round the clock to find a cure. When the doctor suggests Spock "put some distance" between the U.S.S. Enterprise and the U.S.S. Defiant, Spock explains that any movement in the weakened space could disturb both ship's positions and jeopardize Kirk's rescue.

At a little over an hour before interphase, a Tholian ship appears, telling Spock that the U.S.S. Enterprise has violated Tholian space. The Vulcan explains that they were answering a distress call and are waiting until they can retrieve Kirk. The Tholians agree to wait until the appointed time before taking action.

Unfortunately, when the interphase occurs, Kirk is not where he should be. Spock suspects that the Tholian's entrance into the area of space disturbed the U.S.S. Defiant's position. A funeral service is held for Captain Kirk, following which McCoy insists they view the Captain's last orders. Spock reluctantly agrees and the two men go to their friend's quarters and listen to Kirk's touching advice.

Uhura is the first to see Kirk's image floating before her, and for a time, McCoy thinks she's contracted the disease. But when he and Spock see the Kirk on the bridge, they realize that he is, in fact, still alive.

The Tholians decide that Spock has, in fact, lied to them and opens fire. Making a decision, Spock orders the phasers fired at the ship. The Tholian ship is disabled, but soon another ship joins it and they begin 'building' a sort of web made of shining filaments. Spock analyses the web and announces that if they don't bring Kirk aboard and leave before the web is completed, they "won't see home again." At the last minute, Spock orders full power against the web and the U.S.S. Enterprise is thrown outside the Tholian's trap, several parsecs from their former position. The hope is that Kirk, caught in the U.S.S. Enterprise tractor beam when they changed position, was brought with them.

Tensely McCoy waits with a hypo of tri-ox for Kirk, whose air is running out as he's successfully beamed on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, alive and unharmed. In a humorous tag, McCoy and Spock convince Kirk that there had been no time to view his final orders and Kirk, somewhat disappointed that his wisdom had gone unheard, says that he hopes there isn't a similar circumstance where the two men will view the tape.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Babara Babcock (Tholian Voices)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Sean Morgan (Lt. O'Neil)

Written By : Chet Richards

Judy Burns

Directed By : Herb Wallerstein

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For The World Is Hollow And I Have Touched The Sky [TOS #66]

Stardate 5476.3

At the same time McCoy discovers that he has a year to live, the U.S.S. Enterprise encounters the asteroid Yonada which is determined to be artificially propelled. Its center is occupied by humanoids, whose ancestors built the asteroid "vessel" in an effort to escape the destruction of their solar system. However, the controls have become defective and Yonada is heading for collision with a Federation planet.

The people are ruled by Natira, a priestess who takes her orders from the central computer. While Kirk and Spock search for the central controls that will redirect the ship, McCoy and Natira fall in love. Kirk and Spock return to the U.S.S. Enterprise but McCoy, wishing to spend what little time he has left with the woman he's come to love, stays behind, marries Natira and accepts the "Instrument of Obedience" which punishes wrong thinking.

Soon after the marriage, McCoy calls Kirk, telling him that he may have found the controls for the asteroid. However, he is struck down by the "Instrument of Obedience" before he can tell them where. Kirk and Spock beam back to Yonada, remove the sensor from McCoy, and locate the controls. They manage to put Yonada back on course. In deciphering the computer's library, Spock finds a cure for McCoy's disease, and the doctor returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Natira must stay on Yonada to guide her people and so bids McCoy good-bye.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Byron Morrow (Admiral Westervliet)

James Doohan (Oracle Voice)

Jon Lormer (Old Man)

Kate Woodville (Natira)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Written By : Rick Vollaerts

Directed By : Tony Leader

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Day Of The Dove [TOS #67]

Stardate Unknown

A U.S.S. Enterprise landing party beams to a human-colonized planet in answer to a distress call. A Klingon ship, apparently damaged, is detected and a group of Klingons accuse Kirk of having damaged their ship. Kang, their leader, claims the U.S.S. Enterprise as a prize and Kirk beams the Klingons on board, reluctantly. However, Spock is warned by Kirk and quickly takes the Klingons prisoner. Both ships seem to have received the same, false, distress call.

A malevolent entity has entered into the U.S.S. Enterprise computer and excites both sides to aggressive behavior. It forces the ship out of control, rushing toward the galactic rim, while isolating a number of Klingons and U.S.S. Enterprise crew, heightening their sense of paranoia and violence turning them against each other. Phasers become swords and the battle begins.

Spock finally realizes that the entity feeds off hatred and emotional excitation and has acted as a catalyst to provoke combat, keeping the numbers on both sides even. Kirk is able, in the end, to make a common-cause truce with the Klingons and they drive the creature out of the ship with their laughter.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : David L. Ross (Lt. Johnson)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Tobin (Klingon)

Michael Ansara (Kang)

Susan Howard (Mara)

Written By : Jerome Bixby

Directed By : Marvin Chomsky

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Plato's Stepchildren [TOS #68]

Stardate 5784.2

When the U.S.S. Enterprise receives a distress call from the planet Platonius, Kirk, Spock and McCoy beam down to the planet's surface. There they find the planet's leader, Parmen, with a badly infected leg. The Platonians, while powerful psycho kinetics, have no resistance against physical injury. As Parmen's wife tells them, a cut or break in the skin can literally cause death. The only resident of Platonius that doesn't have "the power" is Alexander, a dwarf, who is everyone's jester and slave.

When Parmen's wound has healed and the landing party prepares to leave, they find the U.S.S. Enterprise's control are frozen. Parmen has decided that it would be beneficial for them to have a resident doctor and tries to convince McCoy to remain. When he refuses, Parmen and the others try to convince him by subjecting Kirk and Spock to several humiliating scenarios. Still the doctor refuses and the three officers are locked away to ponder their plight.

After questioning Alexander, McCoy determines that the Platonians probably got their mental powers from eating the local foods. Something about Alexander's metabolism has kept him from acquiring those powers as well. McCoy prepares concentrated doses of kironide, the substance in the local food, and injects it into Kirk and Spock. Alexander, given the chance, refuses an injection. He doesn't want the same powers that his masters have.

As they discuss their next move, the shimmering of a transporter beam appear in the room and Lt. Uhura and Nurse Chapel appear. Without a word, they are jerked out of the room, as if controlled with invisible strings, and disappear. Kirk comments grimly that the men were apparently not entertaining enough for the Platonians.

Later, Uhura and Christine join the other officers, dressed in sparkling gowns and lavish makeup. Christine's is even vaguely Vulcan with slanted eyebrows and partially covered ears. What follows is a series of "games" designed to humiliate the U.S.S. Enterprise crew members and entertain the Platonians. McCoy, seated in a place of honor beside Parmen, is expected to accept the leaders offer to stay and serve as their physician.

Kirk and Spock are forced to fight each other and Spock is made to sing "Maiden Wine" to the two women. Finally, Spock is paired on a loveseat with Christine, while Kirk shares one with Uhura. They are forced to make advances on the women. The play gets nasty then, as Kirk and Spock take up whips, which they snap at their respective partners. By now, however, the doses of kironide are beginning to take effect and both officers now resist the Platonians powers and throw down their weapons.

Kirk tells Parmen that they can recreate this power whenever they want and if the Federation finds that Parmen and his people have fallen back to their old ways, there will be trouble. With this, Kirk calls for the U.S.S. Enterprise to beam them aboard... along with Alexander, who will be coming with them to start a new life.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Armando Gonzales (Spock's Flamenco Dance Double)

Barbara Babcock (Philana)

Derek Partidge (Dionyd)

Liam Sullivan (Parmen)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Michael Dunn (Alexander)

Ted Scott (Eraclitus)

Written By : Meyer Dolinsky

Directed By : David Alexander

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Wink Of An Eye [TOS #69]

Stardate 5710.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise responds to a distress call from the planet Scalos; the call shows several Scalosians asking for assistance. Arriving at Scalos, however, the crew find only an empty city, with no life forms registering on tricorder scans. Compton, a young, inexperienced crewman samples the local water and disappears.

Beaming back up to the ship, the crew investigates while the U.S.S. Enterprise experiences a series of strange malfunctions. When an alien device is found in engineering, the ship is put on full alert. Back on the Bridge, Kirk sips coffee and suddenly finds himself "accelerated" far beyond the rest of his crew. After acceleration, he is able to see and interact with the missing Scalosians, who are now on his ship.

Kirk meets Deela, the Queen of the Scalosians, who specifically chose Kirk to be her consort. Deela reveals the Scalosians' plan to cryogenically freeze the crew of the ship so that they will have a ready gene pool to integrate into their radiation-contaminated one. Kirk also finds his missing crewman, Compton, and sees the effects of rapid acceleration -- any damage to cells causes an accelerated death.

Kirk manages to send a message to Spock and McCoy warning them, and delays the Scalosians long enough for Spock to join Kirk in his accelerated state. Spock brings a possible antidote with him, and after stopping the Scalosians, and returning them to their planet, Kirk takes it. The Captain returns to normal, and Spock uses the advantage of his acceleration to repair several of the ship's systems, before he too returns to normal speed.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Ed Hice (Scalosians)
Erik Holland (Ekor)
Geoffrey Binney (Crewman Compton)
Jason Evers (Rael)
Kathie Browne (Deela)
Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Computer Voice)
Richard Geary (Scalosians)
Teleplay By : Arthur Heinemann
Story By : Lee Cronin
Directed By : Jud Taylor

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That Which Survives [TOS #70]

Stardate Unknown

As a landing party prepares to beam down to a previously unexplored Class M planet, a beautiful woman, Losira, appears. She touches an ensign and kills him. Already dematerializing in the transporter beam, Kirk and the rest of his party are helpless to stop her. Losira disappears.

The surge of power that Losira's appearance caused hurtles the U.S.S. Enterprise 990.7 light years away from where they were. Spock calculates that it will take 11.33 hours at warp 8.4 to return to the planet.

On the surface of the planet, Kirk, McCoy, Sulu and geologist D'Amato discover the vegetation is poisonous to humans and the rocks are made of an alloy that did not develop naturally. Losira appears again and kills D'Amato, again, by merely touching him. She vanishes, then reappears, this time for Sulu, but he avoids her and they realize she can only harm the person whose name she calls.

Kirk, Sulu and McCoy band together to keep her from killing them. Losira reappears on the Enterprise, in engineering, and kills another crewman. When Scotty insists that something "feels" wrong with the ship, they discover that Losira had sabotaged the matter/antimatter integrator. Scotty repairs the device before it has a chance to explode.

On the planet's surface, the landing party finds a chamber in the rocks that houses a computer. They realize that this is where Losira appears from. Losira appears to them again, this time in threes, so that she can touch each officer at once.

Spock and a security team arrive and destroy the computer that was projecting Losira's image. A visual recording triggered by the computer shows that the planet was once an outpost of the Kalandan race. It was ravaged by a deadly organism which supply ships unknowingly carried back to their home world. With the computer destroyed, the last of the Kalandans' civilization is also dead.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Arthur Batanides (Lt. D'Amato)

Booker Bradshaw (Dr. M'Benga)

Brad Forrest (Ensign Wyatt)

Kenneth Washington (John B. Watkins)

Lee Meriwether (Losira)

Naomi Pollack (Lt. Rahda)

Teleplay By : John Meredyth Lucas

Story By : Michael Richards

Directed By : Herb Wallerstein

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Let That Be Your Last Battlefield [TOS #71]

Stardate 5730.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise intercepts a stolen Federation shuttlecraft which contains a humanoid named Lokai. Taken aboard the ship, Lokai tells the crew he is from the planet Cheron, and asks for asylum on the U.S.S. Enterprise. His most distinctive feature is that he is half black and half white, starkly separated down the middle of his body.

The U.S.S. Enterprise tracks another vessel, pursuing at great speed. The ship's only passenger beams on board and is discovered to be another humanoid from Cheron. The difference in this man, Bele, is that his black and white skin is reversed from Lokai's. Bele claims to be Cheron's chief officer sent out to bring in political traitors, and has been pursuing Lokai. The more the two men are aboard the starship, the more Kirk realizes that the basic problem between them... and their entire race, apparently... is their opposite color. Tiring of their bigotry, Kirk decides to ignore the two guests and concentrate on his original mission; to decontaminate the planet Ariannus, plagued with a bacteria that endangers billions of lives.

When Bele takes control of the U.S.S. Enterprise in a desperate attempt, Kirk sets the ship's auto-destruct sequence instead of allowing the hijacking to continue, and the alien returns command to the captain. However, once planet Ariannus is decontaminated, Bele takes back his control over the starship and leads it back to Cheron. What they find is a long-dead planet, annihilated by their interracial bigotry. Lokai beams down to the surface to escape Bele, who follows. The U.S.S. Enterprise leaves them on the surface, to decide their own fates.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Frank Gorshin (Bele)

Lou Antonio (Lokai)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Oliver Crawford

Story By : Lee Cronin

Directed By : Jud Taylor

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Whom Gods Destroy [TOS #72]

Stardate 5718.3

Elba II, a planet with a poisonous atmosphere, also has a facility beneath its surface for the incurably, criminally insane. The U.S.S. Enterprise is bringing a new medicine with which they hope to eliminate mental illness forever.

When Kirk and Spock beam down to the facility of 15 inmates, they find that the asylum has been taken over by Garth, who was once a famous starship captain. He was driven insane by the terrible injuries he received while rescuing others. Garth convinces them that he is the head of the facility, in an attempt to gain control of the U.S.S. Enterprise and conquer the galaxy. He crowns himself, "Master of the Universe," and, when the officers won't be tricked into beaming him aboard the starship, he tortures Elba II's governor and then Kirk. He then sends his Orion mistress, Marta, out to the deadly surface above, only to "mercifully" spare her by blowing her to bits.

Spock, who had become separated from Kirk, returns to help the captain but finds two James Kirks. Garth learned the power of shape-shifting from a gentle race of beings that were unaware of his madness. When one of the Kirks offers to sacrifice himself to stop Garth, Spock realizes that this is the real Captain Kirk and subdues Garth. Garth is given the healing medication brought by the Enterprise men and begins the long road to recovery.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Gary Downey (Tellarite)

Keye Luke (Governor Donald Cory)

Richard Geary (Andorian)

Steve Ihnat (Garth of Izar)

Yvonne Craig (Marta)

Teleplay By : Lee Erwin

Story By : Jerry Sohl

Lee Erwin

Directed By : Herb Wallerstein

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The Mark Of Gideon [TOS #73]

Stardate 5423.4

The Planet Gideon appears to be a haven -- the inhabitants are healthy and no one seems to ever die in the totally germ-free environment.

The United Federation of Planets sends the U.S.S. Enterprise to Gideon, in the hope that the Gideons will accede and become a member. Reluctantly, the Gideon council allows Captain Kirk alone to beam to their council chamber, and he transports off the ship. When Kirk apparently fails to arrive on the planet, the Gideon council refuses to allow more people on the surface, even for a search party.

Kirk finds himself on his own ship, where all of his crew have seemingly vanished. After searching the ship, he finds one lone, beautiful woman, Odonia. Kirk determines that Odonia is from Gideon, and that they are on a false ship, built on the planet's surface. When Odonia becomes ill, the Gideon's plan is revealed: using Kirk's blood, Odonia was infected with a disease which Kirk had recovered from -- Vegan choriomeningitis. The infection is fatal, and the Gideons hoped to spread it across their world to reduce the population.

Spock beams down, discovers the false Enterprise, and returns to the real starship with Kirk and Odonia, who -- while cured -- is still able to infect her people. Odonia, the daughter of Gideon Council leader Hodan, is returned to her people delighted that she will cause a lethal plague to reduce the overpopulation.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : David Hurst (Hodin)

Gene Dynarski (Krodak)

Richard Derr (Admiral Fitzgerald)

Sharon Acker (Odonia)

Written By : George F. Slavin

Stanley Adams

Directed By : Jud Taylor

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The Lights Of Zetar [TOS #74]

Stardate 5725.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise's mission is to take Lt. Mira Romaine to Memory Alpha, the central library for the United Federation of Planets. There she will supervise the transfer of new equipment to the facility. Mr. Scott is immediately attracted to the pretty lieutenant, and the feelings are returned.

While in orbit, an energy storm destroys all the inhabitants of Memory Alpha, wiping its computer memory banks. As a result of the storm, Lt. Romaine can predict where the storm will strike next; the Enterprise.

Despite evasive tactics by the starship, the storm enters the Enterprise where it is seen as brilliantly flashing colored lights. The lights enter Lt. Romaine and there is no way to remove them without killing the officer. Perusal of her file reveals a high susceptibility to empathic transmissions, making her an excellent home for the lights. The lights turn out to be non-corporeal entities from the long-dead planet, Zetar. They maintain that they have the right to inhabit Lt. Romaine's body, but Kirk doesn't agree. When Mira is placed in a pressure chamber, the Zetars, who are used to the vacuum of space, die. Lt. Romaine is free and presumably returns to Memory Alpha to help rebuild the great library.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Babcock (Zetar Voices)

Bud Da Vinci (Crewman)

Jan Shutan (Lt. Mira Romaine)

John Winston (Mr. Kyle)

Libby Erwin (Technician)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Computer Voice)

Written By : Jeremy Tarcher

Shari Lewis

Directed By : Herb Kenwith

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The Cloud Minders [TOS #75]

Stardate 5818.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise comes to the planet Ardana to acquire zienite, a rare mineral needed to stop a planet-wide plague on Merak II. The zienite is not available, however, because the miner class Troglytes are rebelling against the rulers of Ardana, who live in the cloud-city of Stratos.

The Stratos-dwellers insist that the Troglytes are naturally inferior beings, but Kirk discovers that the Troglytes are being affected by a gas emitted during mining.

Unable to get both sides to settle their differences, Kirk traps the Troglyte leader Vanna and the High Advisor of Ardana's Ruling Council, Plasus, inside a mine. When the gas takes effect, Plasus realizes what is happening and promises to help the Troglytes. With peace restored, the U.S.S. Enterprise is able to secure the zienite it needs.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bob Miles (Cloud City Sentinel #2)

Charlene Polite (Vanna)

Diana Ewing (Droxine)

Ed Long (Midro)

Fred Williamson (Anka)

Garth Pillsbury (Prisoner)

Harv Selsby (Security Guard)

Jay Jones (Prisoner #1)

Jeff Corey (Plasus)

Jimmy Fields (Cloud Guard #2)

Kirk Raymone (Cloud Guard #1)

Lou Elias (Troglytes)

Marvin Walters (Troglytes)

Richard Geary (Cloud City Sentinel #1)

Roger Holloway (Mr. Lemli)

Walter Scott (Cloud Guard)

Teleplay By : Margaret Armen

Story By : David Gerrold

Oliver Crawford

Directed By : Jud Taylor

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The Way To Eden [TOS #76]

Stardate 5832.3

Chasing the stolen vessel Aurora, the U.S.S. Enterprise rescues the thieves just before the Aurora is destroyed. The group is led by Dr. Sevrin in a search for a mythological planet named Eden, a planet reputed to be a paradise.

Since one of Sevrin's group is the son of a Federation ambassador, Sevrin is held in protective custody while his followers are permitted to be free aboard ship. But when Spock is able to deduce Eden's location, Sevrin's followers free Sevrin and take over the starship.

Reaching Eden, Sevrin takes his people down to the surface in a shuttlecraft. When Kirk leads a landing party in pursuit, they find that the planet's vegetation all secretes deadly acid, and the fruits are all poisonous. Madly refusing to believe Kirk, Sevrin bites a piece of fruit and dies immediately. With his death, his followers are taken back aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Charles Napier (Adam)

Deborah Downey (Girl #1)

Elizabeth Rogers (Lt. Palmer)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Mary-Linda Rapelye (Irina Galliulin)

Phyllis Douglas (Girl #2)

Roger Holloway (Mr. Lemli)

Skip Homeier (Dr. Sevrin)

Victor Brandt (Tongo Rad)

Teleplay By : Arthur Heinemann

Story By : Arthur Heinemann

Michael Richards

Directed By : David Alexander

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Requiem For Methuselah [TOS #77]

Stardate 5843.7

Rigellian fever, an extremely deadly plague, strikes the Enterprise crew. Kirk, Spock and McCoy beam down to a supposedly uninhabited planet, Holberg 917-G, in search of the only known antidote, ryetalyn. To their surprise, they encounter Flint and his daughter, Rayna. Not pleased to have visitors, Flint orders his robot to gather and process ryetalyn, while the three officers are entertained by his daughter. Due to the robot contaminating the first batch of antidote, McCoy tells it another must be made. In the meantime, Kirk and Rayna have become attracted to each other, to Flint's jealous objection.

Spock has discovered, to his puzzlement, old masterpieces on modern supplies, i.e. a da Vinci painting done with modern oils on new canvas and an unknown Brahms waltz, written on new paper. Flint explains that he is an immortal, who wandered the Earth for centuries in various personas, including Brahms and da Vinci. He came to this planet to retire in peace and built the "Rayna" android as his companion. He had hoped that her involvement with Kirk would speed up her emotional growth, but now he has become hopelessly jealous. Not understanding such intense emotions, Rayna short-circuits and 'dies.'

The Enterprise party takes the ryetalyn and returns to the Enterprise. McCoy tells them that Flint, too, will soon perish because what made him immortal was the atmosphere of Earth. Leaving it robbed him of that power.

In a surprisingly compassionate gesture, Spock uses a Vulcan mind touch to erase the painful memories of Rayna from Kirk's mind.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Daly (Flint)

John Buonomo (Orderly)

Louise Sorel (Rayna Kapec)

Written By : Jerome Bixby

Directed By : Murray Golden

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The Savage Curtain [TOS #78]

Stardate 5906.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise is scanned by a powerful energy source coming from the planet Excalbia. The starship had been sent to survey the planet, but it was thought to consist of nothing but a lavalike surface without inhabitants.

The image of Abraham Lincoln appears in space and requests to be beamed aboard, claiming to be the genuine Lincoln. Against McCoy's objections, Kirk and Spock beam the entity aboard. They accept his offer to visit Excalbia, where a rock-like creature named Yarnek appears. Yarnek declares that the Enterprise officers are to participate in a battle between good and evil. This is to teach the Excalbians about humanoid concepts. Fighting for the "good" are, Kirk, Spock, Lincoln and Surak, founder of the present Vulcan culture. On the "bad" side are, Genghis Khan, Colonel Green, Zora, a vicious killer, and Kahless, father of the Klingon Empire as it was now known.

When the Enterprise officers refuse to fight, Yarnek freezes the starship's engines, starting a breakdown of the matter/antimatter shielding. If Kirk doesn't win, the ship will explode in four hours. There is much plotting and counter-plotting, until only Kirk, Spock, Khan and Zora remain alive. After some philosophical discussion regarding "good" and "evil," Yarnek returns Kirk and Spock to the U.S.S. Enterprise and frees the ship.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Arell Blanton (Chief Security Guard Lt. Dickerson)

Barry Atwater (Surak)
Bart LaRue (Voice Of Yarnek)
Carol Daniels Derment (Zora)
Janos Prohaska (Yarnek)
Lee Bergere (Abraham Lincoln)
Nathan Jung (Genghis Khan)
Phillip Pine (Col. Green)
Robert Herron (Kahless)
Teleplay By : Arthur Heinemann
Gene Roddenberry
Story By : Gene Roddenberry
Directed By : Herschel Daugherty

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All Our Yesterdays [TOS #79]

Stardate 5943.7

The crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise investigate the planet Sarpeidon whose sun is soon to go nova. Upon beaming to the surface, Kirk, Spock, and McCoy discover the inhabitants gone and a library containing the planet's accumulated knowledge.

Kirk, Spock and McCoy are surprised to find a lone inhabitant on the surface, Mr. Atoz, the librarian, who mistakes them for citizens of Sarpeidon. Mr. Atoz has been transferring people into the planet's past using a machine called the "atavachron". While investigating this unique technology, Kirk leaps to rescue a woman he hears screaming and ends transported to a period fraught with superstitions and witchcraft. Attempting to follow Kirk, Spock and McCoy enter the atavachron's portal to find themselves in a different time -- Sarpeidon's ice age.

McCoy, who is close to freezing to death, and Spock are rescued by a beautiful woman, Zarabeth. While close to the portals they entered from, Kirk, Spock and McCoy can communicate with each other but little more. However, this is enough to get Kirk arrested for practicing witchcraft.

Spock increasingly finds himself attracted to Zarabeth, and disturbingly more emotional and irrational, and even takes to eating meat. McCoy convinces Spock that this time in Sarpeidon's past is linked to Vulcan's primitive past and that they must return to their own time. Zarabeth insists they cannot return to the present without dying.

In jail, Kirk is befriended by a lawyer, another traveler of Sarpeidon's present, who helps him escape to find the portal, and return to the library.

Zarabeth helps McCoy and Spock to the place where she found them. By following the sound of Kirk's voice, they find their portal and leap back into the library. Mr. Atoz leaps to his own designated past and the Enterprise, with Kirk, Spock, and McCoy safely aboard, warps from orbit just as the sun explodes.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Al Cavens (Fop #2)

Anna Karen (Woman)

Ed Bakey (Fop #1)

Ian Wolfe (Mr. Atoz)

Johnny Haymer (Constable)

Kermit Murdock (The Prosecutor)

Mariette Hartley (Zarabeth)

Stan Barrett (The Jailer)

Written By : Jean Lisette Aroeste

Directed By : Marvin Chomsky

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Turnabout Intruder [TOS #80]

Stardate 5928.5

Dr. Janice Lester, who was once involved with Captain Kirk, harbors a deep hatred of the captain, because she, herself, has never been able to captain a starship. On their way to Beta Aurigae, the U.S.S. Enterprise receives a call for help from Camus II. The landing party finds only Janice Lester and Dr. Coleman, who claim that the everyone else was killed by celebium radiation. In fact, Janice is quite ill from it.

Unaware of Lester's feelings of hatred toward him, Kirk sits with her, recalling their days together. Kirk is suddenly trapped into a life-entity transfer with Janice. His personality is in her body, while she takes over his, finally becoming captain of a starship. Kirk, with Janice's essence, tries to kill her victim, but fails. McCoy transports Janice, with Kirk's essence, to sickbay to try and treat her illness. While Kirk, trapped in Janice's body, tries to convince everyone that he's really the captain, Janice takes control of the ship and diverts it to the Benecia Colony. There she plans to leave her body, that houses Kirk's essence, thereby eliminating all her problems.

The crew becomes suspicious of her actions and, when Spock tries to question her, she charges him with mutiny. They realize something is wrong and Janice/Kirk is relieved of duty. When the transfer weakens and finally breaks, Kirk returns to his body, as Janice's essence returns to hers. Janice makes a last attempt to hurt Kirk, then collapses. Dr. Coleman, in love with Janice, requests that he be allowed to care for her. The U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew return to their mission, with their rightful captain at the helm.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Barbara Baldavin (Lisa)

David L. Ross (Lt. Galloway)

Harry Landers (Dr. Arthur Coleman)

John Boyer (Guard)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Roger Holloway (Mr. Lemli)

Sandra Smith (Dr. Janice Lester)

Teleplay By : Arthur H. Singer

Story By : Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Herb Wallerstein

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The Motion Picture [TOS #1M]

Stardate 7412.6

In 2271 an unknown, cloud-like entity descends upon several Klingon vessels and destroys them. Having monitored the surprise attack, Federation space station Epsilon Nine is still unable to prevent itself from becoming the next victim of this vast, mysterious energy cloud.

Meanwhile, on Vulcan, Spock is preparing to undergo the rite of Kolinahr -- the achievement of total Vulcan logic -- and the purging of all remaining emotion. Just then Spock's human half stirs in response to the cloud entity, interrupting his meditation and forcing the Vulcan masters to withdraw Spock's admission to their ranks.

On Earth, the U.S.S. Enterprise is readying to investigate the cloud entity. Admiral Nogura is persuaded by Admiral James T. Kirk to hand over command of the newly refit Starship Enterprise to him, superseding the vessel's present captain, Will Decker, who is unhappy with this new situation. Arriving on board the Enterprise, Kirk requests that Dr. Leonard McCoy, retired now, be recalled into service as the starship's doctor. An unchanged, blustery Dr. McCoy comes aboard and replaces Dr. Christine Chapel, who steps down out of respect. Also on board is a Deltan navigator, Ilia, who in the past was romantically involved with Will Decker.

In a tragic accident, two crew members are killed in a transporter malfunction -- one of which was the new Vulcan science officer, Sonak.

The accident behind them, Kirk gathers much of the crew together to deliver a mission briefing, stressing the enormous power of the entity they are faced with. After a relatively uneventful departure from Earth's drydock facilities, the U.S.S. Enterprise is suddenly faced with a giant wormhole and Kirk, unfamiliar with the design of the new vessel, almost allows the wormhole to destroy the ship. The U.S.S. Enterprise escapes, however, and is hailed by a courier vessel bearing Kirk's new science officer. Overcome with joy at seeing Spock, Kirk is soon confronted with a cold, withdrawn stranger.

The starship eventually encounters the cloud-like being, yet the entity proves to be too strong, damaging the U.S.S. Enterprise on all levels and leaving the starship stricken. When Spock attempts to communicate with the cloud by sending messages of non-aggression, a probe is triggered and sent from the center of the cloud. The crew can only watch helplessly as the probe accesses the U.S.S. Enterprise's consoles and computers, accumulating data from all parts of the ship. In his attempt to stop the violation, Spock is attacked, whereupon the probe vanishes with Ilia.

The U.S.S. Enterprise is then seized by a tractor beam and pulled inside the cloud to a large chamber. Another probe, in the form of Ilia, appears and tells them that it has been sent by "V'Ger" to study the carbon-based units that "infest" the starship. Furthermore, the crew learns that V'Ger is on its way to Earth to join with its "Creator."

In an attempt to establish contact with V'Ger, Kirk trades on Decker's past association with Ilia and assigns Decker to work with the probe. The Ilia-probe tells him that the carbon-units will be patterned for data storage.

Deciding that the best method of gathering more data about V'Ger is directly from the source, Spock dons a thrust suit and leaves the ship. His incredible visual journey to the center of the cloud culminates when Spock sees images of everything that V'Ger has experienced. Spock tries to mind-meld with the life-form, but is short-circuited and barely makes it back to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Taken to sickbay, Spock informs Kirk that his mind-meld did allow him to learn that V'Ger is lonely and seeking to learn why it was created. Furthermore, it is learned that a machine planet built the cloud and craft that house V'Ger.

V'Ger arrives at Earth and signals its Creator. When there is no response, V'Ger blasts energy bolts at the planet in an attempt to rid it of all its carbon infestations. Forced to act, Kirk tells V'Ger he knows why the Creator has not answered. The Ilia-probe, interested by Kirk's remark, says it will cease its attack when Kirk explains. But Kirk replies he will answer to no one but V'Ger itself. With some trepidation, Kirk, Spock, McCoy and Decker are lead by the Ilia-probe outside the ship to the "brain" of V'Ger. At the center of the chamber, the Starfleet officers are surprised to discover that V'Ger is in reality a twentieth century Earth robot space probe. In fact, a mounted plaque looks as though it reads "Voyager 6."

Kirk and his crew discover that the probe disappeared into a black hole and emerged at the other end, crash landing on a planet inhabited by living machines. After repairing the probe, the machines then followed its programming -- observe and transmit readings to NASA. Spock deduces that these living machines interpreted those long-ago orders as "Learn all that is learnable and return that information to the Creator."

When the U.S.S. Enterprise transmits old Voyager codes, the V'Ger transmits all of its information. Then, unexpectedly, V'Ger insists that the Creator come in person to finish the sequence. When he realizes that V'Ger wants to physically merge with its Creator, Will Decker volunteers. Decker and Ilia join together and merge into a glowing, non-corporeal entity, which disappears.

The U.S.S. Enterprise crew humbly realize that a new life form has just been created. The experience has left Spock more at peace with himself and he decides not to return to Vulcan. Kirk has command of his beloved U.S.S. Enterprise and McCoy is back in charge of sickbay.

Having witnessed events suggesting that "the human adventure is just beginning," Kirk commands the starship out to space for a real shakedown cruise and future missions.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Cmdr. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Cmdr. Uhura)

Walter Koenig (Lt. Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Admiral James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bill McTosh (Klingon Crew Member)

Billy Van Zandt (Alien Boy)

Craig Thomas (Klingon Crew Member)

Dave Moordigian (Klingon Crew Member)

David Gautreaux (Cmdr. Branch)

Edna Glover (Vulcan Master)

Franklyn Seales (Crew Member)

Gary Faga (Airlock Technician)

Grace Lee Whitney (Ensign Janice Rand)

Howard Itzkowitz (Cargo Deck Ensign)

Iva Lane (Crew Member)

Jimmie Booth (Klingon Crew Member)

Joel Kramer (Klingon Crew Member)

Joel Schultz (Klingon Crew Member)

John D. Gowans (Assistant To Rand)

Jon Rashad Kamal (Cmdr. Sonak)

Joshua Gallegos (Security Officer)

Junero Jennings (Technical Assistant)

Leslie C. Howard (Yeoman)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Marcy Lafferty (Chief De Falco)

Mark Lenard (Klingon Capt.)

Michael Rougas (Lt. Cleary)

Michele Ameen Billy (Lieutenant)

Momo Yashima (Crew Member)

Norman Stuart (Vulcan Master)

Paul Weber (Vulcan Master)

Paula Crist (Crew Member)

Persis Khambatta (Lt. Ilia)
Ralph Brannen (Crew Member)
Ralph Byers (Crew Member)
Roger Aaron Brown (Epsilon Technician)
Sayra Hummel (Technical Assistant)
Stephen Collins (Capt. Willard Decker)
Susan J. Sullivan (Woman)
Terrence O'Connor (Chief Ross)
Tom Morga (Klingon Crew Member)
Tony Rocco (Klingon Crew Member)
Story By : Alan Dean Foster
Screenplay By : Harold Livingston
Directed By : Robert Wise

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The Wrath Of Khan [TOS #2M]

Stardate 8130.3

In 2285 at Starfleet Academy, Admiral Kirk is busy training new cadets. Among the cadets is Saavik, a young protege of Spock's, who feels that she has failed the Kobayashi Maru - a no-win scenario test used to evaluate potential commanders. Kirk advises the young Vulcan that all commanders at some point must face a "no-win" situation. Saavik, displaying her willingness to become a reliable commander, pilots the Enterprise out of spacedock on a routine cadet training exercise.

Meanwhile, Dr. Carol Marcus, an old love of Kirk's, and her son, David, complete the final computer simulation of the Genesis project -- a program designed to grant life where there is none -- on the space laboratory Regula I. However, Dr. Marcus is concerned that Genesis could also be used as a weapon. At the same time, the U.S.S. Reliant arrives at Ceti Alpha VI with a mission to check for signs of life on the planet, a possible test site for Genesis. Curious, Captain Terrell and Chekov beam to the surface where they are confronted by Khan Noonien Singh, the former tyrant of Earth's Eugenics Wars, exiled to the planet in 2267 by Captain Kirk. With the aid of mind-controlling Ceti eels implanted in Terrell and Chekov, Khan gains control of the Reliant.

At the Regula I space laboratory, Dr. Marcus is contacted by the Reliant and told that Ceti Alpha VI has met the conditions required for testing of the Genesis Device; the Reliant will therefore now take the Genesis Device, months before the scheduled test. Furious at this encroachment by Starfleet, Dr. Marcus contacts Kirk on the Enterprise, expressing her outrage at the Admiral and Starfleet for their militaristic intentions. Although Kirk, McCoy, Uhura and Sulu are leading a training mission for the Starfleet cadets, the crew decides to head to Regulus I to investigate Dr. Marcus' complaint. When they arrive, the Enterprise is inexplicably fired on by the Reliant. Khan finally reveals himself from the bridge of the Reliant, demanding that Kirk give him the Genesis information. Kirk pulls a brilliant bluff, allowing the Enterprise precious computer time to secretly lower the shields of the other starship. The Enterprise then damages the Reliant, forcing the captured starship to withdraw for the moment.

When Kirk and company board Regula I, the crew is shocked to find that the scientists have been tortured and killed. They follow transporter traces to the interior of the planetoid below, finding Chekov and Captain Terrell alive and seemingly well in an underground dwelling. Just then, David Marcus pulls a surprise attack on Kirk, believing the Admiral to be the cause of all of the station's trouble. Carol is then forced to reveal that Kirk is David's father. Surprised and bewildered by the sudden turn of events, Kirk and David form an uneasy truce. Carol then shows Kirk and crew the Genesis torpedo.

Unbeknownst to Kirk and the rest of the group, Terrell, still under the influence of the Ceti eels, secretly gives Khan the coordinates of the torpedo. Khan quickly beams the valuable device aboard the Reliant, then orders Terrell to assassinate Kirk. Terrell, however, cannot bring himself to kill the Admiral. Instead, Terrell turns his phaser on himself. When Chekov also resists Khan's orders, the Ceti eel exits his ear and is subsequently destroyed. Khan, thinking he is stranding Kirk and his crew on the planet,

departs Regula I. Carol Marcus then shows Kirk the Genesis cave, where an entire biosystem has been created. She explains that this amazing breakthrough means that barren planets can now be made safely habitable for colonists. Kirk, impressed but concerned for his crippled starship, regains contact with the Enterprise and has the landing party and scientists beamed aboard.

Meanwhile, a repaired Reliant under Khan's control obsessively searches for the U.S.S. Enterprise. Left without warp drive in the previous skirmish, the U.S.S. Enterprise hides in the Mutara Nebula. Kirk then deliberately goads Khan, hoping to throw the former tyrant off balance, while the rest of the crew searches for the Reliant in the static of the nebula cloud. Eventually, the U.S.S. Enterprise is successful in fatally disabling the other starship. But Khan, in his desperate hunger for revenge, arms the Genesis torpedo, knowing full well that both ships will be destroyed upon its detonation. With the Enterprise doomed without warp power, Spock suddenly enters the starship's radiation chamber to repair the warp drive. McCoy tries to stop the determined Vulcan, but Spock takes the upper hand and touches the doctor's forehead cryptically, murmuring "Remember." Just as the Genesis torpedo explodes, destroying Khan and the Reliant with it, the Enterprise zips into warp. The crew and ship have been spared, yet Spock, dying of severe radiation, has willingly given his own life.

With the Enterprise safely away, McCoy tells Kirk to come to the ship's engine room. There, a stunned Kirk must bid an emotional farewell to his dearest friend. Kirk need not mourn, says Spock, for his sacrifice was logical. "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one" he tells his captain. Spock dies, but in contrast to a new birth -- the new living star and planet formed from the nebula and Genesis. A sullen and mournful funeral is held for Spock, and, accompanied by Scotty playing "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes, Spock's coffin is sent to rest upon the new planet.

With Khan defeated, David Marcus finally makes peace with his father. Kirk and the U.S.S. Enterprise then go to Ceti Alpha V to pick up the abandoned Reliant crew, and the ship heads for Earth. Kirk, though saddened at the loss of his friend, is hopeful for the future, because as Spock once said, "there are always possibilities."

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Walter Koenig (Lt. Cmdr. Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Admiral James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bibi Besch (Dr. Carol Marcus)

David Ruprecht (Radio Voice)

Dianne Harper (Radio Voice)

Ike Eisenmann (Peter Preston)

Joel Marstan (Crew Chief)

John Vargas (Jedda)

John Winston (Mr. Kyle)

Judson Scott (Joaquim)

Kevin Sullivan (March)

Kirstie Alley (Lt. Saavik)

Marcy Vosburgh (Computer Voice)

Merritt Butrick (Dr. David Marcus)

Nicholas Guest (Cadet)

Paul Kent (Cmdr. Beach)

Paul Winfield (Capt. Clark Terrell)

Ricardo Montalban (Khan)

Russell Takaki (Madison)

Teresa E. Victor (Bridge Voice)

Story By : Harve Bennett

Jack B. Sowards

Screenplay By : Jack B. Sowards

Directed By : Nicholas Meyer

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The Search For Spock [TOS #3M]

Stardate 8210.3

As the U.S.S. Enterprise returns to spacedock for repairs following the battle with Khan in 2285, Kirk continues to mourn Spock's death. McCoy suddenly enters the Vulcan's sealed quarters, babbling incoherently. Upon reaching Earth, McCoy is hospitalized. Scotty is reassigned to the U.S.S. Excelsior and the newly formed Genesis Planet is decreed off-limits by Starfleet Command. Kirk is then informed that the U.S.S. Enterprise is to be decommissioned.

In Kirk's quarters, Sarek, Spock's father, confronts the Admiral, saying that Spock's body should have been returned to Vulcan so that his katra could have been stored in an ancient Vulcan repository on Mount Seleya. Sarek tells Kirk that he must retrieve the coffin from the Genesis planet and, since Spock performed a last-minute Vulcan mind-meld with McCoy, thus transferring his "katra" or spirit, the doctor must also return to Vulcan.

However, Starfleet refuses to allow the antiquated U.S.S. Enterprise to leave spacedock. Released from the hospital and faced with this news, McCoy tries to hire a craft to go back to the Genesis planet. He then starts a brawl and is subsequently arrested, pending further psychiatric examination. The arrest proves futile, though, when McCoy escapes with the help of Kirk, Scott, Sulu, Uhura and Chekov. The crew then beams aboard the deserted U.S.S. Enterprise. To avoid pursuit, Scotty removes an integral engine part from the U.S.S. Excelsior and, knowing that they've all probably destroyed their careers, the six friends take the U.S.S. Enterprise out for one final voyage.

Meanwhile, the Klingons have learned of the new Genesis Device and planet, and fear that it could be a new Federation weapon. Lead by the treacherous Captain Kruge, the Klingons set out to either destroy or capture the valuable device.

On board the U.S.S. Grissom, David Marcus and Lt. Saavik arrive at the Genesis Planet for scientific observation. They quickly discover a lifeform reading coming from the surface. Intrigued, the two beam to the planet's surface to find Spock's empty coffin. Tracing the lifeform reading, the two then find the living body of a child-Spock, aging with erratic rapidity but lacking a consciousness or spirit.

Suddenly, the Klingons arrive, destroying the Grissom and taking Saavik, Marcus, and the young Spock prisoner. Shortly thereafter, the U.S.S. Enterprise arrives in the Mutara Sector and is crippled by Kruge and his Klingon cohorts. With the Klingons threatening the lives of their prisoners, Kirk tries a bluff to regain control of the situation, but is unsuccessful. David Marcus is killed by the Klingon landing party. Faced with no other choice, Kirk surrenders the U.S.S. Enterprise to the Klingons, yet in a last-ditch effort to gain the upper hand, activates the starship's self-destruct mechanism. The small U.S.S. Enterprise crew then beams to the surface of the Genesis Planet, watching as their historic starship is destroyed in a streak of light, taking with it most of Kruge's nefarious crew.

Kirk and party rescue Spock and Saavik from the Klingons and learn that an unstable element used in the Genesis Device threatens the stability of the planet, which is likely to explode within minutes. One factor of this instability, however, is the rejuvenating effect it had on Spock's body. With the planet reaching critical mass, Spock finally achieves the age he was just before his death on the U.S.S. Enterprise. Kruge, still alive on the Klingon Bird-of-Prey and angry at the death of his comrades, beams down to the planet. There, he fights one-on-one with Kirk, eventually falling to his death. The U.S.S. Enterprise crew, Saavik, and Spock then escape in the Bird-of-Prey, just as the planet violently explodes, a victim of its own dangerous growth.

Under Sarek's diplomatic protection, the Klingon ship then speeds to Vulcan. Once there, the risky ceremony fal-tor-pan is performed, fusing Spock's katra, which resides in McCoy's mind, with the Vulcan's body. With the ceremony seemingly successful, a revived Spock begins the long journey of remembering his past and his friends. He questions why the Enterprise crew risked their lives and careers to rescue him. As his friend Jim reminds him, sometimes the "needs of the one outweigh the needs of the many."

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Walter Koenig (Lt. Cmdr. Pavel A. Chekov)
William Shatner (Admiral James T. Kirk)
Cast : Allan Miller (Alien In The Bar)
Bob Cummings (Klingon Gunner #1)
Branscombe Richmond (Klingon Gunner #2)
Carl Steven (Spock, Age 9)
Cathie Shirriff (Valkris)
Christopher Lloyd (Cmdr. Kruge)
Conroy Gedeon (Civilian Agent In The Bar)
Dame Judith Anderson (High Priestess T'Lar)
Dave Cadiente (Klingon Sergeant)
Douglas Allan Shanklin (Prison Guard #2)
Frank Force (Elevator Voice)
Frank Welker (Voice Of Spock's Screams)
Gary Faga (Prison Guard #1)
Grace Lee Whitney (Woman In Cafeteria)
Harve Bennett (Flight Recorder Voice)
James B. Sikking (Capt. Styles)
Jeanne Mori (Helmsman On Grissom)
Joe W. Davis (Spock, Age 25)
John Larroquette (Maltz)
Judi Durand (Space Dock Controller Voice)
Katherine Blum (Vulcan Child)
Mario Marcelino (Communications Officer On Grissom)
Mark Lenard (Ambassador Sarek)
Merritt Butrick (Dr. David Marcus)
Miguel Ferrer (First Officer On Excelsior)
Paul Sorensen (Merchantship Capt.)
Phil Morris (Trainee Foster)
Phillip Richard Allen (Capt. Esteban)
Robert Hooks (Admiral Morrow)
Robin Curtis (Lt. Saavik)
Scott McGinnis (Mr. Adventurer)
Sharon Thomas (Waitress In The Bar)
Stephen Liska (Torg)

Stephen Manley (Spock, Age 15)

Teresa E. Victor (Enterprise Computer Voice)

The Loop Group (Background Voices)

Vadia Potenza (Spock, Age 13)

Written By : Harve Bennett

Directed By : Leonard Nimoy

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The Voyage Home [TOS #4M]

Stardate 8390.0

In 2286, Kirk and company wait in self-imposed exile on Vulcan, monitoring Spock's progress as he remembers his past. On Earth, the Federation Council is urged by the Klingon Ambassador to produce Kirk for trial for his actions against the Klingons on the Genesis Planet. Ambassador Sarek denies the request to permit Kirk's extradition from Vulcan and defends Kirk before the Council. The council agrees, yet demands Kirk return to Earth to face his violation of nine Starfleet regulations. Caught between two different sides, Kirk finally decides to take the Klingon Bird-of-Prey to Earth to face the Council's charges. Spock, still suffering slightly from his fal-tor-pan, decides he must accompany his captain.

The crew arrives to find Earth in turmoil, threatened by a deep space probe that has drained all power and is vaporizing the oceans, producing a worldwide cloud cover which begins to block the sun. Because of the enormous storms ravaging the entire planet, Starfleet warns all approaching spacecraft to keep their distance.

Spock manages to identify the probe's unusual communication, which turns out to be a transmission to long-extinct humpback whales. When the probe's signal is not answered, it increases its output, causing more clouds and even more storms. Kirk and crew, orbiting the doomed planet, decide that the only way to save Earth is to time-travel back to the twentieth century, when whales still existed, and return to the present with a pair of the mammals. With any luck, then the probe's signal might be answered and Earth spared.

The crew, still piloting the Bird-of-Prey, use the slingshot effect to travel back in time. They pick up whale songs emanating from the West Coast of North America. They land the Klingon warbird in a San Francisco park, where thanks to its cloaking device, the ship is concealed from view. However, the time traveling damaged the ship's valuable dilithium crystals. The small crew then splits up, with Uhura and Chekov assigned to locate an atomic reactor for photons to recharge the ship's power, and McCoy, Scotty and Sulu ordered to create a tank in the cargo bay that will safely house a pair of whales.

Kirk and Spock, after a humorous trip through twentieth century San Francisco, locate Dr. Gillian Taylor and her mated pair of whales, George and Gracie. Due to cut-backs at the Maritime Cetacean Institute, where the whales are on exhibit, they are due to be released in the sea. Once there, Taylor fears the pair will be in danger from whale hunters. When Spock performs a Vulcan mind-meld with the whales, he learns that Gracie is pregnant. Kirk tries to convince the doctor that he's from the future and that Starfleet will take good care of her whales, but Taylor is, understandably, incredulous. Meanwhile, Chekov and Uhura have located enough photons from a reactor to complete their mission -- from the U.S.S. Enterprise CVN 65 aircraft carrier, no less. Scotty, however, can't beam both crew members back at once. Faced with a decision, Chekov sends Uhura up with the needed photon collector. Chekov is then captured and questioned by FBI agents. The Russian escapes, is chased by Marines, and eventually falls and ends up hospitalized, in critical condition.

McCoy and Scotty have concurrently arranged a trade for a large piece of Plexiglas to build a whale tank on board the Klingon ship.

Kirk finally is able to convince Gillian Taylor to help him, first in retrieving Chekov, then the whales. Joined by McCoy, the three pull off a wild rescue, springing Chekov from the hospital. With twenty-third century medical technology, McCoy is able to quickly repair Chekov's otherwise fatal condition. Kirk says goodbye to Gillian, assuring her that her whales will be safe and, what's more, will be saving the entire planet in the future. At the last second of Kirk's transport, she throws her arms around him, transporting herself to ship along with the captain.

Using the radio frequency provided by Gillian, the crew locate the whales, now at sea. Just as they are about to transport George and Gracie on board the Klingon ship, a whaler ship comes into view, threatening the two mammals. The future of Earth at stake,

the Bird-of-Prey valiantly fights off the whaler and beams up the whales, along with tons of water, to the prepared tank in their cargo bay.

Off the planet and en route to the Sun for the time-traveling slingshot maneuver, Spock makes his calculations and the ship is propelled to the twenty-third century. Arriving at Earth, the ship is rendered powerless by the probe and crash-lands in San Francisco Bay. Kirk then releases the whales and they answer the probe. Apparently satisfied, the probe retreats back into deep space once more.

With Earth safe and the storms gone, Kirk and his crew are brought before the Federation Council to be reprimanded for stealing and destroying the U.S.S. Enterprise in the rescue of Spock. Although Kirk disobeyed direct orders and violated numerous Federation laws, the Council praises the Admiral and his crew for saving Earth. And even though Kirk is "demoted" to Captain, he is given the only job he ever wanted -- the command of a starship. And the ship he is given? A new U.S.S. Enterprise, registry NCC-1701-A.

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William Shatner (Admiral James T. Kirk)

Cast : Alex Henteloff (Dr. Nichols)

Bob Sarlatte (Waiter)

Brock Peters (Admiral Cartwright)

Catherine Hicks (Dr. Gillian Taylor)

David Ellenstein (Doctor #1)

Donald W. Zautcke (Marine Lieutenant)

Eve Smith (Elderly Patient)

Everett Lee (Cafe Owner)

Grace Lee Whitney (Janice Rand)

Greg Karas (Intern #2)

James Menges (Jogger)

Jane Wiedlin (Alien Communications Officer)

Jane Wyatt (Amanda)

Jeff Lester (FBI Agent)

Jeffrey Martin (Electronic Technician)

Joe Knowland (Antique Store Owner)

Joe Lando (Shore Patrolman)

John Miranda (Garbage Man #2)

John Schuck (Klingon Ambassador)

Joseph Naradzay (Marine Sergeant)

Judy Levitt (Doctor #2)

Kirk Thatcher (Punk On Bus)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Mark Lenard (Ambassador Sarek)
Martin Pistone (Controller #2)
Michael Berryman (Starfleet Display Officer)
Michael Snyder (Starfleet Communications Officer)
Mike Brislane (Saratoga Science Officer)
Mike Timoney (Electronic Technician)
Newell Tarrant (CDO)
Nick Ramus (Saratoga Helmsman)
Phil Rubinstein (Garbage Man #1)
Raymond Singer (Young Doctor)
Richard Harder (Joe)
Robert Ellenstein (Federation President)
Robin Curtis (Lt. Saavik)
Scott DeVenney (Bob Briggs)
Teresa E. Victor (Usher)
Thaddeus Golas (Controller #1)
Tom Mustin (Intern #1)
Tony Edwards (Pilot)
Vijay Amritraj (Starship Captain)
Viola Stimpson (Lady In Tour)
Story By : Harve Bennett
Leonard Nimoy
Screenplay By : Harve Bennett
Nicholas Meyer
Peter Krikes
Steve Meerson
Directed By : Leonard Nimoy

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The Final Frontier [TOS #5M]

Stardate 8454.1

In 2287, Kirk, Spock and McCoy are enjoying shore leave on Earth at Yosemite National Park when suddenly their vacation is interrupted by an emergency call to duty by Starfleet Command. Kirk and his friends learn that the Klingon General Korrd, Romulan Caithlin Dar and Federation counsel St. John Talbot are being held hostage on the planet Nimbus III, the planet of galactic peace. The new U.S.S. Enterprise 1701-A warps to investigate the situation.

Meanwhile, on a nearby Klingon Bird-of-Prey, Captain Klaa learns of the mission of the U.S.S. Enterprise and the hated Kirk and sees an opportunity for advancement in the Klingon ranks. In an effort to intercept the U.S.S. Enterprise, he orders the ship to Nimbus III.

The U.S.S. Enterprise is the first to arrive at Nimbus III and Kirk sends a shuttlecraft and landing party to the planet's only town. It is soon discovered that the town is held by a band of scruffy colonists led by a telepathic insane Vulcan, Sybok. In addition, the

team learns that the hostage situation was just an elaborate ruse to obtain a Federation starship. Sybok believes that his destiny, the discovery of Sha Ka Ree, meaning "heaven" in Vulcan, has finally been fulfilled, but he needs a starship for transportation. Sybok forces the shuttlecraft to take his people to the U.S.S. Enterprise, where he fights with Kirk for control. Strangely, Spock has the opportunity to kill the insane Vulcan, yet he doesn't. Forced to explain his actions, Spock reveals that Sybok is his half-brother, exiled from Vulcan for choosing emotion over logic. Family relations aside, Kirk and the rest of the crew are thrown in the starship's brig.

Scotty finally helps Kirk, Spock and McCoy escape from the brig and sends an urgent message to Starfleet. Yet the message is intercepted by Vixis, Klaa's first officer.

In an effort to gain valuable followers, Sybok uses his powers to reveal to McCoy and Spock their inner-most pain, then helps each "heal." Kirk, however, refuses to allow the Vulcan to use his telepathic powers. Sybok is angered, yet he knows that he needs Kirk to pilot the U.S.S. Enterprise to "Sha Ka Ree," and thus a reluctant truce is declared.

The Enterprise sets course for the center of the galaxy, a mythical planet bound by an energy field -- the Great Barrier. Sybok and the captured crew are successful in penetrating the barrier, and find a small blue planet. Sybok takes a landing party to the planet's surface, where he suddenly calls out to God. In a blinding flash of light, an entity appears, questioning him about the U.S.S. Enterprise. When Kirk asks why a god would need to ask such mundane questions, he is stricken down with bolts of electricity. McCoy brusquely tells Sybok that he has trouble believing in a god who enjoys inflicting pain. This seems to affect Sybok, and the Vulcan slowly begins to doubt his own quest. Afraid that the entity might be let loose in the galaxy, Sybok tries to use his telepathic powers to make the creature realize its own pain. The two grapple and mysteriously disappear underground. Convinced that the entity must be destroyed at all costs, Kirk orders a photon torpedo be fired at the planet. The U.S.S. Enterprise transporter can only bring up two crewmen at a time, so Kirk sends McCoy and Spock. With Kirk left all alone on the planet's surface, the enraged being suddenly appears and tries to destroy the Captain for ruining its plans of escape, via the starship, and subsequent galactic conquest.

Just then, Captain Klaa's ship arrives and uncloaks to fire on the U.S.S. Enterprise. Spock demands that the first officer, General Korrd, pull rank and beam Kirk up to the Klingon warbird and fire upon the mysterious being. Spock transfers with Korrd to the Klingon ship in order to insure that his "suggestion" is carried out.

With Kirk saved and the evil entity destroyed, there is a reception on board the U.S.S. Enterprise to celebrate this unusual Klingon-Starfleet cooperation. Scotty and Korrd enjoy drinks while Klingons cautiously mingle with U.S.S. Enterprise crew. McCoy suggests that the Great Barrier is in place to keep the entity boxed in, not to keep others out, which implies an even greater being at work.

Having saved the galaxy yet again, the three officers return to their interrupted vacation at Yosemite.

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Walter Koenig (Lt. Cmdr. Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Beverly Hart (High Priestess)

Bill Quinn (McCoy's Father)

Charles Cooper (Korrd)

Cynthia Blaise (Amanda)

Cynthia Gouw (Caithlin Dar)

David Warner (St. John Talbot)

George Murdock (God)

Harve Bennett (Starfleet Chief Of Staff)

Jonathan Simpson (Young Sarek)

Laurence Luckinbill (Sybok)
Melanie Shatner (Yeoman)
Rex Holman (J'onn)
Spice Williams (Vixis)
Steve Susskind (Pitchman)
Todd Bryant (Capt. Klaa)
Story By : David Loughery
Harve Bennett
William Shatner
Screenplay By : David Loughery
Directed By : William Shatner

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The Undiscovered Country [TOS #6M]

Stardate 9521.6

Following the violent explosion of an energy production facility on the Klingon moon of Praxis, the collapse of the Klingon Empire is considered imminent. In 2293, the United Federation of Planets decides that this is the opportunity to finally negotiate a true, lasting peace with the Klingons. Chancellor Gorkon, the leader of the Klingon High Council, immediately heads towards Federation space for the proposed peace conference.

Captain Spock suggests that the U.S.S. Enterprise be Gorkon's escort, forcing Kirk, who still harbors deep resentment for the brutal death of his son at the hands of the Klingons, to meet the Chancellor's ship. The two ships rendezvous peacefully and are proceeding towards the conference when the U.S.S. Enterprise suddenly appears to fire on the Klingon ship; Federation-uniformed men beam to the ship and mortally wound Gorkon. After beaming over to the Klingon ship with Kirk to lend assistance, Doctor McCoy is unable to save Gorkon's life. McCoy is arrested, along with Kirk, for the murder. After a quick trial before the Klingon High Council, the two men are sentenced to imprisonment on a Klingon penal colony. Unknown to the Klingons, however, is that prior to Kirk's beam-out from the Enterprise, a quick-thinking Spock surreptitiously attached a homing patch to the back of Kirk's uniform.

On Rura Penthe, the ice-cold Klingon penal planet, Kirk and McCoy meet a Chameloid, Martia, who approaches the pair with an escape plan. The proposed plan, however, turns out to be an elaborate ruse designed to lure Kirk and McCoy into the open, where they can be killed as escapees.

Arriving in the nick of time, the U.S.S. Enterprise tracks Kirk's homing signal and rescues the two officers just before they are killed by the colony's nefarious prison warden. Safely aboard, Kirk and McCoy decide to avoid contact with Starfleet while they work to figure out what happened to the Klingon Chancellor's ship and to identify Gorkon's true killer. They are assisted in this investigation by Captain Hikaru Sulu, commander of the U.S.S. Excelsior.

Meanwhile, Gorkon's daughter, Azetbur, works to continue her father's plan of peace with the Federation, putting her life in serious danger. Learning of this, Kirk and Spock become convinced that there is an organized conspiracy behind the assassination intended to prevent the peace. They set a trap for the suspected conspirators on the U.S.S. Enterprise. Ultimately, Lieutenant Valeris, a promising young Vulcan protege of Spock's is revealed to be one of the leaders of the dissident movement. When Spock performs a Vulcan mind-meld with Valeris, he finds that both Federation and Klingon conspirators are in league against the proposed peace.

The Federation ships proceed to the location of the conference, at Khitomer, but before landing parties are able to beam down both the U.S.S. Enterprise and the U.S.S. Excelsior are attacked by an invisible vessel -- one capable of firing while remaining cloaked. The audio transmissions of the vessel identify it as Klingon General Chang's Bird-of-Prey, an unknown prototype. Faced with an unstoppable new form of technology, the two starships sustain considerable damage. Racing against time, equipment on the U.S.S. Enterprise usually used for studying gaseous anomalies is fitted into a photon torpedo. Using some new technology of their own, the U.S.S. Enterprise tracks the cloaked Bird-of-Prey and destroys it.

With the orbiting Klingon threat gone and Valeris apprehended, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew arrives at the peace talks just in time to prevent the planned assassination of the President of the United Federation of Planets. The conference continues, and the first steps are taken towards peace between the Klingon Empire and the Federation.

The U.S.S. Enterprise is recalled by Starfleet Command for decommissioning, but Kirk, in typical fashion, indulges himself and takes the ship out for one last voyage before passing the baton to a new generation of explorers destined "to boldly go where no one has gone before."

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Walter Koenig (Lt. Cmdr. Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Angelo Tiffe (Excelsior Navigator)

Boris Krutonog (Helmsman Lojur)

Brett Porter (General Stec)

Brock Peters (Admiral Cartwright)

Carlos Cestero (Munitions Man)

Christian Slater (Excelsior Communications Officer)

Christopher Plummer (General Chang)

Clifford Shegog (Klingon Officer)

Darryl Henriques (Nanclus)

David Orange (Sleepy Klingon)

David Warner (Chancellor Gorkon)

Douglas Engalla (Prisoner at Rura Penthe)

Edward Clements (Young Crewman)

Grace Lee Whitney (Janice Rand)

Iman (Martia)

Jeremy Roberts (Excelsior Officer)

Jim Boeke (First Klingon General)

John Bloom (Behemoth Alien)

John Schuck (Klingon Ambassador)

Judy Levitt (Military Aide)

Katie Jane Johnston (Martia as a Child)

Kim Cattrall (Lt. Valeris)

Kurtwood Smith (Federation President)

Leon Russom (Chief In Command)

Mark Lenard (Sarek)

Matthias Hues (Klingon General #2)

Michael Bofshever (Excelsior Engineer)

Michael Dorn (Klingon Defense Attorney)

Michael Snyder (Crewman Dax)

Paul Rossili (Brigadier Kerla)

Rene Auberjonois (Col. West)

Robert Easton (Klingon Judge)

Rosana DeSoto (Azetbur)

Shakti (ADC)

Todd Bryant (Klingon Translator)

Tom Morga (The Brute)

W. Morgan Sheppard (Klingon Cmdr.)

Story By : Lawrence Konner

Leonard Nimoy

Mark Rosenthal

Screenplay By : Denny Martin Flinn

Nicholas Meyer

Directed By : Nicholas Meyer

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More Tribbles, More Troubles [TAS #1]

Stardate 5392.4

While returning to a famine-ridden Sherman's planet with a cargo of quintotriticale, the U.S.S. Enterprise encounters a Klingon warship, commanded by Captain Koloth, who is detaining the trader Cyrano Jones. Kirk rescues Jones from the Klingon vessel and discovers him to be carrying a new breed of tribbles which have been genetically altered to slow their reproductive process. However, these tribbles are unable to resist the cargo of quintotriticale the U.S.S. Enterprise is carrying. The U.S.S. Enterprise crew soon realizes that the consumption causes the tribbles to grow to a tremendous size. So much so, that Jones' tribble-eating glommer is unable to devour them.

The Klingons return and demand that Kirk hand over Jones, accusing Jones of stealing the glommer from them. Instead of handing Jones over to the Klingons, Kirk returns the animal along with some of the tribbles.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

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James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : David Gerrold (Korax)

James Doohan (Capt. Koloth)

Stanley Adams (Cryano Jones)

Written By : David Gerrold

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The Infinite Vulcan [TAS #2]

Stardate 5554.4

While visiting the recently discovered planet Phylos, the U.S.S. Enterprise landing party discovers an apparently abandoned city. While exploring the city Sulu picks up a plant and is poisoned. As the landing party tries to save Sulu, the alien species that inhabit the planet approach and save Sulu's life. Upon further investigation of the alien creatures, who are plantlike beings called Phylosians, the crew discovers that the poison that affected Sulu was accidentally brought to the planet by a visitor who subsequently worked to find a cure. The Phylosians call this visitor "Master" and "Savior".

The landing party eventually discover that this visitor was actually a Terran scientist by the name of Dr. Starros Keniclius who has since died. Now a giant clone of Dr. Starros Keniclius, by the name of Keniclius Five, has taken his place. The giant wishes to clone Spock to create an intergalactic peacemaker. Ignoring Kirk's insistence that the Universe has become a virtually peaceful conglomeration of worlds, Keniclius Five clones Spock, crippling the Vulcan almost to the point of death. Kirk realizes the only way to save Spock is to recite aspects of Vulcan philosophy on life and death to Keniclius Five. Kirk convinces the clone that the new Spock is but a copy and not the original. The clone Spock saves the other's life through a Vulcan mind meld and the duplicate remains on the planet with Keniclius to revitalize that world's civilization.

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James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Agmar / Keniclius 5 / Lt. Arex)

Written By : Walter Koenig

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Yesteryear [TAS #3]

Stardate 5373.4

By using the Guardian of Forever, Kirk, Spock, and the historian Erikson explore the planet Orion's past. However, upon returning to the present, no one seems to recognize Mr. Spock; the U.S.S. Enterprise first officer for the past five years has been an Andorian named Thelin. A search of the U.S.S. Enterprise's memory bank reveals that Spock, the son of Sarek and Amanda died while still a child; his death caused the couple to breakup.

Spock recalls that during his "kahn-wan" -- a Vulcan coming-of-age ritual -- Selek, Spock's distant cousin, had saved his life. Spock realizes that to put the present right again he must return to the past and become his own cousin to save himself.

Returning to the Vulcan of his childhood through the Guardian, Spock presents himself to his younger self as Selek, and subsequently saves the boy's life. In the process young Spock's pet "sehlat" is mortally injured. The boy chooses to compassionately end his pet's suffering and in doing so sets the young half-human, half-Vulcan on a path toward embracing Vulcan traditions. Upon returning to the present, Spock finds the timeline and his place on the U.S.S. Enterprise restored.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (The Healer / Thelin)

Keith Sutherland (Sepek)

Majel Barrett (Amanda / Grey)

Mark Lenard (Sarek)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

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Beyond The Farthest Star [TAS #4]

Stardate 5521.3

Responding to radio emissions near the edge of the known universe, the U.S.S. Enterprise is dragged off course by Questar M-17, an imploded negative star mass. The Enterprise manages to establish itself in orbit around Questar M-17 and encounters a strange starship inhabited by an evil shapeless alien. Further investigation reveals that the ship's engineers had failed to remove the creature before attempting to destroy their own vessel. Eventually, the creature takes control of the Enterprise. Kirk and Spock devise a plan to steer the U.S.S. Enterprise toward Questar M-17, tricking the creature into believing that the Enterprise will be destroyed. The creature flees for its life while the Enterprise frees itself from Questar's gravity pull by employing the slingshot effect, leaving the creature to orbit forever around the star.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : John Winston (Lt. Kyle)

Written By : Samuel A. Peeples

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The Survivor [TAS #5]

Stardate 5143.3

Near the Romulan/Federation neutral zone, a long-lost philanthropist, Carter Winston, is discovered on board a damaged one-man vessel. He is reunited with his fiancée, Lieutenant Anne Nored, on board the Enterprise. Immediately following their reunion, Winston tells her that he has changed and can no longer marry her. The Enterprise computer reveals that Winston is actually a shape-shifting Vendorian. Winston eventually takes the Captain's form and orders Sulu to steer the Enterprise into the Neutral Zone. Kirk discovers the ruse and orders the ship out of the Neutral Zone.

Romulan ships, having been advised of the breach of the Neutral Zone, surround the Enterprise. The Vendorian, disguised as an Enterprise crewman, damages the deflector shield, which requires two hours to repair. Later, the creature reveals his identity to Nored, explaining that her former fiancée is dead but since he had absorbed so many emotions from human males, he indeed can love her.

The Romulans proceed to attack the U.S.S. Enterprise. Realizing that he has put his love in jeopardy by destroying the ship's shields, the shape-shifter forms himself into a deflector shield around the ship. After the Romulans retreat, the Vendorian reveals that he is a spy for the Romulan Empire, but he could not allow Nored to die in battle. Kirk informs him that he will stand trial but his efforts to save the ship will be considered. Nored tells him that he is much like her former lover and that he will enjoy life on Earth, perhaps even together with her.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Gabler / Romulan Cmdr.)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Lt. M'Ress)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Anne Nored)

Ted Knight (Carter Winston / Vendorian)

Written By : James Schmerer

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The Lorelei Signal [TAS #6]

Stardate 5483.7

The Enterprise enters an uncharted sector of space where Federation and Klingon vessels have been reported missing every 27 years. While in the Taurean system signals begin to affect the male crew, causing them to hallucinate about beautiful women in peaceful surroundings. Kirk, Spock, and McCoy beam down to the source of the signals. After arriving on the planet they are taken prisoner and rendered unconscious by a group of beautiful, golden skinned women. Scotty takes command of Enterprise but begins to act peculiar himself.

Upon waking, Kirk, Spock, and McCoy discover that they are aging rapidly as a result of life-draining headbands they are forced to wear. McCoy administers cortropine to counter the aging process while Spock, having obtained a communicator, unsuccessfully tries to contact the ship.

On board the Enterprise, Uhura has taken command due to Scotty's irrational behavior, while Nurse Chapel acts as Chief Medical Officer. Uhura orders an all-female landing party to transport down to rescue the men. The siren women explain to them that they had fled from a dying planet only to arrive on Taurus II where they encountered the life-draining force. The women developed a biological resistance to the force, effective only if they can replenish their own life-force every 27 years. Thus they capture men to drain their energy. The landing party eventually beams the male landing party back up to the ship just in time to replenish their life-force. Kirk agrees to transport the women to a safe world where they will again prosper.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Bruce Watson (Crewman Green)

James Doohan (Lt. Arex)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Theela)

Nichelle Nichols (Dara / Security Officer Davison)

Written By : Margaret Armen

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One Of Our Planets Is Missing [TAS #7]

Stardate 5371.3

The Enterprise crew learns that a massive, planet-destroying extragalactic entity has entered Federation space and threatens every planet in the galaxy. The starship intercepts the gaseous form in an inhabited planetary sector. Almost immediately the cloud envelops the planet Alondra, breaking it into small pieces in seconds. The cloud proceeds on a direct course for planet Mantilles, inhabited by nearly 100 million people. Due to its proximity to the cloud, the Enterprise is pulled inside and is threatened by an antimatter barrage.

The ship's shields barely hold together while Spock discovers that the cloud is a living entity with a brain. He also discovers that they can escape through the top of the entity if they act quickly. The Enterprise travels through the creature's body while antimatter continues to drain the ship's power. Scotty, however, is able to create a power regeneration system by using part of the entity's body. Kirk realizes that the only way to save the planet may be to kill the creature by exploding the Enterprise while inside. Instead, Spock mind-melds with the cloud and allows the creature to see glimpses of human life. The creature comes to understand that its food -- planets -- contains living creatures. The cloud allows the Enterprise to leave peacefully and agrees to depart the galaxy.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex)

Written By : Marc Daniels

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Mudd's Passion [TAS #8]

Stardate 4978.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise receives orders to find Harry Mudd, a Federation outlaw, on the planet Motherlode; Mudd is accused of selling a fake love potion to miners. Upon the U.S.S. Enterprise's arrival, Mudd demonstrates the potion on a woman who Spock discovers to actually be a reptilian illusion. Angered by this the miners begin to attack Mudd, but he is rescued by the U.S.S. Enterprise. Aboard ship, and after convincing Nurse Chapel to try the potion on Spock, Mudd steals a shuttlecraft. When Chapel discovers that the potion doesn't actually work, she becomes bitter and sets out to confront Mudd. During a fight between Mudd and Chapel, special love crystals are broken near an air vent and permeate throughout the ship.

Without warning, the delayed potion begins to affect Spock. Shortly, the potion begins to affect the entire crew. Spock becomes so enamored with Chapel that he will do anything to rescue her. Kirk accompanies him to find Mudd, but are attacked on the planet by large rock creatures. Unable to transport to the vessel because of the potion's affect on the crew, Kirk uses the crystals to make the creatures become docile and loving. Eventually the potion wears off and the crew beam everyone back to the ship, but then the potion's after effects cause hatred and animosity among the crew. Mudd is placed in the brig, where he confesses to other con jobs and is once again sent away for rehabilitation.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel / Lora / Lt. M'Ress)

Roger C. Carmel (Harcourt Fenton Mudd)

Written By : Stephen Kandel

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The Magicks Of Megas-Tu [TAS #9]

Stardate 1254.4

While investigating the theory of creation, the Enterprise is caught inside an energy/matter tornado and pulled to the center of the galaxy. All computer systems fail and the crew begins to lose consciousness when a devil-like creature named Lucien appears on the bridge. The creature repairs the ship's systems and takes the crew to explore his planet, Megas-Tu, but almost immediately returns them to the ship.

The crew begin to experiment with magic after the encounter, much to Spock's dismay. The Megans begin to take notice of the crew and return to the ship in phantasm form. They return the Enterprise bridge crew to their planet in a witch-hunt trial where Lucien is accused of bringing evil to Megas-Tu.

Spock and Kirk defend the crew and Lucien, but their arguments fail and Kirk is forced to use his new magic against the prosecutor. Kirk explains that the Megans can only win if they become like the Earthlings they fear. Kirk then tells the jury that he will give his own life for an alien's rights, which impresses the Megans. They learn that Lucien was the basis for Earth's original conception of the devil, and the Megans, realizing that the Enterprise's visit to their dimension was an accident, help the crew to return to their galaxy.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lucien / Megan Prosecutor)

Written By : Larry Brody

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The Time Trap [TAS #10]

Stardate 5267.2

While exploring the Delta Triangle, where many starships have disappeared, the Enterprise is attacked by several Klingon vessels. During the fight, the Enterprise and a Klingon ship slip into a space-time warp where a starship graveyard is discovered to hold ships from all over the galaxy. The Klingon ship fires at the Enterprise but the torpedo is neutralized and the two ships captains are brought to a trial by the inhabitants of this dimension, called Elysia. The council is made up of all races from across the universe and lead by a Vulcan, Xerius. He explains that no one has been able to escape from this area, so the descendants of the crews have learned to co-exist in a peaceful state. Violence is not permitted and all weaponry is immediately neutralized.

Scotty discovers that the timewarp is disintegrating the Enterprise's dilithium crystals, and insists that they must leave the trap soon or they will be powerless. The Klingons agree to link ships and cooperate by sharing warp power and personnel to escape. However, Spock learns that the Klingon Captain, Kor, wants to destroy the Enterprise when they break free of the time warp by using a specially calibrated explosive device in the warp drive. The Enterprise and Klingon crew celebrate their impending escape but when a Klingon slips away to plant the explosive, Kirk stops her and diffuses the bomb. The two ships leave the timewarp and separate, with Kor claiming full credit for saving the two vessels.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Gabler)

John Colicos (Capt. Kor)

Written By : Joyce Perry

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Slaver Weapon [TAS #11]

Stardate 4187.3

In the shuttlecraft Copernicus, Spock, Uhura, and Sulu are en-route to Starbase 25 to deliver a stasis box -- a rare artifact of the Slaver culture -- which stops time inside so any object can last forever. The now-extinct Slavers used these objects to carry weapons, valuables, and other scientific instruments and data. The boxes can detect each other and evidence shows that another device is located nearby. Spock begins to investigate. The shuttle lands on an ice planet where hostile Kzinti lie in ambush with an empty stasis box. The Kzinti once controlled the entire empire but now are bound to keeping peace. However, many Kzinti still take part in raiding Federation shipping and seek Slaver weapons to regain control of their empire.

The Kzinti take the shuttle crew hostage in an effort to take the box and its contents. The Kzinti leader obtains the weapon, but while tampering with it he enables the crew to escape. Spock steals back the weapon, but Uhura is recaptured. After Sulu creates an explosion with the weapon, it is recaptured by the Kzinti, who are killed when the device self-destructs.

Crew : George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Written By : Larry Niven

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The Jihad [TAS #12]

Stardate 5683.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at the Vedala asteroid, where Kirk and Spock are summoned to learn about a stolen religious artifact that could ignite a galaxy-wide holy war, a jihad. A team of specialists are called in to recover the item with Kirk and Spock: Tchar -- the hereditary prince of the Skorr, Sord -- a powerful reptilian, a master lockpick -- Em/3/Green, and Lara -- a great hunter.

The Vedalan tells the team that the artifact dates back two centuries, when Tchar's people were fighters and a religious leader, Alar, came to teach fundamentals of peace. Alar's brain patterns were preserved in the sculpture, the "Soul of the Skorr." Now the device has been stolen and is hidden on the very unstable "mad planet." The Vedala transports the group to the planet where they encounter harsh weather, quakes, volcanic lava flow, and severe winds. After barely escaping a lava river, the team finds itself nearing a position that Tchar had originally spotted from the air.

Tchar flies ahead to investigate the fortress in which the object is kept. Meanwhile, Kirk and Lara scout ahead to explore the terrain. Rejoining the group, they head for the fortress on foot to rendezvous with Tchar. Upon reaching the structure, Em/3/Green picks the lock, but the team is attacked by a group of mechanical birds who are protecting the building. They narrowly make it inside and after surviving a set of traps, they find the sculpture, but conclude that it must have been Tchar who originally stole the object. Tchar admits his treachery, saying that his people have become a docile race, and the ensuing war will make them great again. Tchar tells them that their mission must always remain secret so that no one will learn about the treachery. Kirk and Spock return to the U.S.S. Enterprise noting that, remarkably, only two minutes had passed since they beamed to the asteroid.

Crew : George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : David Gerrold (3/Em/Green)

Written By : Stephen Kandel

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The Ambergris Element [TAS #13]

Stardate 5499.9

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives to study the planet Argo -- a water-based planet where earthquakes caused the land masses to sink -- for the benefit of other Federation worlds that will encounter similar quakes. The crew lands in a specially designed aqua-shuttle but is immediately attacked by a sea monster and Kirk and Spock become trapped in the monster's grip.

Five days later, McCoy, Scott, and Lt. Clayton find the missing officers; they have been transformed into water breathers by the monster. Kirk and Spock explore the submerged Argo and find a group of inhabitants who hate any air-breathers. Hesitantly, the Aquans agree to perform surgery to return Kirk and Spock to normal, but when Scotty dives down to warn of an impending quake, they become fearful of air-breathing spies. Kirk and Spock are deemed treacherous and are sentenced to death. Rila, a water breather, agrees to help them if they will in turn help him find a buried city and a way to reverse the mutation.

They are successful and obtain the necessary medicine to help Kirk and Spock, but Kirk nearly dies from the vaccination. In orbit, the U.S.S. Enterprise uses its phasers to hit the uninhabited sections of the planet in an attempt to move the quake's epicenter away from the Aquan city. Grateful for saving their lives, the young Aquans make their records available to the Federation and decide to use the new found medicine to reverse their water-breathing mutations and resume life above ground.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex)

Written By : Margaret Armen

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Once Upon A Planet [TAS #14]

Stardate 5591.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise returns to the amusement planet where the crew had once taken shore leave. The crew begin imagining their fantasies when things go wrong: McCoy envisions a southern Earth plantation, but instead the Queen of Hearts appears screaming "Off with his head!" followed by the arrival of a spear throwing deck of cards. When Uhura tries to rescue McCoy, she is captured by a hovercraft robot. McCoy informs Kirk of the dangerous situation, whereupon all crew members are recalled to the starship.

Realizing that Uhura is still trapped on the planet, Kirk attempts to contact the planet's Keeper. Kirk's landing party discovers the Keeper's tombstone, and notices that the planet, lacking the Keeper's influence, has become a dangerous world run by robots. The robots begin to pester the crew and the orbiting Enterprise.

Deep underground, Uhura tries to outwit the planet's master computer, while Kirk and Spock trick it into allowing them passage into the inner caves. The crew convince the computer of its usefulness as a peaceful and creative conscience and it ends the malfunctions on the planet and starship. While the crew returns to enjoy their shore leave, Spock continues discussions with the master computer.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Gabler / Lt. Arex)

Majel Barrett (Lt. M'Ress)

Nichelle Nichols (Alice In Wonderland)

Written By : Chuck Menville

Len Jenson

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The Terratin Incident [TAS #15]

Stardate 5577.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise receives a garbled message while exploring the dead supernova, Arachna. The only comprehensible portion of the signal, which emanates from the star Cepheus, is the word "terratin." Upon investigation the U.S.S. Enterprise encounters a planet of crystalline structure, barraged by volcanic activity. While in orbit, a flash of light passes through the ship, paralyzing the crew.

Then the crew begins to realize that all organic matter on the ship is shrinking; all body molecules are degenerating. Spock calculates that in a matter of minutes the entire crew will stand centimeters tall. By using man-made ladders, the crew gets to the bridge consoles and use their collective strength to press the transporter buttons. Kirk transports to the planet's surface and immediately grows to full size, since the transporter can change all matter to previously detailed size and shape. While on the planet, Kirk encounters a miniature city, but is shortly beamed back to the ship by the transporter's automatic settings.

Upon returning, he discovers that his crew has been transported off the ship to the planet surface. Kirk threatens the miniature city, demanding the crew's return. The leader informs Kirk that the lightning attack was the only way to get the attention of the starship, because their city is being threatened by volcanic activity. Spock discovers the Terratin natives to be mutated descendants of a missing scientific expedition; the survivors had named the planet Terra 10. The crew is transported back to the ship, but since the Terratins cannot be restored to their original size, they and their entire city are beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to be taken to a more stable planet.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex / Mendant)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Written By : Paul Schneider

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The Eye Of The Beholder [TAS #16]

Stardate 5501.2

The disappearance of a scientific team lures the U.S.S. Enterprise to investigate near Lactra VII. The Starship Ariel is located there, abandoned, with the Captain having transported to the planet's surface. The U.S.S. Enterprise crew beams down to discover a series of unusually juxtaposed environments. On the planet the crew meets the Lactrans, a group of twenty foot slugs with intelligent capacities far beyond their own; they capture the U.S.S. Enterprise crew and imprison them along with the three remaining Ariel crew members. Ariel's Lieutenant Randolph has become ill, but the Lactrans are unaware, as their methods of communication are highly sophisticated.

Spock can partially read the Lactran thoughts; he realizes that they are much more advanced than Vulcans and they are amused by his attempts at communication. Spock tricks a Lactran child to bring him a communicator and medical kit that are located outside a force field. Kirk contacts the ship and they are beamed up along with the child. On the starship, the child reads all the information contained in the library computer, but the child's parents are worried and almost kill Kirk in an attempt to contact him. Scotty beams down with the child, who learns that humans are not pets for Lactran amusement. The child informs the other Lactrans, who release the crew from confinement and the ships leaves with a message from the Lactrans -- "humans may return when they grow up, in 20 or 30 centuries."

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex / Lt. Cmdr. Tom Markel)

Majel Barrett (Randi Bryce)

Written By : David P. Harmon

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Bem [TAS #17]

Stardate 7403.6

The U.S.S. Enterprise is hosting Commander Ari bn Bem of planet Pandro as an independent observer of the Federation. Starfleet is eager to open diplomatic relations with the Pandronians, due to their advanced medical knowledge. Though he has not joined the crew on previous missions, Bem accompanies a landing party to explore Delta Theta III and, due to his non-violent nature, secretly replaces their weapons with non-functioning ones.

The planet is populated by preindustrial aborigines; the Federation is interested in gathering information about the world for research purposes. While walking through the dense terrain, the crew scans lifeforms emanating from the forest and Bem immediately runs toward them against direct orders. Bem passes through the thick rain forest by splitting into several body parts and floating through the cracks. Kirk and Spock split off but are unable to track Bem through the dense woods. They later discover that he has been captured by a group of angry aborigines.

Scott and Sulu beam back to the U.S.S. Enterprise and discover a force field developing around the small village, but they cannot contact Kirk or Spock. At night, Kirk and Spock attempt to rescue Bem from the natives but are also captured. Bem explains that he took Starfleet equipment because he dislikes violence and wanted to see how the captain could react without such devices. He returns the devices to Kirk and Spock, who manage escape only to be paralyzed by a supernatural force surrounding the area.

The entity tells them not to interfere with her "children," the people of this world. Bem escapes and Kirk and Spock are again captured. The entity demands that they leave immediately but Kirk tells Spock that they cannot leave without Bem. They arrange a search party to beam down, now that the entity has permitted communications. Bem is found and he realizes that he has failed in his mission and must die. The entity tells him he will not be killed because people must learn from their errors. The crew returns to the ship, where Spock ponders the existence of such a God-like entity and how they are all really children to the universe.

Crew : George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)
James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)
Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)
Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)
William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)
Cast : James Doohan (Cmdr. Ari bn Bem / Lt. Arex)
Majel Barrett (Lt. M'Ress)
Written By : David Gerrold

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Albatross [TAS #18]

Stardate 5275.6

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at Dramia I to deliver medical supplies when Dr. McCoy is arrested for mass slaughter and imprisoned. Nineteen years prior, the doctor had created an inoculation program for a Saurian virus on Dramia II, but immediately following his departure a plague virtually wiped out the entire population.

Kirk, aware of the swift Dramian justice system, worries about McCoy's future while McCoy thinks that the plague may have been his fault. Kirk and Spock begin an investigation into the plague and realize they must go to Dramia II to draw some conclusions. En route, they are pursued by Demos, the Dramian head of security. The U.S.S. Enterprise entraps the Dramian ship and holds it impounded. Forcing Demos to accompany them, the ship passes through an orbiting aurora and the three beam down to the planet.

On the planet, they pursue a plague survivor, Kol-Tai. When they finally catch up to him, he tells them of McCoy's courage and ability to save the Dramians from the virus, nineteen years ago. Kol-Tai agrees to testify of McCoy's behalf, but the crew must return to Dramia I quickly or it will be too late.

Complicating matters, Kol-Tai brings the plague on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, and infects the entire crew, except an immune Spock. Kol-Tai may not live long enough to testify, while Demos still believes McCoy guilty but has himself contracted the fatal disease. Spock illegally breaks McCoy out of prison to cure the plague on the U.S.S. Enterprise. On board McCoy discovers that he is innocent and that the aurora recently encountered is the actual cause of the plague. By using blood samples from the infected, McCoy cures the plague and shares the information with the Dramians. Demos and the Dramian government agrees to dismiss the unorthodox jailbreak and drop the charges.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)
Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)
William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)
Cast : James Doohan (Kol-tai / Supreme Prefect)
Written By : Dario Finelli

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The Pirates Of Orion [TAS #19]

Stardate 6334.1

A dreaded disease, choriocytosis, strikes the U.S.S. Enterprise. All except Spock are cured, as the illness is fatal only to Vulcans. With the starship on course to a Starfleet Academy dedication ceremony on Deneb V, Spock realizes that he has as little as three days to live. The cure for the disease is strobolin, which is found on only a few worlds in the galaxy, the closest of which, Beta Canopus, is four days away.

The U.S.S. Potemkin obtains the drug and transports it to the U.S.S. Huron, en route to the Enterprise. Without warning, the U.S.S. Huron is attacked by a vessel of Orion designation; the drug and a cargo of dilithium crystals are stolen. The U.S.S. Enterprise encounters the Orion ship in a volatile asteroid field by detecting the dilithium crystals in the ship's cargo bay. Kirk attempts to negotiate for the drug in exchange for not mentioning the stolen dilithium crystals, but the Orions' suspect a ruse. Kirk agrees to meet the Orion captain on an asteroid knowing that it might be a trap, but worth the risk for Spock's life.

The Orion captain arrives carrying a bomb capable of destroying the entire asteroid but Scotty beams the explosive to the U.S.S. Enterprise and discharges it. Scotty then beams up the two captains and forces the Orion captain to stand trial for piracy. With the medicine in hand, Spock is saved.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex)

Majel Barrett (Christine Chapel)

Written By : Howard Weinstein

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The Practical Joker [TAS #20]

Stardate 3183.3

While studying an asteroid, the U.S.S. Enterprise is attacked by three Romulan vessels which claim that the Federation ship has trespassed into Romulan space. The U.S.S. Enterprise hides from the Romulans in a gaseous energy field to avoid the close range barrage from the war ships.

The gas from the cloud enters the Enterprise's computer systems and affects the functions of the computer. When the ship leaves for repairs the computer proceeds to play practical jokes on the crew by altering various ship functions, so that drinks leak and silverware bends. Spock is humiliated by his own microscope, and Scott is pelted with fruits and pies from a food dispenser. The crew discover the source of the jokes when outrageous laughter is heard over the intercom. Sulu, McCoy and Uhura are trapped in a recreation room and Scott is unable to fix the logic circuits because gravity has been shut off. Life support systems are replaced by laughing gas, which causes pain to Vulcans.

The ship returns itself to the neutral zone, thereby inciting a Romulan attack. The ship then plays a practical joke on the Romulans by creating a balloon-shaped like the U.S.S. Enterprise. Kirk tricks the ship back into the energy field, which is followed closely by the Romulans. While in the energy field the computer is returned to normal but the Romulan vessel begins to be affected by the same symptoms. Kirk decides to wait a bit before telling the Romulans how to remove their practical joker.

Crew : George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex / Romulan Cmdr.)

Majel Barrett (Lt. M'Ress)

Written By : Chuck Menville

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How Sharper Than A Serpent's Tooth [TAS #21]

Stardate 6063.4

A mysterious probe that scanned a Federation system and sent a signal into outer space is pursued by the U.S.S. Enterprise, which follows its propulsion trail to see if it can catch the probe. While tracking the probe, the Enterprise encounters an alien vessel that is surrounded by a magnificent energy field which proceeds to encompass the Federation ship. The alien ship transforms itself into the shape of a large feathered serpent which reveals itself as Kulkukan of ancient Mayan-Aztec legend. Upset over being forgotten by Earthlings, Kulkukan transports Kirk, Scott, McCoy, and Ensign Dawson Walking Bear to his ship to solve an enigmatic puzzle. If they succeed, Kulkukan will reveal himself. If they fail, the crew will all perish.

The four crew members are transported to an Earth-like city filled with many cultures and must force a light source to strike a certain space on an ancient pyramid. When they accomplish the task, Kulkukan appears as the winged serpent, alleging to be their master. Transported to an ominous "life-room," the crew members notice a variety of creatures from around the galaxy, including the ferocious, but now peaceful, Capellan power-cat. Kirk explains that they cannot accept Kulkukan as their master, despite his contributions to mankind.

On the U.S.S. Enterprise, Spock discovers a way to break the energy field surrounding the ship, distracting Kulkukan from the other crewmen. The men release the animals from their cages, thereby creating a chaos which Kulkukan is unable to control. The power-cat traps Kulkukan and prepares to kill him; Kulkukan is forced to reveal himself as a mortal. Kirk saves Kulkukan and thus teaches him a valuable lesson about human survival. Kulkukan leaves as an old, broken mortal, and Kirk decides that the price of infinite knowledge is too high to pay.

Crew : DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : James Doohan (Kulkukan / Lt. Arex)

Written By : David Wise

Russell Bates

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The Counter-Clock Incident [TAS #22]

Stardate 6770.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise is escorting Commodore Robert April and his wife Dr. Sarah April, the first captain and chief medical officer of the U.S.S. Enterprise, to Commodore April's retirement ceremonies on Babel. While en route, an alien vessel passes the U.S.S. Enterprise at warp 36 toward heading directly into the Beta Niobe nova. Locking onto the alien ship with the tractor beam, the U.S.S. Enterprise is dragged along, unable to break free; both ships fall into the nova and arrive in an antimatter universe where time flows backwards.

The alien ship's pilot, Karla Five, is an explorer from the reverse universe who accidentally became lost in our universe. He leads the U.S.S. Enterprise to his home world of Arret to help find a way back into normal space. On Arret, the crew encounter an old man, who is Karla Five's son, and a baby, his father. The crew begin to notice that they too are getting younger as they remain in the negative universe.

In time they discover a dead star that corresponds to the nova in the positive universe; it is the gateway for the U.S.S. Enterprise's return. Though Karla Five's ship is strong enough to pull the starship through the nova, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew is now too young to pilot it. Commodore April, now a young handsome man, takes command of the ship steering it back through the nova. Using the transporter, April restores the crew to their proper age. The Aprils consider remaining young, but instead decide

that they have lived their lives to the fullest. Once back to their original ages, the Federation decides to change the mandatory retirement age and the Aprils are able to continue their careers.

Crew : James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

George Takei (Lt. Hikaru Sulu)

Cast : James Doohan (Lt. Arex)

Written By : John Culver

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Encounter At Farpoint, Part 1 [TNG #1]

Stardate 41153.7

The new U.S.S. Enterprise and its crew set out "to boldly go where no one has gone before." Their first mission is to explore the mystery surrounding the creation of the Farpoint station located on planet Deneb IV. While trying to negotiate a friendly agreement for Starfleet to use this energy-powered base, Captain Picard and his crew also attempt to discover how the Bandi inhabitants of Deneb IV built the station.

En route to Farpoint, Captain Picard and his crew first meet "Q." The mysterious and powerful being denounces the human race as barbarians and challenges the crew of the Enterprise to disprove his belief. If Picard and his crew are not persuasive in their arguments, they will be sentenced to death.

Picard defends himself and mankind by explaining that, unlike Q, humans have learned not to prosecute and judge things they don't understand. Hearing the words "prosecute" and "judge," Q announces that he knows humans all too well. He leaves the Enterprise in a blinding flash, stating that "preparations" must be made.

After separating the saucer to protect the families on board, Picard stays behind to face Q. Suddenly, the ship begins shaking as it did when Q first appeared, and after a bright flash of light, Picard, Data, Troi and Tasha find themselves in a 21st century courtroom. When the bailiff announces the judge, the crew is shocked to find Q sitting on the bench!

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Cary-Hiroyuki (Mandarin Bailiff)

Chuck Hicks (Drugged Military Officer)

Colm Meaney (Battle Bridge Conn)

David Erskine (Bandi Shopkeeper)

DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Jimmy Ortega (Lt. Torres)

John de Lancie (Q)

Michael Bell (Groppler Zorn)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Corey Allen

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Encounter At Farpoint, Part 2 [TNG #2]

Stardate 41153.8

At the trial, Q continues to denounce humans, while Picard defends his race and convinces Q that the upcoming mission at Farpoint will be the perfect opportunity to prove his point. Q accepts the Captain's proposal but gives him only 24 hours and a reminder that failing this test will mean death for the Enterprise crew.

While docked at Farpoint, Picard is introduced to his new first officer, Commander Riker, and the rest of his crew. As they begin to investigate the station, they are startled by the seemingly magical qualities of the planet where one's wish becomes reality.

While the away team searches through tunnels beneath the Farpoint station, an unidentified ship begins firing on the old Bandi city, causing heavy damage and numerous casualties. As it turns out, the ship is a living alien being who is attacking the city because the people of Deneb IV have captured its mate.

Not only have the Bandi been holding the being against its will, but they have used its energy source, which converts energy into matter, to create the Farpoint station and its magical qualities.

After assisting the reunion of the estranged aliens, the crew learns that it has passed Q's test. Relieved, they head off for their next mission.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : David Erskine (Bandi Shopkeeper)

Evelyn Guerrero (Female Ensign)

John de Lancie (Q)

Michael Bell (Groppler Zorn)

Timothy Dang (Main Bridge Security)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : D.C. Fontana

Gene Roddenberry

Directed By : Corey Allen

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The Naked Now [TNG #3]

Stardate 41209.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise and crew are summoned to investigate strange occurrences aboard the starship U.S.S. Tsiolkovsky, which has been monitoring the collapse of a red-orange star. Once aboard the troubled research vessel, the away team finds a ship littered with food, wine, discarded clothes, several frozen bodies and no survivors.

Unknowingly, Geordi energizes back aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise carrying a contagious, deadly contaminant that begins to infect the entire Starfleet crew, making them feel and act as if they were intoxicated and mentally unstable.

While Dr. Crusher searches for an antidote, chaos erupts when Wesley takes control of the ship.

Finally, Lieutenant Commander Data and Chief Engineer MacDougal, fighting the effects of the ailment, manage to get control of the ship. While Dr. Crusher administers the remedy to the mysterious contaminant, the crew, with Wesley's assistance, diverts the ship from further danger when a piece of the star's surface breaks off and heads directly toward the U.S.S. Enterprise. Captain Picard commends his crew for a job well done.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Benjamin W.S. Lum (Assistant Engineer Jim Shimoda)

Brooke Bundy (Chief Engineer Sarah MacDougal)

David Renan (Conn)

Kenny Koch (Kissing Crewman)

Michael Rider (Transporter Chief)

Skip Stellrecht (Engineering Crewman)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : J. Michael Bingham

Story By : J. Michael Bingham

John D.F. Black

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Code Of Honor [TNG #4]

Stardate 41235.25

The U.S.S. Enterprise and crew travel to the planet Ligon II to negotiate a treaty for the use of a rare vaccine needed on Stryris IV.

The Ligonians board the starship appearing friendly, but startle the crew by ruthlessly kidnapping Tasha. To get Tasha back, Captain Picard must adhere to a strict Ligonian code of honor, which results in Tasha fighting for her life at the hands of her jealous kidnapper's wife.

When diplomacy fails, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew combine wits to peacefully turn the tables on the Ligonians, winning back Tasha and obtaining the rare vaccine needed to help the federation planet of Stryis IV.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : James Louis Watkins (Hagon)

Jessie Lawrence Ferguson (Lutan)

Karole Selmon (Yareena)

Michael Rider (Transporter Chief)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Katharyn Powers

Michael Baron

Directed By : Russ Mayberry

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Haven [TNG #5]

Stardate 41294.5

Counselor Troi's mother pays an unexpected visit to the U.S.S. Enterprise, informing her daughter of the marriage plans her late father had arranged on Deanna's behalf. Honoring the traditional Betazoid customs, Troi dutifully, yet halfheartedly, prepares to marry Wyatt, the son of her father's best friend.

Wedding preparations between the two families create humorous bickering and banter, not to mention confusion and mixed feelings for Troi's former lover, Commander William Riker.

The wedding plans are thwarted, however, when Wyatt realizes his long-time fantasy lover is real and aboard a Tarellian vessel containing the last survivors of a biological warfare blast. Heading toward the peaceful, healing planet of Haven, the Tarellians are informed by Captain Picard that they cannot continue their course, in the event they would infect Haven. To the amazement of his parents and the crew of the Enterprise, Wyatt, a doctor by profession, beams over to the contaminated alien vessel with medical supplies in hopes of finding a cure for his love and the remainder of the Tarellian survivors.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Anna Katarina (Valeda Innis)
Armin Shimerman (Gift Box)
Carel Struycken (Mr. Homn)
Danitza Kingsley (Ariana)
Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)
Michael Rider (Transporter Chief)
Nan Martin (Victoria Miller)
Raye Birk (Wrenn)
Rob Knepper (Wyatt Miller)
Robert Ellenstein (Steven Miller)
Teleplay By : Tracy Torme
Story By : Lan O'Kun
Tracy Torme
Directed By : Richard Compton

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Where No One Has Gone Before [TNG #6]

Stardate 41263.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise and crew travel to uncharted territory when a test on the ship's propulsion system backfires and blasts the starship more than a billion light years from their own galaxy.

The blame for the mishap is originally placed on an arrogant Starfleet propulsion expert. However, it is eventually discovered that the mental powers of a meek, humanoid alien (acting as the propulsion expert's assistant), was the true catalyst for this potential catastrophe.

Complicating the dilemma of being lost in space, the physical and mental world are integrated in this galaxy - what the crew thinks becomes real. After seeing his crew as well as himself experience alternate realities, the Captain orders the passengers of the starship to control their thoughts.

To make matters worse, their only hope of returning to their own galaxy lies in the mental abilities of the alien, who is exhausted and dying. The Captain and crew soon discover they must focus their thoughts on the assistant's recovery in order to discover a way back to their galaxy.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Biff Yeager (Lt. Cmdr. Argyle)
Charles Dayton (Crew Member)
Dennis Madalone (Fire Ensign)

Eric Menyuk (The Traveller)
Herta Ware (Yvette Gessard Picard)
Stanley Kamel (Kosinski)
Victoria Dillard (Ballerina)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Written By : Diane Duane
Michael Reaves
Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Last Outpost [TNG #7]

Stardate 41386.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise is rendered powerless above an unknown and mysterious planet during a mission to repossess a stolen T-9 energy converter from Ferengi culprits.

Captain Picard, believing the Ferengi bandits initiated this withdrawal of energy, announces the U.S.S. Enterprise's willingness to resolve the situation. However, the Ferengi vessel reports that it faces the same predicament.

In an effort to discover who or what has tampered with their energy supplies, away teams from both the Ferengi and U.S.S. Enterprise starships beam down to investigate the desolate planet.

After a confrontation with the Ferengi enemy, a mysterious being known only as Portal, guardian of the Tkon Empire, materializes before both away teams inquiring, "Who will meet the challenge?" Portal, disenchanted with the Ferengi's barbaric and warlike responses to his inquisition, is intrigued by Commander Riker's wisdom. Once Riker passes several of Portal's intellectual "tests," power is again restored to the respective starships.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Armin Shimerman (Letek)
Darryl Henriques (Portal)
Jake Dengel (Mordoc)
Mike Gomez (Daimon Tarr)
Tracey Walter (Kayron)
Teleplay By : Herbert J. Wright
Story By : Richard Krzemien
Directed By : Richard Colla

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Lonely Among Us [TNG #8]

Stardate 41249.3

While transporting two adversary civilizations to the conference planet of Parliament, the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise pass through a mysterious "cloud" containing combinations of complex energy patterns. Immediately, strange things begin to happen on the ship. It seems that both Lt. Worf and Dr. Crusher have become afflicted with confusing behavior, while the ship malfunctions and repairs itself with no available explanation.

Soon after entering the strange "cloud," Assistant Chief Engineer Singh is killed while investigating the ship's mechanical malfunctions. At once the Starfleet crew begins investigating the circumstances surrounding Singh's death. Tasha questions the visitors aboard the Enterprise and Troi puts Lt. Worf and Dr. Crusher under hypnosis to determine their thoughts during their spells of strange behavior. Both Dr. Crusher and Lt. Worf reveal that "it felt as if someone or something had invaded their minds and bodies."

After coming into contact with this strange being, the Captain shocks the crew with his bizarre actions. He commands the U.S.S. Enterprise back into the "cloud," thwarting the original mission to deliver the aliens to Parliament. The Captain, still under the being's influence, announces that in its struggle to return home, the entity accidentally disabled the ship, killing Singh and invading Lt. Worf, Dr. Crusher and himself. The being, now in full control of Captain Picard's behavior, announces Picard's resignation. Despite the crew's objections and their determination to fight the force that seems to be taking over Picard's mind, their efforts are in vain. The Captain is gone.

Riker takes command of the U.S.S. Enterprise and orders the ship to proceed towards Parliament. By this time, the real Captain (in the form of energy) manages to move into the transporter relays and materialize back aboard the starship.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (First Security Guard)

John Durbin (Ssestar)

Kavi Raz (Lt. Cmdr. Singh)

Marc Alaimo (Badar N'D'D)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana

Story By : Michael Halperin

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Justice [TNG #9]

Stardate 41255.6

After delivering a party of Earth colonists to the Strnad Solar System, the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise anxiously awaits a pending shore leave on the pastoral planet of Rubicam III. The civilization, whose inhabitants are known as the Edo, is less advanced than those on Earth but is brimming with love, health and sensual pleasure.

Vacation plans are suddenly thwarted when Wesley, playing with the Edo children, innocently violates a planet law and is sentenced to death. At the same time, the crew is confronted by a mysterious vessel that appears to be existing in two dimensions simultaneously. The vessel, protesting the installation of Earth colonists in the Strnad Solar System, startles the crew by sending a powerful light object that enters Data's mind and renders him unconscious.

In order to determine the origins of the vessel, the Captain beams down to Edo and negotiates to save Wesley's life for a few more hours and asks for Edo assistance in determining the origins of the mysterious vessel.

Beaming aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise with a knowledgeable Edo woman, the Captain soon learns the Edo consider the vessel as "God." To make matters worse, it is learned that the inhabitants of this powerful object are observing the crew's morals and preparing to pass judgment.

Picard returns to Rubicam III and despite Edo objections and the Federation's prime directive, beams Wesley and the crew back to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Preparing to face the wrath of the mysterious vessel for violating Edo customs, Picard and crew are pleasantly surprised that the judgment passed on the starship is favorable. The alien vessel fades away.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brad Zerbst (Medical Technician)

Brenda Bakke (Rivan)

David Michael Graves (Edo Boy #2)

David Q. Combs (Mediator #1)

Eric Matthew (Edo Boy #1)

Jay Loudon (Liator)

Josh Clark (Conn)

Judith Jones (Edo Girl)

Richard Lavin (Mediator #2)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Worley Thorne

Story By : Ralph Wills

Worley Thorne

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Battle [TNG #10]

Stardate 41723.9

The crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers an old style starship heading towards them shortly after a conference with a Ferengi vessel. Much to Captain Picard's amazement, it is soon learned that the old ship, the U.S.S. Stargazer, is the vessel he abandoned nine years earlier in the famous battle of Maxia.

The Ferengi Captain, Bok, having since taken control of the U.S.S. Stargazer, informs Captain Picard that he is returning the vessel to Starfleet. Unknown to the Captain, a mind-altering device is also aboard the ship in his old belongings.

As it turns out, Bok is seeking revenge for the death of his son during the battle of Maxia, and the mysterious device he holds is used to inflict great pain on Picard. The Captain, his mind altered in terrifying ways, is forced to think about the horror of the Maxia battle. In an attempt to tarnish Picard's reputation, Bok also tampers with the Stargazer's records to make it appear as if the Captain fired on an innocent Ferengi vessel in the Maxia skirmish.

While Data, Riker and La Forge try to absolve the Captain, Wesley discovers patterns in Captain Picard's brain scan that match the low intensity transmissions being picked up by the Ferengi ship.

Although Commander Riker soon discovers the illegal, mind-altering device, the Captain has already beamed over to the U.S.S. Stargazer to relive the battle. This time, however, Picard thinks the enemy is the Enterprise. He ultimately tries to perform his famous "Picard Maneuver" with which he had won the battle of Maxia.

Before tragedy strikes, Data devises a strategy to seize the Stargazer with the Enterprise's tractor beam, thereby thwarting the supposedly unbeatable maneuver. In the meantime, the Captain, fighting the effects of the device, is convinced by Riker to use his phaser to destroy the mind-altering mechanism. By this time Bok has been taken into custody by his first officer, since the use of a mind-altering device violates Ferengi law.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Doug Warhit (Kazago)

Frank Corsentino (Daimon Bok)

Robert Towers (Rata)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Herbert J. Wright

Story By : Larry Forrester

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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Hide And Q [TNG #11]

Stardate 41590.5

While rushing to aid the survivors on a planet rocked by a lethal explosion, the U.S.S. Enterprise is stopped by the dangerous "Q" entity who had interfered with their Farpoint mission several months earlier. The powerful Q demands they abandon their rescue mission and partake in a deadly game which, according to Q, could result in either "the greatest possible future" for the crew... or death!

The game involves surviving a confrontation with fanged, animal soldiers created by Q. Strangely, the major player in the game turns out to be Commander Riker, who is given Q's power and offered full membership in his continuum. After using his new-found power to save Wesley and Lt. Worf from the hostile creatures, Riker meets with the crew to discuss Q's proposal.

After the meeting, Q tempts Riker by telling him that if he joins the continuum, the Commander can use his powers to give his friends anything they want. Picard, having faith in his crew's resistance to temptation and their common sense, urges Riker to accept Q's offer. Riker obliges by turning Wesley into a 25-year-old Starfleet officer, restoring Geordi's vision, creating a female Klingon companion for Lt. Worf and offering Data the chance to be human. However, to Q's disbelief and Picard's pleasure, the crew members decline the gifts because of their disreputable origin. Thwarted again by the integrity and ingenuity of humans, Q disappears, thereby returning Riker to his normal condition.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Elaine Nalee (Disaster Survivor)

John de Lancie (Q)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

William A. Wallace (Adult Wesley)

Teleplay By : C.J. Holland

Gene Roddenberry

Story By : C.J. Holland

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Too Short A Season [TNG #12]

Stardate 41309.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise transports a famous negotiator, Admiral Mark Jameson, to Mordan IV, where several Federation officials have been taken hostage by the planet's governor, Karnas.

Although the crew is excited about having the legendary officer on board, Picard and Dr. Crusher are perplexed by Jameson. When Jameson beams onto the ship it turns out he is a terminally ill man in his eighties. As the voyage progresses, however, Jameson inexplicably begins to look not only healthier, but younger as well! When confronted by Picard, Jameson admits that he has taken an enormous dose of an experimental alien drug to treat his disease, which has resulted in a rapid de-aging process.

Further, the Admiral reveals that Karnas' insistence that he act as a mediator is not coincidental. It seems that 45 years earlier, instead of shrewdly negotiating a similar hostage deal with Karnas, Jameson gave arms to both Karnas and his enemies, thus igniting a devastating 40-year civil war. Karnas wants Jameson to return to Mordan... so Karnas can publicly execute him.

After Jameson leads an aborted rescue mission for the hostages, he collapses in pain. Dr. Crusher reports that the de-aging drug has put an unbearable strain upon his internal organs and that his death is imminent. Seeing the now teenaged Jameson in extraordinary pain, Karnas decides that his revenge has been satisfied.

When Jameson dies, Picard and Karnas negotiate the peaceful release of the hostages.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Clayton Rohner (Admiral Mark Jameson)
Marsha Hunt (Anne Jameson)
Michael Pataki (Governor Karnas)
Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana
Michael Michaelian
Story By : Michael Michaelian
Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Big Goodbye [TNG #13]

Stardate 41997.7

The U.S.S. Enterprise must pass through the quadrant Korona IV, which is inhabited by the Jarada, an insect-like race that demands a precise greeting from the Captain of any ship wishing to enter their territory.

Taking a break from the difficult greeting preparations, Captain Picard visits 1941 San Francisco in the fabricated environment of the holodeck. He is soon joined by Data, Dr. Crusher and Whalen, the ship's historian. But when the holodeck malfunctions, the four crew members are trapped in a 20th century murder adventure in which Whalen is killed and Picard, Data and Crusher are held at gunpoint by gangsters.

While Wesley struggles to repair the holodeck and get the kidnapped crew back to the ship, the Jarada threaten to prevent the U.S.S. Enterprise from traveling through their quadrant unless they are greeted by the Captain... in one hour!

As Wesley's repairs near completion, the passageway back to the starship begins to materialize. Picard tricks two of the three criminals into entering the passageway, where their fabricated images instantly dematerialize in a real environment. After a brief skirmish with Picard, the third criminal is felled by Data. Upon returning safely to the ship, Picard successfully executes the Jaradan greeting, allowing the U.S.S. Enterprise to pass through without incident.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Carolyn Allport (Jessica Bradley)
David Selburg (Whalen)
Dick Miller (Vendor)
Erik Cord (Thug)
Gary Armagnac (Lt. NeNary)

Harvey Jason (Felix Leech)
Lawrence Tierney (Cyrus Redblock)
Mike Genovese (Desk Sergeant)
Rhonda Aldrich (Madeline)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
William Boyett (Lt. Dan Bell)
Written By : Tracy Torme
Directed By : Joseph L. Scanlan

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Datalore [TNG #14]

Stardate 41242.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise crew investigates the mystery surrounding the disappearance of an earth colony in the Omicron Theta star system 26 years earlier, which coincidentally happens to the exact same time when Lieutenant Commander Data was discovered.

While visiting Data's home planet, the away team discovers a laboratory containing android body parts. When Dr. Crusher and Chief Engineer Argyle assemble the parts, they bring to life a duplicate of Data! The real Data learns that the look-alike, named Lore, was once "alive," but was disassembled by the colonists on the planet who were jealous of Lore's perfection. As a result, a less-than-perfect android, Data, was constructed.

Unbeknownst to the crew, Lore gained revenge on the planet's inhabitants before being disassembled. He unleashed a ravenous crystal entity onto the colonists--an entity which feasts on intelligent life forms--thereby erasing all life on the planet.

As part of his scheme to turn the entity loose on the Enterprise, Lore renders Data unconscious and impersonates him. Just when he's about to succeed in his plan, Wesley recognizes Lore and urges his mother to find Data. Once back on his feet, Data beams Lore into space during a spectacular android skirmish.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Biff Yeager (Lt. Cmdr. Argyle)
Brent Spiner (Lore)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Teleplay By : Gene Roddenberry
Robert Lewin
Story By : Maurice Hurley
Robert Lewin
Directed By : Rob Bowman

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Angel One [TNG #15]

Stardate 41636.9

The U.S.S. Enterprise crew travels to Angel One, a planet run by women, to search for survivors from a Federation freighter disabled by an asteroid collision seven years earlier.

The away team soon discovers that the survivors, all men, are fugitives on the planet because they refuse to embrace the female-dominated government. Despite their oppressed status, the fugitives turn down the away team's offer to return with them to the Enterprise. The reason? The men have taken wives on Angel One.

Meanwhile, Captain Picard and his crew are ravaged by a highly contagious virus that Wesley and his friends contract during a field trip. At the same time, the ship is needed in the Neutral Zone to ward off hostile Romulan Warbirds.

After the away team leaves, the Angel One fugitives are discovered and sentenced to death. Despite the fact that it would violate the Prime Directive, Commander Riker prepares to beam the fugitives to the safety of the U.S.S. Enterprise. However, Dr. Crusher prohibits all boarding of the prisoners, except for the android Data, fearing the crew will be exposed to the virus.

As Dr. Crusher discovers an antidote for the virus, Riker fights to save the fugitives' lives. Despite the fact that he's a male, Riker's wisdom impresses the Angel One leader, who decides not to execute the fugitives. Instead, she exiles them to a remote area of the planet where they can live as they please. Pleased with their success, Riker and the rest of the U.S.S. Enterprise crew race off to thwart the Romulans.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Karen Montgomery (Beata)

Leonard John Crofoot (Trent)

Patricia McPherson (Ariel)

Sam Hennings (Ramsey)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Patrick Barry

Directed By : Michael Rhodes

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11001001 [TNG #16]

Stardate 41365.9

The U.S.S. Enterprise docks at Starbase 74 where the Bynars, a species interdependent on computers, are scheduled to upgrade the ship's computer system.

Instead of enhancing the starship's facilities, however, the Bynars program the ship's computer to read that the magnetic containment field is deteriorating and that the entire U.S.S. Enterprise will shortly be destroyed. Unable to locate Captain Picard and Commander Riker, Data evacuates the ship and launches the U.S.S. Enterprise back into space to avoid damaging the Starbase.

Unbeknownst to Data, the Bynars have used a computer-generated woman to lure Riker and Picard into the holodeck, where they don't hear the alert to abandon the ship. Upon exiting the holodeck, the Captain and his First Officer realize that the ship is completely empty except for the Bynars, who have taken control of the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Determined not to leave the ship in hostile hands, Picard and Riker program the starship to self-destruct in five minutes. But when they beam onto the bridge, they find that the Bynars are dying. After turning off the self-destruct mechanism, Picard and Riker soon discover that the ship is orbiting the Bynars' home planet. They also learn that the aliens hijacked the U.S.S. Enterprise in order to use its computer as a replacement for their own, which was their only life-support device and was destroyed in an explosion.

Sympathetic to their cause, Picard and Riker use the U.S.S. Enterprise's computer to regenerate the one lost by the Bynars, thus saving the planet's inhabitants.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Abdul Salaam el Razzac (Bass Player)

Alexandra Johnson (One Zero)

Carolyn McCormick (Minuet)

Gene Dynarski (Cmdr. Orfil Quinteros)

Iva Lane (Zero Zero)

Jack Sheldon (Piano Player)

Katy Boyer (Zero One)

Kelli Ann McNally (One One)

Ron Brown (Drummer)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Maurice Hurley

Robert Lewin

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Home Soil [TNG #17]

Stardate 41463.9

At the Federation's request, a U.S.S. Enterprise away team visits Velara III where a group of terraformers are working to transform the seemingly desolate planet into one capable of supporting life. Tragically, a terraformer engineer is killed during their visit in a bizarre hydraulic room accident.

While investigating the mishap, Data is inexplicably attacked by the laser drilling system. He escapes injury, but upon further exploration, Data and Geordi find a microscopic inorganic life form that seems to be trying to communicate with them. They take the life form, or "microbrain" as they refer to it, back to the U.S.S. Enterprise where it begins to reproduce and project an energy force that compels Dr. Crusher to activate a quarantine seal around the medical lab.

Soon, the crew learns from the microbrain that some of its members were killed during the terraformer's drilling on the planet's surface, and that its attempts to contact the humans were ignored. As a result, they murdered the engineer in the hydraulic room and have declared war on the human race.

To save the U.S.S. Enterprise, Picard attempts to beam the life form back to Velara III. But the microbrain's power is too strong. Just when its energy projections threaten to destroy the ship, the crew discovers that the microbrain feeds off light. By shutting off the lights in the lab, they force the microbrain to surrender and are able to beam it back home.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Carolyne Barry (Female Engineer)

Elizabeth Lindsey (Louisa Kim)

Gerard Prendergast (Bjorn Benson)

Mario Roccuzzo (Arthur Malencon)

Walter Gotell (Kurt Mandl)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Robert Sabaroff

Story By : Karl Guers

Ralph Sanchez

Robert Sabaroff

Directed By : Corey Allen

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When The Bough Breaks [TNG #18]

Stardate 41509.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise accidentally discovers Aldea, a planet with advanced technology that provides every need or want a person could have. Although Aldea has hidden itself from the universe behind a sophisticated shield, it's soon apparent that the discovery was no accident. Having lost the ability to reproduce, the Aldeans kidnap several children from the U.S.S. Enterprise, including Wesley, to perpetuate their race.

When hostage negotiations fail, Picard struggles to find a method of penetrating the planet's shield while Dr. Crusher studies the cause of the Aldean sterility problem. Meanwhile, Wesley uncovers the key to the planet's sophistication-a computer known as the Custodian, whose power source is unknown even to the Aldeans.

Before long, Dr. Crusher discovers that the Aldeans are suffering from radiation poisoning caused by the protective shield overhead. As it turns out, the shield has also weakened the planet's atmosphere. Picard and Crusher inform the Aldean leaders of this development and plead for the release of the children. When the Aldeans agree Picard uses the U.S.S. Enterprise to repair the planet's atmosphere. Crusher, meanwhile, gives the dying race a treatment that will save them.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Amy Wheaton (Tara)
Brenda Strong (Rashella)
Connie Danese (Toya)
Dan Mason (Accolan)
Dierk Torsek (Dr. Harry Bernard, Sr.)
Ivy Bethune (Duana)
Jandi Swanson (Katie)
Jeremy Wheaton (Mason)
Jerry Hardin (Radue)
Jessica Bova (Alexandra)
Michele Marsh (Leda)
Paul Lambert (Melian)
Philip N. Waller (Harry Bernard, Jr.)
Vanessa Bova (Alexandra)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Written By : Hannah Louise Shearer
Directed By : Kim Manners

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Coming Of Age [TNG #19]

Stardate 41416.2

While the U.S.S. Enterprise orbits Relva VII, Wesley beams down to take the grueling Starfleet Academy entrance exam. Back on board the ship, Picard and his crew are quizzed by Lt. Commander Dexter Remmick, a Federation officer who is investigating Picard's competence on the orders of the captain's old friend, Admiral Gregory Quinn. Although neither Picard nor his crew understands the reason for the inquiry, they give Remmick their full cooperation.

In the midst of the investigation a young man named Jake Kurland, distraught over not qualifying for the Academy entrance exam, steals a shuttlecraft and heads into space. When he discovers that the craft has a major malfunction, Jake panics and begins to plummet toward certain death. Fortunately, Picard keeps his cool and manages to help the teen make a safe return to the ship. Remmick, meanwhile, watches with interest.

After an exhaustive study of Picard's performance record, Remmick tells Quinn that he has failed to find any flaws in the captain's command. Quinn then informs Picard that he has proven himself worthy of the prestigious post as Commandant of the Starfleet Academy and may be promoted to the rank of Admiral.

Despite Wesley's obvious intelligence and promise, he is not selected for the Academy. Although clearly disappointed, the youngster's spirits are lifted after a pep talk by Picard, who has decided to remain with the U.S.S. Enterprise rather than accept Quinn's offer.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Brendan McKane (Technician #1)
Daniel Riordan (Rondon)
Estee Chandler (Oliana Mirren)
John Putch (Mordock)
Robert Ito (Lt. Chang)
Robert Schenkkan (Lt. Cmdr. Dexter Remick)
Stephen Gregory (Jake Curland)
Tasia Valenza (T'Shanik)
Ward Costello (Admiral Gregory Quinn)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Wyatt Knight (Technician #2)
Written By : Sandy Fries
Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Heart Of Glory [TNG #20]

Stardate 41503.7

Lt. Worf must choose between his loyalty to Starfleet and his Klingon heritage when two Klingon fugitives take over the U.S.S. Enterprise.

The fugitives, yearning to recapture the Klingon fighting days of the past, hijack a Talarian vessel and destroy a Klingon ship sent to capture them. Then, just as their disabled ship is about to blow up, the Klingons are rescued by the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Unaware of the Klingons' true intentions, Captain Picard instructs Lt. Worf to show his Klingon comrades around the ship. During their tour, the fugitives attempt to enlist Worf in their cause. Meanwhile, a Klingon vessel approaches, and its captain informs Picard of the fugitives' crimes and demands their extradition. Before Picard can deliver them, one criminal escapes and the other is killed. The surviving Klingon takes over the engineering room and threatens to destroy the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Trying desperately to save the ship and its crew, Worf approaches the Klingon. Faced with certain death, the fugitive pleads with Worf once again to join him in his plan to escape with the battle section of the ship. Torn between his new life and his Klingon warrior instincts, Worf explains that the sign of the true warrior is not without - but within. The Klingon lunges but Worf, prepared for the move, kills the fugitive with a phaser blast.

Impressed by Worf's skills, the Klingon captain offers Worf a position under his command. After politely telling the Klingon captain he'll think about it, Worf assures Picard that he plans to remain with the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Brad Zerbst (Nurse)
Charles H. Hyman (Lt. Konmel)
David Froman (Capt. K'Nera)
Dennis Madalone (Ramos)
Robert Bauer (Kunivas)
Vaughn Armstrong (Cmdr. Korris)
Teleplay By : Maurice Hurley
Story By : D.C. Fontana
Herbert J. Wright
Maurice Hurley
Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Arsenal Of Freedom [TNG #21]

Stardate 41798.2

While investigating the disappearance of the U.S.S. Drake on the planet Minos, the crew battles aggressive energy spheres, swallowing sinkholes and invisible attackers.

Arriving at Minos, the crew is met by a prerecorded sales pitch for highly-advanced weaponry. This is not surprising, however, since the Minos people were renowned arms dealers during the Erselrope wars.

While exploring the planet Riker, Data and Yar are attacked by an energy sphere. Lieutenant Yar destroys the sphere, but not before it traps Riker in a transparent cube. Then, after Picard and Dr. Crusher beam down to investigate the crisis, the ground swallows them into a subterranean cavern, seriously injuring Dr. Crusher.

Although Data is able to free Riker, the away team is unable to locate Picard and Crusher. Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise comes under serious attack by an invisible enemy, which La Forge desperately fights to contain. Until the ship can adequately defend itself from the attacker, La Forge cannot beam up the crew members on Minos.

Back on the planet, Data finally locates Picard and Crusher. The team discovers that the attacks are coming from a computer-generated weaponry system which has gone out of control and has destroyed the civilization that created it. Fortunately, the team is able to turn the system off in time to save the planet... and themselves.

On board the U.S.S. Enterprise, La Forge is able to destroy the invisible enemy and beam Picard, Crusher, Riker, Data and Yar aboard.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : George de la Pena (Lt. Orfil Solis)

Julia Nickson (Ensign Lian T'Su)

Marco Rodriguez (Capt. Paul Rice)

Vincent Schiavelli (The Peddler)

Vyto Ruginis (Chief Engineer Lt. Logan)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Richard Manning

Story By : Maurice Hurley

Robert Lewin

Directed By : Les Landau

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Symbiosis [TNG #22]

Stardate Unknown

While studying magnetic changes in the Delos system's sun, the U.S.S. Enterprise receives a distress signal from a disabled freighter ship. The starship beams four of the passengers on board, along with the ship's cargo. Two of the guests are from the technically advanced planet of Ornara, and the other two are from its neighboring planet of Brekka. The crew is puzzled when the two groups immediately begin to argue over the cargo.

Picard learns that the precious cargo is in fact a remedy for a plague which has gripped Ornara for two centuries. The "cure" is manufactured exclusively on Brekka, whose citizens provide it to the Ornarans in exchange for food and other basic necessities. However, in this instance, the Brekkians claim the Ornarans did not pay for their cargo, and they prepare to take it back to Brekka.

Pleading that their civilization will be wiped out without the medication, the Ornarans convince Picard to mediate. However, Picard is able only to convince the Brekkians to give doses to the two Ornarans on the Starship Enterprise. But as the Ornarans take the remedy, Dr. Crusher realizes that the alleged cure is nothing more than a narcotic... and that the Ornarans are a race of drug addicts!

Apparently, the Brekkians have neglected to inform the Ornarans that the plague is not fatal and have instead allowed the Ornarans to become addicted to a bogus cure.

Picard, citing the Prime Directive, refuses to inform the Ornarans that the Brekkians have been deceiving them for 200 years. Instead, he cleverly turns the tables on the Brekkians by withdrawing an earlier offer to repair the Ornaran freighter ship. In this way, the Ornarans will be unable to honor their trade agreement and will consequently escape their addiction.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Judson Scott (Sobi)

Kenneth Tigar (Margon)

Kimberly Farr (Langor)

Merritt Butrick (T'Jon)

Richard Lineback (Romas)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Richard Manning

Robert Lewin

Story By : Robert Lewin

Directed By : Win Phelps

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Skin Of Evil [TNG #23]

Stardate 41601.3

While the U.S.S. Enterprise is en route to rendezvous with Troi's shuttlecraft, a bizarre malfunction causes the transport vehicle to crash on Vagra II. The only life form on the planet is Armus, a sinister entity that derives pleasure from the suffering of others.

Picard orders Commander Riker, Dr. Crusher, Lieutenant Commander Data and Lieutenant Yar to the planet to rescue Troi. Upon arrival, they discover that a strange entity has surrounded the crash site with a forcefield, preventing the away team from helping her. Suddenly, for no conceivable reason, Armus kills Yar.

Captain Picard beams down with the rest of the away team in an attempt to negotiate for the crash victims' release. However, Armus responds by ridiculing the crew and tormenting them with vicious and childish pranks.

While Picard tries to reason with Armus, Lt. Worf and Wesley discover that when Armus is provoked, the forcefield around the shuttlecraft weakens. Picard then taunts Armus, while Lt. Worf and Wesley beam the crew back to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Picard orders the starship to destroy the shuttlecraft with the ship's phasers and declares the planet off limits to future Federation travelers, thus leaving Armus quarantined on a barren, lonely planet forever.

Returning to the U.S.S. Enterprise, the crew is touched by the living will of Lieutenant Yar. As her holographic image appears before them, she gives a moving farewell to each of her fellow crew members.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brad Zerbst (Nurse)

Mart McChesney (Armus)

Raymond Forchion (Lt. Ben Pieta)

Ron Gans (Voice of Armus)

Walker Boone (Lt. Cmdr. Leland T. Lynch)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Hannah Louise Shearer

Joseph Stefano

Story By : Joseph Stefano

Directed By : Joseph L. Scanlan

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We'll Always Have Paris [TNG #24]

Stardate 41697.9

While traveling to Sarona VIII for shore leave, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew experiences a bizarre phenomenon in which a moment in time mysteriously repeats itself. Shortly thereafter, the ship receives a distress signal from Vandor IV, where Dr. Paul Manheim has been conducting experiments in non-linear time.

After rescuing Dr. Manheim and his wife Jenice, who turns out to be Picard's first love, the crew learns that Manheim's experiment not only caused the time distortion they experienced, but cracked a window into a new dimension. As a result, Manheim's days are numbered, since his neurochemistry has been damaged from floating between two dimensions.

To save Manheim's life and prevent the aborted experiment from ripping into the fabric of the galaxy and confusing everyone's perception of reality, Picard must devise a plan to seal the hole into the other dimension. While Picard tries to resolve his past with Jenice and a jealous Dr. Crusher attempts to come to terms with her feelings for Picard, the away team beams down to Vandor IV to repair Manheim's mistake.

Using Dr. Manheim's lab and his own extraordinary intelligence, Data adds the specific amount of anti-matter necessary to rebalance and align the galaxy. Once the hole is patched, Dr. Manheim's condition improves and Picard is able to resolve his relationship with Jenice once and for all.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Dan Kern (Lt. Dean)

Isabel Lorca (Gabrielle)

Jean-Paul Vignon (Edourd)

Kelly Ashmore (Francine)

Lance Spellerberg (Transporter Chief Herbert)

Michelle Phillips (Jenice Manheim)

Rod Loomis (Dr. Paul Manheim)

Written By : Deborah Dean Davis

Hannah Louise Shearer

Directed By : Robert Becker

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Conspiracy [TNG #25]

Stardate 41775.5

While journeying to Pacifica, the U.S.S. Enterprise receives an emergency message for Captain Picard from Starfleet Captain Walker Keel, who requests a secret meeting. At a rendezvous on an uninhabited planet, Captain Keel and two other Starfleet officers tell Picard that they suspect a growing conspiracy in the upper ranks of Starfleet.

Alarmed by Keel's accusations, Picard orders Lieutenant Commander Data to review all Starfleet directives during the past six months. Picard's concern escalates when Keel's vessel mysteriously explodes, killing all aboard, and Data's research reveals abnormalities in the highest levels of the Starfleet command.

Convinced the Federation's security is at risk, Picard steers the Enterprise toward Earth to confront Starfleet's top admirals. After requesting a meeting with the officers, Picard and Riker are invited to dinner to discuss the problem.

Prior to dinner, Admiral Quinn, who several months earlier had warned Picard that subversive elements had invaded Starfleet, visits the U.S.S. Enterprise. Suspicious of the admiral, Picard orders Riker to watch him closely before joining him on Earth. Picard's instincts turn out to be correct: as soon as Picard beams down to join the other admirals, Quinn attacks Riker, rendering him unconscious.

After Lt. Worf and Dr. Crusher join forces to subdue the incredibly powerful Admiral Quinn, they discover that a parasitic being has invaded Quinn's body and it is controlling all of his brain functions. When Riker regains consciousness, he beams down to Earth, pretending to be one of the parasitic-controlled beings.

At the dinner, Riker realizes that the Starfleet command is controlled by the parasites. Fortunately, he and Picard are able to kill the parasitic-infested admirals, as well as the species' mother creature. However, Data later discovers that the mother creature sent a homing beacon to an unexplored region of our galaxy before being destroyed...

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Henry Darrow (Admiral Savar)

Jonathan Farwell (Capt. Walker Keel)

Michael Berryman (Capt. Rixx)

Ray Reinhardt (Admiral Aaron)

Robert Schenkkan (Lt. Cmdr. Dexter Remick)

Ursaline Bryant (Capt. Tryla Scott)

Ward Costello (Admiral Gregory Quinn)

Teleplay By : Tracy Torme

Story By : Robert Sabaroff

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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The Neutral Zone [TNG #26]

Stardate 41986.0

Waiting for Captain Picard's return from a Federation conference, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew discovers a disabled 20th century Earth satellite containing three perfectly preserved bodies, frozen for over 300 years by cryogenics.

Upon his return to the Enterprise, Picard informs the crew that they are being sent to the outskirts of the Neutral Zone, where two Federation outposts have been destroyed. The ship has been chosen to investigate the potentially volatile incident, which may or may not have been executed by hostile Romulans as a prelude to war.

After Data beams back aboard with the three bodies, Dr. Crusher revives them. They are a housewife, businessman and entertainer from the 20th century, who must each struggle to cope with their new surroundings. Picard, preoccupied with the situation in the Neutral Zone, tolerates the visitors, but warns Riker to keep them at bay until a decision can be made about their future.

Arriving at the edge of the Neutral Zone, the crew discovers that the Federation stations have simply vanished. Just then, the captain and first officer of a Romulan vessel in the area hail the U.S.S. Enterprise and request visual contact with Picard.

In a tension-packed exchange, the Enterprise officers are warned that there will likely be war between the Romulans and the Federation. Furthermore, the Romulans reveal that they did not destroy the Federation outposts, but are in fact investigating the loss of some of their own outposts as well.

Convinced neither party is liable for the missing space stations, Picard negotiates a pact whereby each party will inform the other if they learn who is responsible. With the threat of war temporarily averted, the U.S.S. Enterprise heads for a rendezvous with the U.S.S. Charleston, which will transport the 20th century survivors back to Earth.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Anthony James (Subcmdr. Thei)

Gracie Harrison (Clare Raymond)

Leon Rippey (Sonny Clemonds)

Marc Alaimo (Cmdr. Tebok)

Peter Mark Richman (Ralph Offenhouse)

Teleplay By : Maurice Hurley

Story By : Deborah McIntyre

Monica Clee

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Child [TNG #27]

Stardate 42073.1

When a plague in the densely populated Rachelis System races out of control, help from the U.S.S. Enterprise is enlisted in the medical emergency. But while preparing to transport samples of a deadly plasma plague from a Federation research station to a site where a suitable antidote can be developed, the crew is stunned by an unexpected announcement: Counselor Troi is pregnant.

According to Troi, a glowing white light impregnated her while she was asleep. Dr. Katherine Pulaski, the ship's new Chief Medical Officer, confirms Troi's prognosis and reports that the fetus will reach full term within 36 hours. Not knowing the true origins or intent of this mysterious child, Picard puts the crew on security alert. But when Troi gives birth to a boy named Ian, he appears to be completely harmless - although he amazes his mother and the crew when he grows from an infant to an eight-year-old in one day.

Meanwhile, Wesley reluctantly prepares to leave the U.S.S. Enterprise and join his mother, who has departed to become head of Starfleet Medical. Full of mixed emotions, Wesley decides to stay with the ship after receiving encouragement from a new crew member named Guinan. Later, when Wesley discusses his plans with Picard, the Captain agrees to let the young ensign remain as long as his mother permits it.

However, a sudden crisis with the plasma plague puts everyone's future in doubt. It seems that a contaminated specimen of the hazardous strain has inexplicably begun to grow on the cargo deck due to radiation from an unknown source on board. Dr. Pulaski reports that, at its current growth rate, the plague could wipe out the ship's entire population within two hours.

Unknown to all, Ian is the source of the radiation. When the young boy realizes this he decides to sacrifice his life to save the crew.

As a heartbroken Troi looks on, Ian dies and his body reverts to its original state -- a glowing white life-force entity, which tells Troi that Ian had come to her to learn more about humans by experiencing life among them. Once the entity leaves the ship, the threat is averted and the crew continues their humanitarian mission.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Transporter Chief Miles O'Brien)

Dawn Arnemann (Miss Gladstone)

Dore Keller (Engineering Crewman)

R.J. Williams (Ian Andrew Troi)

Seymour Cassel (Lt. Cmdr. Hester Dealt)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Zachary Benjamin (Young Ian Andrew Troi)

Written By : Jaron Summers

Jon Povill

Maurice Hurley

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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Where Silence Has Lease [TNG #28]

Stardate 42193.6

While en route to the Morgana Quadrant, the U.S.S. Enterprise is engulfed by a mysterious "hole" having no dimensions and void of all energy and matter. Captain Picard is perplexed by this mysterious oddity which cannot be measured or defined in human terms, and the crew is caught in a trap which, by their standards, does not even exist.

Unable to escape from the powerful hole, Riker and Worf decide to investigate an abandoned starship also marooned in the trap. On board the ship, the officers are confounded by a series of inexplicable incidents, but return safely to the Enterprise.

The crew is then confronted by a giant human eye which peers in at them through the main view screen. The being, calling itself Nagilum, explains that he is using the Enterprise in an experiment to study human life -- specifically, the many ways in which humans die. Wishing to observe death in all of its forms, Nagilum plans to use one-third to one-half of the crew as human guinea pigs.

Unwilling to stand by and watch his crew being slaughtered, Picard makes one of the most difficult decisions of his career. With Riker's support, Picard initiates the auto-destruct system of the ship -- within 20 minutes, the Enterprise and her crew will be destroyed.

But as the sands of time slip away, Troi and Data plead with Picard to reverse his decision, pointing out the futility of killing everyone on board just to spite Nagilum. While Picard wonders whether Nagilum is bluffing, the Enterprise is suddenly freed from the black hole and the captain is able to revoke the auto-destruct command with only two seconds to spare. Nagilum tells Picard that he observed enough watching the crew prepare to die to help him understand human nature, and Picard points out that they share one characteristic: curiosity.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Charles Douglass (Ensign Haskell)

Colm Meaney (Transporter Chief Miles O'Brien)

Earl Boen (Nagilum)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Jack B. Sowards

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Elementary, Dear Data [TNG #29]

Stardate 42286.3

When the Starship Enterprise arrives three days ahead of schedule to rendezvous with the U.S.S. Victory, the crew is presented with some well-deserved free time.

Knowing that Data is a Sherlock Holmes aficionado, Geordi summons Data to the holodeck, where they travel back to Victorian London to solve one of the famed detective's mysteries. Geordi plays Dr. Watson to Data's Holmes, but the trip turns out to be a brief one -- having memorized every one of the Sherlock Holmes books, Data can solve the crime with very little effort.

Returning to the U.S.S. Enterprise, Geordi tries to explain to Data the difference between deduction and memorization. Dr. Kate Pulaski overhears their conversation and challenges Data to solve a real crime, a la Sherlock Holmes. Geordi orders the computer to present Data with an original mystery and an opponent who could defeat him.

Kate joins Data and Geordi as they return to London, via the holodeck. But their game turns serious when Kate is kidnapped by Holmes' arch-enemy, Professor James Moriarty. Although they track down Kate's location, they are unable to retrieve her because Moriarty has taken control of the holodeck computer.

Leaving the holodeck, Geordi and Data apprise the crew of the situation with Kate. They learn that the computer didn't create an adversary worthy of Holmes' intelligence, but of Data's - which means Moriarty is very bright indeed! Picard insists upon returning to London with Data to rescue Kate.

Data leads Picard to Moriarty, who is still holding Kate hostage. Although Data offers to concede victory to his nemesis in order to end the charade, Moriarty wants more. He wants to leave the holodeck and become real. Luckily, Picard is able to convince Moriarty that he does not yet know how to convert artificially created holodeck matter into a more permanent form, and Moriarty releases Kate from captivity.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast :

Alan Shearman (Inspector Lestrade)

Anne Elizabeth Ramsay (Assistant Engineer Clancy)

Biff Manard (Ruffian)

Daniel Davis (Professor James Moriarty)

Diz White (Prostitute)

Richard Merson (Pie Man)

Written By : Brian Alan Lane

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Outrageous Okona [TNG #30]

Stardate 42402.7

While traveling through the Omega Sagitta system, the U.S.S. Enterprise aids a disabled cargo ship and plays host to its sole occupant, Captain Okona.

Once on board the Enterprise, the handsome, roguish Okona charms the crew -- particularly the women -- with his quick wit and mischievous manner. Data, however, is unable to understand Okona's jokes and looks to Guinan and the holodeck for lessons in human humor.

Meanwhile, two small interplanetary vessels lock their lasers on the U.S.S. Enterprise, demanding Okona's surrender. First, Debin accuses Okona of getting his daughter, Yanar, pregnant; then Kushell, with his son Benzan at his side, charges the dashing Captain with stealing his nation's prized Jewel of Thesia.

Knowing that releasing Okona to either Debin or Kushell would cause a war between their respective homelands, Picard agrees to help Okona make a fast getaway. However, a discussion with Wesley convinces Okona to change his mind and turn himself in.

When all of the parties are beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to discuss the matter, Okona proposes to Yanar, which prompts an outburst from Benzan, who confesses that he fathered Yanar's child and took the jewel to present to the girl as his pledge of

marriage. Okona also admits that he's been acting as a go-between for the couple, whose families have been feuding for years. Once everything is out in the open, Yanar agrees to marry her beloved Benzan.

The ordeal resolved, Data returns to the Holodeck to try out some jokes he's learned in front of an audience. After a disappointing attempt, Data reaches the sad conclusion that he is incapable of being funny. But as the crew bids good-bye to Okona, Data is caught off guard by a question from Okona and delivers a response that leaves everyone on the bridge laughing.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Albert Stratton (Kushell)

Douglas Rowe (Debin)

Joe Piscopo (Comic)

Kieran Mulroney (Benzan)

Rosalind Ingledew (Yanar)

Teri Hatcher (Lt. B.G. Robinson)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

William O. Campbell (Capt. Thaduin Okona)

Teleplay By : Burton Armus

Story By : David Landsberg

Lance Dickson

Les Menchen

Directed By : Robert Becker

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The Schizoid Man [TNG #31]

Stardate 42437.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise races toward a remote planet on a top priority mission to provide medical aid for Dr. Ira Graves, one of the greatest living human minds. Graves' young assistant, Kareen Brianon, has summoned for help against Graves' wishes.

An away team, led by Data, beams down to assist the dying Graves. Data develops a particularly strong rapport with the brilliant scientist, who is bravely enduring the final stages of a terminal disease. Shortly after Graves tells Data of his remarkable ability to transfer human knowledge into a computer, he dies.

Back on board the Enterprise, Data displays extremely uncharacteristic behavior, going so far as to accuse Picard of having lustful intentions toward Kareen. After an engineering test reveals no mechanical malfunctions with him, Troi tests Data's psychological reactions and discovers two conflicting personalities within him -- Data's normal personality, along with a brilliant but irrational side which is quickly taking over his mind.

Meanwhile, Data reveals to Kareen that he is actually Graves, who transferred his dying mind and body into Data's mechanical frame. He also tells her that he intends to place her in an android body so they can be together eternally. A frightened Kareen rejects Data's plan, which triggers a violent reaction in him.

Having discerned Graves' scheme, Picard confronts Data and begs Graves to vacate Data's body and mind. In response, Data knocks the captain unconscious. But when Picard is revived, he is relieved to learn that Graves' knowledge has been transferred to the ship's computer, thus returning Data back to normal.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Barbara Alyn Woods (Kareen Brianon)

Suzie Plakson (Lt. Selar)

W. Morgan Sheppard (Dr. Ira Graves)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Tracy Torme

Story By : Hans Beimler

Richard Manning

Directed By : Les Landau

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Loud As A Whisper [TNG #32]

Stardate 42477.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise is unexpectedly diverted to the Ramatis star system to transport a famous mediator named Riva to the site of a bitter planetary conflict on Solais V.

To the surprise of the away team, headed by Captain Picard, it soon becomes apparent that Riva is deaf. Although he can understand what the crew is saying by reading their lips, his only way of communicating is through the Chorus, a group of three people who not only possess a distinctive aspect of Riva's personality, but can read the mediator's thoughts telepathically and translate them into words.

En route to Solais V, Troi and Riva develop a strong mutual affection. Left alone together, Riva communicates his loving feelings toward Troi using thoughts and crude sign language.

Arriving at the war-torn planet, Riva, his Chorus and the away team prepare to meet with the leaders of the centuries-old dispute. But when the combatants face each other to begin the peace talks, a dissident soldier opens fire with his weapon, killing Riva's Chorus. The away team and Riva are quickly beamed back aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise before more harm is done.

Faced with the loss of his Chorus, Riva becomes withdrawn and loses all confidence in himself. Although Data learns several forms of sign language and is able to communicate the deaf man's thoughts, Riva refuses to return to the planet where his friends were so needlessly killed. Luckily, Troi is able to persuade Riva that he can turn his disadvantage into an advantage.

Back on Solais V, Riva dismisses Data as his translator, announcing that he plans to teach the warring leaders sign language so that they can communicate with him and, in turn, with each other.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Chip Heller (Warrior #2)
Colm Meaney (Transporter Chief Miles O'Brien)
Howie Seago (Riva)
John Garrett (Lieutenant)
Leo Damian (Adonis / Warrior)
Marnie Mosiman (Woman)
Richard Lavin (Warrior #1)
Thomas Oglesby (Scholar)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Written By : Jacqueline Zambrano
Directed By : Larry Shaw

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Unnatural Selection [TNG #33]

Stardate 42494.8

An emergency call for help from a Federation supply ship sends the U.S.S. Enterprise racing on a course to determine the nature of the crisis.

Upon visually scanning the bridge of the U.S.S. Lantree, the crew is shocked to learn that everyone on the troubled vessel is dead. Dr. Pulaski determines that the crew members, who had been examined and found to be in perfect health eight weeks earlier, have all died of old age. The Lantree is immediately placed under quarantine and the U.S.S. Enterprise heads toward the ship's last port of call, the Darwin Genetic Research Station, to warn them of the potential danger.

Unfortunately, the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers that the residents of the Darwin Station are suffering from the same mysterious affliction. Picard is asked to evacuate the children of the station, who have been engineered to become super-specimens through genetic research. Although the children have been kept in isolation and show no signs of infection, a cautious Picard allows Pulaski to examine just one child until the nature of the virulent disease can be determined.

To further eliminate any danger to the crew, Data and Pulaski board a shuttlecraft and have the boy beamed to that vessel so that he can be evaluated in a safe environment. But moments after Pulaski begins to examine the boy, she is stricken by the mysterious disease, which immediately begins working its rapid aging process on her.

In a desperate attempt to save Pulaski's life, Picard orders the crew to modify the transporter unit so that it can filter out any changes in the doctor by using a sample cell of Pulaski's DNA taken before her exposure to the infection. A short time later, with Picard at the transporter controls, Pulaski is safely beamed back aboard the Enterprise and restored to her normal age.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

George L. Baxter (David)

J. Patrick McNamara (Capt. Taggart)

Patricia Smith (Dr. Sarah Kingsley)

Scott Trost (Transporter Ensign)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : John Mason

Mike Gray

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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A Matter Of Honor [TNG #34]

Stardate 42506.5

A special exchange program brings a Benzite named Mendon aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise and gives Riker the opportunity to become the first Federation officer to serve on board a Klingon ship.

Riker's preparations for his assignment include a lesson from Lt. Worf about Klingons, who still maintain the barbaric view that brute strength rules. The lesson is put to immediate use on board the Klingon cruiser Pagh when First Officer Riker must overpower the Second Officer when he questions Riker's authority and loyalty.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers that a virulent strain of bacteria is eating away at the hulls of both their ship and the Klingon vessel. As the U.S.S. Enterprise plots a course to intercept and warn the Pagh, the Klingons discover the bacteria and mistakenly believe the starship is responsible for it. Unable to communicate with the cloaked Pagh, the U.S.S. Enterprise becomes concerned and raises its shields, which the Klingons immediately interpret as an act of aggression.

As the Pagh prepares to attack the U.S.S. Enterprise, Riker produces and activates an emergency transponder supplied to him by Worf prior to his transfer. The captain of the Pagh seizes the device and is soon beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. Now captain of the Pagh, Riker demands the surrender of Picard and the crew, allowing the Klingons to maintain their honor as warriors.

A short time later, the Enterprise aids in removing the bacteria from the Klingon ship and beams the Pagh's captain back to his vessel. Riker immediately surrenders his authority to the Klingon captain and returns to his duties on board the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Thompson (Lt. Klag)

Christopher Collins (Capt. Kargan)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

John Putch (Ensign Mendon)

Laura Drake (Vekma)

Peter Parros (Tactics Officer)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Burton Armus

Story By : Burton Armus

Gregory Amos

Wanda M. Haight

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Measure Of A Man [TNG #35]

Stardate 42523.7

When the U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at the newly established Starbase 173, Data is ordered to serve under Captain Bruce Maddox, who wishes to disassemble and study him so that more androids can be made for Starfleets use.

But after Data learns that Maddox may not be able to reassemble him, he refuses to submit to the procedure. When Captain Picard is unable to have the orders changed, Data's only option is to resign from Starfleet. His decision to resign, however, is challenged by Maddox on the basis that Data is not a person with rights, but property of the Federation.

The J.A.G. (Judge Advocate General) officer of the starbase, Phillipa Louvois, an old acquaintance of Picard, rules that Maddox's contention is supported by a twenty-first century precedent. Picard announces that he will challenge that ruling at a hearing. Insufficiently staffed, Phillipa explains that as senior officer, Picard would have to defend Data, while the next most senior officer, Riker, would have to prosecute. A stickler for the law, Phillipa warns that if Riker does not give his best effort, she will summarily rule in favor of Maddox.

Faced with no other choice, Riker must contend in his prosecution that Data is simply a machine - the creation of man - and dramatically emphasizes his point by approaching Data from behind and switching him off, leaving him lifeless in his seat. Certain of his defeat, Picard has a discussion with Guinan and she suggests that the Federation's desire to create and own a race of disposable androids is the recreation of slavery.

Making an impassioned plea for Data's freedom, Picard declares that in a sense, all beings are created but that does not necessarily make them the property of their creator. Phillipa agrees with him, asserting that Data may be a machine, but he is owned by no one and has the right to make his own decisions regarding his life.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Amanda McBroom (Capt. Phillipa Louvois)

Brian Brophy (Cmdr. Bruce Maddox)

Clyde Kusatsu (Admiral Nakamura)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Melinda M. Snodgrass

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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The Dauphin [TNG #36]

Stardate 42568.8

The U.S.S. Enterprise is assigned to escort a young girl and her guardian from the planet Klavdia III, where they have lived almost all of the girl's life, to Daled IV, the planet she was born to rule.

The sixteen-year-old Salia has a chance encounter with Wesley, who is instantly and obviously smitten with her, much to the dismay of the girl's overprotective guardian Anya. After a short lesson in love from Guinan and Riker, a nervous Wesley calls on Salia in her quarters, where he introduces her to Thalian chocolate mousse. All the while, Troi is concerned that the emotions she senses from the new passengers don't seem to fit who they are.

Meanwhile, during a tour of sickbay, Anya discovers that there's a contagious patient on board and insists that he be killed immediately. When no action is taken, Anya becomes a raging monster intent on murdering the patient herself. Worf is barely able to fight off the monster before security arrives. Dr. Pulaski suspects that the passengers are allasomorphs, a species rumored to possess the power to change into other life forms. In order not to provoke Anya further, Picard orders Wesley to stay away from Salia.

Disobeying Anya's wishes, Salia sneaks into Wesley's room where she exchanges a passionate kiss with the smitten ensign. When the angry monster suddenly appears, Salia herself transforms into an even more frightening creature, resulting in a tense stand-off between the girl and her guardian. After they change back to their humanoid forms, Wesley is left stunned at the discovery that the girl of his dreams is not who he thinks she is.

Nearing the end of her stay, Salia tries to apologize to Wesley for any pain she may have caused him, but her pleas are met with indifference. Telling Wesley that she loves him, Salia heads toward the transporter room. When Wesley realizes his true feelings, he bursts into the transporter room bearing a bowl of Thalian chocolate mousse just as Salia is about to be beamed down to Daled IV. The two share a last taste and a last embrace before Salia bids Wesley a fond farewell.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Cindy Sorenson (Anya As Furry Animal)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Jamie Hubbard (Salia)

Jennifer Barlow (Ensign Gibson)

Madchen Amick (Anya As Teenage Girl)

Paddi Edwards (Anya)

Peter Neptune (Crewman Aron)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Leonard Mlodinow

Scott Rubenstein

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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Contagion [TNG #37]

Stardate 42609.1

The Starship Enterprise enters the Neutral Zone in response to a desperate plea for aid from the U.S.S. Yamato, which has been crippled by a series of dangerous, inexplicable malfunctions on its voyage to the homeland of the Iconians, an extinct civilization.

When the U.S.S. Yamato's captain tries to explain his mission to Picard, the transmission breaks up and the Yamato suddenly explodes. Investigating the incident, Picard learns that a mysterious probe was launched at the starship several days earlier, emitting a burst of energy at the ship. En route to Iconia to retrace the Yamato's course, the U.S.S. Enterprise experiences system failures similar to those the doomed vessel faced prior to its destruction. Geordi informs Picard that the probe rewrote the U.S.S. Yamato software, causing its disintegration, and that the U.S.S. Enterprise computer was infected when it downloaded the U.S.S. Yamato log, prior to the ship's explosion.

In an effort to save the U.S.S. Enterprise, Picard and an away team beam down to Iconia. At the same time, a Romulan vessel orders the U.S.S. Enterprise to leave the Neutral Zone and begins firing photon torpedoes at the ship, whose malfunctioning shields cannot be raised. Fortunately, the Romulan weapons suddenly disarm - it becomes clear that their ship is also "infected." When Riker is finally able to activate the Enterprise's shields, he orders that they be kept up to deflect another Romulan attack - even though it will prevent the away team from being beamed back aboard.

Meanwhile, the away team discovers a gateway on Iconia which allows for time travel. When the power source which has been activating the probes tries to rewrite Data's software, Worf saves him by carrying him through the gateway in which an image of the U.S.S. Enterprise has appeared. Back on the starship, Data's self-correcting mechanism begins overriding the foreign program, reminding Geordi that the U.S.S. Enterprise computers have the same capability. After Picard destroys the power source on Iconia to keep it out of Romulan hands, he beams safely back to the Enterprise.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Carolyn Seymour (Subcmdr. Taris)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Dana Sparks (Tactical Ensign)

Folkert Schmidt (Doctor)

Thalmus Rasulala (Capt. Donald Varley)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Beth Woods

Steve Gerber

Directed By : Joseph L. Scanlan

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The Royale [TNG #38]

Stardate 42625.4

In an unmapped solar system, the U.S.S Enterprise discovers a jagged chunk of metal bearing a United States Air Force insignia.

The Away Team beams down to a building on a nearby planet, hoping to find a connection between the structure and the ship fragment. When Riker, Worf and Data materialize in front of a revolving door that leads them into the casino of the Hotel Royale, their communication with the U.S.S. Enterprise is suddenly cut off. The away team is trapped by the revolving door, which continually leads back into the casino lobby, full of employees and patrons showing no signs of life.

While the Away Team searches for an exit, the drama of a bellboy preparing to fight an evil gambler for the woman he loves unfolds before them. In another one of the hotel rooms, the crew discovers the body of an American Air Force officer and among his remains, a novel titled "The Hotel Royale," the story being lived out before them. As communication with the U.S.S. Enterprise is restored, Data reads from the officer's diary that the world was created by aliens who misinterpreted the novel to reflect the preferred human way of life.

Back in the casino, Riker realizes that the key to their exit may be found in the book. Picard tells Riker that the story ends with "foreign investors" buying out the hotel, and life for the other characters going on as before. Data, calculating percentages at the crap table, quickly breaks the bank, buying the hotel and escaping with the rest of the team out of the perpetual drama.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Gregory Beecroft (Mickey D)

Jill Jacobson (Vanessa)

Leo Garcia (Bell Boy)

Noble Willingham (Texas)

Sam Anderson (Assistant Manager)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Keith Mills

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Time Squared [TNG #39]

Stardate 42679.2

When the U.S.S. Enterprise encounters a Federation shuttlecraft cartwheeling out of control through space, the starship pulls it into the shuttle bay.

Riker discovers that the shuttlecraft belongs to the U.S.S. Enterprise, and Dr. Pulaski finds an unconscious double of Picard inside. Captain Picard accompanies his double to sickbay, where Troi explains that the double really is Picard, but from another time. Data tells Picard that the shuttle's on-board clock shows it to be just six hours ahead of the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Scenes taken by the shuttle camera as it departed show the U.S.S. Enterprise surrounded by a whirlpool of energy. The double, frightened and confused in a nightmare world of his own, is unable to convey any information about the impending danger, and a scan of the area reveals nothing similar to the force filmed by the shuttle camera. Picard begins to doubt himself and worries that the judgment he made, as his double in the future, may have left him and his crew in a never-ending cycle of torment.

Suddenly, the whirlpool is upon them. Picard orders Geordi to take the U.S.S. Enterprise away at warp speed, but when it is unable to move, the U.S.S. Enterprise is forced to shut down before it is torn apart by the strain. The whirlpool lashes a tongue

of energy which strikes each Picard, leading Troi to explain to Picard that the energy only wants him. Learning of his double's resolve to again leave the ship, Picard decides that they will never be able to move forward until the cycle is broken. He orders the U.S.S. Enterprise to charge directly into the vortex. After a tense moment, the double, the shuttle and the whirlpool disappear, leaving the Enterprise alone and on course again.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Maurice Hurley

Story By : Kurt Michael Bensmiller

Directed By : Joseph L. Scanlan

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The Icarus Factor [TNG #40]

Stardate 42686.4

When Riker is offered a captain's position on the Starship Dreadnaught, the U.S.S. Enterprise heads for Starbase Montgomery so he can be briefed on the assignment.

Arriving at the Starbase, Riker is visibly shaken when his father, Kyle, whom Riker hasn't seen in 15 years, is beamed aboard to brief him. Although it immediately becomes apparent that their relationship is strained, Riker summarily rejects Kyle's efforts to reconcile with his son.

Meanwhile, Worf is showing increased hostility toward the crew for no apparent reason. Wesley's investigation into the cause of Worf's uncharacteristic behavior soon reveals that he is feeling culturally isolated because it is the tenth anniversary of his Age of Ascension, a ritual marking a new level of Klingon spiritual attainment.

To help Worf celebrate his anniversary, Data, Geordi and Wesley surprise him by recreating a Klingon ritual chamber in the holodeck. They are, in turn, surprised to learn that the ritual is a test of a Klingon's ability to endure pain at the hands of his friends.

While Riker packs for his new assignment, Kyle's attempts at reconciliation are again rebuffed, prompting him to challenge his son to a punzo-gai-roku match, the ultimate martial art. The match gives Kyle the opportunity he needs to finally resolve his conflicted relationship with his son.

As the crew sullenly prepares to leave the starbase without Riker, he surprises them by appearing on the Bridge, declaring his intent to stay on as First Officer.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Lance Spellerberg (Ensign Herbert)

Mitchell Ryan (Kyle Riker)

Teleplay By : David Assael

Robert L. McCullough

Story By : David Assael

Directed By : Robert Iscove

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Pen Pals [TNG #41]

Stardate 42695.3

Data fights for a friend's life and Wesley is put to the test when the U.S.S. Enterprise probes dangerous geological activity in the Selcundi Drema planetary system.

Unbeknownst to the crew, Data has become pen pals with a little girl named Sarjenka who lives on Drema IV, one of the planets under investigation. When Data tells Picard of his communications with Sarjenka, he learns that her planet is in danger of imminent self-destruction as a result of growing stresses beneath its surface.

Meanwhile, to help further Wesley's education as a Starfleet Ensign, Riker puts him in charge of the mineral surveys which will determine what's causing the quakes and volcanic eruptions on Drema IV. Against his better judgment, Wesley allows the older crew members under his command to talk him out of ordering a detailed and time-consuming analysis. Later, a discussion with Riker gives Wesley the confidence to order the tests, which soon reveal the cause of the geological disturbances.

Shortly thereafter, Picard agrees to enlist the U.S.S. Enterprise's resources to help save the inhabitants of Drema IV. When Data loses contact with Sarjenka, he beams down to the planet to guide her to a place where she can wait safely until the U.S.S. Enterprise launches probes which will save her homeland.

But soon, realizing that Sarjenka's planet will tear itself apart more quickly than anticipated, Data has the girl beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise for safekeeping. After Sarjenka witnesses the launching of torpedoes which will prevent a geological disaster, she is beamed back to her now safe home.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ann H. Gillespie (Ensign Hildebrandt)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nicholas Cascone (Ensign Davies)

Nikki Cox (Sarjenka)

Whitney Rydbeck (Ensign Alans)

Teleplay By : Melinda M. Snodgrass

Story By : Hannah Louise Shearer

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Q Who? [TNG #42]

Stardate 42761.3

Picard's nemesis, the powerful, extra-dimensional being named Q, hurls the U.S.S. Enterprise across the galaxy after Picard refuses to let him become a member of the crew.

Immediately upon arriving in this unexplored part of the galaxy, the U.S.S. Enterprise encounters an alien ship. Suddenly, two Borg - part organic and part artificial beings -- appear in the Main Engineering room. Unfortunately, the U.S.S. Enterprise's defenses are helpless against the powerful aliens, who begin draining information from ship's computers.

Then, having surveyed the ship's weakened defensive capabilities, the Borg vessel demands the surrender of the U.S.S. Enterprise. When Picard refuses, a short but fierce battle ensues, leaving both ships badly damaged and 18 Enterprise crew members dead. Desperate to learn more about this seemingly invincible enemy, Picard sends an Away Team to investigate the Borg ship, which is controlled by the collective minds of all the Borg, rather than by an individual leader.

When Data reports that the Borg are busy repairing their vessel, Picard quickly orders the Away Team to beam back so that the U.S.S. Enterprise can make its escape while the aliens are dormant. But as soon as the ship begins moving, the Borg give chase.

With the Borg vessel gaining on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Q appears on the bridge to taunt Picard with insults about the inadequacies of the starship. As the Borg close in and prepare to finish off the ship and crew, Picard admits to Q that he needs his help. Delighted with the captain's confession, Q instantly hurls the Enterprise out of the remote part of the galaxy and back to safety.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

John de Lancie (Q)

Lycia Naff (Ensign Sonya Gomez)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Maurice Hurley

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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Samaritan Snare [TNG #43]

Stardate 42779.1

During a journey to a distant starbase, Geordi is taken hostage by an alien race and Captain Picard must fight for his life after a simple surgical procedure goes awry.

In order for Wesley to complete his Starfleet exams, he must travel to Starbase 515 in the Scylla Sector. He is unexpectedly joined on his trip by Captain Picard, who has been ordered by Dr. Pulaski to undergo a cardiac replacement operation.

While Picard and Wesley are away, the crew responds to a distress call from the Pakleds, a race of lethargic humanoids. It seems that their ship, the Mondor, requires extensive repairs. To help expedite the process, Riker beams Geordi aboard the Pakled vessel. Sensing that the Pakleds' intentions are less than friendly, Troi expresses concern for Geordi's safety.

After making the necessary repairs, Geordi prepares to return to the U.S.S. Enterprise, but he is suddenly disarmed by the Pakleds, who refuse to release him until Riker surrenders all of their computer information. Hoping to buy time and outsmart the dim-witted Pakleds, Riker implies that Geordi is a weapons expert. The Pakleds then abandon thoughts of computer information and demand that Geordi upgrade their defensive capabilities.

Unable to reason with the Pakleds, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew considers a show of force to rescue Geordi. Just then, an emergency summons is received from Starbase 515 indicating that complications in Picard's heart surgery have left him near death. The Enterprise quickly fires a harmless blast of light at the Pakleds, which frightens the weak race long enough to secure Geordi's release and allow the crew to race to Picard's side.

On Starbase 515, Picard regains consciousness and learns that his life was saved, thanks to the surgical skills of the Enterprise's own Dr. Pulaski. Wesley soon rejoins Picard on the ship, having passed his Starfleet exams with flying colors.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Christopher Collins (Grebnedlog)

Daniel Benzali (Surgeon)

Leslie Morris (Reginod)

Lycia Naff (Ensign Sonya Gomez)

Tzi Ma (Biomolecular Specialist)

Written By : Robert L. McCullough

Directed By : Les Landau

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Up The Long Ladder [TNG #44]

Stardate 42823.2

In response to an urgent distress signal, the U.S.S. Enterprise ventures into the Ficus Sector to save the Bringloidis, a society whose planet is about to be destroyed by stellar flares. Upon assessing the situation, Riker beams aboard the entire Bringloidi civilization, which consists of about 200 humans and animals, led by a jovial man named Danilo Odell and his head-strong but beautiful daughter Brenna.

Picard soon learns that the Bringloidis had traveled from earth years ago with a second colony of humans. Not interested in remaining on Bringloid, the other group dropped off Danilo and his people and moved on to an unknown destination.

Suspecting that the second colony might also be in danger, Picard engages the crew on a search, which leads to the planet Mariposa. When an Away Team beams down, they learn that the entire Mariposan society is composed of clones made from the five crew members who survived their ship's crash landing.

Suffering from a degenerative condition known as Replicative Fading, the Mariposans ask the U.S.S. Enterprise officers to donate fresh DNA so they can clone strong new citizens. When Riker and Dr. Pulaski refuse their request, the Mariposans render them unconscious and take the valuable cells from their bodies.

Upon returning to the U.S.S. Enterprise, Dr. Pulaski is shocked to discover that both she and Riker are missing cells. The two beam back down to the Mariposans' lab to destroy their clones, which have not yet fully matured. The Mariposan leader is furious, since without new DNA, his race will soon be extinct.

In an attempt to resettle the Bringloidis and help the Mariposans, Picard suggests that the two races be left alone to breed naturally, rather than by cloning. Initially reluctant, both sides agree and the group that started out together on earth ends up together again.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Barrie Ingham (Danilo O'Dell)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Jon de Vries (Granger)

Rosalyn Landor (Brenna)

Written By : Melinda M. Snodgrass

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Manhunt [TNG #45]

Stardate 42859.2

While transporting delegates to a special Federation conference on Pacifica, the U.S.S. Enterprise picks up two representatives from the newly discovered planet of Antede III. Unaccustomed to space flight, the aliens arrive on the ship in a self-induced coma to deal with the trauma of their voyage.

En route to the conference, Picard and the crew are taken aback by the unexpected arrival of Mrs. Troi, who also happens to be on her way to the meeting on Pacifica. Upon finding himself the object of Mrs. Troi's passions, Picard turns to Counselor Troi for advice. She explains that her mother is at "the phase," a mid-life period when a Betazoid woman's sex drive increases tenfold!

Reluctant to reject Mrs. Troi's amorous advances, Picard decides to seek refuge from her in the holodeck. As a result, she redirects her search for a mate to the other men on the U.S.S. Enterprise. Her "manhunt" ends on the Bridge when Mrs. Troi eyes Riker and announces to the crew that the two will soon be wed.

Meanwhile, when Dr. Pulaski reports that the Antedians are regaining consciousness, Riker enters the holodeck to inform Picard of the delegates' condition. He is followed by Lwaxana, who loses interest in both him and Picard after meeting Rex, the charming bartender in a Holodeck-created 1940s bar. To her chagrin, she later finds out that her dream man is only an illusion.

Returning to reality, Picard and Riker discover that the Antedians have fully awakened. They also learn, via Mrs. Troi's telepathic powers, that the Antedians are not delegates, but assassins sent to blow up the conference site using explosives hidden in the lining of their ceremonial robes.

While the Antedians are taken into protective custody, Picard thanks Mrs. Troi for saving the lives of the crew and assuring that the conference will proceed without incident. As Mrs. Troi prepares to beam down to Pacifica, she gives the captain one last playful reproach for his "lustful" thoughts as she dematerializes.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Carel Struycken (Mr. Homn)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Mick Fleetwood (Antidean Dignitary)

Rhonda Aldrich (Madeline)

Robert Costanzo (Slade Blender)

Robert O'Reilly (Tough Guy)

Rod Arrants (Rex)

Wren T. Brown (Transport Pilot)

Written By : Terry Devereaux

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Emissary [TNG #46]

Stardate 42901.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise, obeying orders from the highest ranks of Starfleet Command, beams aboard a special emissary named K'Ehleyr, a half-human, half-Klingon female. The crew is pulled by Worf's coldness toward K'Ehleyr, who informs them that they must intercept the T'Ong, a Klingon vessel whose staff has been in cryogenic sleep for a century. She reveals that the Klingons began their voyage while the Federation was still at war with the Klingon Empire, and that if they awaken within striking range of key Federation outposts, the results could be devastating.

Worf, shunning the emissary's friendly advances, reluctantly follows Picard's orders to meet with K'Ehleyr about the volatile situation with the T'Ong. However, their meeting quickly turns personal, revealing that the two were once linked romantically. After a bitter argument, K'Ehleyr storms out.

To work out her frustrations, K'Ehleyr goes to the Holodeck where she does Worf's rigorous calisthenics program. Worf joins her for the exercise, which pits them in battle against deadly alien warriors. After completing the program, an aroused Worf grabs K'Ehleyr and they consummate their passion. At dawn, Worf asks her to take the Klingon oath of marriage which traditionally follows intimacy, but she refuses.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise approaches the T'Ong, whose newly awakened crew members begin firing at the ship. To prevent a fatal face-off, Worf dresses in full Klingon Captain's regalia and presents himself to the T'Ong as the commander of the U.S.S. Enterprise and demands their surrender. He convinces the Klingon leaders that the war ended during the T'Ong's mission and that the Klingons are now peaceful members of the Federation.

Following the T'Ong's surrender, K'Ehleyr prepares to take command of the Klingon vessel and is escorted to the transporter room by Worf. There, the two finally reconcile their differences and although K'Ehleyr bids him farewell, she leaves Worf with the hope that their paths will cross again.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Anne Elizabeth Ramsay (Ensign Clancy)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Dietrich Bader (Tactical Crewman)
Georgann Johnson (Admiral Gromek)
Lance Le Gault (K'Temoc)
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Teleplay By : Hans Beimler
Richard Manning
Story By : Thomas H. Calder
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Peak Performance [TNG #47]

Stardate 42923.4

As part of the first Starfleet Battle Simulation program, Picard and Riker are tapped to compete against each other in a mock battle. Picard is given command of the U.S.S. Enterprise, while Riker is assigned the Hathaway, a hopelessly unequipped, 80-year-old vessel which he's given 48 hours to outfit for battle. Acting as an observer of the exercise is Kolrami, a master strategist from the Zakdorn race, which is reputed to have the greatest strategic minds in the galaxy.

When Riker and his team beam aboard the Hathaway, they are shocked by its dilapidated condition. It quickly becomes obvious that the outclassed ship's only hope for victory lies in outwitting the U.S.S. Enterprise crew.

Meanwhile, Dr. Pulaski challenges the arrogant Kolrami to play Data in the highly complex game of Strategema. Although Pulaski is certain that the android's skills will prove superior to the Zakdorn's, Kolrami wins. When the war games begin, the Hathaway deftly wins round one by distracting the U.S.S. Enterprise with a holographic image of a Romulan warship, thus giving Riker's crew the chance to record several electronic "hits." Moments later, when Picard mistakes a real Ferengi warship for another holograph, he's stunned when the Ferengi launch a ferocious assault. The now-crippled U.S.S. Enterprise is ordered to surrender the Hathaway, which the Ferengi mistakenly believe is armed with a secret weapons system. Unwilling to sacrifice the lives of his friends, Picard masterminds a plan by which the Ferengi think that the U.S.S. Enterprise has blown up the Hathaway, thus allowing the smaller ship to warp speed away to safety.

With the war games completed, Data engages Kolrami in a rematch of Strategema. When Data changes his strategy and forces the game to end in a stalemate, Kolrami storms out, humiliated by the android, as the crew cheers Data's victory.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Armin Shimerman (Bractor)
David Lander (Ferengi Tactician)

Glenn Morshower (Ensign Burke)

Leslie Neale (Ensign Nagel)

Roy Brocksmith (Sirna Kolrami)

Written By : David Kemper

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Shades Of Grey [TNG #48]

Stardate 42976.1

During a routine geological survey on Surata IV, Commander Riker's thigh is pierced by a small thorn, which causes him to lose the feeling in his leg. After beaming Riker back aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Dr. Pulaski determines that the thorn contains an unknown organism which is rapidly spreading throughout his nervous system. If left unchecked, the microbe will soon reach Riker's brain and kill him. Ironically, Pulaski has no way of decimating the organism without destroying the nerves of the being it's inhabiting.

At first, Riker's affliction seems more of a nuisance than a threat. But during a visit with Counselor Troi, his vital signs suddenly plummet and Riker loses consciousness. Although Dr. Pulaski is able to stabilize his condition, she discovers that the organism has spread to Riker's brain. In a desperate attempt to keep his brain functioning, Pulaski begins electronically stimulating his memory.

Soon, Riker's mind is filled with remembrances of his experiences aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. When a memory involving romance increases the growth rate of the organism, Pulaski surmises that if positive emotions feed the invader, negative emotions could kill it.

In an attempt to recall painful moments in Riker's past, Pulaski induces memories of Tasha Yar's death, which successfully slows the organism's growth, but only temporarily. Moments later, his vital signs plunge again.

Sensing that further stimulation of negative emotions will either kill Riker or cure him, Pulaski induces the commander's most primitive memories of survival. As his recollections grow more violent, Riker's body is wracked by a massive convulsion. Just when it appears that Pulaski will lose him, Riker's vital signs stabilize and the organism vanishes, just as quickly and mysteriously as it appeared.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Diana Muldaur (Dr. Katherine Pulaski)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counselor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Maurice Hurley

Richard Manning

Story By : Maurice Hurley

Directed By : Rob Bowman

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The Ensigns Of Command [TNG #49]

Stardate 43133.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise receives a message from the Sheliak, who order the crew to remove all humans from the planet Tau Cygna V. According to a Federation treaty, the planet belongs to the alien race, who want to take control of their property and have given the crew four days to evacuate the men and women now living there. If the U.S.S. Enterprise does not complete the task, the Sheliak will kill all of the humans, whom they consider "vermin."

Due to the high level of radiation on Tau Cygna V, which the colonists have adapted to over several generations, Data is the only crew member capable of surviving the mission. After Riker speculates that there should be about a dozen humans there, Picard sends the android down to the planet to commence evacuation procedures. But the matter is complicated by Data's reports that 15,000 colonists are living on Tau Cygna V and Worf's estimate that transporting them off the planet will take several weeks, far longer than the Sheliak ultimatum.

What's worse, Data meets resistance to the evacuation plan from Gosheven, the leader of the colony, who refuses to abandon the planet. While Data tries to change Gosheven's mind, Picard's pleas for additional time from the Sheliak, who stick to every word of their 500,000 word treaty, are flatly refused.

While a stirring speech by Data convinces some colonists to revolt against Gosheven, Picard buys time when he finds a clause in the treaty that allows him to demand third party arbitration of the evacuation dispute. He deliberately chooses a race in hibernation for six months, which forces the Sheliak's hand and they agree to give Picard three weeks to relocate the colonists.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Eileen Seeley (Ard'rian McKenzie)

Grainger Hines (Gosheven)

Mark L. Taylor (Haritath)

Mart McChesney (Sheliak)

Richard James (Kentor)

Written By : Melinda M. Snodgrass

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Evolution [TNG #50]

Stardate 43125.8

Dr. Paul Stubbs, an eminent scientist, has come aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to study the explosion of a star in the Kavis Alpha Sector, which occurs only once every 196 years. As the crew prepares to launch Stubbs' research unit, the ship is suddenly drawn into the fiery path of the stellar matter. The U.S.S. Enterprise computers initially fail to respond to commands to stabilize, yet even after the ship is restored to normal, the computer reports no malfunction.

Faced with the potential breakdown of the ship's main computer, Picard warns Stubbs that the mission may have to be aborted. Stubbs, who has devoted his career to studying the once-in-a-lifetime event, is insistent that his project be completed at any cost. Meanwhile, Wesley is shaken by the realization that an experiment he had been working on may be at the root of the ship's trouble.

Knowing he must confide in someone, Wesley talks to his mother, Dr. Beverly Crusher, who has returned to the U.S.S. Enterprise after a year's service at Starfleet Medical. He explains that during a genetics experiment, he allowed two nanites, robots tiny enough to enter living cells, to interact. It now appears that they are rapidly replicating and essentially eating the main computer, shutting down the power, weapons, communications and life support systems on the ship, one by one.

What's more, the nanites have evolved to the point where they have become, in effect, a civilization capable of intelligent thought. When Picard refuses to destroy them, Stubbs fears that his life's work will be ruined and attempts to kill them. In retaliation, the nanites attack Stubbs and render the ship powerless.

Desperate to stop the nanites, Picard asks Data to find a way to communicate with them. The robots, distrustful of humans, refuse to agree to a cease fire. As a gesture of good faith, Data allows the nanites to enter his circuits and manipulate his verbal programs, thus using him as a conduit for face-to-face communication.

"Speaking" through Data, the nanites reveal that they meant no harm, but needed to explore the computer system. After Stubbs apologizes for trying to kill them and arranges a new home for them on planet Kavis Alpha IV, the nanites relent and even help reconstruct the computer core in time for Stubbs to complete his experiment.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Amy O'Neill (Annette)

Ken Jenkins (Dr. Paul Stubbs)

Mary McCusker (Nurse)

Randal Patrick (Crewman #1)

Scott Grimes (Eric)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Story By : Michael Piller

Michael Wagner

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Survivors [TNG #51]

Stardate 43152.4

Beaming down to Rana IV, the Away Team finds that the entire planet has been obliterated, except for a patch of land where an undamaged home still stands. Inside, they meet the sole survivors of the attack -- Kevin and Rishon Uxbridge, an elderly couple who cannot explain why they survived the devastation and refuse to leave the decimated colony.

Meanwhile, back on the Enterprise, Counselor Troi's head is inexplicably filled with music which continues to repeat unabated, day and night. She confesses her problem to Picard and admits that she is unable to read the emotions of the Uxbridges as a result.

Suddenly, the ship that attacked Rana IV returns to the area and fires upon the U.S.S. Enterprise, crippling the starship's weapons systems. In sick bay, Dr. Crusher tries to relieve the incessant music in Troi's brain by heavily sedating her, then inducing a coma, but nothing seems to work.

Following his hunch that the warship somehow responds to the Uxbridges' wishes, Picard confronts them. Though Kevin angrily insists that he and his wife do not require the crew's help, Picard tells the couple that the U.S.S. Enterprise will remain in orbit as long as the two of them are alive.

A short time later, the warship reappears and obliterates the Uxbridges' home. In response, the U.S.S. Enterprise destroys the warship. Despite the fact that the crew can find no signs of life on Rana IV, Picard insists upon keeping the planet under surveillance.

Within hours, Geordi reports that the Uxbridges' home has reappeared on the planet -- what's more, the couple is alive and well inside it! Picard beams them up to the ship and forces Kevin to admit that his home, his wife and the warship are merely reproductions of the originals, which were destroyed in the attack.

Kevin confesses that he is a Douwd, an immortal being capable of creating disguises and false surroundings. He explains that after taking a human form 50 years ago, he visited earth and fell in love with Rishon, who remained unaware of his true identity and magic powers throughout their marriage.

Unfortunately, when the aggressive species known as the Husnock attacked Rana IV, Kevin refused to fight back or kill anyone. However, his wife joined the battle and was murdered by the Husnock, along with everyone else in the colony.

Enraged by his wife's death, Kevin then summoned his magical powers and in an instant of grief, destroyed the Husnock race of 50 billion. Fearful that Troi would discover his secret, Uxbridge put the music in her mind to block her telepathic powers.

Stunned by Uxbridge's confession, Picard tells Kevin that he is not qualified to judge his crimes and returns the man to his planet. But before leaving the Enterprise, Kevin restores Troi to normal.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Anne Haney (Rishon Uxbridge)

John Anderson (Kevin Uxbridge)

Written By : Michael Wagner

Directed By : Les Landau

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Who Watches The Watchers? [TNG #52]

Stardate 43173.5

A team of Federation anthropologists, working in a camouflaged outpost on Mintaka III, have been observing the Mintakans - a race of Vulcan-like humanoids whose development is at the equivalent of earth's Bronze Age. But when an explosion rips through the post, the expedition's leader, Barron, and his assistant, an elderly woman named Warren, are seriously injured. A third team member, a young man named Palmer, is dazed in the blast and wanders away from the site.

Beaming down to assist the Federation officials, the Away Team is spotted by two Mintakans, Liko and his son Oji. Stunned by the sight of Warren being beamed up to the U.S.S. Enterprise, Liko accidentally slips and is critically injured in a fall. To save his life, Dr. Crusher beams Liko up to the ship, although it violates the Federation's Prime Directive, which states that members are not to interfere with other cultures.

Regaining consciousness in Sickbay, Liko overhears Picard promising Barron that he will find Palmer. Despite the fact that Crusher performs a procedure to remove his short term memory, it doesn't work and Liko returns to the planet describing "the Picard" to other Mintakans as a god, capable of healing wounds and reversing death.

To find Palmer and minimize any cultural contamination, Riker and Troi beam down to the planet disguised as Mintakans. They overhear Liko telling his friends about "the Picard's" powers and are shocked when three Mintakan hunters walk in carrying Palmer. Liko immediately assumes that Palmer is a servant of "the Picard" and it would please the god if they presented Palmer to him.

While Troi diverts the Mintakans, Riker beams himself and Palmer up to the Enterprise. When Liko and the group realize what Riker has done, they fear that "the Picard" will be angry with them for losing Palmer. To redeem themselves, they seize Troi with the intention of killing her to prove their loyalty to "the Picard."

Fearing for Troi's life, Picard has Nuria, the Mintakan leader, beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, hoping that if she is convinced that he is not a god, she will be able to persuade her people of that fact. Despite all his efforts, Picard is unable to convince Nuria that he is a mere mortal -- until she sees him stand by helplessly in Sickbay when Warren dies and she realizes Picard has no power over life and death.

Just as Troi is about to be sacrificed, Nuria and Picard return to Mintaka III. Liko, still believing that Picard is a god, attempts to prove Picard's omnipotence by firing a crossbow at him. Only when he sees Picard suffering from his wound is Liko convinced of his mistake. Troi is freed and after Picard is healed, he bids farewell to the Mintakans, who are left to progress on their own.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : James Greene (Dr. Barron)

James McIntire (Hali)

John McLiam (Fento)

Kathryn Leigh Scott (Nuria)

Lois Hall (Mary Warren)

Pamela Segall (Oji)

Ray Wise (Liko)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Richard Manning

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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The Bonding [TNG #53]

Stardate 43198.7

An Away Team, led by Worf, investigates a barren planet once inhabited by the Koinonians, a race which destroyed themselves in a lengthy war. While exploring an underground tunnel, archeologist Marla Aster is killed by a bomb buried years earlier beneath the surface. Worf, though injured in the blast himself, feels he is to blame for the tragedy, despite Picard's assurances that it was an accident.

Lt. Aster is survived by a son, 12-year-old Jeremy. Together with Troi, Picard informs the child of his mother's tragic death. Knowing that Jeremy's father is also deceased, Troi is concerned by the child's stoic reaction to the news. Worf, himself an orphan, feels a special kinship with Jeremy and tells Troi of his wish to perform a Klingon ceremony, the R'uustai (or Bonding), with the boy.

A short time later, Troi detects an alien presence on board the U.S.S. Enterprise. In his quarters, Jeremy senses a movement and turns to see what appears to be his late mother, telling him that they are both going to leave the starship and live on the planet. When Worf discovers Lt. Aster's impostor, she vanishes. She later reappears and transforms Jeremy's room into the Aster home on Earth, as the confused boy rushes to the warmth of his "mother's" arms.

Determining that an energy beam from the planet is powering the image of Aster, Picard orders the crew to sever it. Undaunted, the energy field then gathers into a glowing mass, enters the ship and tries to gain control of the transporter room, while Jeremy and his mother hurry toward it to make their escape.

When the alien Aster is trapped in the Enterprise's forcefield, she confesses that she is part of a lifeform that survived the Koinonian Wars. In an effort to prevent further suffering from that conflict, the being recreated Jeremy's mother and home to comfort him.

Wesley, who suffered the loss of his own father, joins Picard in explaining to Jeremy that it is part of being human to mourn and feel pain, as well as joy. At first torn between his "mother" and reality, Jeremy soon decides to stay on board the U.S.S. Enterprise. After the lifeform leaves the ship, Worf performs the R'uustai with Jeremy, making them brothers forever.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Gabriel Damon (Jeremy Aster)

Raymond D. Turner (Teacher)

Susan Powell (Lt. Marla Aster)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Booby Trap [TNG #54]

Stardate 43205.6

While investigating a signal emitting from an ancient Promellian battle cruiser, Picard and the Away Team discover a ship that has been floating in space for over 1000 years. There are no survivors on the vessel, which has remained intact for centuries.

As the crew tries to determine what happened to the ill-fated cruiser, the Enterprise is plagued by a rapidly increasing energy drain which traps the ship in a holding pattern. Worse yet, the crew is simultaneously being bombarded by radiation and raising the protective shields only depletes more power.

Geordi, unable to determine the cause of the rapid energy loss, informs the Bridge that all of the ship's power will be depleted in three hours. And without energy for its shields, the entire crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise will be killed by the radiation.

In search of clues to help free the U.S.S. Enterprise, Riker and Data return to the ancient battle cruiser and begin reading over the ship's logs. Meanwhile, Geordi enlists the aid of Dr. Leah Brahms, a beautiful young engineering expert, to help him save the Enterprise from disaster.

The Promellian logs reveal that the ship was trapped by Aceton assimilators, devices which attract energy, modify it and convert it to radiation. During a centuries old battle between the Menthars and Promellians, the Menthars had used the assimilators to ensnare their enemy in the booby trap. The Promellians, in trying to escape, unknowingly supplied the power for their own destruction.

Meanwhile, Geordi tells Picard that their only hope for survival requires turning command of the starship over to the computer. But while running simulations of the maneuver, Geordi discovers that the radiation force striking the ship has reached fatal levels.

With time running out, Geordi abandons the idea of overpowering the booby trap. Instead, he gives the U.S.S. Enterprise all of the power it can muster in one quick blast and then immediately shuts down all non-essential power, allowing the ship to break the inertia and free itself from the trap.

Picard, taking control of the U.S.S. Enterprise, maneuvers it out of further danger by using the gravitational pull of an asteroid to slingshot his vessel out of the battle zone. To prevent other ships from suffering a similar fate, the U.S.S. Enterprise destroys the entire asteroid field and resumes its original course.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Albert Hall (Galek Dar)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Julie Warner (Christy Henshaw)

Susan Gibney (Dr. Leah Brahms)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Richard Danus

Ron Roman

Story By : Michael Wagner

Ron Roman

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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The Enemy [TNG #55]

Stardate 43349.2

While investigating a distress signal on the Federation planet Galorndon Core, Riker, Worf and Geordi discover the wreckage of a crashed Romulan vessel and a dying Romulan officer, Patahk. Due to the fierce electrical storms on the surface, beaming up and down to Galorndon is restricted by brief "windows," or breaks in the storm, which occur sporadically throughout the day. Unfortunately, Geordi loses contact with the Away Team and is trapped in a pit, from which he is unable to contact Riker and Worf before they are forced to beam back to the U.S.S. Enterprise with Patahk.

Dr. Crusher's examination of Patahk soon reveals neural degeneration caused by exposure to the planet's magnetic fields, which increases the crew's concern for Geordi. Tensions rise when the U.S.S. Enterprise learns that a Romulan warship intends to

cross the Neutral Zone and enter restricted Federation territory to rescue any crash survivors. When Picard informs the Romulan captain, Tomalak, that Patahk is aboard his ship, Tomalak insists that the two ships rendezvous and that Patahk be returned.

Meanwhile, the crew launches a signal probe to locate Geordi. As he frees himself from the pit and makes his way toward the beacon, Geordi is ambushed and taken prisoner by Bochra, a second survivor of the Romulan crash. Before long, however, the electrical storms on Galorndon wreak havoc on Bochra's nervous system and render Geordi's visor inoperable, temporarily blinding him. Geordi is able to convince the critically ill Romulan that their only hope for survival is to beam aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, and the two enemies join forces to locate the beacon.

Back on the starship, Dr. Crusher informs Worf that a transfusion of his ribosome's is the only hope for Patahk's survival. But the Klingon officer refuses to help because his parents were killed by Romulans years earlier. Although Picard explains the drastic political implications of a Romulan dying in Federation hands, Worf stands firm. When Patahk dies, Tomalak prepares to retaliate by attacking the U.S.S. Enterprise. Tomalak's actions force Picard to raise his ship's shields, preventing transporting activity, just as a window in the storm appears.

With time running out, Picard informs Tomalak that the U.S.S. Enterprise is lowering its shields to beam Geordi and a Romulan officer aboard. Knowing that an aggressive response could lead to an all-out war between the Federation and Romulans, Tomalak allows Picard to proceed. Geordi and Bochra return to the U.S.S. Enterprise, where they regain their neural functions and bid each other farewell.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Andreas Katsulas (Cmdr. Tomalak)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

John Snyder (Centurion Bochra)

Steve Rankin (Patahk)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : David Kemper

Michael Piller

Directed By : David Carson

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The Price [TNG #56]

Stardate 43385.6

The crew plays host to a group of visiting dignitaries who are negotiating for the rights to a stable wormhole discovered by the Barzan, which could provide a valuable shortcut through the galaxy. Stressed out by her job as the ship's counselor, Troi reluctantly attends a reception for the representatives. There, she is immediately drawn to the Chrysalian delegate, Devinoni Ral. The two share an instant attraction which soon leads them into a passionate affair.

Meanwhile, negotiations for the wormhole grow increasingly tense. Determined to win the rights, the Ferengi secretly inoculate the Federation delegate, Mendoza, leaving him too ill to continue his task. In his place, Picard selects Riker to represent Federation interests.

Concerned that there is little concrete information about the coveted wormhole, Riker suggests that the U.S.S. Enterprise conduct an expedition into it before committing the Federation to a binding contract. Picard agrees and orders Geordi and Data to pilot a shuttlecraft into the hole. Not to be outdone by the Federation, the Ferengi send a craft of their own into the hole.

Before long, however, Geordi and Data determine that the wormhole is not as stable or as valuable as it looks. They inform the Ferengi shuttlecraft pilots of their discovery but the Ferengi ignore them. Back on the U.S.S. Enterprise, negotiations for the hole continue, as does the romance between Troi and Devinoni. Although she's fallen in love with Devinoni, Troi begins to have some reservations about him when she learns that he is part Betazoid and has been using his empathic powers to manipulate his competitors in the negotiations.

Masterfully maneuvering his position, Devinoni narrows the competition down to the Federation and the Chrysalians, whom he represents. Just when it appears that Riker will secure the wormhole rights, the Ferengi threaten to destroy the hole, insisting that an "informed source" has told them that the Federation has made a secret deal with the Barzan premier.

Devinoni takes advantage of the conflict and the Barzan leader's wishes for peace to win the rights to the hole. When Troi senses that Devinoni staged the entire incident to undermine the Federation, her sense of duty compels her to speak out. But before the Barzan premier has a chance to revoke the agreement with Devinoni, the Enterprise shuttle appears from the wormhole and announces that it is worthless. The dashing delegate then bids farewell to Troi and returns to face the Chrysalians.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Castulo Guerra (Seth Mendoza)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Dan Shor (Dr. Arridor)

Elizabeth Hoffman (Premier Bhavani)

Kevin Peter Hall (Leyor)

Matt McCoy (Devinoni Ral)

Scott Thomson (Daimon Goss)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Hannah Louise Shearer

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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The Vengeance Factor [TNG #57]

Stardate 43421.9

After finding traces of Acamarian blood at a looted Federation outpost, Picard leads the crew to Acamar III. There, he learns that the responsibility for the attack on the outpost lies with the Gatherers, a thieving band of renegade Acamarians who split off from their culture 100 years ago, following centuries of battles between rival clans. When Acamar's leader, Marouk, expresses her desire to reintegrate the Gatherers into her now peaceful society, Picard offers the services of the Enterprise to find the bandits.

The search leads to a Gatherers camp in the Hroni Cluster, where the pack leader, Brull, agrees to meet with Marouk to discuss her proposal for amnesty. During the meeting, however, Marouk's young servant Yuta kills an elderly Gatherer from the Lornack clan named Volnoth, though she makes it appear as if he suffered a heart attack. Dr. Crusher soon discovers that Volnoth was murdered by a microvirus specifically engineered to prove fatal to his system.

Despite Brull's interest in Marouk's proposals, he insists that they must meet with the Gatherer chief, Chorgan, before any final decisions can be made. En route to Chorgan's hideout, Riker is drawn to the enigmatic Yuta, who claims to desire freedom,

but alludes to the fact that her path in life has already been determined. Adding to Yuta's mystery, Riker learns that she serves Marouk not by command, but by choice.

Although Chorgan is at first violently opposed to talking with Marouk, Wesley is able to convince him that it would be in his best interests to do so. While Marouk attends a meeting on the Gatherer ship, Riker learns that Yuta was responsible for Volnoth's death and has killed others in the Lornack clan -- whose surviving members include Chorgan. Knowing that Yuta is attending Marouk's conference with Chorgan, Riker beams aboard the Gatherer vessel.

Riker arrives just in time to prevent Yuta from killing the unsuspecting Chorgan. Yuta proclaims that she is only seeking vengeance for the massacre of her clan, the Tralestas, by Chorgan's clan. She explains that her grandfather, the only other survivor of the attack, altered her cells to make her touch fatal to the Lornacks, and that she used her position with Marouk to get close to the last remaining members of the Lornack clan. When Yuta makes another attempt to touch Chorgan, Riker is forced to destroy her with his phaser, thus ending her mission. The peace talks, however, are saved.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Elkanah J. Burns (Temarek)

Joey Aresco (Brull)

Lisa Wilcox (Yuta)

Marc Lawrence (Volnoth)

Nancy Parsons (Sovereign Marouk)

Stephen Lee (Chorgan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Sam Rolfe

Directed By : Timothy Bond

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The Defector [TNG #58]

Stardate 43462.5

Answering a request for asylum from a Romulan scout ship, the crew beams aboard. Although he claims to be a low-ranking logistics officer, the vessel's pilot, Setal, shares a startling revelation: the Romulans have established a base on Nelvana III, from which they plan to launch a major offensive to reclaim the Neutral Zone. Informing Picard that the assault against the Federation will begin in 48 hours, the Romulan defector begs the captain to destroy the base to prevent a catastrophic war.

Without firm evidence supporting Setal's claims, Picard fears that Setal's story may be a Romulan ploy to trick the U.S.S. Enterprise into initiating war. His suspicions are heightened when Setal informs Picard that he is really a Romulan Admiral named Jarok, who once led a massacre of Federation outposts. Although Jarok now claims that he only wants to keep the peace, Worf alerts Picard that Klingon ships in the area have warned him not to trust the Romulan, since his race had once tricked a great Klingon commander into appearing the aggressor in a war.

With time running out on a volatile situation, Picard meets with his security officer, Worf, and then leads the U.S.S. Enterprise through the Neutral Zone to Nelvana III. When a closer probe of the planet reveals no Romulan power base, Jarok is dumbfounded.

Suddenly, the U.S.S. Enterprise is surrounded by three Romulan warships and ordered to surrender by Tomalak, a commander who once confronted Picard over a skirmish in the Galorndon Core. Picard realizes that Jarok, who had recently been reassigned to a position of lower rank, was used by the Romulans to lure the U.S.S. Enterprise into a trap. The information about the base was all just a ruse to test Jarok's loyalty to his leaders.

Picard refuses Tomalak's demands that the crew surrender and, at a prearranged moment, three Klingon warships uncloak, surrounding the Romulan ships. The odds stacked against him, Tomalak backs down and retreats, promising Picard that they will meet again. Knowing that his defection has cost him his family and his homeland, a despondent Jarok commits suicide.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Andreas Katsulas (Cmdr. Tomalak)

James Sloyan (Admiral Jarok)

John Hancock (Admiral Haden)

S.A. Templeman (John Bates)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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The Hunted [TNG #59]

Stardate 43489.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise visits the planet Angosia, which recently emerged victorious from a lengthy war and is now seeking membership in the Federation. During the visit, a violent prisoner in Angosia's penal colony escapes and is later captured with the help of the crew. The escapee, Roga Danar, is detained aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise while repairs to the damaged prison can be completed.

Although Troi has been warned that Danar is extremely dangerous, she is drawn to him when she senses that he is being tortured by nightmares. Meeting with the prisoner, she comes to believe that he is inherently non-violent, despite his reputation.

A check of Danar's records reveals that he is a military prisoner who served Angosia honorably in the recent war. He informs Troi that when he volunteered for service, his government conducted intense psychological and biochemical modifications on him and his fellow soldiers. When the men, programmed for violence in any situation threatening their survival, had difficulty readjusting to civilian life, they were exiled to Lunar V.

Confronted by Picard with Danar's story, Angosian Prime Minister Nayrok basically tells him to mind his own business and insists that the prisoner be returned. Picard reluctantly informs Danar that he will be sent back to prison via a police shuttle.

But during the transfer, Danar hijacks the shuttle and returns to Lunar V, where he leads an assault on the prison. Nayrok then sends an urgent message to Picard, informing him that hundreds of rioting prisoners are headed for the Angosian capitol.

In response to Nayrok's pleas, Picard leads an Away Team to Angosia, where he finds Nayrok and the members of his senate arming themselves against an attack. Just then, Danar and his comrades burst in, but knowing that the veterans will not kill unless their own lives are threatened, Picard vows that he and his crew will not fire upon the prisoners. Instead, Nayrok is urged to take steps to reprogram the soldiers and welcome them back into society - only then, Picard asserts upon leaving Nayrok and Danar, will the Federation reconsider the planet's application for membership.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Andrew Bicknell (Wagnor)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
J. Michael Flynn (Zayner)
James Cromwell (Nayrok)
Jeff McCarthy (Roga Danar)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Written By : Robin Bernheim
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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The High Ground [TNG #60]

Stardate 43510.7

While delivering medical supplies to a planet involved in a lengthy civil war, Dr. Crusher is taken hostage by Finn, the leader of a radical separatist organization. Although at first fearful for her life, Beverly soon learns that she has been kidnapped to provide expert medical care for terrorists dying from the effects of an interdimensional transporter. Although the nuclear-powered device allows the rebels to move at high speeds and to escape detection by Rutian sensors, its end result is fatal internal damage.

Certain that Finn and his followers will use Beverly as a bargaining chip for their cause, Picard asks Riker to rescue Dr. Crusher with the help of Alexana Devos, the leader of the Rutian police. Alexana, determined not to compromise her hard-line position with the terrorists, is furious when Riker tells one of Finn's men that the Federation is willing to negotiate for Beverly's release.

Alexana's skepticism is justified when Finn, certain that the U.S.S. Enterprise has joined forces with the Rutians against his people, launches a deadly assault on the U.S.S. Enterprise. Although Geordi is able to remove a bomb from the vessel before it detonates, several crew members are killed in the skirmish and Captain Picard is taken hostage with Beverly.

At his hideout, Finn tells Picard that he welcomes Federation involvement in his cause, since that will force the Rutian government to make important concessions. On board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Riker plots a surprise attack on Finn's underground headquarters.

But when Riker, Worf and Alexana show up in the hideout, Alexana shoots Finn to death after the terrorist leader appears ready to execute Picard. Riker chides Alexana for her actions, but she tells him that Finn's death will result in less bloodshed than if he had been taken prisoner and his followers attempted to free him. With Beverly and Picard safely released from captivity, the U.S.S. Enterprise leaves the outcome of the Rutian conflict to Alexana and her advisers.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Christopher Pettiet (Boy)

Fred G. Smith (Policeman)

Kerrie Keane (Alexana Devos)

Marc Buckland (Waiter - Katik Shaw)

Richard Cox (Kyril Finn)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Melinda M. Snodgrass

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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Deja Q [TNG #61]

Stardate 43539.1

While orbiting Bre'el IV to investigate a descending asteroidal moon which could cause landquakes and tidal waves on the planet, the crew is surprised by the unexpected arrival of Q. Although Picard immediately suspects that the mischievous Q is responsible for the moon's deteriorating orbit, Q admits that his superiors in the Continuum have stripped him of his magical powers and made him human, thus unable to indulge in such chicanery.

Fearful that Q is lying, Picard assigns Data to keep an eye on Q while the crew deals with the perilous situation on Bre'el IV. But Q's presence on board the ship becomes problematic when the Calamarain, a gas-like life form with a grievance against Q, begins attacking him. Picard soon realizes that Q came aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to receive protection from the Calamarain. But a short time later, the life form attacks Q again and in an attempt to save him, Data sustains serious electrical damage to his android body.

Moved by the injured Data's sacrifice for him, and aware that the crew will be unable to move the moon as long as it must use its shields to protect him, Q steals a shuttlecraft and heads into space, knowing that the Calamarain will follow him. As the force approaches the shuttlecraft, Picard orders the shields to be extended to protect Q, but they are inexplicably inoperative.

Inside the shuttlecraft, another member of the Continuum, Q2, appears beside Q and tells him that he is impressed by his selfless act and gives Q his powers back, but warns that he'll be keeping an eye on him.

A grateful Q suddenly appears on the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise with a band and confetti to thank the crew. When Picard asks him to leave, Q obliges, but not before thanking Data by using his newly regained powers to give the android the experience of a human belly laugh. After Q disappears, the crew receives a transmission from Bre'el IV announcing that the moon's orbit has been corrected. Initially confused, the captain realizes that Q has learned a little humanity and saved the planet himself.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Betty Muramoto (Bre'el Scientist)

Corbin Bernsen (Q2)

John de Lancie (Q)

Richard Cansino (Dr. Garin)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Richard Danus

Directed By : Les Landau

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A Matter Of Perspective [TNG #62]

Stardate 43610.4

Following a routine mission at the Tanuga IV science station, Riker beams back to the U.S.S. Enterprise moments before Dr. Apgar, the director of the Starfleet research facility, is killed in an explosion. A short time later, Chief Investigator Krag of the Tanugan security force arrives to take Riker into custody after Apgar's widow, Manua, and his assistant Tanya accuse the first officer of threatening Apgar. Picard, however, refuses to release Riker until reasonable evidence is offered to warrant his arrest.

Programmed with the testimonies of Riker, Manua, Tanya and the information in Apgar's personal journal, the holodeck recreates the events leading up to the fatal explosion, according to each person's perspective. Contrary to Riker's claims, the accounts of the other witnesses indicate that he had tried to seduce Manua and intimidate Apgar. Although Picard does not believe the accounts, he admits that the corroborating testimonies provide Krag with enough evidence for Riker's extradition.

Meanwhile, Geordi, Data and Wesley try to determine the cause of a power drain which occurred as Riker was being transported off the station, as well as the source of the energy blast which cause the explosion. Krag's evidence shows that the energy source came from Riker's position as he was beaming out, which means he could have fired his phaser at Apgar as he was departing.

In their investigation, however, the Science Team finds out that Apgar had discovered the new source of energy which Starfleet requested, but hid that fact so that he could develop it into a weapon that he would sell, at great personal profit, to the highest bidder. Using a holodeck recreation, Picard asserts that Apgar was afraid Riker would tell Starfleet that his work was completed before the scientist could create the valuable weapon.

Geordi is then able to prove that Apgar had intended a beam from his energy source to interfere with Riker's transport, scattering his cells through space and killing him in what would appear to be an accident. However, the beam merely reflected off the transport effect back into the condenser, causing the explosion and Apgar's subsequent death. Convinced by the crew's evidence, Krag drops all charges against Riker.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Craig Richard Nelson (Krag)

Gina Hecht (Mauna Apgar)

Juli Donald (Tayna)

Mark Margolis (Dr. Nel Apgar)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Ed Zuckerman

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Yesterday's Enterprise [TNG #63]

Stardate 43625.2

While on a routine mission, the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers a bizarre rift in space, which reveals an unidentified vessel. Both ships are now on an alternate time line where the Federation is in the midst of a bloody war with the Klingons.

The crew identifies the mysterious vessel as their ships' immediate predecessor, the U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701-C, believed to have been destroyed in battle over 20 years ago. Their own crew now includes Tasha Yar, the ex-security chief who was killed in the line of duty. Meeting with the captain of that vessel, Picard learns that it was responding to a distress signal on a Klingon outpost when it was attacked by four Romulan Warbirds. But in the middle of the assault, the ship broke through the space rift, thus saving it from the destruction recorded in the history books. Although Picard and his crew are baffled by the strange appearance of the U.S.S. Enterprise-C, Guinan's alien instincts lead her to believe that the Federation's current war with the Klingons is the result of the U.S.S. Enterprise-C's presence in their future. Certain that the ship is now existing in the wrong time line, she pleads with Picard to send the U.S.S. Enterprise-C back through the rift in order to change the course of events, which has resulted in the loss of 40 billion lives during the Klingon conflict.

Picard confers with Data, who asserts that if the U.S.S. Enterprise-C was destroyed while aiding the Klingon outpost, it would have been viewed as an honorable act, which means the current war with the Klingons may have been avoided. Faced with this knowledge, Picard decides to send the U.S.S. Enterprise-C back through the time rift, to face its tragic destiny.

Meanwhile, Tasha learns from Guinan that, in the correct time line, she died a meaningless death. In response, Tasha requests that she be allowed to serve on the doomed U.S.S. Enterprise-C crew so that she may die in the heroic battle with the Romulans. Picard reluctantly agrees.

As the U.S.S. Enterprise-C makes its way back through the time rift, three Klingon warships launch an attack on it. To assure that the U.S.S. Enterprise-C returns to its rightful place in time, Picard positions the U.S.S. Enterprise-D between the vessel and the Klingons, sustaining heavy losses in the process. Just as the U.S.S. Enterprise-D's engine core seems on the verge of exploding, Data announces that the rift has closed, and, unaware of the preceding events, the U.S.S. Enterprise returns to its original time line, heading for a cultural exchange program with a Klingon delegation.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Christopher McDonald (Lt. Richard Castillo)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

Tricia O'Neil (Capt. Rachel Garrett)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Richard Manning

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Eric A. Stillwell

Trent Christopher Ganino

Directed By : David Carson

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The Offspring [TNG #64]

Stardate 43657.0

Hoping to further his creator's work and perpetuate his species, Data creates an android named Lal, who receives Data's programming through neural transfers. Although Picard is apprehensive about Starfleet's reaction to the unauthorized experiment, he allows Data to continue his research.

Allowed to select its own appearance, Lal chooses the form of a human female. As she becomes increasingly capable of perception and feeling, Data enrolls Lal in school so that she can assimilate human behavior. When the android has difficulty fitting in with the children, Guinan agrees to let her work in Ten Forward, where she can supervise Lal's socialization process, and where Lal can study many different kinds of people.

Meanwhile, Starfleet Admiral Haftel learns of Data's creation and informs Picard that he wants to transfer Lal to a research station where he can more closely monitor her progress. When Picard refuses, citing Lal and Data's mutual need to remain together for full developmental growth, Haftel gets permission to come aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to observe Lal and is empowered to remove her from the ship if he is dissatisfied by what he sees.

Despite all evidence to the contrary, Haftel is convinced that a bar is an unacceptable environment for Lal and orders her removed from Ten Forward. He then meets with Lal in the hopes of convincing her to leave the Enterprise, but she firmly states her desire to remain with her "father" Data and the crew. Upset by her meeting with the Admiral, Lal seeks out Troi, who is stunned to sense the emotion of fear emanating from the android.

After Haftel informs Data that Lal will be taken from the starship, Picard states his intention to defy the admiral's orders, but their face-off is interrupted by an emergency call from Troi. Data and Haftel rush to Lal's side, only to find that she is dying. Troi tells them that Lal's functions broke down after experiencing an extraordinary range of feelings in the counselor's presence.

In a valiant effort to save Lal, Haftel joins Data in repairing the android's malfunction, but her neural pathways shut down faster than they can fix them. After Lal thanks Data for her life and tells him that she loves him, her neural system fails and she expires. Unable to experience the grief and emotion the crew feels at Lal's loss, Data must be content with Lal's memories of life, which he transfers to his brain.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Diane Moser (Ten Forward Crew)

Hallie Todd (Lal)

Hayne Bayle (Ten Forward Crew)

James G. Becker (Ten Forward Crew)

Judyann Elder (Lt. Ballard)

Leonard John Crofoot (Lal As Robot)

Maria Leone (Ten Forward Crew)

Nicolas Coster (Admiral Anthony Haftel)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Sins Of The Father [TNG #65]

Stardate 43685.2

As part of an exchange program, a Klingon officer named Kurn arrives on board the U.S.S. Enterprise. He soon informs Worf that they are brothers, having been separated shortly before their parents were killed in a Romulan attack on the Khitomer Outpost.

Kurn tells Worf that new evidence has surfaced which indicates that their late father, Mogh, aided and abetted the Romulans in the Khitomer assault which resulted in the deaths of 4000 Klingons. To defend his family's honor, Worf goes before the Klingon High Council to challenge the treasonous accusations.

Accompanied by Kurn, who serves as his brother's cha'Dlch (a second who will defend him during the trial), Worf faces the high council. During a recess, the council leader, K'mpec, asks Worf to drop his challenge, but he refuses. Elsewhere, Kurn is seriously wounded by two Klingon assassins after Duras, another council member, requests that he betray Worf and Kurn refuses.

Due to Kurn's injuries, Worf asks Picard to be his cha'Dlch. Honored by the request, Picard returns to the council with Worf. Meanwhile, the crew learns that Klingon records of the fatal attack have recently been altered to indict Mogh and that the only other survivor of the massacre, Worf's nurse Kahlest, is living nearby.

Picard visits Kahlest, who asserts that Mogh was loyal to his race and had actually followed the real traitor to the Khitomer Outpost to prevent the Romulan attack. But when Picard tries to introduce Kahlest's testimony, K'mpec abruptly cuts him off and calls a recess before she can prove Mogh's innocence.

In private chambers, K'mpec admits that Mogh was a scapegoat for the real traitor, Duras' father, to protect political interests and prevent a civil war. He also reveals that the council never expected Worf to challenge their charges, but since he has, he must be punished for his father's "treason" to keep the peace. To protect Kurn, who would face execution along with him, Worf agrees to drop his challenge and instead be labeled a coward before the council, though in their hearts, Kurn and Worf know that their family honor has been maintained.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : B.J. Davis (Assassin)

Charles Cooper (K'mpec)

Chris Doyle (Assassin)

Patrick Massett (Duras)

Teddy Davis (Transporter Technician)

Thelma Lee (Kahlest)

Tony Todd (Cmdr. Kurn)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

W. Reed Moran

Story By : Drew Deighan

Directed By : Les Landau

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Allegiance [TNG #66]

Stardate 43714.1

While in his quarters, Picard is taken from the ship by an alien energy beam and held in a room with three other hostages: Tholl, a peace-loving Mizarian; Haro, an Algolian and Starfleet Academy cadet; and Esoqq, a beast-like member of the Chalnoth race.

The situation in the cell becomes increasingly tense when the prisoners discover that their food supply is poisonous to Esoqq, who eyes his fellow captives hungrily. Picard, Esoqq and Haro attempt to rewire the circuitry in a wall panel to open the door to the room, but they're struck by a bolt of energy. The frustrated quartet begins to suspect each other, believing that one of the others may actually be their captor.

Meanwhile, on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, the false Picard arouses the suspicions of the crew when he begins acting strangely, ordering the ship off course, leading the crew in drinking songs and making romantic overtures to Dr. Crusher. But when Riker finds traces of a sophisticated replicator in Picard's chambers and learns that the captain has led the U.S.S. Enterprise perilously close to a star emitting radiation, he overrides Picard's orders and takes command of the ship. Despite being called mutinous by the false Picard, the crew stands by Riker.

Back in the holding cell, the real Picard deduces that Haro is the captor among them. When she tries to deny the accusation, Picard points out that she exhibited knowledge of classified Starfleet information that would not be available to a cadet.

With that, Haro suddenly metamorphosizes into three identical aliens who are linked telepathically. The aliens explain that they were merely conducting an experiment to study leadership qualities among different species, since their race has no distinctions of authority. When one of the aliens accompanies Picard back to the U.S.S. Enterprise, the false Picard metamorphosizes into another alien.

Furious that he's been used as a guinea pig and that the lives of his crew have been needlessly endangered, Picard captures the two aliens in a forcefield. By this act, he is able to show how effective leadership really works and also that kidnapping is immoral. The point made, Picard send the aliens on their way.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Jeff Rector (Alien #2)

Jerry Rector (Alien #1)

Jocelyn O'Brien (Cadet Mitena Haro)

Reiner Schoen (Esoqq)

Stephen Markle (Kova Tholl)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Richard Manning

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Captain's Holiday [TNG #67]

Stardate 43745.2

At the crew's insistence, Picard reluctantly agrees to take a week-long vacation to Risa, a tropical resort. However, following his arrival, the captain's peace is disturbed by Sovak, a Ferengi who accuses Picard of conspiring with Vash, a woman in possession of a mysterious optical disc.

Although Picard knows nothing about the disc, Vash implicates him by slipping it into his pocket without the captain's knowledge. Returning to his room, Picard is also confronted by two Vorgons, Boratus and Ajur, who have been shadowing him.

The duo reveals that they're a security team from the 27th century in search of the Tox Uthat, a powerful secret weapon. According to their history books, the scientist who invented the Uthat traveled back in time to hide the device from criminals who tried to steal it. What's more, Vorgon records indicate that it's Picard's destiny to find the missing object on Risa.

Although skeptical of the Vorgons' story, Picard discovers he has Vash's disc and confronts her. She claims the disc was given to her for safekeeping by the archeologist who discovered the location of the Uthat, just prior to his death. She hid the disc in Picard's pocket to prevent it from falling into Sovak's hands, since he plans to find the Uthat and sell it to the highest bidder.

With Sovak hot on their trail, Picard and Vash use the information on the disc to locate the Uthat's reputed hiding place, where they begin digging for the weapon. When it doesn't turn up, the trio surmises that the archeologist's findings must have been flawed. But when Picard later catches Vash sneaking out of town, he realizes that she already has the weapon, having found it long before she led Picard and Sovak on a wild goose chase to the hiding place in order to throw the Ferengi off track.

When Vash shows the Uthat to Picard, the Vorgons appear, demanding the weapon. But having learned from Vash that it was the Vorgons whom the inventor had originally hidden the Uthat from, Picard grabs the device and then signals to Riker, who, based on prior orders, beams the device away and blows it up. The disappointed Vorgons reveal that Picard did fulfill his destiny by destroying the Uthat and they concede defeat... this time.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Deirdre L. Imershein (Joval)

Jennifer Hetrick (Vash)

Karen Landry (Ajur)

Max Grodenchik (Sovak)

Michael Champion (Boratus)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Chip Chalmers

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Tin Man [TNG #68]

Stardate 43779.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise is ordered to transport Tam Elbrun, a Federation emissary, to a distant star system. Tam, a Betazoid who specializes in first contact with new life-forms, is assigned to establish mind contact with Tin Man, an alien intelligence

resembling an organic spaceship, which is orbiting a star that's about to explode. The crew's mission: to reach Tin Man before two Romulan Warbirds, which are also trying to make contact with it.

En route to the site, Tam shares with his old friend Troi his frustration with his extraordinary telepathic powers, which constantly bombard him with the thoughts of those around him. He also intimates that he has already made preliminary contact with Tin Man.

Upon the crew's arrival at the star system, one of the Romulan Warbirds fires on the U.S.S. Enterprise, then prepares to destroy Tin Man before the crew can make contact. Instead, Tam sends a telepathic warning to Tin Man, which responds by emitting an energy wave that destroys the Warbird, but also causes serious damage to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

With the star's explosion imminent and the second Warbird on the way, Picard asks Tam to coax Tin Man into moving to the safety of Federation space. Tam explains that Tin Man, having lost its crew years earlier, has come to the star to die in the explosion. He then asks to be transported to Tin Man to establish personal contact, but Picard is hesitant, questioning the loyalties that caused Tam to protect Tin Man at the risk of losing the Enterprise.

When the second Romulan vessel arrives to destroy Tin Man, Picard sends Tam and Data to approach the life-form. Upon boarding, Tam has an immediate sense of belonging with the alien and Tin Man shows a mutual rapport with the emissary. Shortly afterwards, Tin Man breaks orbit and sends the U.S.S. Enterprise and the Romulan Warbird hurtling into space and away from the star just before it explodes. Data is then returned to the U.S.S. Enterprise, where he explains that Tam has remained with Tin Man, having finally found on the ship the peace that has eluded him his entire life.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Harry Groener (Tam Elbrun)

Michael Cavanaugh (Capt. Robert DeSoto)

Peter Vogt (Romulan Cmdr.)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : David Bischoff

Dennis Putman Bailey

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Hollow Pursuits [TNG #69]

Stardate 43807.4

When the U.S.S. Enterprise experiences problems with an anti-gravity unit, Geordi orders one of his engineers, Lt. Barclay, to investigate the malfunction. But when Barclay later claims that he's unable to find a problem, the anti-gravity field fails, causing a canister of alien tissue samples transported from a nearby planet to fall, break open and expose its contents.

After Geordi complains to the captain about Barclay, Picard advises Geordi to find a way to motivate him. Unfortunately, Barclay's attendance at an officers' meeting does little to inspire confidence in him and Barclay retreats to the Holodeck where he programs a session in which Counselor Troi seduces him. Later, when Picard mistakenly calls Barclay "Broccoli," a nickname used by the crew, Geordi finds him back in the Holodeck, engaged in a fantasy sword fight in which he defeats Picard, Data and Geordi.

Geordi then encourages Barclay to meet with Troi to discuss his need to vent his frustrations on Holodeck recreations. But before long, Barclay again begins shirking his responsibilities, which sends Riker, Troi and Geordi to the Holodeck to confront him about his obsession with the device.

Just then, the ship is jolted by a sudden increase in warp speed. Although Geordi sympathizes with Barclay's self-esteem problem, he explains that he desperately needs the lieutenant's help in engineering. Otherwise, the rapidly accelerating starship will automatically self-destruct within minutes.

With all other theories exhausted, Barclay deduces that the ship's malfunctions can be traced to crew members who were in contact with the canister that broke open earlier, and that they may have inadvertently spread some sort of contamination throughout the U.S.S. Enterprise's mechanical systems. Geordi concurs with Barclay's hunch and is able to save the ship just seconds before it would have self-destructed. Having gained confidence from the crisis, Barclay returns to the Holodeck one last time to bid farewell to his recreations.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Charley Lang (Lt. Duffy)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Sally Caves

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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The Most Toys [TNG #70]

Stardate 43872.2

The crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise leaves Data for dead when his shuttlecraft explodes during a dangerous transport mission.

Finding no apparent signs of foul play, the Starship proceeds on its mission to transport rare hytritium to neutralize a sudden water contamination at a Federation colony. En route, Geordi is tormented by his inability to account for the shuttle explosion and the subsequent death of his friend.

Meanwhile, Kivas Fajo, the trader who supplied the hytritium, holds Data captive on his ship, adding the android to his collection of one of a kind items. Unable to escape, Data uses passive resistance to defy Fajo until his captor threatens to kill his own assistant, Varrria, with a disrupter gun that slowly tortures its victims.

As the U.S.S. Enterprise approaches its destination, Geordi realizes that Data never transmitted a confirmation of departure from Fajo's ship, a breach of protocol virtually impossible for him to commit. Suspicions continue to mount when Worf reports that the contaminant in the outpost's water is not indigenous to the planet, and that the only neutralizer is the rare hytritium so conveniently supplied by Fajo. A report confirming that Fajo is a collector of rare objects convinces Picard that Data may have been kidnapped, and the U.S.S. Enterprise sets out in search of the trader's vessel.

Back aboard Fajo's ship, Varrria attempts to seduce Data, but she is rebuked by the android who tells her that she is being used by Fajo to test his sexual abilities. Humiliated and angered by the truth, Varrria helps Data escape, supplying him with a destructor

gun and escorting him to a shuttlecraft. As they prepare to depart, Data and Varria are confronted by guards and a fight ensues, leaving them both unarmed.

Fajo then enters the shuttle bay and shoots Varria with a disrupter gun, leaving her to suffer a torturous death. Shocked by his own actions, Fajo discards the weapon, which Data quickly snatches up. Fajo then laughingly dares Data to shoot him, proclaiming that the android has no feelings which could justify murder to his anti-violent programming.

Moments later, Data is unwittingly transported back aboard the Enterprise. Much to his surprise, Riker learns that Data was firing a weapon at the moment of transport, but Data refuses to discuss the matter. Fajo is then arrested and the trader, who defined his value by his possessions, is stripped of his self-worth when his collection is confiscated.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Jane Daly (Varria)

Nehemiah Persoff (Palor Toff)

Saul Rubinek (Kivas Fajo)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Shari Goodhartz

Directed By : Timothy Bond

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Sarek [TNG #71]

Stardate 43917.4

Sarek, the renowned Vulcan Ambassador, is on a mission to establish relations between the Federation and a race of beings known as the Legaran. His arrival on the starship is preceded by his human Chief of Staff, Mendrossen, and a young Vulcan, Sakkath, the Ambassador's personal assistant. Mendrossen explains to Captain Picard that Sarek's age has recently caused him to tire easily, and asks him to dispense with the official ceremonies that would normally be accorded a visitor of Sarek's rank, so that he may rest. Picard is disappointed that Sarek will not be able to attend a concert arranged on his behalf, but defers to Mendrossen's wishes.

Picard later extends a personal invitation to attend the concert to Sarek's wife, Perrin, who thanks him and says that she will extend the invitation to her husband. When Picard departs, Perrin enters Sarek's room to find the Vulcan uncharacteristically annoyed by an apparent inability to meditate. Later in the evening, Sarek and his entourage attend the concert, where Picard is surprised to see the Ambassador, who is normally emotionally detached, moved to tears by the music.

During the course of Sarek's stay, sporadic bouts of anger and violence plague the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise. Dr. Crusher is horrified when she is driven to strike Wesley, and seeks counsel from Troi, who expresses concern because it is just one of many similar incidents that have been reported to her. The situation becomes desperate when a brawl breaks out among the crew in Ten Forward.

Troi and Dr. Crusher theorize that Sarek is suffering from Bendii syndrome, a rare condition among Vulcans, characterized by a loss of emotional control. Although Mendrossen denies the suggestion, Sakkath, concerned about the success of the conference, admits that he has been attempting to telepathically reinforce Sarek's emotional control.

When Sarek is informed of the recent events, he so vehemently denies his affliction that it results in an outburst of anger, which proves Picard's point. Before the captain cancels the conference, he proposes that he and Sarek participate in a mind-meld in which they would become telepathically linked, and virtually share one mind. When Sarek agrees, Picard suffers through a whirlwind of the Ambassador's emotions unleashed in his mind, while Sarek is able to use the captain's strength to successfully negotiate with the Legaran delegates.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Joanna Miles (Perrin)

John H. Francis (Science Ensign)

Mark Lenard (Sarek)

Rocco Sisto (Sakkath)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

William Denis (Ki Mendrossen)

Teleplay By : Peter S. Beagle

Story By : Marc Cushman

Jake Jacobs

Directed By : Les Landau

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Menage A Troi [TNG #72]

Stardate 43930.7

At the conclusion of a trade conference on Betazed, Commander Riker and Troi take shore leave on the planet, while the U.S.S. Enterprise sets out on a routine mission. Shortly after Troi's mother, Lwaxana, interrupts a tender moment between her daughter and Riker, the trio is unexpectedly joined by two Ferengi who had served as delegates at the conference. One of the Ferengi, Daimon Tog, proclaims that he has come for Lwaxana, who had previously rebuked his amorous advances. As the Ferengi transports out with Lwaxana and Troi, Riker is caught in the beam and is carried away with them.

When the captives awaken aboard a Ferengi ship, Troi and Lwaxana are transported into the lab of Farek, a Ferengi doctor who hopes to study Lwaxana's telepathy through mind probes. Lwaxana gains Troi's return to Riker by agreeing to discuss with Tog a proposal by which he could use her telepathic abilities in trade negotiations.

Meanwhile, Riker entices the Ferengi guard into a chess match, and once outside the cell quickly disarms him. As Lwaxana seduces Tog by rubbing his large and erogenous ears, she receives a telepathic message from Troi and Riker saying that they need an access code to operate the communications system so they can summon help. Lwaxana has nearly extracted the code from Tog when Farek enters, threatening to reveal the incident unless Lwaxana is turned over to him for experimentation.

A message that Riker and Troi are missing summons the U.S.S. Enterprise back to Betazed, where an Away Team discovers flowers indigenous to Ferengi at the spot where they were last seen. Picard orders a scan of all radio transmissions in hopes that Riker has sent a message, but the Ferengi frequency is interrupted by interference. In the midst of the search, Wesley prepares to depart for the Academy to take his Starfleet oral exams. Suddenly realizing that the interference itself may be a signal, he rushes

back to the Bridge, causing him to miss his transport ship. The decoded interference reveals the heading of the Ferengi ship, and the U.S.S. Enterprise begins pursuit.

When Troi is overcome with pain, sensing mind probes being used on her mother, an armed Riker enters Farek's lab to free Lwaxana, but a standoff ensues when Tog enters with a phaser. As the Enterprise arrives, Lwaxana buys the release of Troi and Riker by agreeing to aid Tog with her telepathy, and they are returned to the ship. Picard is then forced to play the role of a jealous lover, in order to frighten Tog into returning Lwaxana. For his selfless efforts, Wesley is promoted to full Ensign and is told that he will be allowed to complete his Starfleet courses aboard the Enterprise.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Carel Struycken (Mr. Homn)

Ethan Phillips (Dr. Farek)

Frank Corsentino (Daimon Tog)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Peter Slutsker (Nibor)

Rudolph Willrich (Reittan Grax)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Fred Bronson

Susan Sackett

Directed By : Robert Legato

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Transfigurations [TNG #73]

Stardate 43957.2

When the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers a severely injured humanoid in the wreckage of an escape pod, Geordi volunteers to have his nervous system hooked up to the stranger's, in order to stabilize him. During the process, a wave of visible energy is transmitted from the humanoid to Geordi.

Dr. Crusher holds little hope for the recovery of the patient she has dubbed "John Doe," but he soon begins to exhibit amazing recuperative powers. While his damaged tissue is repairing itself at a remarkable rate, "John's" undamaged cells are mutating in a manner incomprehensible to the doctor.

Evidence surrounding the pod's wreckage indicates that it was involved in a battle, but when "John" awakens, he is unable to remember anything from his past. When Picard tells him that they have nearly determined the coordinates of his origin and that he will soon be returned to his planet, "John" experiences a sense of fear and tells Picard that he thinks he was trying to escape his planet, but cannot remember why.

Meanwhile, "John's" presence seems to bring a sense of serenity to the crew members he is in contact with, particularly Geordi. "John" then exhibits remarkable powers when he heals O'Brien's dislocated shoulder with a touch of his hand, which emits the same wave of visible energy that entered Geordi.

"John," however, is soon plagued by intermittent bouts of severe pain which frighten him into trying to steal a shuttlecraft. When Worf tries to stop him, "John" suddenly convulses in pain and then pulses into a large flare, knocking Worf off a catwalk to the

deck below. Dr. Crusher's examination of Worf shows a broken neck and no vital signs, but when "John" touches him, a glow of light again emanates from his hand and Worf is completely healed.

When Dr. Crusher reports that "John's" rate of cell mutation is increasing, he fears that he will be dangerous to the crew and asks Picard to let him leave. However, their conversation is interrupted by the approach of an unidentified vessel which begins scanning the U.S.S. Enterprise. The commander of the ship, Sunad of Zalkon, demands the return of "John," declaring that he is an escaped prisoner sentenced to death for acts of agitation.

Having no memory of the past, "John" can neither confirm nor deny the accusation, but offers to surrender in order to prevent endangering the U.S.S. Enterprise. When Picard refuses to turn "John" over, the entire crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise is suddenly struck with paralysis. Realization of his past slowly dawns on "John" and he calmly departs for the Bridge where, by touching a console, his energy spreads to cover the entire starship and heals the crew.

With a wave of his hand, "John" brings Sunad onto the Bridge and explains to Picard that his species is on the verge of an evolutionary change and that the rulers, fearing a loss of power, began to destroy the first members to go through the metamorphosis. Sunad is then returned to his ship and "John," having evolved into a form of energy, prepares to return to his people to spread the word of the coming rebirth.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Charles Dennis (Cmdr. Sunad)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Julie Warner (Christi Henshaw)

Mark LaMura (John Doe)

Patti Tippo (Nurse Temple)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Tom Benko

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The Best Of Both Worlds, Part 1 [TNG #74]

Stardate 43989.1

Suspecting that the powerful Borg are responsible for the disappearance of an entire federation colony, Starfleet sends Lt. Commander Shelby, an ambitious young woman who specializes in Borg matters, to assist the U.S.S. Enterprise crew in their investigation. It is quickly apparent that she is interested in more than just the Borg; Riker has been offered command of his own starship and Shelby would like to replace him on the U.S.S. Enterprise. When Admiral Hanson, an ardent admirer of Shelby's, learns that Riker is planning to turn down the promotion, he suggests that Captain Picard encourage Riker to accept the position.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise is sent to investigate the disappearance of another starship after an encounter with the Borg. En route, the Borg intercept the U.S.S. Enterprise and threaten to destroy it unless Picard transports over to their ship. When Picard refuses, the U.S.S. Enterprise narrowly escapes the Borg's grasp and finds seclusion in a solar nebula where sensors cannot find it.

The encounter exposes a Borg weakness, which Shelby believes will allow them to destroy the ship with a burst of concentrated energy. As they plan their next move, tensions between Riker and Shelby mount when she goes above his head to Picard with a suggestion. In the heated discussion that ensues, Shelby tells Riker that he is too cautious and that he has lost his edge.

When the Borg ship begins a new offensive, the U.S.S. Enterprise is forced to leave the nebula before its retaliation system is prepared. Again in the grasp of the Borg ship, the U.S.S. Enterprise is invaded by three Borg who take Picard captive and return with him to their ship. The U.S.S. Enterprise then begins a high-speed pursuit of the Borg ship, as it heads for Earth.

Picard is informed by the Borg that they intend to add human biological and technical traits to theirs as part of a plan to conquer the human race, and that he has been chosen to speak for them in all communications with Earth. Back on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Geordi informs Riker that the Borg ship must be slowed to impulse power so that the starship can divert its own power toward a shot at the kidnappers.

After initially assigning himself to lead an Away Team to the ship, Riker must grudgingly defer to Shelby when Troi reminds him that he is now in command of a ship at war. Shortly after locating Picard's belongings on the Borg ship, the Away Team begins tinkering with the ship's circuitry, causing the Borg to leave their compartments and putting the team in extreme jeopardy.

When their efforts to reach the captain prove futile, the Away Team is forced to leave Picard behind and return to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Shelby informs Riker of the situation and offers to return for the captain, but Geordi insists that they must take their shot at the ship immediately.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Elizabeth Dennehy (Lt. Cmdr. Shelby)

George Murdock (Admiral J.P. Hanson)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Michael Piller

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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The Best Of Both Worlds, Part 2 [TNG #75]

Stardate 44001.4

At the close of last season, Captain Picard had been captured. As the new season begins, his captors have mutilated him into a half-Borg, half-human called Locutus, and have been manipulating him to gain insight into human behavior to aid their plan to conquer Earth and enslave humanity. They have also accessed Picard's extensive knowledge of the U.S.S. Enterprise, its crew, and their strategy to defend Earth.

In Picard's absence, Fleet Admiral Hanson promotes First Officer Riker to captain. Riker finds the adjustment painful and difficult, but eventually takes the captain's chair and names Lieutenant Commander Shelby as his First Officer despite their initially hostile relationship. The new captain then commands his ship toward a rendezvous with Starfleet. En route, the crew is horrified by the discovery of a literal graveyard of Starfleet ships, left behind as a grim sign of the Borg's path of destruction toward Earth.

Learning of their intentions to assimilate the culture and technology of the U.S.S. Enterprise through Picard/Locutus, Riker realizes he can use his former captain to foil the Borg. He searches for a way to use Picard/Locutus to access Borg information in the same way the Borg tapped the captain for U.S.S. Enterprise secrets.

As the Borg ship races toward Earth, Data attempts to use Picard/Locutus as a communications link to the enemy. With time running out, Riker must make an agonizing choice between Data's desperate attempt to end the Borg advance, or sending the U.S.S. Enterprise on a collision course with the enemy ship to stop them from reaching Earth.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Elizabeth Dennehy (Lt. Cmdr. Shelby)

George Murdock (Admiral J.P. Hanson)

Todd Merrill (Lt. Gleason)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Michael Piller

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Suddenly Human [TNG #76]

Stardate 44143.7

Responding to a distress call from a stricken Talarian vessel, an Away Team from the U.S.S. Enterprise discovers that the ship is manned by five teenagers -- one of whom is human. While treating them, Dr. Crusher finds that the young human shows signs of severe abuse. The boy, called Jono, will not communicate with anyone among the crew, and responds to Picard only upon learning that he is a captain. The boy requests that Picard return him to Endar, the Talarian father who raised him. Fearing for the boy's safety, Picard refuses.

Starfleet reveals that Jono is actually Jeremiah Rossa, an orphaned human member of a Federation outpost presumed dead in a battle ten years before. His human grandmother, a Starfleet admiral, is anxious for his return, but Troi fears readjusting to the human lifestyle could be traumatic for him. When Picard asks Troi to work with the boy, she reminds him that since Talarians respond only to male authority, he must be the one to help Jono.

At that moment, Endar reaches the U.S.S. Enterprise and demands the return of Jono. Picard accuses the alien of abusing the boy. Endar denies the charge, telling Picard that he rescued the boy and raised him as his own following the battle in which Jono's human parents were killed. Picard allows Endar to see Jono, but refuses to surrender him to the alien. Endar then threatens war and announces that additional Talarian ships are en route.

When Data reveals that Jono is at the age of "decision," a Talarian rite of passage at which he becomes a man and is free to make his own choices, Picard decides to let Jono choose his own fate. The boy is shown pictures of his parents and a message from his grandmother. The memories they bring forth disturb Jono, but he calms down and exhibits some very human characteristics while sharing a banana split with Wesley at the Ten Forward.

Later that night, Jono sneaks into the sleeping Picard's room and stabs the Captain in the chest. Shocked by the boy's actions, Picard summons him to his sickbed for an explanation. Jono grudgingly reveals that he hoped his action would condemn him to death, thus preventing him from having to make the agonizing choice between his human family and the father who raised him.

On the bridge, Riker refuses to give Endar the boy, claiming that he is being held in custody as a result of his attack on Picard. As Endar prepares to fire on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Picard enters the Bridge, accompanied by Jono. He announces that he is returning the boy to the only home he has ever known -- with Endar.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Barbara Townsend (Admiral Connaught Rossa)
Chad Allen (Jono)
Sherman Howard (Capt. Endar)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor
John Whelpley
Story By : Ralph Phillips
Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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Brothers [TNG #77]

Stardate 44085.7

When Data's creator summons him home to be fitted with a computer chip that will give him emotion, their reunion is disrupted by the unexpected arrival of Data's evil brother, Lore.

Aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, a young boy's practical joke backfires and leaves his brother dangerously ill. Because the boy needs special treatment to survive, the ship rushes towards a nearby starbase. En route, Data begins to inexplicably malfunction, slipping into a trance-like state and altering the ship's course. He then severs the life support system on the Bridge, forcing the evacuation of the command crew, and leaving himself alone on the Bridge. He thwarts the crew's numerous efforts to regain control of the ship by speaking to the computer in Picard's voice and taking control of the U.S.S. Enterprise. The starship continues to follow his mysterious course, while the sick little boy's situation grows more desperate.

The out-of-control android maneuvers the ship toward his destination, evades three security teams by blocking them with force fields, and escapes. He arrives on a planet, and is greeted by Dr. Noonien Soong, the ancient doctor who created him. A confused Data asks Soong how he arrived on the doctor's planet. Soong explains that Data was summoned through a homing device, and ignores Data's anxious request to contact the U.S.S. Enterprise. Suddenly, a figure enters the room. It is Data's sinister brother, Lore, whom Data had defeated during a fight aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise two years earlier.

When Soong deactivates Lore to examine him, Data requests that his evil brother not be restored to life. Soong reassembles the android anyway, and explains that the homing device that summoned Data had the same effect on Lore. In an explosive outburst, Lore rails at Soong for creating Data instead of working to improve him. An apologetic Soong explains that if he had known Lore was still functional, he would have worked to correct the programming that caused him to be evil. However, his recent efforts have been to create a chip that will allow Data to feel emotion. Soong then explains that he is dying, and that this will be his final project. Lore is upset by the news and offers to help, but Soong says he only needs to rest before he begins working on Data.

Upon completing the implant, Soong learns that he has inserted the chip in Lore, who deactivated his brother while the scientist was asleep. When Soong tries to convince Lore to surrender the chip, he attacks his creator, flinging him across the room, then escaping. Meanwhile, the Enterprise crew has found a way to follow Data, and an Away Team soon reaches Soong's planet to rescue the errant android. The scientist refuses their offer to leave with them, and Data says goodbye to his creator. The starship resumes its course for Starbase 416, where the sick boy is treated and saved. The boy then reconciles with his brother, leaving Data to ponder the special bond between siblings.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Adam Ryen (Willie Potts)
Brent Spiner (Dr. Noonien Soong / Lore)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Cory Danziger (Jake Potts)
James Lashly (Ensign Kopf)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Written By : Rick Berman
Directed By : Rob Bowman

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Family [TNG #78]

Stardate 44012.3

After taking the U.S.S. Enterprise to an Earth orbiting spacedock for repairs, Picard, still recovering from the injuries he suffered at the hands of the Borg, returns for the first time in twenty years to the 19th century French village where he grew up. He is greeted warmly by his sister-in-law and nephew, both of whom he has never met. However, his meeting with his older brother Robert, who feels that Picard is arrogant, is filled with animosity.

Back on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Worf receives an unexpected visit from his adoptive human parents, Sergey and Helena Rozhenko. Because he is a Klingon, Worf is uncomfortable with their displays of emotion. His coldness upsets Worf's mother. But her feelings of hurt and helplessness are alleviated after a conversation with Guinan, who assures the Rozhenkos that when their son looks toward home, he is looking toward Earth. Comforted by her words, the couple assures Worf that while they may not understand everything about his association with the Klingons, they will always stand by him and love him.

Meanwhile, Dr. Crusher receives a package she left in storage when she left Earth. While sorting through the odds and ends, she discovers a computer disc containing a holographic message for Wesley from his late father, made when he was only 10 weeks old. She is uncertain about giving the disc to Wesley, but Troi convinces her it may help the boy understand the kind of man his father was. Initially shocked that his father was just a young man like himself, Wesley ends up deeply moved by his expression of hope for the future and love for his baby son.

Back in his village, Picard receives an offer from an old friend to head a project on Earth, and is shocked to find himself seriously considering the job. While Picard anguishes over the decision, his brother seizes the opportunity to torment him, telling him he has changed from the unflappable achiever he once was. The argument leads to a brawl that eventually leaves the sibling rivals laughing and covered in mud. They share a tender moment as Picard reveals the guilt he feels over his inability to fight the Borg after they kidnapped him.

As the U.S.S. Enterprise prepares to depart, it is apparent that more than just the starship was repaired. Worf shares a final tender moment with his parents, Wesley says goodbye to a father he finally feels he knows, and Picard, reconciled with his brother, begins his psychological recovery from his trauma with the Borg.

Crew : Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

David Tristin Birkin (Rene Picard)

Dennis Creaghan (Louis)

Doug Wert (Jack R. Crusher)

Georgia Brown (Helena Rozhenko)

Jeremy Kemp (Robert Picard)

Samantha Eggar (Marie Picard)

Theodore Bikel (Sergey Rozhenko)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Les Landau

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Remember Me [TNG #79]

Stardate 44161.2

After escorting her friend Dr. Dalen Quaiac aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Beverly is deeply moved by his sadness over losing his wife and other people he has loved. She seeks out her son Wesley, and finds him in engineering, working with a warp bubble on a computer screen. While she watches, his experiment inadvertently causes a strange flash of light. Soon afterward, Dr. Crusher is unable to locate Dr. Quaiac. The ship's computer reports that he has never been on board, and Picard and Worf inform her that they had no knowledge of his presence on the ship. Additionally, O'Brien does not recall transporting Quaiac aboard, and Starfleet has no record of the doctor's existence.

Beverly's bewilderment turns to concern when members of the crew, including her entire medical staff, begin to disappear. Neither their relatives, other crew members, or the ship's computer remember their ever having existed. Picard, Riker, and the crew are supportive and helpful, but since none of them remember the missing people, or feel like anything is wrong, Beverly wonders if she is suffering from delusions. She heads to Troi's office for analysis, and is confronted by a strange, swirling vortex which knocks her to the ground.

The crew discounts the possibility that Wesley's experiment caused the vortex. Beverly then asks if all crew members are accounted for. Data replies that no crew members are missing, and tells her there are 114 people aboard the starship.

Beverly panics, knowing the U.S.S. Enterprise population should be well over 1000. She requests that Worf monitor all remaining personnel, and is met with silence. No one has ever heard of Worf. She rushes to Wesley to try to link her predicament to his experiment, but Wesley soon disappears too. Beverly returns to the Bridge to find everyone but Picard vanished. Then the captain disappears, and the vortex reappears on the Bridge. While she struggles with it, Wesley works on the computer, despondent that he has lost his mother. At that moment, an alien called the Traveler phases in.

The Traveler explains that Wesley somehow summoned him, and tells the boy that at the moment the light flashed during his experiment with warp fields, Beverly was caught in a warp bubble and created her own reality based on what she was thinking at that precise moment -- the tragedy of losing close friends. He begins working with the boy to try to recreate the bubble and bring his mother back. Meanwhile, Beverly uses the computer to determine that she is trapped in the bubble, and that it, along with her self-created universe, is collapsing. While the crew tries to maneuver the ship back to the exact spot where Wesley's bubble was created, Beverly runs to engineering, where she first saw the flash of light, as the ship begins to collapse around her. She locates

the vortex with only seconds to spare, leaps through it, and suddenly appears back in the engineering room, surrounded by the crew and her very relieved son.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Bill Erwin (Dr. Dalen Quaique)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Eric Menyuk (The Traveller)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Lee Sheldon

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Legacy [TNG #80]

Stardate 44215.2

The crew responds to a distress call from a stricken Federation freighter that is orbiting the planet Turkana IV, birthplace of their late comrade, Tasha Yar. The freighter explodes, but Data detects an escape pod heading toward the planet. Picard dispatches an Away Team to rescue the crashed crew members. Upon reaching the planet's surface, Riker and his team meet Hayne, leader of the Coalition - one of the planet's two warring factions. When Data reveals that a former crewmember was born on Turkana IV, Hayne offers to aid in the search with the help of one of his comrades, Ishara Yar -- Tasha's sister.

Although Picard doesn't completely trust Hayne, he accepts his offer of help, and Ishara is transported aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. A conference to discuss their options for a rescue is interrupted by a transmission from one of the missing crew members. They are being held hostage by the Alliance, the faction opposing the Coalition, and their lives are in danger. Ishara tells Riker and the crew where the escape pod is being held and volunteers to help. She reveals that as part of a peacekeeping agreement, the members of the Alliance and the Coalition have been implanted with detectors which set off alarms when they cross into their opposing factions' territory. Riker allows Ishara to transport into Alliance territory and act as a diversion. During the mission, she is wounded by the Alliance and is saved by Riker and transported back to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

While she recovers, Ishara and Data grow closer. Meanwhile, Geordi determines that the crewmen from the pod are located near Alliance headquarters. Ishara tells the crew that she knows the area and could guide them, but her detector implant would alert the Alliance of her presence -- and removal of the implant would trigger a micro explosive in the device. Data suggests a way that Dr. Crusher could safely remove the implant and Ishara, after considering her options, agrees to the operation. She tells Data that she might like to leave the Coalition and apply to Starfleet Academy after the mission. Picard and Troi question Ishara's motives, but Data urges them to give her a chance.

After the operation, Ishara and the Away Team transport into Alliance territory. After leading the team to the missing crewmen, Ishara sneaks away. Noticing that she is missing, Riker and Data set out to find her. Data locates Ishara as she attempts to overload the Alliance's defensive systems. She admits that her help on the rescue mission has been a covert attempt to defeat the Alliance. When Data tries to stop her, she fires her phaser at him, barely missing him. Riker diverts Ishara's attention, enabling Data to fire at her. Data then rearms the Alliance defensive systems. Later, Picard returns Ishara to the Coalition, and Riker explains to a disturbed Data that in every trust lies the possibility of betrayal.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Beth Toussaint (Ishara Yar)
Christopher Michael (Coalition Lt.)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Don Mirault (Hayne)
Vladimir Velasco (Tan Tsu)
Written By : Joe Menosky
Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Reunion [TNG #81]

Stardate 44246.3

K'Ehleyr, a half-human, half-Klingon ambassador, requests permission to come aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to speak with Picard. Worf is noticeably agitated when the woman, his former mate, materializes accompanied by a young Klingon boy. K'Ehleyr tells Worf that the boy, Alexander, is their son. The Ambassador then informs Picard that she has come because K'Mpec, the dying Klingon leader, wishes to speak with him. Picard boards the Klingon ship, and K'Mpec requests his help in arbitrating the power struggle between his two potential successors. One of the contestants has been secretly poisoning him, and Picard must determine who is the murderer and prevent him from assuming K'Mpec's post. K'Mpec tells Picard that one of the contestants is Duras, whose deceit caused Worf's discommendation from the Klingon High Council.

Meanwhile, K'Mpec has died, and the rivals for the leadership of the High Council, Duras and Gowron, join Picard at his wake. There, Duras urges Picard to complete the rite of succession when suddenly, an explosion rocks the room.

Back on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Worf and K'Ehleyr share a tender moment, and Worf agrees to befriend Alexander. Meanwhile, Picard stalls for time by subjecting Duras and Gowron to an ancient ritual where they must prove their worthiness. Gowron later offers K'Ehleyr a bribe to influence Picard's decision, but she refuses.

The discovery that the bomb in the explosion was of Romulan origin leads the crew to suspect that one of the Klingon rivals plans to form an alliance with this Federation enemy. K'Ehleyr suspects Gowron because of the attempted bribe, but her suspicions turn to Duras when she finds evidence that proves Duras was involved in the conspiracy that led to Worf's discommendation, and that he somehow forced Worf to take the blame.

Dr. Crusher discovers that the bomb was implanted in the arm of one of Duras' men, while Duras attacks K'Ehleyr in her quarters. Worf rushes in, and K'Ehleyr gives him Duras' name before dying in his arms. An outraged Worf transports to Duras' ship. He attacks Duras, who reminds Worf that he is the only one who can clear his name. Worf kills him anyway, accepting his fate for the sake of vengeance. Returning to the starship, Worf informs Alexander that he will be cared for by Worf's adoptive human parents, and answering the boy's query, embraces him as his son.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : April Grace (Transporter Technician Hubbell)
Basil Wallace (Klingon Guard #1)
Charles Cooper (K'mpec)
Jon Steuer (Alexander Rozhenko)
Michael Rider (Security Guard)
Mirron E. Willis (Klingon Guard #2)
Patrick Massett (Duras)
Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)
Suzie Plakson (K'Ehleyr)
Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)
Teleplay By : Brannon Braga
Jo Perry
Ronald D. Moore
Thomas Perry
Story By : Drew Deighan
Jo Perry
Thomas Perry
Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Future Imperfect [TNG #82]

Stardate 44286.5

When Data receives strange energy readings from Alfa Onias III, an uninhabited planet near the Neutral Zone, Picard suspects the Romulans and sends an Away Team led by Riker to investigate. On Alfa Onias III, communications with the U.S.S. Enterprise break down and the mission is aborted. Later, Riker awakens in sickbay to a graying Dr. Crusher, who tells him that he is recovering from a retroactive virus he contracted during the mission sixteen years ago -- a virus that only recently became active and destroyed all of his memory from the moment he was infected. Riker learns that he has been Captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise for nine years and has a son, by a wife who has been dead for two years. But his most shocking discovery is that he is about to lead negotiations for a peace treaty between the Federation and their long-time adversaries, the Romulans.

Riker becomes suspicious when he learns that the U.S.S. Enterprise is escorting Romulan Ambassador Tomalak, whom Riker remembers as a Romulan captain and Federation enemy, to Outpost 23, the heart of Federation Defenses in the Neutral Zone. His suspicions are compounded when the ship's computer experiences an unusual time lag in responding to his questions about his missing years. While perusing his family records in search of clues to his past, he realizes the entire story about the virus is a charade when he discovers that the image of his late wife is actually a woman he once created using the equipment in the Holodeck.

Riker finds Tomalak on the Bridge and reveals his discovery of the charade, and at that moment the image of the bridge disappears, revealing a Romulan Holodeck. Tomalak explains that Riker was captured during the Away Team mission and that they created the images of the ship and crew by perusing his mind with neural scanners. Riker is then placed in a cell with a boy who appeared as his son in the charade. The boy, Ethan, explains that he was captured with his parents, who have been taken away.

When Tomalak returns to the cell and demands to be told the location of Outpost 23, Riker escapes with the help of Ethan. While they are in hiding, Ethan accidentally refers to Tomalak as an ambassador, when in reality he is a commander and was only an

ambassador in the aborted Romulan charade. Riker catches the boy and calls his bluff, realizing that the boy is not an innocent hostage. At that moment, the scene around him fades to reveal the cavern on Alfa Onias III where the original Away Team mission was aborted.

Ethan discloses that when his people were invaded, his mother brought him to the planet for safety, leaving him with a scanner to protect him and give him everything he wanted. He lured the U.S.S. Enterprise to Alfa Onias III and kept Riker to have a companion. Riker then invites the boy to return with him to the U.S.S. Enterprise. The boy reveals his true form, as an alien named Barash, and the two transport hand-in-and back to the starship.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Andreas Katsulas (Ambassador Tomalak)

April Grace (Chief Hubbell)

Carolyn McCormick (Minuet)

Chris Demetral (Barash)

George O'Hanlon, Jr. (Transporter Chief)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Todd Merrill (Ensign Gleason)

Written By : David Bennett Carren

J. Larry Carroll

Directed By : Les Landau

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Final Mission [TNG #83]

Stardate 44307.3

Picard summons Wesley Crusher to the Bridge, where he informs the youngster that he has been accepted to Starfleet Academy. He further honors Wesley by asking him to accompany him on a final mission to help mediate a dispute on Pentarus V. When the U.S.S. Enterprise is called to investigate another nearby crisis, Picard and Wesley proceed alone, traveling with a representative of the planet, Dirgo, in his dilapidated shuttle. En route, the shuttle fails, forcing an emergency landing on a desert-like moon. Upon learning Dirgo is not traveling with water, Picard positions a makeshift arrow in the sand to indicate their direction and heads toward a mountain range for shelter.

Back on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, the crew learns that the shuttle is missing, but cannot aid in the search because they are involved in an emergency mission of their own, removing an ancient waste vessel that is leaking radiation from the atmosphere of a nearby planet. Meanwhile, Picard, Wesley and Dirgo reach the mountains, where Wesley locates a water fountain inside a cavern. Upon discovering a force field that stands between them and the water, and impatient Dirgo begins firing at the force field, summoning an electrical sentry that begins moving toward them. Dirgo fires at the sentry, triggering a rock slide. As the boulders hurl toward Wesley, Picard pushes him out of the way, and is severely injured in the process.

While Picard's condition worsens, Dirgo bullies Wesley into trying to distract the sentry by setting his weapon to fire automatically, allowing Dirgo to shoot through the force field to try to reach the water. The plan seems to work, until the sentry splits itself in two, enveloping Wesley's weapon and killing Dirgo.

Riker and the crew aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise conclude their mission and join the search for the shuttle. But as the cold night falls on the desert moon where he and Wesley are trapped, Picard grows weaker. Wesley tries to keep his captain alive by expressing his affection for the dying man.

As Picard struggles to hold on, Wesley devises a plan to foil the sentry. He shoots his phaser to lure the electronic guard, then tries to disengage it with a tricorder. Eventually, the sentry passes right through him, releasing the force field and giving Wesley access to the water, which he rushes to Picard. Soon afterward, an Away Team from the U.S.S. Enterprise rescues them, and Picard credits Wesley for saving his life.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Kim Hamilton (Chairman Songi)

Mary Kohnert (Ensign Tess Allenby)

Nick Tate (Dirgo)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Kacey Arnold-Ince

Jeri Taylor

Story By : Kacey Arnold-Ince

Directed By : Corey Allen

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The Loss [TNG #84]

Stardate 44356.9

When starship sensors detect a strange pattern of images in the U.S.S. Enterprise's path, the crew stops to investigate. Unable to pinpoint the source, they attempt to resume their course, to the shocking realization that they are being pulled by an unknown force -- a force they are unable to break away from. Worried, Picard calls an emergency staff meeting and asks Troi if she senses a life form. The counselor suddenly realizes that she is unable to sense anything from the force or from anyone else in the room. Her empathetic powers have failed.

After examining Troi, Beverly tries to prepare her for the fact that her powers may be lost for good. Troi grows impatient, telling her she only wants to get back to work. Later, Deanna begins to panic when she attempts to counsel a patient without her empathetic abilities. When Beverly is unable to offer any immediate hope, Troi lashes out at her. Meanwhile, Data and Geordi discover that the force that is pulling the U.S.S. Enterprise is a cluster of two-dimensional lifeforms.

Unconfident in her ability to perform her job without her powers, Troi resigns, much to Riker and Picard's dismay. Later, Guinan spots her in the Ten Forward, and tells Troi how her experiences as a bartender make her the ideal candidate to take over the counselor's job. Deanna immediately sees that Guinan is joking, and suddenly realizes that while she may be without her Betazoid powers, her human instincts are still intact. Back on the Bridge, Data and Riker discover that the creatures are heading toward a cosmic string -- a force similar to a black hole -- and the ship, caught in their gravitational wake, is headed for certain disaster.

A desperate Picard asks Troi to use her human abilities to psychoanalyze the creatures. As she struggles to make do with her instincts, she realizes that since most life forms have an instinctive will to survive, making the creatures aware of the danger might make them change their course. Data constructs a replica of the string directly in front of the creatures as a sort of warning

device, but instead of turning back, they increase their speed toward it. At that moment, Troi realizes the creatures must want to head for the string.

Data reconstructs the replica behind the creatures, and, confused, they stop momentarily, allowing the U.S.S. Enterprise to escape. They quickly resume their course and disappear inside the string. Troi's powers come rushing back to her, and she is overcome with the creatures' happiness and the realization that the string is their home. She concludes that the strength of their longing temporarily short-circuited her powers, and with renewed confidence in her human abilities, Troi happily resumes her post as ship's counselor.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Kim Braden (Ensign Janet Brooks)

Mary Kohnert (Ensign Tess Allenby)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Alan J. Adler

Hilary J. Bader

Vanessa Greene

Story By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Chip Chalmers

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Data's Day [TNG #85]

Stardate 44390.1

Data is excited about his friend Keiko's upcoming wedding to Chief O'Brien, where the android will be giving the bride away. When the bride succumbs to jitters and calls the wedding off, Data applies android logic, and decides that since O'Brien loves Keiko, if calling off the wedding makes her happy it will make O'Brien happy. Of course, the heartbroken groom's reaction to Data's news quickly reflects otherwise. Data's confusion is compounded when Geordi assures him that the wedding will proceed as planned. With this in mind, he attempts to buy a gift for the couple, and encounters Worf, who informs Data that he will have to dance at the wedding. Data has never danced, so he enlists Dr. Crusher's help -- after learning from her file that she was once a tap dancing champion.

In the midst of this pre-wedding chaos, Data must escort aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise Vulcan Ambassador T'Pol, who is preparing to negotiate a treaty with the Romulans inside the Neutral Zone. While the Ambassador's curt behavior sets most of the crew on edge, the android remains unaffected by emotions. Meanwhile, O'Brien asks Data to convince Keiko to go through with the wedding, and Data's lack of understanding soon upsets her as well. Counselor Troi is unable to help him see the reason for his friend's behavior. Later, T'Pol summons Data to her quarters, where she asks him to reveal secret defense information. He refuses to surrender it on the grounds that the Ambassador does not have proper authorization.

Although he masters tap dancing in seconds, Beverly has some difficulty teaching Data to dance with a partner, but eventually he begins to catch on. Some time afterward, the U.S.S. Enterprise meets a Romulan warbird, and despite Picard's unease about the situation, the crew begins to transport T'Pol aboard. However, something interrupts the transporter signal and the Ambassador is killed.

Finding no flaw in the transport system, Data mimics the tactics of Sherlock Holmes, who, like Data, relied primarily on logic. The android detective discovers that T'Pol was not really killed. Using similar equipment, the Romulans beamed her off the ship themselves and left behind genetic compounds designed to fool the crew into thinking they killed her.

Picard confronts Mendak, the Romulan commander, with this information and learns that T'Pol is actually a Romulan spy. After a tense standoff, the U.S.S. Enterprise heads home. With the danger now passed, Data approaches Keiko to make amends. She informs him that he did not offend her and that the wedding will continue as planned after all. Data soon walks his friend down the aisle, where she and O'Brien are married by Captain Picard.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alan Scarfe (Admiral Mendak)

April Grace (Transporter Chief Hubbell)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko Ishikawa)

Shelly Desai (V'Sal)

Sierra Pecheur (Ambassador T'Pol)

Teleplay By : Harold Apter

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Harold Apter

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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The Wounded [TNG #86]

Stardate 44429.6

After a Cardassian warship fires on the U.S.S. Enterprise, the ship's captain informs Picard that he is acting in retaliation against a Federation starship that has recently destroyed an unarmed Cardassian space station. This is unusual because there is now a treaty between the Federation and the Cardassians, who were once bitter enemies. As a goodwill gesture, Picard invites the Cardassian captain aboard to aid in the search for the renegade Federation vessel, despite the objections of some crew members who still mistrust their former enemy. Starfleet informs Picard that the errant Federation ship is the U.S.S. Phoenix, commanded by Captain Benjamin Maxwell.

Picard asks Transporter Chief O'Brien, who once served under Maxwell, for some insight into the man. O'Brien reveals that the captain's family was killed by the Cardassian militia before their truce with the Federation, but cannot believe he is seeking vengeance. At that moment, the U.S.S. Enterprise locates the Phoenix. Macet, the Cardassian captain, tries to convince Picard to reveal the ship's location, but Picard refuses. Later, Picard determines that the Phoenix is pursuing another Cardassian supply ship. When the U.S.S. Phoenix fails to acknowledge the Enterprise's calls, Picard orders Worf to make the ship's coordinates available to the Cardassians.

A nearby Cardassian warship sets out after the U.S.S. Phoenix, but the Federation starship destroys it and the cargo ship as well. Soon afterwards, Data locates the U.S.S. Phoenix, and the U.S.S. Enterprise intercepts it. Captain Maxwell transports aboard, and after a warm reunion with O'Brien, goes on to explain his actions to Picard. He informs his fellow captain that he believes

the Cardassians are rearming and have developed one of the most powerful weapons in the galaxy. However, he lacks proof of his accusations, and Picard informs him that he must be returned to a starbase to face a board of inquiry.

Maxwell agrees to follow the U.S.S. Enterprise to the nearest starbase, but the Phoenix almost immediately changes course and begins pursuing another Cardassian vessel. Maxwell insists to an angry Picard that the Cardassian ship is transporting arms. Macet denies the charge, but refuses to let a Federation member board the ship. Maxwell continues his pursuit, daring Picard to board the Cardassian ship to see for himself. Instead, Picard threatens to turn his weapons on the U.S.S. Phoenix if it does not retreat. During the ensuing standoff, O'Brien transports to the Phoenix, where he is able to convince Maxwell to stop the killing and return to the U.S.S. Enterprise. As the Enterprise heads towards a starbase, Picard warns Macet that, while he went after the Phoenix to avoid starting a war, he knows Maxwell is right about the rearming, and tells him that if they don't cease, he will lead the charge against the Cardassians in battle.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Bob Gunton (Capt. Benjamin Maxwell)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

John Hancock (Admiral Haden)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Macet)

Marco Rodriguez (Glinn Telle)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Time Winters (Glinn Daro)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Story By : Cy Chermak

Sara Charno

Stuart Charno

Directed By : Chip Chalmers

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Devil's Due [TNG #87]

Stardate 44474.5

The U.S.S. Enterprise receives an emergency transmission from a science station on the planet Ventax. The Ventaxians are in a panic, convinced a mythic figure called Ardra has returned to fulfill a thousand-year-old contract. According to legend, she promised the citizens of the once war-torn planet a thousand years of peace and prosperity in exchange for their enslavement at the end of that time. When Picard takes Worf, Data and Troi to the planet to help Jared, the Ventaxian leader, Ardra suddenly appears before them.

Ardra tells Jared she has come to collect on the bargain, and expresses an immediate attraction to Picard. The Captain refuses to be intimidated by her, even when she demonstrates her ability to cause tremors, disappear and frighten Worf by changing form to become the Klingon devil. He points out to the crew that the U.S.S. Enterprise has the ability to recreate all of Ardra's tricks, and dispatches Data to review the ancient scrolls that constitute the Ventaxians contract with Ardra. Data soon reports that not only is the contract valid, but that it gives Ardra title to anything orbiting the planet, including the U.S.S. Enterprise and its crew.

Back on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Ardra suddenly materializes in the sleeping Picard's quarters and begins making romantic advances. When he refuses, she changes form in an effort to tempt him, eventually assuming Troi's form. When that too fails, she angrily transports him to Ventax while still in his pajamas, and then makes the U.S.S. Enterprise disappear.

While Geordi works to find a mechanical source to Ardra's powers, Picard stalls for time by suggesting legal arbitration of the contract. Ardra agrees, with the condition that Picard's soul be the prize should he lose. She then chooses Data to be the judge, and the hearing begins. Ardra performs her illusions to convince Data that she is the claimant named in the ancient contract. Picard points out, by questioning Jared about his planet's peace and prosperity when they initiated sweeping reforms a thousand years before. But when Ardra confronts the frightened Jared, he still maintains that she has claim to the planet.

At that moment, Geordi enters the room with news that he has located the power source. Picard is granted a recess and contracts the U.S.S. Enterprise, which Geordi was able to locate. When the hearing resumes, Picard duplicates all of Ardra's tricks and invites her to stop them. When she cannot, Picard exposes her as a con artist and Data dissolves the contract. Jared thanks Picard for saving the Ventaxians, but Picard insists they saved themselves long ago.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Marcello Tubert (Acost Jared)

Marta DuBois (Ardra)

Paul Lambert (Dr. Howard Clark)

Thad Lamey (Devil Monster)

Tom Magee (Klingon Monster)

William Glover (Jacob Marley)

Teleplay By : Philip LaZebnik

Story By : Philip LaZebnik

William Douglas Lansford

Directed By : Tom Benko

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Clues [TNG #88]

Stardate 44502.7

En route to investigate a mysterious planet, the U.S.S. Enterprise passes through a wormhole in space which knocks everyone but Data unconscious. As the crew begins to revive, Data tells Picard that they were out for 30 seconds, and when Riker remarks that the ship's instruments indicate an entire day's travel, Picard blames the discrepancy on the wormhole. Data talks Riker and Picard out of going back to investigate the planet, sending a probe instead. When the probe reaches the planet, its reading conflicts with the crew's original assessment. Data blames this on the wormhole as well. However, when a botany experiment Beverly is conducting exhibits a full day's growth, she brings her findings to Picard's attention, forcing him to consider the fact that Data may be lying.

Confronted with Dr. Crusher's experiment, Data offers a flimsy explanation and is dismissed by Picard, who then orders a covert investigation. Geordi soon discovers that the ship's chronometer, which only he and Data have the power to reset, has been tampered with. Unable to ignore the fact that something is causing Data to lie, Picard orders the android to undergo an examination.

Geordi examines Data and tells the captain he found nothing unusual. Picard then dispatches Geordi to investigate the probe Data sent out. Soon afterward, a dizzy Troi is frightened when her reflection indicates some creature is inhabiting her body. She dismisses the incident as a hallucination just as Geordi returns with the news that the probe Data sent out was rigged to disguise the abnormal planet the starship originally encountered. Picard confronts Data, who reveals that his actions are not his choice.

Later, Beverly informs Picard that Worf sustained a broken wrist that has been reset and treated -- all during the period the crew was supposedly unconscious. Picard replies that he believes Data is lying to protect the crew. He orders the crew to retrace their steps toward the mysterious planet in order to find out what really happened and clear Data's name. Data begs Picard to turn back but refuses to explain why. The captain instead demands to know who ordered Data to lie, and is shocked by Data's revelation that he himself gave the order.

Believing Data, Picard then orders the crew to follow the android's instructions. Data explains that the U.S.S. Enterprise has invaded the space of extreme isolationists who stun intruders, take over their ship and send it out of their space. Since Data was unaffected by the stun and would know of their existence, the aliens insisted the U.S.S. Enterprise be destroyed. As a compromise, Picard agreed to have the entire crew's short-term memory erased and ordered Data to hide what happened, but Beverly's plants and Worf's wrist gave the trick away. Luckily, Picard is able to talk the aliens into giving them another chance, and orders the crew to make sure not to leave any clues.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Pamela Winslow (Ensign McKnight)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Rhonda Aldrich (Madeline)

Thomas Knickerbocker (Gunman)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Bruce D. Arthurs

Joe Menosky

Story By : Bruce D. Arthurs

Directed By : Les Landau

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First Contact [TNG #89]

Stardate Unknown

During a mission on a strange planet, Riker is wounded and stranded in a hospital without his communicator. While he is unconscious, his Malcorian doctors discover evidence that proves he is not of their race. When he comes to, Riker refers to himself by a Malcorian name and passes off his physical differences as deformities. His doctors, however, believe he is an alien, and decide to keep his presence a secret to avoid a panic among their people. Meanwhile, Picard and Troi surprise Mirasta, the Malcorian Minister of Science, when they materialize in her office.

Picard and Troi explain who they are and, to prove it, beam the enthusiastic Mirasta aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. They explain that they have been monitoring her race for several years, and even have people stationed on her planet. When they tell her that Riker has been lost, Mirasta asks them to keep this a secret from her leader Durken, explaining that her society is in a transitory

stage and many citizens are not ready to learn that they share the universe with other life forms. Back in the medical facility, Nilrem, one of Riker's doctors, begins spreading rumors that Riker's presence indicates a possible alien invasion.

Durken is beamed aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, and while he is initially suspicious of Picard's motives, a conversation with Picard and a tour of the starship convinces him that the captain's intentions are not hostile. Meanwhile, Riker enlists the aid of an amorous Malcorian nurse to attempt an escape, but fails when he is cornered by a frightened mob of Malcorian citizens.

Riker's injuries are aggravated by the attack, and his doctors try once again to help him. Later, Durken returns to his planet to inform Krola about his meeting with Picard, but Krola counters with a report that the Enterprise is attempting to infiltrate Malcorian society, and that one of their spies, Riker, has been captured. Mirasta leaps to Riker's defense, but Krola is dispatched to interrogate the alien and insists on reviving Riker with drugs that could harm him. Meanwhile, Picard goes to Durken to take responsibility for his actions and explain the reasoning for the secret surveillance. Durken understands Picard's position, but refuses to release Riker without further consideration.

After interrogating Riker proves useless, Krola shoots himself with Riker's phaser, placing it in Riker's hand to make it look like Riker did it. Soon afterward, Dr. Crusher materializes and takes both Riker and Krola aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise for treatment. She soon deduces that Riker was too weak to attack, therefore Krola did the actual shooting, pointing out that Krola will be fine since the phaser was set on stun. With his people's hysteria fresh in his mind, Durken asks Picard to cease the Federation mission on his planet until the Malcorians can be educated to accept this new view of the universe.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Bebe Neuwirth (Nurse Lanel)

Carolyn Seymour (Science Minister Mirasta Yale)

George Coe (Chancellor Avill Durken)

George Hearn (Dr. Berel)

Michael Ensign (Security Minister Krola)

Sachi Parker (Dr. Tava)

Steven Anderson (Dr. Nilrem)

Teleplay By : David Bischoff

Dennis Russell Bailey

Joe Menosky

Michael Piller

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Marc Scott Zicree

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Galaxy's Child [TNG #90]

Stardate 44614.6

When Captain Picard asks Geordi to escort a visitor, Dr. Leah Brahms, aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Geordi is thrilled. He confides to Guinan that Leah, the woman who designed the U.S.S. Enterprise's engine, is the woman of his dreams. During a

crisis, he recreated a Holodeck image of Dr. Brahms to help him and felt a strong rapport with her. But when the real Leah finally transports aboard, he is crushed to discover that she is cold, cerebral and humorless. She puts him through his paces, icily examining and criticizing the adjustments he has made to the engine she helped design.

Meanwhile, Picard and the crew discover a large energy source floating in space. When they approach the creature to learn its origin, it suddenly latches onto the starship, bombarding the ship with deadly radiation. In defense, Picard fires the ship's phasers to release the U.S.S. Enterprise from the alien's clutches. Picard is saddened when the phaser assault kills the lifeform, but he is intrigued when Data detects another energy reading within it. To everyone's surprise, Data explains that they have discovered a "baby" struggling to escape its dead mother's womb.

Later on, Geordi hopes for a fresh start with Dr. Brahms when she agrees to have dinner with him, but she is put off by his informal demeanor and leaves him alone with his homemade pasta getting cold. The next morning, Leah arrives in an improved mood. Geordi is happy to finally be working closely with his dream woman -- until she informs him that she is married. On the Bridge, Beverly and Worf perform a Cesarean section with phasers in order to free the alien offspring from its dead mother. Unfortunately, it begins to follow the U.S.S. Enterprise, thinking the starship is its mother and nurses on its hull. The crew tries to devise a plan to deliver the alien baby to its mother's destination, a nearby asteroid belt, and Geordi and Leah are forced to work together again to increase the ship's energy sources to provide for the baby until they reach their destination. Things go well until Leah accidentally discovers Geordi's Holodeck recreation of her. Infuriated, she chastises Geordi for using her as a plaything. Angered by her accusations, Geordi pleads guilty only to wanting to be her friend.

Upon reaching the asteroid belt, the crew tries to disengage the baby creature, but it will not let go. At this point several larger energy beings approach the Enterprise as if to attack the ship. Working together one last time, Geordi and Leah devise a plan to alter the frequency of the energy the creature is feeding on to make it foreign to the baby and send it away. With seconds to spare, the baby creature lets go, and is enveloped by the larger creatures who float off together. Later, in the Ten Forward, Geordi and Leah exchange apologies and laughs about the "Holodeck incident," having reached a new level of understanding through working together.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : April Grace (Transporter Chief Hubbell)

Jana Marie Hupp (Ensign Pavlik)

Lanei Chapman (Ensign Rager)

Susan Gibney (Dr. Leah Brahms)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Maurice Hurley

Story By : Thomas Katozian

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Night Terrors [TNG #91]

Stardate 44631.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise locates the U.S.S. Brattain, a science vessel which has been adrift for several days, only to discover that the entire crew, with the exception of the ship's Betazoid counselor, is dead. Troi tries to communicate with the survivor, but can deduce no information that unshes the mystery that took place onboard the frigate. After performing autopsies on the

crew members, Dr. Crusher concludes that the 34 men and women killed each other. As Troi is being tormented by strange nightmares, Geordi finds that while there is nothing wrong with the Brattain's engines, he is unable to activate them.

While Geordi tries to rig the Brattain to the U.S.S. Enterprise to be towed, members of the crew begin exhibiting signs of increased irritability and paranoia. Troi and Beverly approach Picard to warn him that whatever happened aboard the Brattain may be starting aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, and recommend leaving the area as soon as possible. Picard agrees, but when they try to leave, the engines shut down -- just as they had on the Brattain.

An unaffected Data surmises that the U.S.S. Enterprise has become trapped in a Tyken's Rift, a massive rupture in space that is draining the ship's energy. Data points out that the ship can create an explosion to escape the rift as Captain Tyken did years before. But Picard, Riker and the rest of the crew are beginning to lose their grip on reality. A shaky Beverly approaches Picard with results of her experiments on the Brattain victims and tells him they went insane due to dream deprivation. She then points out that all the starship crew members but Troi are not dreaming, and will go insane if they do not depart the rift soon.

Data works with an increasingly incapacitated Geordi to create the explosion necessary to free the U.S.S. Enterprise from the rift. The plan fails, however, and Data informs Picard that they cannot try again. Soon afterward, Troi follows a distraught Worf to his quarters just in time to stop the Klingon from committing suicide.

Working with her catatonic patient, Troi discovers that he is experiencing the same images that she sees in her nightmares. This convinces her that they are actually in an attempt at communication. Data confirms that another ship could be trapped on the other side of the rift, and that if they could somehow be told to release a gas into space, the U.S.S. Enterprise could create an explosion to free them both. Troi attempts to reach them in a dream, while the crew releases hydrogen to combine with the other gas and create an explosion. As the last of the hydrogen is expelled, they fear they may be stuck for good, but Troi's efforts to reach the ship on the other side of the rift prove successful when at the last second, a massive explosion frees the U.S.S. Enterprise.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Tochi (Ensign Peter Lin)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Craig Hurley (Ensign Peeples)

Deborah Taylor (Capt. Chantal R. Zaheva)

Duke Moosekian (Ensign Gillespie)

John Vickery (Counsellor Andru Hagen)

Lanei Chapman (Ensign Rager)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Pamela Douglas

Story By : Shari Goodhartz

Directed By : Les Landau

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Identity Crisis [TNG #92]

Stardate 44664.5

Geordi's friend and former shipmate, Susanna Leijten, informs him that the two of them are the only crew members remaining from an Away Team that once investigated the mysterious disappearance of several people on the planet Tarchannen III. The last of their former colleagues has stolen a shuttlecraft to head back to the planet, and Susanna enlists the U.S.S. Enterprise's aid to find out what is happening. The starship follows the shuttlecraft to the planet discovering two additional shuttlecrafts on the surface, but no life signs. After Geordi finds two torn Starfleet uniforms, Susanna tells him she senses the presence of the others and heads off into the darkness. When Geordi tries to stop her, she begins thrashing like a wild animal. He has her beamed to Sickbay.

Dr. Crusher finds that Susanna's blood chemistry has been altered, and Geordi notices that her hands shake uncontrollably. Susanna realizes that whatever happened to the other Away Team members is happening to her and could soon happen to Geordi. Confined to the starship so that Dr. Crusher can observe and treat her, Susanna begins to feel confined, and eventually rushes off to escape the ship. Before she can, however, she collapses. Geordi runs to her, discovering that her skin is covered with dark blotches and her two middle fingers have fused together.

Based on her examination of Susanna, Dr. Crusher determines that the people who disappeared from Tarchannen III were not abducted, but transformed into another species. While Beverly searches for the cause of Susanna's transformation, Picard issues an order that Geordi's every move be monitored by computer in case he should also be motivated to leave the ship. Geordi spends his time aboard ship painstakingly reviewing a visual recording made five years ago at the scene of the original investigation.

While reviewing the tape, Geordi notices a shadow that has no known origin. He recreates the entire scene in the Holodeck, determining that an unknown creature was present on the planet during the fateful Away Team mission. Moments later he is struck with a sudden pain, and looks down to see that his two middle fingers have fused together. Meanwhile, Dr. Crusher locates and removes the parasite responsible for Susanna's transformation. Hoping to scan Geordi for the parasite before it affects him, Dr. Crusher summons Geordi, but a security team discovers his torn uniform and sees a half-alien Geordi overcome a transporter technician and beam to Tarchannen III. Susanna insists on accompanying the Away Team on their search for Geordi, insisting that what she has gone through will help her find him. She is allowed to go, and finds him almost completely transformed. However, she is able to appeal to his human side and talk him into returning to the starship, where he undergoes surgery and regains his human identity.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Amick Byram (Lt. Paul Hickman)

Dennis Madalone (Transporter Technician Hedrick)

Maryann Plunkett (Lt. Cmdr. Susanna Leitjen)

Mona Grudt (Ensign Graham)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Timothy De Haas

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Nth Degree [TNG #93]

Stardate 44704.2

When the U.S.S. Enterprise sets out to repair the Argus Array, a telescope that has stopped relaying data for two months, the crew discovers an alien probe near the telescope. Geordi takes Barclay, a notoriously shy crew member, to investigate. As they near the probe, it emits an energy surge that knocks Barclay unconscious, and he and Geordi are transported to Sickbay. Meanwhile, the probe begins to follow the Starship, emitting a dangerously high energy level. When the crew is unable to evade it, Barclay amazes everyone by taking charge of the situation and eliminating the probe, saving the ship from destruction.

Turning back to the task of repairing the telescope, Geordi estimates the job will take three weeks. But Barclay, whose confidence and intelligence are continuing to grow, claims he can complete the job in two days. Geordi's pride in Barclay turns to concern, however, when he discovers his crewmate in the Holodeck arguing scientific theory with a simulated Einstein. Geordi insists to Barclay that the encounter with the probe must have precipitated the change and drags him to Sickbay, where Beverly's examination reveals an astounding change in Barclay's brain tissue that has rendered him the most advanced human being who ever lived.

Although the crew is frightened by the change in Barclay, the fact that they need him to repair the Array convinces them to leave him alone. As the repairs progress, however, the ship's computer is unable to work fast enough, creating the danger of a reactor failure in the telescope that could cause a deadly explosion. Picard orders an immediate retreat, but is informed that the Bridge has lost control of the computer. However, before panic can set in, the computer comes back on line and the crew learns the telescope has been saved. When Picard asks the computer to tell him how the disaster was averted, he is shocked when Barclay's voice answers.

Barclay explains that since the computer was too slow, he connected his brain to the computer to save the Array. Picard demands the engineer disconnect himself, but Barclay replies that this will cause his death. As the crew tries to devise a plan to regain control of the ship, Barclay propels the U.S.S. Enterprise to a point thirty thousand miles away.

Before the crew can stop Barclay an alien suddenly appears on the Bridge, admitting that the probe transformed Barclay so he would bring the starship to him. The alien goes on to explain that this is his civilization's method of researching new races. Picard agrees to let him scan the brains of crew members if the aliens will transfer their knowledge of tens of thousands of civilizations into the starship's computer. As they talk, Barclay arrives on the Bridge, having been returned to normal by the aliens, but retaining a bit of the confidence and intelligence his experience gave him.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : David Coburn (Ensign Brower)

Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Jim Norton (Albert Einstein)

Kay E. Kuter (Cytherian)

Page Leong (Ensign April Anaya)

Saxon Trainor (Lt. Linda Larson)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Robert Legato

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Qpid [TNG #94]

Stardate 44741.9

When the U.S.S. Enterprise hosts an archaeology symposium, Picard rekindles a romance with Vash, an archaeologist he met while on vacation. The obvious passion between the two is strained, however, when Vash learns that Picard has never mentioned her to his friends, and he discovers that she plans to make a secret excursion to a planet that is closed to outsiders.

The nearly omnipotent and mischievous Q secretly witnesses a heated argument between the two. After Vash leaves, he appears to a shocked Picard and tries to elicit a confession of love from the stoic Captain. Picard refuses, and Q responds by transforming the Captain into Robin Hood and sending him to Sherwood Forest, where he is joined by his senior staff, who are now merry men. Q dons the disguise of the Sheriff of Nottingham, and tells Picard that Vash, who is now Maid Marian, will be beheaded the following day - challenging Picard to risk the lives of his crew to rescue a woman he claims he does not care about. Picard claims he would do the same for anyone in danger and sets out to rescue Vash, but orders the others to stay behind.

Meanwhile, the resourceful Vash averts her execution by promising to marry her captor Sir Guy. Fearing that this turn of events will dissuade Picard from attempting a rescue, Q has Sir Guy promise to keep the wedding a secret. Picard finally arrives to rescue Vash, but she decides his one-man mission is too dangerous and announces she can take care of herself. Moments later, she seizes Picard's sword and turns him over to Sir Guy. Q delights in the notion that she turned against Picard, until he sees a note she is writing the crew asking for their help. Q turns her over to Sir Guy to be executed beside Picard the following day.

Just as Picard stands ready to be beheaded, the crew finally arrives, disguised as monks. Data creates a diversion by pulling off his hand, and Picard and Vash run for their lives. Picard and Sir Guy engage in a sword fight that leaves Sir Guy dead.

The game finally over, Picard and the crew are returned to the starship without Vash. To Picard's relief, she appears soon afterward, announcing her plans to travel the universe with Q. Although the idea makes him uneasy, Picard must admit that the mischievous Vash has much in common with Q. Picard and Vash then express their affection for one another, promising to meet again and exchange a farewell kiss.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Clive Revill (Sir Guy)

Jennifer Hetrick (Vash)

Joe Staton (Servant)

John de Lancie (Q)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Randee Russell

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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The Drumhead [TNG #95]

Stardate 44769.2

When an explosion rips through the U.S.S. Enterprise's warp engine, a visiting Klingon officer is suspected of causing the disaster by providing the Romulans with schematics of the engine. An investigation begins, and Admiral Norah Satie, renowned for exposing an alien conspiracy against Starfleet, comes out of retirement to help. Based on evidence compiled by Worf, Satie quickly extracts a confession from the Klingon, J'Ddan, regarding his participation in smuggling diagrams off the ship, but he denies responsibility for the explosion. Satie's Betazoid aid Sabin confirms that J'Ddan is telling the truth, which implies to Satie that there is a co-conspirator aboard the ship.

While questioning crew members who had contact with J'Ddan in search for his co-conspirator, Sabin uses his Betazoid powers to detect that one crewman, Simon Tarses, is lying. He concludes that Tarses is one of the saboteurs. Satie insists that Picard restrict Tarses' activities aboard the ship, but the captain refuses to do so without more substantial evidence that he was actually involved. Data and Geordi later conclude that the warp engine explosion was an accident, but Satie still believes that Tarses is a traitor.

After forcing Tarses to confess that he is in fact part Romulan, Satie enlists Worf's aid in conducting a comprehensive investigation of the crewman's activities and associates. Picard is increasingly uncomfortable with the investigation and meets directly with Tarses himself. A conversation with the shaken but dedicated crewman convinces Picard of his innocence, and he appeals to Satie to stop the investigation. Satie refuses, however, informing Picard that the investigation will expand as Starfleet is sending an admiral to observe.

Angered by Picard's reluctance to aid in her search, Satie summons the captain to be interrogated as a possible traitor in a hearing observed by the Starfleet admiral. During the hearing, Picard makes an impassioned plea for her to give up the witch hunt, invoking quotes regarding freedom made by Satie's late father, a respected Starfleet judge. Consumed with finding the traitor, Satie denounces Picard for quoting her beloved father and then turns vehemently on the captain.

Satie begins to recount some of Picard's past experiences to illustrate her point that he might be a traitor. When her groundless accusations turn into an uncontrollable tirade, the room full of spectators are shocked into silence, and the Starfleet admiral walks out on the hearing in disgust. Soon afterward, the interrogation is recessed, and Worf informs Picard that the admiral has called off the hearings and that Satie has left the ship. Worf apologizes for participating in the debacle, and Picard forgives him, explaining that the price of liberty is constant vigilance.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ann Shea (Nellen Tore)

Bruce French (Sabin Genestra)

Earl Billings (Admiral Thomas Henry)

Henry Woronicz (Lt. J'Ddan)

Jean Simmons (Admiral Norah Satie)

Spencer Garrett (Crewman First Class Simon Tarses)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Half A Life [TNG #96]

Stardate 44805.3

While a passenger aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Troi's overly-amorous mother Lwaxana becomes infatuated with Dr. Timicin of the planet Kaelon II. The rather reserved Timicin, a leading scientist who has enlisted the Federation's aid in saving his planet, is equally smitten with Lwaxana, and the two begin spending time together.

Timicin has boarded the Starship Enterprise to test an experiment that he hopes will revitalize the dying sun of Kaelon II. The U.S.S. Enterprise assists him by transporting him to a similar sun in a remote region of the galaxy where the scientist can test his theories. With the help of the crew, Timicin fires photon torpedoes into the surrogate sun in an effort to elevate and stabilize the temperature. At first, the experiment seems successful, but the sun's temperature continues to rise to dangerous levels, forcing the starship to evacuate the region and return to Kaelon II. Later, when even the charming Lwaxana is unable to comfort the defeated Timicin, he confides to her that he is returning home to die.

Soon afterward, Lwaxana marches into Picard's office, outraged by Timicin's revelation that he will soon participate in a ritual suicide known as The Resolution. The ritual calls on all citizens of Kaelon II to kill themselves upon reaching the age of 60 in order to eliminate the society's responsibility of caring for the elderly. Lwaxana likens the ritual to murder but Picard refuses to intervene since the problem is out of his jurisdiction.

Unable to sway Picard, Lwaxana focuses on Timicin, urging to stand up to the arbitrary Resolution. She begs him to take the first step toward changing the policy by publicly rejecting the ritual. Timicin initially refuses her request, but reconsiders when he discovers how close his research has brought him toward saving his planet's sun. With this in mind, he asks Picard to grant him asylum aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Picard agrees, nearly launching the U.S.S. Enterprise into war by incurring the outrage of the people of Kaelon Two. The planet's science minister insists that Timicin return at once, dispatching warships and ordering them to fire on the U.S.S. Enterprise if the ship attempts to leave the area with Timicin. Timicin remains firm, however, until his daughter Dara transports aboard and pleads with him to accept his heritage -- the heritage he taught her. The request touches Timicin and he agrees to return home to die among his loved ones. Since Lwaxana is now a loved one, she swallows her pain and disappointment and transports down to the planet with him, to witness his final Resolution and give her support to his decision.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Carel Struycken (Mr. Homn)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

David Ogden Stiers (Dr. Timicin)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Michelle Forbes (Dara)

Terrence McNally (B'Tardat)

Teleplay By : Peter Allan Fields

Story By : Peter Allan Fields

Ted Roberts

Directed By : Les Landau

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The Host [TNG #97]

Stardate 44821.3

Beverly becomes romantically involved with a Trillian ambassador who is being escorted by the U.S.S. Enterprise to mediate a dispute in the Peliar system. As the starship approaches its destination, Riker volunteers to shuffle the ambassador, Odan, to Peliar to meet with representatives of the planet's Alpha and Beta moons, which have armed for war against each other. Shortly after Riker and Odan depart, a ship opens fire on them, critically injuring Odan and forcing their return to the U.S.S. Enterprise. Back on board, Beverly's examination of Odan indicates that a parasite is invading his body. As she prepares to remove it, she is shocked when Odan stops her, revealing that he is the parasite, and his body is merely a host. The parasite, not the body, is what must be saved.

While Beverly struggles to accept the fact that the handsome man she fell in love with is actually a small purplish lump of tissue, the Enterprise contacts the Trill for a new host body for Odan. Unfortunately, the situation in the Peliar system cannot wait and requires Odan's immediate attention. With this in mind, Riker volunteers his body to serve as temporary host to Odan so he can complete his mission. Beverly is successful in transferring Odan into Riker's body, but cannot get used to seeing him as Riker and is unable to relate to him as a lover. Odan sadly agrees to stay away from her if his presence causes her pain.

Soon after the transfer, Riker's body begins to experience severe physical pain. Odan proceeds with the meeting anyway, and learns that Beverly's discomfort with the notion that he exists within Riker is shared by the representatives of Peliar's moons. They suspect the odd scenario may actually be a plot by Starfleet concocted to enable the organization to impose its own agenda on the Peliar situation. Luckily, Odan is able to convince the Beta representative to accept him and proceed with the negotiations, and the Alpha representative agrees to have an answer within eight hours. Later that day, Beverly arrives at Odan's quarters. Overcome by her desire for Odan, she looks past Riker's body and falls into her lover's arms.

The next morning, as he prepares for the mediation, Odan tells Beverly that his presence has become a threat to Riker's body, and makes her promise to remove him after the meeting. The dispute is settled quickly, and Odan returns to Beverly to be surgically removed from Riker's body. The operation goes well, but Odan's own life is endangered when the Trillian ship carrying his new host body is delayed. The U.S.S. Enterprise sets off at warp speed to intercept the ship and save Odan. As the situation becomes critical, Worf announces that the host has arrived and Beverly is dismayed when he ushers in a beautiful young woman. After she transfers Odan into the female body, she sadly explains to her lover that she cannot adjust to the constant change and uncertainty and must end their relationship. Odan accepts her decision and, after the two exchange vows of love, Odan returns to Trill.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Barbara Tarbuck (Governor Leka Trion)

Franc Luz (Ambassador Odan)

Nicole Orth-Pallavicini (Kareel)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

William Newman (Kalin Trose)

Written By : Michel Horvat

Directed By : Marvin V. Rush

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The Mind's Eye [TNG #98]

Stardate 44885.5

En route to a vacation and seminar on Risa, Geordi is kidnapped by the Romulans and subjected to days of brainwashing. While a double is sent to replace him at the conference, Geordi is forced to endure a painful series of mind-altering experiences designed to put him under complete Romulan control.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise is assigned to escort Klingon Ambassador Kell to the Kriosian system, where one of the Klingon colonies is fighting for independence. The governor of Krios, Vagh, charges that the Federation is secretly aiding the rebels. Though Picard denies the accusation, Vagh produces weapons seized from the rebels which appear to be Federation issue.

When Geordi returns he has no recollection of his ordeal, having been planted with false memories of a relaxing vacation on Risa. Shortly after his arrival, however, Data detects the presence of intermittent E-band emissions commonly associated with Romulan transmissions. Data tries to pinpoint the source of the emissions, and also works with Geordi to analyze the rebel weapons. The two quickly realize the rifles were manufactured by the Romulans to look like Federation guns.

Picard hypothesizes that the Romulans are plotting to drive the Federation and the Klingon Empire apart, which allays some of Vagh's fears. However, a short time later an outraged Vagh contacts Picard and informs him the Klingons have intercepted a shipment of weapons headed for Krios, which originated from the U.S.S. Enterprise. Data's examination confirms an unauthorized transport was sent from a cargo bay, but the memory chips in the computer were erased to hide the perpetrator's identity.

As Picard begins an investigation, Klingon warships uncloak and surround the U.S.S. Enterprise. Ambassador Kell offers to go to Krios and invite Vagh to witness the investigation, ostensibly to convince him of the Federation's good faith. But shortly before Kell leaves, he summons Geordi to his quarters, where it immediately becomes apparent that Geordi is under his influence without knowing it. Kell, who programmed Geordi to transport the weapons, commands him to kill Vagh when they return from the planet and claim he acted on behalf of Starfleet.

Kell's transmission to Geordi produces another E-band emission, which Data is able to trace to Kell. Data quickly deduces what is going on and is able to stop Geordi just as he is making his assassination attempt. Kell is exposed as a traitor conspiring with the Romulans, and he is placed in Vagh's Custody. With war averted, Troi begins the arduous task of deprogramming Geordi, who has no recollection of what has happened and is unaware of his participation.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Denise Crosby (Cmdr. Sela)

Edward Wiley (Governor Vagh)

John Fleck (Taibak)

Larry Dobkin (Ambassador Kell)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Ken Schafer

Rene Echevarria

Directed By : David Livingston

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In Theory [TNG #99]

Stardate 44932.3

Ensign Jenna D'Sora, "on the rebound" after breaking up with her boyfriend, suddenly begins relating to her friend Data as something more than a friend. After the young woman kisses him passionately on the lips, the confused android asks his friends for advice on what to do, and decides to pursue the relationship.

Since he has no real emotions or feelings, Data creates a special program to guide him through the intricacies of love. However, as his relationship with Jenna progresses, he discovers that in romance, the logical course is not always the most appropriate. With this in mind, he picks a fight with Jenna, later explaining that he did it because his study of interpersonal dynamics suggested that conflict often strengthens the bond between two people. When Jenna points out that there is something artificial about his behavior, he concurs, reminding her that all of his behavior is based on a program and is therefore artificial.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise explores a nebula whose properties have never before been encountered. In order to investigate what effects those properties may have had on life in the region, the crew sets course for a nearby planet. As they travel toward their destination, random objects throughout the starship begin mysteriously dropping to the floor, but no one suggests any correlation between the strange occurrences and the nebula.

When the U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at the coordinates of the planet, the crew discovers only empty space, suggesting that the planet has disappeared. Moments later, however, the planet shimmers into view. Data's research suggests the nebula may be causing small gaps in the fabric of the immediate space, which cause the deformation of any matter that comes in contact with them. When parts of the starship begin disappearing, Picard realizes the ship is in grave danger and orders the immediate evacuation of the region. However, Data points out to him that the Enterprise is too large to maneuver through the sea of gaps, and Picard takes on the dangerous task of piloting a shuttlecraft through the nebula and guiding the ship to safety.

Following the ordeal, Jenna arrives at Data's quarters for a date and tells him that she cannot see him anymore. She recognizes that her previous boyfriend was unemotional, and feels that her choice of Data, a man completely incapable of emotion, indicates a pattern. Data sees the validity of her point and agrees to discontinue his program without a second thought.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michele Scarabelli (Ensign Jenna D'Sora)

Pamela Winslow (Ensign McKnight)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Patrick Stewart

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Redemption, Part 1 [TNG #100]

Stardate 44995.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise travels to the Klingon Empire, where Picard is to attend the installation of Gowron, the new Leader of the High Council. En route, the starship is intercepted by a Klingon ship bearing Gowron, who informs Picard that the Duras family is amassing a rebel faction and plotting civil war against the Empire. Duras, the slain challenger for leadership of the High Council, was responsible for Worf's discommendation and was also found guilty of conspiring with the Romulans. Based on the discommendation, Gowron asks Picard to ban the Duras family from the Council, but Picard insists that such action is beyond his jurisdiction.

Worf later asks Gowron to restore his family name, but Gowron refuses, claiming it would create further dissension among Council members. Arriving at the Empire, Worf requests a leave of absence and travels to a Klingon ship on which his brother Kurn serves as captain. Kurn informs Worf that he has created his own alliance that will defy Gowron and the Duras family. Worf, however, insists that Kurn remain loyal to the Klingon leadership, devising a plan to back Gowron in exchange for restoration of their family honor.

When Picard and Gowron appear before the High Council to prepare for the installation, the proceedings are interrupted by an announcement from the Duras sisters that Duras' illegitimate son Toral will challenge Gowron for leadership. A majority of the Council votes in favor of the challenge, and the matter is turned over to neutral arbiter Picard for consideration. Later, the Duras sisters meet secretly with a Romulan general and a mysterious woman to discuss their plan to gain control of the Empire. The sisters invite Picard to their home to persuade him that a favorable vote for Toral is in the Federation's best interest. Picard skillfully expresses his grasp of the situation and his awareness of a possible Romulan alliance, and the following day informs the High Council that he has rejected Toral as a candidate. One by one, the Council members step to Toral's side to show their support.

Worf then meets with Gowron on his ship, offering the support of several Klingon warships in return for the restoration of his family's honor. Gowron insists on Federation help, but Worf refuses to involve Picard. As Gowron goads Worf about his divided loyalty, their ship is attacked by rebels loyal to the Duras family. Observing the battle from the U.S.S. Enterprise, Picard receives a plea for help from Gowron's ship. The captain's response is to order the U.S.S. Enterprise out of the combat area rather than drag the Federation into a civil war. Meanwhile, on board the Klingon ship, Worf is able to fend off the attackers until his brother's ship arrives and the rebel ships disengage. Gowron immediately proceeds with the installation, at which Picard is in attendance, restoring Worf's family honor immediately after the ceremony. Worf then beseeches Picard to intervene in the insurrection on behalf of Gowron, but Picard stands by his commitment to stay out of Klingon internal affairs. Picard then orders Worf to return to the U.S.S. Enterprise, leaving a torn Worf to ponder whether he will remain with Starfleet or return to his people.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Barbara March (Lursa)

Ben Slack (K'Tal)

Denise Crosby (Cmdr. Sela)

Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor)

J.D. Cullum (Toral)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nicholas Kepros (General Movar)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Tom Ormeny (Klingon 1st Officer)

Tony Todd (Kurn)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Redemption, Part 2 [TNG #101]

Stardate 45020.4

At the close of last season, Worf resigned his Starfleet commission to join the Council Klingon army as civil war divided his people. Despite his sympathy for Worf, Picard refused to involve the U.S.S. Enterprise in the internal Klingon struggle. Yet fearing that the Romulans are secretly supporting the subversive Duras family in hopes of destroying the Klingon alliance with the Federation, Picard convinces the head of Starfleet to initiate a blockade against the Romulan Empire. He immediately assigns his crew members to posts on Starfleet ships and dispatches the fleet to the Romulan-Klingon border, where they hope to prevent the flow of supplies and equipment from the Romulans to the Duras family.

As dissension spreads in the Klingon Home World, Worf is kidnapped by unknown Klingon assailants. Meanwhile, the Duras sisters continue to meet with a mysterious woman, a Romulan commander named Sela who bears more than a slight resemblance to the late Starfleet officer Tasha Yar. The group discusses their plans to gain control of the Empire, but are upset to learn of the pending intervention of the Federation fleet.

Hoping to convince Picard to disengage in the war, Sela pays a surprise visit to the captain. Picard is shocked when Sela claims to be the daughter of Tasha Yar, but Guinan later convinces him that the young woman's claims may be true. Guinan insists that she somehow remembers Picard sending Tasha to a previous U.S.S. Enterprise 23 years earlier from the future. Because of this, Guinan points out, Picard is indirectly responsible for Sela's conception.

Picard calls for a meeting with Sela, who presses him for information about Starfleet strategy and gives him a fourteen-hour deadline to either retreat or prepare to be attacked by Romulan forces. Picard reveals nothing and instead focuses the questioning on her heritage. When Sela corroborates Guinan's story, Picard realizes that the young woman is really Tasha's daughter. Meanwhile, Worf's kidnappers deliver him to the sisters of Duras, who try to convince the Klingon to join their side of the baffle by marrying one of them. Worf, naturally, refuses the offer.

With time running out, Picard decides the only way to avoid all-out war with the Romulans is to expose their involvement in the Klingon civil war. He convinces Gowron to launch a massive attack, causing the sisters of Duras to call for supplies from the Romulans, which in turn forces the Romulans to run the blockade. When the Romulans are discovered, Sela orders them to turn back, leaving the sisters of Duras without help. The subversives accept defeat, and Gowron is reinstated as leader of the High Council, while an injured Worf escapes his captors and returns to duty aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Barbara March (Lursa)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Denise Crosby (Cmdr. Sela)

Fran Bennett (Fleet Admiral Shanthi)

Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor)

J.D. Cullum (Toral)

Jordan Lund (Kulge)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael G. Hagerty (Larg)

Nicholas Kepros (General Movar)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Stephen James Carver (Hegh'ta Helmsman)

Timothy Carhart (Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Hobson)

Tony Todd (Kurn)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Carson

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Darmok [TNG #102]

Stardate 45047.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise receives a signal from "The Children of Tama," an alien race that has no history of violence, but language has been deemed "incomprehensible" to humans. Hovering above an uninhabited planet, Picard and the crew hope to establish relations with the Tamarians. But while he and Dathon, the Tamarian captain, make several attempts to communicate over their viewscreens, neither can understand the other. Suddenly Dathon turns to him, armed with two daggers, and both captains dematerialize and are transported to the surface of the planet below.

Riker and the crew are dismayed to find all access to Picard is blocked by a field set up by the Tamarians. On the planet's surface, Dathon continues to offer Picard one of his daggers, but Picard refuses on the grounds that this could be an act of war. Dathon is friendly, however, and offers Picard fire against the evening's chill, allowing Picard to sleep. Hours later, Picard wakes up to find Dathon missing. He looks through his personal belongings to get some clue as to what makes the alien tick, but is interrupted by Dathon's voice and the roar of an animal.

Pursued by a large, shimmering beast, Dathon again offers Picard his dagger and this time Picard accepts. As the two captains struggle to communicate in order to fight effectively, Picard hypothesizes that the Tamarians communicate by example, and the proper names and places they cite are references to situations in their history. Picard is then able to begin to communicate with Dathon, and the alien responds enthusiastically to his efforts.

When Riker dispatches a shuttlecraft to the planet's surface to retrieve Picard, the Tamarians stop it by firing their weapons. Meanwhile, Picard and Dathon set about fighting the creature, but their efforts are interrupted by the U.S.S. Enterprise's continuing quest to transport Picard back on board. He momentarily dematerializes, and Dathon is struck by the beast. As the alien lies dying, Picard realizes that the situation of two leaders joining to fight a common enemy is part of Tamarian mythology, and suddenly understands that Dathon brought him to the planet specifically to fight the beast with him and begin relations between their societies.

The crew finally transports Picard back aboard, and he avoids war with the angry Tamarians by using what he has learned to communicate with them. In their own language, he tells them how their captain died and expresses his admiration for the man. The adventure behind him, Picard is left to wonder if he, too, would sacrifice his own life simply for the hope of communication with other beings.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ashley Judd (Ensign Robin Lefler)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Paul Winfield (Capt. Dathon)

Richard Allen (Kentor)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Joe Menosky

Philip LaZebnik

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Ensign Ro [TNG #103]

Stardate 45076.3

After a terrorist attack on a Federation colony on Solarion IV, the U.S.S. Enterprise crew receives a message from a man claiming to represent the Bajora -- a race which has been fighting to regain its home planet after being chased off by the Cardassians. The man takes responsibility for the terrorist attack.

Immediately, Picard confers with Starfleet Admiral Kennelly to discuss the Bajoran terrorist attack. The admiral orders Picard to find Orta, the militant leader of the Bajora, and offer him Federation amnesty, in return for negotiating peace with the Cardassians.

To Picard's surprise, Kennelly also orders the arrival of a new officer -- Ensign Ro - to assist Picard in his delicate mission. The crew warily welcomes Ro, a strong-willed Bajoran whom Kennelly released from prison to help with the crisis.

With Ro's help, Picard meets with Keeve, a member of the Bajoran resistance movement, who reveals Orta's whereabouts to the captain. But before the crew can meet with the rebel leader, they discover that Ro has mysteriously disappeared.

Tracing her to Orta's hideout, Picard and the Away Team are taken prisoner by Orta's men. Upon meeting Orta, the crew is stunned to find Ro, who pleads that she was only trying to help with the negotiations. Although Picard is furious with Ro for leaving the ship without permission, he is surprised when Orta announces that the Bajora did not attack Solarion IV. Orta also hints that Picard is being used by someone intent on eliminating the Bajora.

Upon returning to the U.S.S. Enterprise, Ro confides to Picard that Admiral Kennelly is using her as part of a plan to offer weapons to the Bajora in exchange for an end to terrorist activities. In return, Kennelly promised to keep Ro out of prison, where she'd been serving time after a court-martial.

Convinced that the U.S.S. Enterprise is embroiled in a conspiracy, Picard and Ro come up with a counter-plan. Picard informs Kennelly that the starship will escort two Bajoran carriers, containing Orta and his people, to their camp. The Cardassians, threatening to destroy the ships, demand that the U.S.S. Enterprise withdraw within one hour.

Captain Picard then confronts Kennelly, charging that the admiral used the U.S.S. Enterprise to smoke out Orta and the Bajoran terrorists. Kennelly orders Picard to withdraw, at which point the Cardassians promptly destroy the Bajoran ships. Believing that Orta is dead, Kennelly is shocked to learn that the destroyed ships were decoys. Picard informs Kennelly that the Cardassians staged the terrorist attack on Solarion IV, then used the admiral in the hopes of eliminating the Bajora once and for all.

After commending Ro on a successful mission, Picard invites her to remain in Starfleet. Ro accepts, beaming back aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise with her new commanding officer.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Cliff Potts (Admiral Kennelly)

Frank Collison (Gul Dolak)

Harley Venton (Transporter Officer)

Jeffrey Hayenga (Orta)

Ken Thorley (Mot)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Scott Marlowe (Keeve Falor)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Story By : Michael Piller

Rick Berman

Directed By : Les Landau

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Silicon Avatar [TNG #104]

Stardate 45122.3

While surveying land on a Federation colony known as Melona IV, Riker, Data and Dr. Crusher are suddenly interrupted by the appearance of a massive, crystal-like structure which begins to descend toward the planet. Riker recognizes the object as the Crystalline Entity, and immediately begins herding the colonists together to search for shelter. The group watches in horror as the entity destroys the countryside with brilliant beams of light. All but two survive to find shelter inside a small cave - but the cave has a limited air supply. Riker tries to contact the U.S.S. Enterprise, but ultimately fails. Meanwhile, on board the Enterprise, the rest of the crew grow increasingly concerned over the violent disturbances detected near Melona IV.

Just as Beverly insists that the cave be opened to let in more air, Worf appears at the entrance, much to everyone's relief. The crew and colonists are transported back to the U.S.S. Enterprise, where they are greeted by scientist Kila Marr, who has spent her life studying the Crystalline Entity. Picard suggests that Data aid Marr in her investigation. Marr, however, opposes the idea, reminding Picard that Data's brother Lore lured the Crystalline Entity to the planet Omicron Theta where it ruthlessly killed every living thing. Picard, however, insists on Data's inclusion. Later, when the unhappy partners begin their investigation on Melona IV, Marr accuses Data of collaborating with the Entity as his brother did. She also tells Data that her son was among those killed on Omicron Theta.

Back on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Marr begins to relax as Data uncovers information that is invaluable to their investigation. However, she becomes even more upset when she learns that Picard intends not to destroy the Entity, but to communicate with it. Later, knowing that Data carries specific information regarding the events on Omicron Theta, Marr asks him to access her son's daily journals. Through Data, she learns her son did not blame her for the disaster on the planet. Her joy, however, is interrupted by a distress call from a ship being pursued by the Crystalline Entity.

The crew sets a course for the ship and discovers that there are no survivors. At this point even Riker wonders if perhaps the Entity should be destroyed, but Picard does not flinch. Meanwhile, Data keeps up his desperate attempts to communicate with the Entity before it kills again.

The crew manages to lure the Entity toward the ship, and the being seems to respond to their attempts to reach it. But at the same time, Marr begins trying to destroy it by sending harmful transmissions. Although the crew notices a change in the Entity and realizes what Dr. Marr is doing, they are ultimately unable to save the Entity. The being explodes into space, leaving Dr. Marr to wonder if revenge was worth the price of her career as a scientist.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ellen Geer (Dr. Kila Marr)

Susan Diol (Carmen Davila)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Story By : Lawrence V. Conley

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Disaster [TNG #105]

Stardate 45156.1

During a brief respite from duty, the U.S.S. Enterprise plays host to three young winners of a primary school science contest. Just as Picard begins to take them on their promised tour of the ship, the craft is struck by a natural phenomena that shakes it violently and causes power failures to occur throughout. Communication between different areas of the ship is cut off and crew members are trapped. Picard and the kids are caught in the Turbolift; Beverly and Geordi are stuck in the Cargo Bay where they are threatened by the combination of a radioactive fire and containers of hazardous materials; while Riker, Worf, Data and O'Brien's pregnant wife Keiko treat the injured in the Ten-Forward. Meanwhile, Troi, the highest ranking officer remaining on the Bridge, finds herself acting as a reluctant ship's captain.

Riker and Data devise a plan to reach Engineering and restore power, leaving Worf to care for the injured. But before they reach their destination, they end up trapped in a narrow crawlspace by an electrical current. On the Bridge, Troi turns to O'Brien and Ro for the technical knowledge that she desperately needs to make decisions, only to find that the two disagree on strategy. Both agree, however, that the ship is in immediate danger of exploding.

Unable to find anything strong enough to stop the flow of energy that stands between them and Engineering, Data offers to use his body. The android assures Riker that he can shield his brain from the energy's effects and emerge with his "mental capacity" intact. Realizing that they have no choice, Riker gives Data the go-ahead. While his body is destroyed, Data's head survives as promised, and Riker removes it. Meanwhile, an injured Picard organizes the frightened children in an effort to escape through a hatch in the turbolift, but their efforts are continually thwarted. In the cargo bay, Beverly and Geordi decide their only hope is to open an external door that might blow the containers of hazardous materials into space and put out the fire. And back in the Ten-Forward, Keiko shocks an unprepared Worf by going into labor.

On the Bridge, Ro and O'Brien clash over Ro's insistence that the only way to prevent an explosion is to separate the Bridge from Engineering, casting that portion of the ship into space. Ro is sure there are no survivors in Engineering, but O'Brien counters that they have no real way of knowing since the area is without power. Forced to make a decision, Troi chooses not to separate the ship and to divert power to Engineering to help anyone who may be trapped there. Ro reminds her that this could mean the destruction of the entire ship, but Troi stands firm. Meanwhile, Geordi and Beverly successfully execute their plan to put out the fire. Upon reaching the door to Engineering, Riker attaches Data's head to the control panel, using the power in his battery to open the door. He and Data are surprised to see the area has power and quickly revive the broken generator, restoring power to the entire ship. Picard and the children are freed from the Turbolift, and Keiko gives birth, with Worf's help, to a baby girl.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Cameron Arnett (Ensign Mandel)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Erika Flores (Marissa)

Jana Marie Hupp (Lt. Monroe)

John Christian Graas (Jay Gordon)

Max Supera (Patterson)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Philip A. Scorza

Ron Jarvis

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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The Game [TNG #106]

Stardate 45208.2

During a romantic respite on Risa, Riker's lady friend Etana gives him an interesting present. She introduces him to an electronic mind game that rewards the player with a pleasurable sensation when he achieves his goal. Eager to share his discovery, Riker passes the game on to Troi when he returns to the U.S.S. Enterprise. At the same time, the crew happily welcomes Wesley Crusher, who is on vacation from Starfleet Academy, with a surprise party. Troi introduces Beverly to the game, while Wesley meets a young ensign named Robin Lefler. He feels an immediate chemistry with the attractive young woman, and Robin is also drawn to Wesley. Soon, the two young people make plans to meet for dinner. A short time later, Beverly summons Data to Sickbay to help with a problem. But when the android arrives, Beverly, Riker and Troi inexplicably attack and deactivate him, laying him on an examination table.

Beverly asks Picard and Geordi to come to Sickbay, ostensibly to help with Data. But when they arrive, she, Riker and Troi lie about what happened, claiming that the android just collapsed. Picard leaves Data in the group's hands, and Riker is able to convince Geordi that Dr. Crusher can take care of Data. He then introduces Geordi to the game. Afterwards, Wesley goes to meet his mother in her quarters and finds her engrossed in the game. She invites him to play, and when he refuses, she becomes more insistent. He and Robin talk about it at dinner, and Robin tells him that the game's popularity is increasing. She and Wesley decide to find out what all the fuss is about by hooking the game up to a computer. After disassembling its parts, they are shocked to discover that the game has chemical affects on the brain that cause the player to become physiologically addicted and interrupts higher reasoning processes. Wesley rushes to fill Picard in on his discovery, unaware that the Captain has already fallen victim.

Wesley and Robin soon realize that Data's malfunction coincided with the game's introduction. They examine the android, discover that he has been tampered with and attempt to repair him. Wesley tells Robin that Beverly and Geordi are the only crew members who know enough about Data to have damaged him in this way. Since Data is the only crew member immune to the game's affects, they begin to wonder if Data was deactivated for a reason, and if the game has a purpose other than fun. With horror, they realize that they may be the only people on the board who aren't already addicted. They decide to pretend to play the game in order to fool the rest of the crew.

Back on the bridge, Picard and the crew meet with Etana, the alien woman who first gave Riker the game. She instructs them to distribute the game to another vessel, and the crew readily agrees with her plan to take over the Federation. Soon afterward, Wesley barely escapes when Riker and Worf try to force him to play the game. He goes into hiding, but Robin is not so lucky, and after being forced to play the game, helps the rest of the crew locate Wesley. Just as they force him to play, Data appears

and reverses the game's affect on the crew. With the Enterprise out of danger, Wesley bids his friends farewell and returns to the Academy.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ashley Judd (Ensign Robin Lefler)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Diane M. Hurley (Ensign)

Katherine Moffat (Etana Jol)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Brannon Braga

Fred Bronson

Susan Sackett

Directed By : Corey Allen

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Unification, Part 1 [TNG #107]

Stardate 45233.1

Captain Picard is disturbed to learn that the legendary Vulcan, Mr. Spock, has gone on an unauthorized mission to the planet Romulus. He immediately travels to Vulcan to speak with Spock's father Sarek, a close friend with whom he shared a mind meld the year before. Sarek's wife, Perrin, informs Picard that her husband is gravely ill, and confides to Picard the details of the strained relationship between Spock and his father. Despite Sarek's illness, Picard is able to see him, and the Vulcan tells Picard that his son may be in touch with the Romulan senator Pardek. He also asks Picard to convey his love to his son. Back on board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Riker and Geordi inspect several metal fragments, identified as Vulcan, recovered from a downed Ferengi ship. When the Vulcans claim to know nothing about the materials, Riker and Geordi assume the Ferengi have stolen them.

Upon his return to the Enterprise, Picard summons the help of the Klingons in hopes of receiving an undetectable ship to use to travel to Romulus. After several days, Picard finally reaches Gowron, who provides the vessel after a great deal of prodding. Meanwhile, covert reports from Romulus confirm Spock's meeting with Senator Pardek, who Data learns has been an advocate for peace, and reunification of the Vulcan and Romulan states, for many decades.

Disguised as Romulans, Picard and Data make their way toward the planet in the Klingon ship. At the same time, Riker and Troi work together to find out how the metal material, now identified as a disassembled Vulcan deflector ray, ended up in the hands of the Ferengi.

During a difficult night aboard the Klingon ship, Picard is informed that Sarek has died. While investigating the mysterious Vulcan deflector ray, the Enterprise encounters an unidentified alien warship. When the ship refuses to answer Riker's hails and prepares to attack, Riker orders Worf to fire a warning shot. Although the firepower used is small, the hostile ship explodes into space.

Picard and Data, disguised as Romulans, transport down to Romulus where disguised, they stop at a cafe across from Senator Pardek's office. They see Pardek and begin to move toward him when suddenly they are kidnapped by several Romulan soldiers. Later, however, they are approached by Senator Pardek, who explains that he had them kidnapped for their own protection. As Picard briefs the Senator on the reasons behind his mission, Spock suddenly appears before him.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Daniel Roebuck (Romulan #1)

Erick Avari (B'ljik)

Graham Jarvis (Klim Dokachin)

Joanna Miles (Perrin)

Karen Hensel (Fleet Admiral Brackett)

Leonard Nimoy (Ambassador Spock)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Malachi Throne (Senator Pardek)

Mark Lenard (Sarek)

Mimi Cozzens (Soup woman)

Norman Large (Proconsul Neral)

Stephen D. Root (Capt. K'Vada)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Story By : Michael Piller

Rick Berman

Directed By : Les Landau

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Unification, Part 2 [TNG #108]

Stardate 45245.8

Picard and Data meet Spock on the planet Romulus. Spock is initially uncooperative when Picard questions him as to the details of his mission. However, the tension is lifted when Picard shares the unhappy news of Spock's father's death and attempts to fulfill his friend's last request by telling Spock of his father's love. Spock then reveals to Picard that the purpose of his mission is to reunify the Romulans and the Vulcans. The revelation shocks Picard, who does not trust the intentions of the Romulan government. After learning this, Data transports back to the disguised Klingon ship that brought him and Picard to Romulus and attempts to access the Romulans' computer system.

Back on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Riker continues to investigate the theft of surplus Vulcan ships and materials. He makes contact with Amarie, the ex-wife of a smuggler killed when the Enterprise destroyed the unmarked enemy warship that interrupted their investigation. Meanwhile, Senator Pardek brings Picard and Spock to meet with Neral, the Romulan Proconsul, who claims to support reunification. However, after Picard and Spock leave, Sela appears in Neral's office. Later, Picard tells Spock that he

doesn't trust the fact that Neral has offered his support so quickly, without the support of Romulan traditionalists. Spock also feels skeptical, but decides it is in the Federation's best interest to proceed whether the Romulans have an ulterior motive or not.

Afterwards, on the Klingon vessel, Spock offers Data his help in trying to access the Romulan computer system. At the same time, Amarie puts Riker in touch with a Ferengi arms trader, who, after a threat from Riker, reveals that the Romulans are involved in the theft of Vulcan ships.

Riker immediately contacts Picard with the news, and both wonder how the stolen Vulcan ship fits into the picture. The two agree to meet, and Riker steers the Enterprise towards Romulan territory. Data finally manages to access the Romulan computer system, and he and Picard transport back to the Romulan surface to inform Spock of their findings. Spock immediately deduces that Pardek and Neral have double-crossed him, a fact that becomes even clearer when Sela appears and takes the group prisoner, informing them that she plans to take over Vulcan.

On the Enterprise, Riker worries when he is unable to reach Picard. Meanwhile, Sela declares her plan to force Spock to deliver a speech, in which he will announce the arrival of the stolen Vulcan ships. The ships, disguised as a peace envoy, are actually manned by Romulans and have been dispatched to seize control of the Vulcan government. When Spock refuses to cooperate, Sela shows him a holographic image of himself, Picard and Data, which she will use instead if she is forced to kill them. When Sela leaves the room, Picard and Data work furiously on the computer and provide themselves with an escape route. They also send an emergency signal to the Enterprise, which, already suspecting foul play, intercepts the Romulan "peace envoy" and destroys the ships. Enraged, Sela returns to kill Spock, Picard and Data, but is instead tricked into firing at their holographic images, giving the real Data an opportunity to subdue her with an imitation of Spock's legendary Vulcan nerve pinch. The three escape, and Spock decides to remain on Romulus to continue to work towards peace.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Daniel Roebuck (Romulan #1)

Denise Crosby (Cmdr. Sela)

Hariett Leider (Amarie)

Leonard Nimoy (Ambassador Spock)

Malachi Throne (Senator Pardek)

Norman Large (Proconsul Neral)

Stephen D. Root (Capt. K'Vada)

Susan Fallender (Romulan #2)

Vidal Peterson (D'Tan)

William Bastiani (Omag)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Story By : Michael Piller

Rick Berman

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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A Matter Of Time [TNG #109]

Stardate 45349.1

The Enterprise makes way toward a planet known as Penthara IV, where a massive asteroid has struck an unpopulated continent. Fearing that the resulting dust cloud could lead to a devastating ice age like the one that occurred on Earth in the late 21st Century, the crew hopes to find a way to counteract the cloud's effects. As they travel toward the planet, a bright flash appears on the Bridge, and a strange man materializes before the crew. The man reveals that he is a Professor Berlinghoff Rasmussen, an historian from the late 26th Century Earth, who has traveled from the future to study the Enterprise. Although the crew is suspicious of Rasmussen, his presence arouses their interest in the future, but Picard insists they refrain from questioning their guest so they don't end up changing the future.

The Enterprise arrives at Penthara IV and the widespread devastation caused by the asteroid hit becomes apparent. While Geordi and Data work to save the planet, Rasmussen asks the crew to complete lengthy questionnaires, ostensibly for his research. He also asks to see several pieces of equipment, regarding them as relics of a bygone era. The crew members are nothing but polite, but privately they begin to lose patience with Rasmussen and his methods. Troi is especially wary of the man and what his true intentions might be after picking up a vibration that he is trying to confuse them.

When the crew's initial plan to save Penthara IV backfires, Geordi comes up with an alternative solution that will either completely save the planet or kill every living thing on it. Desperate, Picard asks Rasmussen for advice regarding the plan, but Rasmussen refuses to help him on the grounds that Picard is trying to manipulate the future. Left only with his original choice to act or not to act, Picard goes with his original impulse and orders the crew to implement the risky plan.

The crew's efforts are successful, and Penthara IV is saved. Rasmussen immediately prepares to leave the Enterprise, but Picard and the crew greet him outside his vessel with the announcement that they plan to search his ship for several objects that have mysteriously disappeared during Rasmussen's stay. Rasmussen relents, but insists that only Data be allowed on his vessel since, if so instructed by Picard, he will never divulge what he sees.

Once inside, Rasmussen pulls a phaser on Data, revealing that he is not a 26th-century historian but a 22nd-century inventor. He traveled to the Enterprise to steal technology that he will take credit for creating, and he now plans to take Data with him as well. Luckily, Picard has already deactivated the phaser, and Data is able to outsmart his foe. After disposing of Rasmussen's ship, the crew turns him over to the authorities.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Matt Frewer (Berlingoff Rasmussen)

Shay Garner (Female Scientist)

Sheila Franklin (Ensign Felton)

Stefan Gierasch (Dr. Hal Mosely)

Written By : Rick Berman

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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New Ground [TNG #110]

Stardate 45376.3

While the U.S.S. Enterprise heads for Bilana III to participate in the testing of a new propulsion method called the Soliton Wave, Worf receives an unexpected visit from his mother Helena and his son Alexander. The Klingon's surprise turns to shock, however, when Alexander informs Worf that he plans to live on the ship with his father.

That night, Worf discusses the situation with Helena. She reveals that Alexander has been misbehaving and is in desperate need of his father's guidance. Reluctantly, Worf agrees to take custody of the child. But when he discovers that the boy is lying and acting up in school, Worf threatens to send his son to a rigorous Klingon school.

Sensing that there's more to Alexander's behavior than meets the eye, Troi helps Worf realize that the boy's actions may be the result of feeling abandoned by his late mother and his father, who left the child to be raised by his grandparents on Earth. Worf begins to have second thoughts about sending Alexander to the Klingon school.

Meanwhile, feeling unloved by his father, Alexander seeks solace in the Biolab, home to his favorite animals. Just then, the crew discovers that the Soliton Wave test has gone dangerously awry. The wave's power level has increased so drastically that it could destroy a nearby colony. As the crew works frantically to create a backfire effect that could dissipate the wave and save the planet, they learn that Alexander is trapped in the biolab, where a fire has begun.

With seconds to spare, Worf and Riker rescue Alexander from the Biolab, while the crew successfully destroys the Soliton Wave. Realizing the loss he would feel if Alexander left the Enterprise, Worf asks his son to remain on the ship permanently.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

Georgia Brown (Helena Rozhenko)

Jennifer Edwards (Kyle)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Richard McGonagle (Dr. Ja'Dar)

Sheila Franklin (Ensign Felton)

Teleplay By : Grant Rosenberg

Story By : Sara Charno

Stuart Charno

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Hero Worship [TNG #111]

Stardate 45397.3

The Enterprise makes way to a nearby Starbase that has recently lost contact with the *Vico*, a research vessel sent to explore the interior of a Black Cluster. Upon locating the vessel, Picard sends an Away Team to investigate the situation. Data and Riker are shocked when they discover a little boy trapped in the wreckage of the small ship.

After several unsuccessful attempts, the crew is finally able to rescue and transport the boy back to Sickbay. The youth, Timothy, is immediately drawn to Data. Meanwhile on the Bridge, Picard and Geordi study the details of the events that led to the vessel's

explosion. Timothy told the crew that the Vico was attacked by an alien ship. But preliminary research indicates that Timothy lied about what happened on the ship, as the Vico was not boarded by the aliens as he had reported. Troubled by this revelation, Picard and Troi instruct Data to spend more time with the boy in hopes that he will tell Data what really happened.

As Data and Timothy spend more time together, the boy becomes increasingly intrigued by his new friend and his exceptional mental and physical capacities. He soon begins acting and talking like Data, simulating some of his android mannerisms. Later, Troi is troubled when she visits Timothy and finds him dressed in clothing similar to Data's and calling himself an android. Troi discusses her concerns with Picard, advising him that Timothy's behavior is probably the result of the traumatic experience of losing both of his parents in the explosion.

Continuing his investigation, Picard orders the crew to direct the Enterprise into the Black Cluster. Once inside, the ship begins to be hit by shock waves. As the intensity increases, Picard summons Timothy to the Bridge. The boy initially maintains his story that the ship was attacked, but when Data reminds him that androids do not lie, he reveals that he believes he is responsible for the ship's destruction. However, the crew is able to convince him that the ship was destroyed by natural causes. This does not completely ease the boy's mind since the shockwaves hitting the Enterprise begin to increase in intensity. Data is able to guide the ship through the bombardment, indicating where the Vico's crew made the mistake that caused the ship's destruction. Later, out of danger, Timothy is able to resume his life as a normal little boy. However, he and Data agree to remain friends.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Harley Venton (Transporter Chief)

Joshua Harris (Timothy)

Sheila Franklin (Ensign Felton)

Steven Einspahr (Teacher)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Patrick Stewart

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Violations [TNG #112]

Stardate 45429.3

The Enterprise makes its way toward Kaldra Four carrying a delegation of Ullians, an alien race of telepathic historians who conduct research by probing their subjects' long-forgotten memories. The head of the delegation, Tarmin, immediately demonstrates this ability when he helps Keiko resolve a repressed childhood memory. However, Picard, Beverly and the rest of the crew are reluctant to let the Ullians examine them, and Tarmin's son Jev admonishes his father against probing their thoughts without permission. Troi leaves the meeting with Jev, and later that evening, experiences an unexplained flashback of a romantic interlude between herself and Riker. Suddenly, Riker's advances become rough, and Troi discovers that Jev has replaced Riker in her memory. As she struggles against Jev, she falls unconscious.

In Sickbay, Dr. Crusher tries to find an answer to Troi's sudden comatose state. In search of an answer, Riker asks Jev about his visit with Troi the previous evening. Jev is offended when Riker suggests that the Ullians allow Dr. Crusher to examine them for any harmful organisms. Later that day, Riker flashes back to a disaster aboard the Enterprise. When Jev replaces a crew member in his memory, he too falls into a coma.

With two crew members inexplicably unconscious, Dr. Crusher asks Geordi to conduct a ship-wide diagnostic for any agents that could have produced these tragedies. Through further examination, she discovers that Riker and Troi's brain tissue show a similar abnormality in an area associated with memory development. Because of this, she and Picard still suspect the Ullians are somehow responsible for the comas despite the fact that they pass all of her medical tests. Her research ends, however, when she falls into a coma as well.

Data and Geordi pick up where Dr. Crusher left off, examining incidents of comas among other peoples visited by the Ullians. Meanwhile, Picard asks the Ullians to voluntarily quarantine themselves to protect the crew from any further damage. Later, Troi regains consciousness, and despite her discomfort, agrees to allow the Ullians to attempt to clear themselves by having Jev probe her memory of the night she fell unconscious. She begins to experience the same flashback about Riker, but is horrified when he is suddenly replaced by Tarmin.

Believing Tarmin's memory invasion is responsible for the comas, Picard and Jev make plans to prosecute him. However, when Jev visits Troi to say goodbye, she experiences the flashback again and realizes it was Jev, not Tarmin, who replaced Riker before she fell unconscious. Frightened, she tries to escape, but Jev charges toward her. At the same time, Worf and Data discover Jev was the only Ullian present in every instance where a coma occurred during one of his people's visits to another race. They race to Troi's quarters and arrive just in time to save her from Jev.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ben Lemon (Jev)

Craig Benton (Crewman Davis)

David Sage (Tarmin)

Doug Wert (Jack R. Crusher)

Eve H. Brenner (Inad)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Rick Fitts (Dr. Martin)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Pamela Gray

Story By : Pamela Gray

Shari Goodhart

T. Michael

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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The Masterpiece Society [TNG #113]

Stardate 45470.1

The Enterprise moves in to help after detecting a stellar core fragment heading straight for a human colony on what was thought to be a deserted planet. Picard contacts the colony's leader, Aaron Conor, with an offer to evacuate his people. But Conor refuses,

telling Picard that evacuation would destroy his genetically engineered society. Instead, he insists on working to find an alternate solution, and reluctantly permits the transport of Riker, Geordi and Troi, the first visitors the colony has ever had, to help. Conor assigns Hannah Bates, a scientist from the colony, to work with Geordi. Riker beams back aboard the Enterprise along with Geordi and Hannah, who leaves the colony for the first time to work to save her home.

Back on board the Enterprise, Hannah is clearly fascinated by the ship's advanced technology. Meanwhile, Troi soothes a testy Picard, stressing the importance of working to preserve the colony's way of life despite the captain's disapproval of genetic engineering. Later, Hannah and Geordi discover that the technology of his VISOR can aid in steering the fragment away from the planet.

Troi returns to the colony and succumbs to her romantic feelings for Conor. The next morning, she sadly bids him goodbye, realizing that her DNA makeup would forever alter the colony's genetic balance. As she prepares to leave, Hannah and Geordi beam back to the planet with the announcement that they must transport fifty people to the planet in order to install the equipment necessary to deflect the approaching fragment. Knowing it is the only way to save his people besides evacuating them, Conor agrees.

With seconds to spare, Hannah and Geordi successfully alter the fragment's course and save the colony. But Hannah is hardly overjoyed by the news. Having encountered and worked with technology superior to her own, she decides she wants to leave the colony. In order to accomplish this, she stages a breach in the biosphere that would cause a necessary evacuation of her people.

Luckily, Geordi realizes what Hannah is doing and is able to avert the impending disaster. When Hannah explains her actions, Conor realizes he can no longer restrain her, and grants Hannah and all others who wish to leave the colony permission to do so. Twenty-three colonists, including Hannah, leave the colony, creating an irreparable balance in the society, and forcing Picard to wonder whether the Starship's "help" was ultimately as damaging as a hit from the stellar fragment would have been.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Dey Young (Hannah Bates)

John Snyder (Aaron Conor)

Ron Canada (Martin Benbeck)

Sheila Franklin (Ensign Felton)

Teleplay By : Adam Belanoff

Michael Piller

Story By : Adam Belanoff

James Kahn

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Conundrum [TNG #114]

Stardate 45494.2

After being scanned by an unidentified alien ship, the entire crew of the Enterprise, even Data, sustains complete memory loss. Strangely, however, while they have forgotten who they are and what they do, they still possess skills that enable them to operate the ship. All outside communication has been disrupted, but the crew assumes they are in battle due to the remains of a small alien ship located outside.

The crew accesses the ship's computer, which provides them with the name, photo and rank of all personnel responsible for primary operation of the ship. Since learning who they are sparks no memories, no one is surprised when an Executive Officer Commander Keiran MacDuff is listed as second-in-command. Later, Geordi and Data discover information regarding their mission -- they have been ordered to cross into Lysian territory and destroy its central command center. The information suggests that the Lysians are responsible for the crew's memory loss. The orders also require the Enterprise to maintain absolute radio silence.

On the bridge, the crew is uncomfortable with the thought of destroying a small Lysian ship, especially when they discover that the Enterprise is far more powerful than the "enemy" vessel. Picard wants to contact the Federation for verification, but MacDuff insists he cannot, reminding him that their orders state that they are at war with the Lysians and must not contact anyone. Seeing no other choice, Picard fires on and destroys the ship.

Still uneasy, Picard searches for a way to restore the crew's memories. He sends Data and Geordi to access the crew's medical records, but the pair are unable to. They also discover that the mission reports, crew records and personal logs are missing, and are disturbed by the specific nature of the missing information. MacDuff, however, points out that everything that is happening is consistent with their information on the Lysians. Desperate, the crew decides that Dr. Crusher should attempt a dangerous memory-restoring treatment without the benefit of her patients' medical records. MacDuff immediately volunteers for the treatment, during which he appears to suffer a seizure. Afterwards, he tells Dr. Crusher he still remembers nothing.

As Picard prepares to attack the Lysian central command, he learns that the Lysians are so technologically inferior to the Enterprise that they are virtually defenseless. Morally unable to justify the attack, he orders Worf to open the communications channel. MacDuff lunges for tactical control in order to fire on the Lysians, but Riker stuns him with a phaser. The phaser blast reveals that MacDuff is actually an alien. Later, after Dr. Crusher has restored the memories of most of the crew, Picard discovers that MacDuff is a member of a race that has been at war with the Lysians for decades. Although he had the power to manipulate computers and suppress memories, his weapons technology was inferior, so he attempted to use the Enterprise as a puppet.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Erich Anderson (Cmdr. Keiran MacDuff)

Erick Weiss (Crewman)

Liz Vassey (Kristin)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Teleplay By : Barry M. Schkolnick

Story By : Paul Schiffer

Directed By : Les Landau

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Power Play [TNG #115]

Stardate 45571.2

A subspace distress signal that seems to be emanating from a Starfleet ship lures the U.S.S. Enterprise to a seemingly uninhabited moon. The last recorded Starfleet presence in the area was the disappearance of the U.S.S. Essex two centuries before, but Troi insists she senses life. A fierce storm makes beaming to the surface impossible, so Riker, Troi and Data attempt to land on the moon in a shuttlecraft. The craft crashes, Riker breaks his arm and all communication with the Enterprise is lost. Still, Troi

feels something powerful, and she decides it is approaching with a particularly severe-looking storm cloud. Meanwhile, on the Enterprise, O'Brien volunteers to risk his life and transport through the storm to rescue the others. As he attempts to beam them off the moon, the cloud envelops them and strange energy rings appear around the group.

O'Brien is successful, and the Away Team returns. Once back on board however, Data, Troi and O'Brien insist the Enterprise conduct a systematic survey of a polar region of the moon -- a notion Riker, Picard and the rest of the crew consider absurd. When Riker questions their reasons, the three stage a violent revolt and take command of the ship.

By holding crew members hostage, Data, Troi and O'Brien are able to force Picard to listen to their demands and change the direction of the ship. Meanwhile, Dr. Crusher and Riker determine that he was not affected because his broken arm somehow repelled whatever force inhabited the other three crew members. Later, the force reveals itself when Troi, the leader of the mutinous trio, identifies herself as Captain Bryce Shumar of the Starship Essex.

Troi explains that the spirits of the Essex crew were trapped in the magnetic currents that surround the moon when the ship disappeared two centuries before. By safely transporting their bones back to earth, Picard will free them from their spiritual imprisonment. But their violent behavior prevents Picard from believing their intentions are as friendly as they say. At the same time, Dr. Crusher decides that delivering a powerful jolt of pain to the bodies of the three may have the same effect that Riker's broken arm did and ward off the forces. Geordi and Ensign Ro work on the computer to deliver a shock to the three, but Data is not hit. The android then threatens to kill everyone in the room, and Picard weakly agrees to take them where they want to go.

As they near the moon's surface again, Riker reminds the trio that the same problems that prevented them from beaming to the surface in the first place still exist. O'Brien says he can successfully reach the moon with a Transporter Pad, and the three take off for a cargo bay with three hostages, including Picard. Once in the cargo bay, Troi reveals that her people are actually condemned spirits, the moon is a condemned penal colony, and she plans to use the bodies of the Enterprise crew members as a means of escape. Picard insists he will open the cargo bay doors and kill himself rather than risk the lives of his crew. With no other choice, the spirits leave the Enterprise for their banishment on the moon, and Troi, Data and O'Brien are returned to normal.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Ryan Reid (Transporter Technician)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Herbert J. Wright

Rene Balcer

Story By : Maurice Hurley

Paul Ruben

Directed By : David Livingston

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Ethics [TNG #116]

Stardate 45587.3

Worf is seriously injured when a support beam breaks and causes a heavy container to fall on him. He awakens in Sickbay to shocking news -- he is paralyzed from the waist down. Dr. Crusher informs her patient that she has sent for a specialist, a neuro-geneticist named Dr. Russell, but stresses to Worf that his chances of gaining full recovery of his legs are minimal at best. This news crushes Worf's Klingon pride, and he refuses to allow anyone, including his son Alexander, to see him.

Discussing Worf's case with Dr. Crusher, Dr. Russell suggests implementing a radical medical technique that is still in the experimental stages. Dr. Crusher refuses, unwilling to risk Worf's life when he is in no danger of dying. Worf, however, believes his life is already over. He asks Riker to assist in his ceremonial suicide, citing the belief that no Klingon should live as an object of pity or shame, but Riker is torn. Later, Dr. Crusher and Dr. Russell visit Worf to discuss his options. They present him with implants designed to partially restore the feeling in his legs, but Worf refuses, telling them he would rather die than be less than the man he was. At this point, Dr. Russell tells Worf about the experimental surgery that could fully restore his mobility.

This move angers Dr. Crusher, who believes Dr. Russell is trying to use Worf as a sort of guinea pig to test her unproven technique. They argue outside Worf's quarters until they are called to assist with the survivors of the crash of another starship. There, Beverly is further angered when Russell's use of another experimental technique leads to the death of a patient. Unable to trust her colleague, she relieves Dr. Russell from duty.

Worf still refuses to consider the Implants and insists he wants to die. Because of this, Picard tries to convince Dr. Crusher to let Dr. Russell perform the experimental surgery, but Beverly stands firm. At the same time, Riker confronts Worf, reminding him that Klingon law dictates that it is Worf's son, and not Riker, who is supposed to assist in Worf's death. Unable to deny this, Worf abandons the idea of killing himself, and asks to try Dr. Russell's surgery instead.

Dr. Crusher reluctantly agrees, and together, she and Dr. Russell perform the operation. While the technique initially appears to be a success, Worf suddenly goes into cardiac arrest --and dies on the table. Dr. Crusher tries desperately to revive him, but eventually is forced to acknowledge that he is gone. But thanks to a mysterious Klingon biochemical reaction, Worf suddenly revives a few minutes later and goes on to recover. Dr. Crusher, however, is unable to forgive Dr. Russell for endangering the life of her colleague and friend.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

Caroline Kava (Dr. Toby Russel)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Sara Charno

Stuart Charno

Directed By : Chip Chalmers

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The Outcast [TNG #117]

Stardate 45614.6

While investigating the disappearance of a J'naii shuttlecraft, the crew finds reason to believe the missing ship is stranded in an abnormal pocket called "null space." Riker and Soren, a member of the J'naii race, begin preparing to rescue the craft, and the

two strike up a friendship. Their relationship develops quickly as the pair question each other about mating habits, since the J'nai are androgynous and do not identify themselves as either male or female. Despite this difference, sparks begin to fly between them.

Heading toward the null space in a shuttlecraft, Soren wonders to Riker if a J'nai and a human could be sexually compatible. She then tells him that this would be illegal in her society, where gender-specific relations are strictly forbidden. However, after she is injured during the mission, Soren becomes bolder. She insists on completing the mission, and also insists taking an even greater risk by telling Riker that she is attracted to him.

The following day, Riker and Soren locate the J'nai shuttlecraft and successfully load the injured J'nai onto the ship. Soren's colleague Krite thanks Riker for his help and invites Riker to join them for a celebration that evening. As Soren and Riker say a discreet goodbye, Krite notices the sparks between them. Later that evening, Soren and Riker sneak away from the dinner for a walk in the woods, where, hidden from everyone, they exchange a passionate kiss.

Continuing to work together to remove the J'nai shuttlecraft from the null space, Riker and Soren present a purely professional front to the crew. However, when Riker arrives at Soren's quarters for a pre-arranged meeting, he is informed that she has been taken into custody as a result of their relationship. Riker finally finds Soren in a civic chamber, sitting before a panel of judges. After admitting to her belief of being female, she is taken away by guards to be brainwashed.

Desperate, Riker concocts a plan to rescue Soren and returns to the planet to find her. Unfortunately, when he does locate her, he is too late. Having already undergone psychotectic therapy, Soren no longer has any belief in gender differences or any romantic feelings for Riker. Sadly, Riker returns alone to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Callan White (Krite)

Megan Cole (Noor)

Melinda Culea (Soren)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Cause And Effect [TNG #118]

Stardate 45652.1

While playing poker with Riker, Data and Worf, a strange feeling of déjà vu helps Beverly successfully call Riker's bluff. She is then summoned to sickbay to examine a dizzy Geordi, and once again experiences this sensation. When she goes to bed that evening, she is haunted by strange voices in her quarters. The ship continues to chart the Typhon Expanse, a previously unexplored region of space, until the distortion field suddenly fluctuates, the main propulsion systems collapse, and the Enterprise is thrown into red alert on a collision course with an older starship. Riker recommends decompressing the main shuttlebay, but Picard follows Data's advice and uses the tractor beam to alter the other ship's trajectory. Unfortunately, this course fails, the ships collide and the Enterprise explodes and is completely destroyed.

Later, Riker, Data, Worf and Beverly are playing cards again, and both Riker and Beverly realize they know what is coming next. Beverly is again summoned to Sickbay, where she and Geordi both experience feelings of déjà vu. When she hears the voices in her room, she immediately goes to Picard and tells him that something strange is going on. He decides to run a diagnostic.

The next morning, while discussing the results of that diagnostic, the older ship mysteriously appears and the Enterprise is again destroyed.

The card game is in full swing again, but this time, all four players realize they know what cards are coming next. Beverly anticipates being called to Sickbay, and when Geordi again shows up feeling dizzy, she goes to Picard and repeats their previous exchange. She hears the voices in her room again, but this time Beverly turns on her tape recorder. The recording is studied, and Data deduces that the strange voices are the voices of the crew.

Beverly and Geordi realize that they are trapped in a causality loop -- a time warp that dooms them to endlessly repeat the same fragment of time. This phenomenon is causing Geordi's dizziness, and Data discovers that it also explains the voices on the tape, which are "echoes" from a previous loop. He isolates pieces of dialogue that indicate that the Enterprise collided with another ship, exploded, and got stuck in the time warp. Realizing that whatever they do to avoid the collision will probably be the same thing they have done before, Data decides the only hope is to send a deliberate message into the next loop. They prepare to send the message, the red alert begins again, and the ship is destroyed.

Another card game is in progress, but this time, the cards are different, with everything occurring in threes. Things continue to happen in sets of three, and the number three is seen everywhere for no explicable reason. Other than this difference everything occurs as before. When the red alert begins, Picard again chooses Data's advice over Riker's. At the last minute, however, Data notices the three pipes on Riker's uniform and, realizing "three" was the message he planted for himself, takes Riker's advice and leads the ship to safety. The collision avoided, the crew is hailed by the older ship, the U.S.S. Bozeman. The Enterprise contacts Starfleet Command, who reports that they have been caught in a time warp for seventeen days, while the other ship has been stuck for 90 years.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Kelsey Grammer (Capt. Morgan Bateson)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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The First Duty [TNG #119]

Stardate 45703.9

While en-route to Starfleet Academy, where Picard is scheduled to deliver the year's commencement address, the crew learns of a devastating in-flight accident involving Wesley Crusher and his squadron. While all five ships involved were destroyed, Wesley, his squadron leader and two other crew members managed to transport to safety. However, the fifth team member, Wesley's good friend Joshua Albert, was killed instantly.

Picard, Dr. Crusher and the rest of the cadets' parents watch as Admiral Brand, the Academy superintendent, begins an investigation, questioning the four surviving cadets about the fatal flight. When the admiral finds discrepancies between their testimony and the flight plan they had filed, the squadron's leader, Nicholas Locarno, steps in. He reluctantly tells the investigating panel that Albert panicked and lost control during the maneuver and caused the accident. Albert's father, a Starfleet officer, is especially devastated by this news.

Because the U.S.S. Enterprise is Wesley's home, Admiral Brand allows Picard and the crew to begin their own, independent investigation of the accident. Meanwhile, Wesley meets with Locarno and the other squadron members to discuss the earlier

inquiry. The three cadets are clearly upset with their leader for placing blame on Albert when the accident was not really his fault. Locarno tries to convince them that they aren't lying by omitting crucial details that will explain what really happened, and that they must go along with his plan in order to save their careers. Stressing the importance of working together as a team, he gets his squadron to agree with him. Later, when the hearing resumes, Wesley is questioned about the surviving data from his flight recorder. He and his comrades are shocked when the panel produces evidence that clearly contradicts Wesley's testimony. However, while he appears to be caught in a lie, Wesley refuses to explain.

Shaken by what is happening, Wesley subtly indicates to Beverly that he is lying. She shares her feelings with Picard, and the two join Geordi and Data to try to reach a conclusion. Together, they use all the data they have recovered to conclude that instead of the formation the squadron claimed to be practicing, Wesley and his comrades were working on an extremely dangerous maneuver.

Picard summons Wesley and tells the young man that he and the crew know what is going on. They know Wesley's squadron was working on a spectacular maneuver so dangerous it has been forbidden -- a move they planned to perform at Starfleet Academy's commencement ceremony. Had they succeeded, Locarno would have graduated as a living legend. Unfortunately, their failure cost Albert his life. Picard tells Wesley that if he can't tell the truth, Picard himself will. Wesley immediately meets with the rest of his squadron, but Locarno again convinces them to stick together, reminding that Picard has no concrete proof. At the hearing, however, Wesley tells the truth, unable to allow Albert's father to go on believing his son was a coward. Locarno takes the blame and is expelled, while the rest of the squadron are told they must repeat the school year.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ed Lauter (Lt. Cmdr. Albert)

Jacqueline Brookes (Admiral Brand)

Ray Walston (Boothby)

Richard Fancy (Capt. Satelk)

Richard Rothenberg (Cadet)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Nicholas Locarno)

Shannon Fill (Sito Jaxa)

Walker Brandt (Jean Hajar)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Naren Shankar

Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Cost Of Living [TNG #120]

Stardate 45733.6

After destroying a deadly asteroid in the Pelloris Field, the U.S.S. Enterprise heads toward the Moselina system unaware that a cloud of strange particles have attached themselves to the ship's hull. As they travel, Deanna Troi's mother Lwaxana transports

aboard with an unusual announcement -- she is planning to get married on the Enterprise to a man that she has never met. Troi finds the news disturbing, but Lwaxana laughs at her "motherly" concern.

Troi has been counseling Worf and his son Alexander, who have been clashing over the boy's responsibilities. Soon, Lwaxana meets Alexander and takes a liking to him. She persuades him to skip his appointment with Troi and accompany her to the holodeck instead. There, she takes him for a visit to a colony of artists, poets and free thinkers, and to a mudbath. Troi and Worf, meanwhile, begin a search for the missing boy that leads them to the holodeck.

An angry Troi asks her mother to stop interfering with Alexander's upbringing. The subject changes to Lwaxana's upcoming wedding, and Troi is shocked to learn that her independent-thinking mother plans to forgo the Betazed custom of getting married in the nude and wear a wedding dress provided by her bridegroom instead. Meanwhile, minor malfunctions begin to occur aboard the ship, and Geordi and Data discover that mechanical parts of the ship are being transformed into a gelatinous substance. As they report their findings to Picard, Riker and Worf, red alert sounds as more crucial systems begin to fail.

Later, Lwaxana's intended, Minister Campio, transports aboard along with his pompous Protocol Master. Lwaxana is a bit taken aback by just how stuffy her husband-to-be is, since the compatibility profile that matched them did not alert her to how major their differences are. She becomes bored with the complicated wedding plans and heads back to the holodeck with Alexander, much to everyone's dismay. Back in engineering, Geordi discovers the strange particles that have attached themselves to the ship and realizes they are at the root of the mechanical problem.

Malfunctions interrupt Lwaxana and Alexander's holodeck visit, and she calmly leads the boy out of danger. Meanwhile, Geordi and Data tell Picard that the particles that are destroying the ship are parasites that turned to the Enterprise after the asteroid they fed on was destroyed. They must return to the Pelloris Field in order to get rid of the particles, but time is running out. The parasites quickly overtake the life support systems, and the entire crew, with the exception of Data, loses consciousness as the oxygen runs out. Racing against the clock, Data reaches the Pelloris Field and beams the particles toward a new asteroid. With everything back to normal, Lwaxana's nuptials begin. They come to an abrupt halt, however, when she walks down the aisle naked according to her traditions, sending her stuffy bridegroom and his Protocol Master scurrying for home. Troi is pleased that her mother stuck to her guns, and later brings Worf to join Lwaxana and Alexander for a last trip to the mudbath.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Albie Selznick (Juggler)

Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

Carel Struycken (Mr. Homn)

Christopher Halsted (1st Learner)

David Oliver (Young Man)

George Ede (Poet)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Patrick Cronin (Erko)

Tony Jay (Campio)

Tracey D'Arcy (Young Woman)

Written By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Perfect Mate [TNG #121]

Stardate 45761.3

The battle between the Krios and Valt Minor Systems is set to end aboard the neutral ground of the U.S.S. Enterprise in a Ceremony of Reconciliation. The Kriosian Ambassador Briam arrives first with a gift for the Valtese leader Alrik, a fragile and irreplaceable item he asks to have declared off-limits. While on course to meet Alrik, the Enterprise is summoned to aid a Ferengi shuttle and beams aboard its two passengers. Picard and the crew learn their arrival was no coincidence when one of the Ferengi is caught trying to steal the gift. After being bumped by the Ferengi, the cocoon-like structure that houses the gift dissolves, revealing an exotic and beautiful woman.

The woman, Kamala, explains that she is an empathic metamorph, a rare creature born with the ability to sense what her mate desires and become what he wants her to be. From birth, she has been raised to be a gift to Alrik, whom she will imprint herself to as a token of peace. However, since her seal was broken prematurely, she is in a vulnerable state, sending out powerful sexual signals to every man she comes in contact with. Briam requests that she be confined to her room until Alrik arrives, but this horrifies Beverly, who tells Picard that he is helping to transport Kamala into a life of virtual prostitution. She convinces him to talk to the woman and release her from her quarters.

Picard has a difficult time resisting his attraction to Kamala, so he assigns Data, who will be immune to the woman's charms, to act as her escort. Data brings Kamala to the bar, where every man in sight is drawn to her. Kamala realizes she is creating havoc and volunteers to return to her quarters. Meanwhile, as Picard and Geordi help prepare for the upcoming ceremony, the Ferengis try to bribe Briam for Kamala. When he refuses to accept the bribe, he is knocked unconscious.

With Briam unable to perform his duty, Picard is asked to step in for him during the peace negotiations. Unfortunately, the captain knows little of the customs and rituals of the Kriosian people, and must turn to Kamala for help. As they work together, Picard finds it difficult to resist his attraction for her. Kamala confesses that she is also struggling, and finds it ironic to have met a man like Picard the day before she is to meet the man she must spend the rest of her life with.

Alrik arrives, and Picard is called upon to hand Kamala to her new mate in the Ceremony of Reconciliation. However, when he arrives in her room, she tells Picard that she is in love with him and has already imprinted herself to him. He asks her if she plans to go through with the ceremony anyway, and she tells him she must put her duty to her fellow man ahead of her own desires.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : April Grace (Transporter Chief Hubbell)

Charles Gunning (Miner #3)

David Paul Needles (Miner #1)

Famke Janssen (Kamala)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Max Grodenchik (Par Lenor)

Michael Snyder (Qol)

Mickey Cottrell (Chancellor Alrik)

Roger Rignack (Miner #2)

Tim O'Connor (Ambassador Briam)

Teleplay By : Gary Perconte

Michael Piller

Story By : Gary Perconte

Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Imaginary Friend [TNG #122]

Stardate 45852.1

After learning from a young Enterprise resident named Clara that she has an "Invisible friend," Troi reassures the girl's father, Daniel Sutter, that the practice is normal. Since Clara has been moved from starship to starship, Troi explains that her imaginary friend "Isabella" provides her with a constant companion. Meanwhile, the Enterprise investigates a rare nebula that has formed around a neutron star. As the exploration proceeds, a strange energy source makes its way onto the ship and begins to conduct an exploration of its own. The being discovers Clara playing in the Arboretum, and immediately materializes into the image of her friend Isabella.

Clara is astonished to see her imaginary friend come to life. Isabella convinces the girl to take her on a tour of the ship, concentrating on forbidden areas like Engineering, the Bridge and the Ten-Forward. The crew is shocked to see Clara popping up in such unexpected places, especially when she blames her "companion" Isabella, who none of the adults can see. At the same time, Picard and the crew are troubled by mysterious energy strands which have surrounded the ship like a web and are causing it to lose power.

Troi decides Clara should meet some other children, and arranges for her to attend a ceramics class. The girl immediately hits it off with Worf's son Alexander, that is, until Isabella arrives and destroys one of Alexander's creations. Since Alexander can't see Isabella, he blames Clara. Later, a tearful Clara confronts Isabella, asking why she has been so mean to her. Isabella coldly replies that when the "others" come, Clara and everyone else on the ship will die.

Terrified, Clara confesses to her father that she is afraid of Isabella. Sutter calls Troi in, and the counselor accompanies the little girl back to her room to assure her that she is safe. She looks under the bed and in the bathroom in an effort to prove to Clara that nothing is lurking in the shadows. However, when she opens the door to Clara's closet, Isabella appears before her and knocks Troi unconscious with a strand of red energy.

Making a connection between Isabella and the beings that are draining the ship's energy, Picard begins a search for the girl. He finds her with Clara's help, and she tells them that she was on board to assess the ship's energy sources. When Picard tells her there are ways of providing her race with energy without destroying the ship, she replies that she plans to destroy it anyway. But when Clara asks her to spare them, Isabella changes her mind. She dematerializes, and moments later, the energy strands vanish. Picard orders Geordi to drive the warp engines to full power and direct the energy into the nebula, providing the aliens with the needed nourishment. Later, Isabella says goodbye to Clara in her quarters, and the two pledge to always remain friends.

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Marina Sirtis (Counselor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

Jeff Allin (Ensign Daniel Sutter)

Noley Thornton (Clara Sutter)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Shay Astar (Isabella)

Sheila Franklin (Ensign Felton)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Edithe Swensen

Story By : Jean Louise Matthias

Ronald Wilkerson

Richard Fliegel

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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I, Borg [TNG #123]

Stardate 45854.2

Picard sends an Away Team to investigate the wreckage of a small craft, where they find the only survivor is an adolescent Borg. The Captain initially shows no sign of wanting to help, however, Beverly eventually persuades to beam the creature aboard in spite of the fact that his presence on the ship could alert the rest of his race. Back on board the Enterprise, Beverly disconnects the command center that allows the Borg to communicate with the rest of his race. Troi senses anger in Picard, who was kidnapped by the Borg, but he refuses to discuss his feelings. However, those feelings become apparent when Beverly discovers that her new patient's brain implants have been damaged and asks Picard if Geordi can construct new ones. Picard realizes that if Geordi can tamper with the command structure of this Borg's brain, he can destroy the entire race through their interconnected network.

Beverly is shocked that Picard would use the creature she is trying to heal to kill. However, the rest of the crew agrees with the Captain, citing the race's history of warlike activity against the Federation. Later, the Borg wakes up confused and disoriented after being disconnected from the collective whole.

In the science lab, Geordi and a reluctant Beverly attempt to communicate with the Borg so that Geordi can learn more about the command pathways in his brain. As they talk, they find this Borg is harmless and innocent -- unlike the other Borg they have met. They name him Hugh, and Geordi begins having second thoughts about programming the creature to destroy his race. When he tells this to Guinan, she reacts with fear and anger. Later, Picard and Riker discover that a Borg rescue vessel is headed their way.

Guinan visits Hugh and angrily tells him how the Borg destroyed her race, but the creature actually shows sympathy toward her plight. Later, Geordi tells Picard he is having second thoughts about using Hugh to destroy the Borg, but Picard will have none of it - until Guinan convinces him to talk with Hugh himself. Hugh immediately recognizes Picard as Locutus, the creature Picard became when the Borg kidnapped and tried to assimilate him. However, Picard is surprised to discover that unlike the rest of the Borg, Hugh is exhibiting human emotions.

Persuaded by his encounter with Hugh, Picard abandons his plan to destroy the Borg. Instead, he offers Hugh the choice of either returning to the crash site to be rescued or remaining on board the Enterprise permanently. Hugh is tempted by the offer to stay with his new friends, but opts to be returned to the crash site to ensure the safety of the Enterprise. He exchanges sad goodbyes with the crew before Geordi returns with him to the crash site. There, he tells Geordi he does not want to forget his experiences through re-assimilation. As Geordi watches the Borg rescue party reclaiming their lost brother, Hugh meets his eyes, offering hope that he will remember their friendship.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Jonathan Del Arco (Hugh)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Robert Lederman

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The Next Phase [TNG #124]

Stardate 45892.4

Upon receiving a distress signal from a Romulan science ship, Picard surprises some crew members by sending an Away Team to help. The Romulan officers are also surprised, but are also relieved to be rescued. During the mission, Geordi discovers that one of the ship's generators needs replacement, so he and Ro prepare to beam back to the U.S.S. Enterprise to replicate the part. However, something goes wrong during the transport. After dematerializing from the Romulan ship, the pair fail to reappear on the Enterprise. After several failed attempts to bring them back, Picard and the crew are forced to accept the fact that their comrades are dead. Later, Ro mysteriously appears in Sickbay, where Picard and Beverly are signing her death certificate. She tries to talk to them to tell them she is alive, but they don't hear her. She stands in front of them, but they don't see her. In fact, Picard actually walks right through her. Because of this, Ro concludes she must be dead.

Ro eventually runs into Geordi, who has been having the same strange experiences. Although the pair can hear, see and touch each other, they seem to be removed from the rest of the ship. Ro tells Geordi she believes this means that they are dead, and have returned to the ship as spirits. Geordi, however, refuses to accept her explanation and sets about trying to find a solution.

Data takes on the dual task of planning a memorial service for his fallen crewmates and investigating the mishap that caused their deaths. Geordi is present when Data surmises that the accident had something to do with the accident that occurred aboard the Romulan ship. He and Worf return to the ship to investigate, with the invisible Geordi and Ro secretly tagging along. Once on the ship, the Romulans act very secretive when Data asks to scan their engine room. However, they talk freely once Data leaves the room, unaware that Geordi and Ro can hear everything they say. The invisible pair soon learn that the Romulans are testing a new cloaking device that hides things by dematerializing them. They realize that they are not dead -- just accidentally cloaked.

Unfortunately, the pair must find a way to get uncloaked before the Enterprise leaves the Romulan ship's area or they really will be dead. Geordi finds a way back on the Enterprise, when Data notices a high level of chroniton fields on the ship. Geordi realizes that he and Ro create these fields by making contact with objects aboard the ship. He is further encouraged when Data sprays the contaminated areas with a substance that gives Ro and Geordi back some of their substance. They realize they must work to create as many chroniton fields as possible so that Data will spray enough of the chemical to force them to rematerialize. The pair implement their plan at their memorial service, which is more like a huge party. They create a large number of chroniton fields, forcing Data to use an large amount of spray to eliminate them. When he does, their images reappear - but only for a brief moment. Luckily, both Data and Picard see the pair and realize what has happened. They flood the room with the anti-chroniton chemical and Geordi and Ro rematerialize, turning the memorial observance into a celebration of life.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian J. Cousins (Parem)

Kenneth Meseroll (Ensign McDowell)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Shelby Leverington (Transporter Chief Brossmer)

Susanna Thompson (Varel)

Thomas Kopache (Mirok)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Carson

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The Inner Light [TNG #125]

Stardate 45944.1

An unsophisticated alien probe assumes a relative position, holding steady with the U.S.S. Enterprise, and releases a nucleonic particle stream that penetrates the ship's shields. Focusing solely on Picard, the beam knocks him unconscious. When he wakes up, Picard finds himself in unfamiliar surroundings, being cared for by an attractive woman. The woman, Eline, tells him his name is "Kamin," and he is her husband of three years. She also tells him that he has been sick and must be experiencing a memory loss. Picard soon learns that he lives on the planet Kataan, where he works as a simple iron weaver. His confusion is compounded when he notices that Eline wears an exact replica of the alien probe as jewelry. She tells Picard he gave her the necklace as a gift.

On the Enterprise, the crew is unable to revive Picard. Realizing the particle emission that has attached itself to him may control his life, they are afraid to destroy the beam. Only a few moments have passed, but on Kataan, it is already five years later, and Picard is settling into his life. He comes up with a solution to the drought that is destroying the planet, but his advanced ideas are laughed at by leaders of the primitive society. However, his life is not without its pleasures. Picard kisses Eline, an act that causes his pulse to rise back on the Enterprise. Worf insists they must destroy the beam since their Captain is under attack.

They do so, and Picard's pulse drops dramatically. On Kataan, where seven more years have passed, he falls to the floor. Acting quickly, the crew restores the beam. Back on Kataan, another 12 years have passed, and Picard has two children. The drought continues to worsen, and Picard's teenage daughter realizes their planet is doomed. At the same time, Geordi and Data are able to chart the probe's radiation to Kataan, a planet that was destroyed in a supernova explosion over a thousand years ago.

On Kataan, the years continue to fly by. Picard continues his quest to get something done about the drought, but his suggestions fall on deaf ears. Later, Eline dies, as does Picard's best friend Batai, and his first grandchild is born.

The elapsed time on the Enterprise is still only a few minutes. However, Beverly becomes alarmed when she realizes that Picard's metabolic rates match those of an 80-year-old man. In fact, Picard is actually 85 years old on Kataan, where the drought has almost completely destroyed the planet. His children and grandchild convince the unwilling old man to accompany them to a missile launching - an event they are all very excited about. Picard doesn't understand the point, knowing the missile will do nothing to save the planet or its people. However, as the missile takes off, his family, with the help of Eline's spirit, explain to Picard that they are launching a probe into the future to find a person who will bring them immortality by telling others about their planet after it is destroyed. Picard realizes the missile is actually the probe that brought him to Kataan over 30 years ago. As this happens, he wakes up aboard the Enterprise and is amazed to learn he has only been unconscious for 25 minutes, in which time he lived a third of a lifetime.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Daniel Stewart (Young Batai)

Jennifer Nash (Meribor)

Margot Rose (Eline)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Richard Riehle (Batai)
Scott Jaeck (Administrator)
Teleplay By : Morgan Gendel
Peter Allan Fields
Story By : Morgan Gendel
Directed By : Peter Lauritson

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Time's Arrow, Part 1 [TNG #126]

Stardate 45959.1

Picard and the crew are summoned to San Francisco to evaluate a discovery of extra-terrestrial life on Earth that dates back to the late 19th century. Triolic waves, a rare energy source employed by very few species, have been detected around the city. The Captain wonders why his crew has been summoned instead of one of Earth's more qualified scientists. He is shocked to learn that the U.S.S. Enterprise has been included because Data's head, old, dusty and dead, was found among the ruins of some 19th century artifacts. The crew finds it hard to accept Data's supposed death, but Data is typically matter-of-fact, explaining that at a future date he will transport back to 19th century Earth, where his death will occur. Meanwhile, Geordi concludes that the only species that uses triolic rays and is capable of assuming human form on earth exists solely on the planet Devidia II. The Enterprise immediately sets course.

Upon their arrival, Picard sends an Away Team to investigate, but insists Data stay aboard ship. Troi senses human lifeforms, but no one is physically present. The crew concludes that the lifeforms are a fraction of a second out of phase with them. Since Data is the only hope for manipulating the distortion in timing, he beams down, and immediately sets up a forcefield. He soon disappears inside the field, but communicates with the rest of the Away Team, describing the unusual alien lifeforms he sees. Suddenly, an explosion occurs, and Data is gone. Lost from Devidia II, he reappears in San Francisco, circa the late 1800s.

Stranded without food, shelter or money, Data quickly adapts to his surroundings. He wins needed funds in a barroom poker game, gets a hotel room and sets out to build a communications device to get back in touch with the Enterprise.

Back on the Enterprise, the crew concludes that the aliens pose a real threat to 19th-century Earth. They realize they must join Data there in trying to stop them, even if they, like Data, are doomed to die. Geordi begins work on a copy of the device that created Data's force field, hoping to make it large enough to transport an entire Away Team. Later, in Ten-Forward, Picard is unnerved by a conversation with Guinan, who insists he break with tradition and accompany the Away Team back to the 19th century. Although she can give him no explanation, he realizes she knows something. At the same time, back on Earth, Data is surprised to see a picture of Guinan in the local newspaper.

Assuming she has joined him from the future, Data tracks Guinan down at a literary reception where she is playing hostess. Guinan fails to recognize Data, but she is not shocked when he tells her that they serve together on the same starship in the 24th century. She listens with great concern to his story, subtly revealing that she, too, is not from Earth. Unfortunately, Mark Twain, the honored guest at Guinan's reception, overhears their entire conversation. Meanwhile, on the Enterprise, Geordi is able to complete his device, and an Away Team led by Captain Picard transports to the 19th century.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Barry Kivel (Doorman)
Jack Murdock (Beggar)

Jerry Hardin (Samuel Clemens)

Ken Thorley (Seaman)

Marc Alaimo (Frederick La Rouque)

Michael Aron (Bellboy)

Michael Hungerford (Roughneck)

Milt Tarver (Scientist)

Sheldon Peters Wolfchild (Joe Falling Hawk)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Michael Piller

Story By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Les Landau

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Time's Arrow, Part 2 [TNG #127]

Stardate 46001.3

The discovery of Data's head, old, dusty and dead, among the ruins of some 19th-century artifacts in San Francisco has led the crew on a wild-goose chase through time. In the 24th century, they have found a race on the planet Devidia II who can travel through time and assume human form on Earth. Meanwhile, Data has become trapped in 19th century San Francisco with a 19th century Guinan and a very curious Samuel Clemens.

Hoping to save Data's life, Picard, Riker, Beverly, Troi and Geordi transport to 19th-century San Francisco to find him. In a local morgue, Riker and Beverly realize that the aliens from Devidia II, disguised as humans, are slowly killing off the population by stealing their neural energy and sending it to the 24th century to feed their own people. Meanwhile, Samuel Clemens is following Data and Guinan, believing that they have somehow come from the future with a plan to destroy Earth.

At a local infirmary, the Away Team, in 19th-century garb, discover the two aliens from Devidia II, who have disguised themselves as a doctor and a nurse in order to steal neural energy from cholera patients. Beverly is able to snatch the "doctor's" cane, which is actually the device he uses to manipulate time. After a fracas, the entire group runs out just as Data arrives in a horse-drawn carriage to whisk them away to safety.

The group concludes that the cavern where Data's head was found somehow acts as a focusing device that enables the aliens to travel back and forth through time. Together with Guinan, they go back to the cavern, followed by Clemens, who has learned of their plan. After Clemens enters, the aliens themselves arrive, snatching back the cane and activating the process that allows them to time-travel. A sonic boom throws Guinan against a wall and separates Data's head from his body, which disappears into a hole of white light. The alien nurse is wounded, but the alien doctor dives into the hole, followed by Riker, Geordi, Troi, Beverly and Clemens. Picard stays behind with the injured Guinan, trapped in the 19th century.

The rest of the group, including Clemens and Data's body, lands on Devidia II in the 24th century, and safely transports back to the Enterprise. Troi tries to convince Clemens that mankind's future is assured, while Geordi works to successfully attach Data's 19th century head to his body. The crew is ready to destroy the alien habitat on Devidia II, but must rescue Picard from the cavern before they lose the ability to move through time. The author transports down and alerts Picard, who bids the 19th-century Guinan farewell and escapes just as the Enterprise's photon torpedoes destroy the alien planet.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Alexander Enberg (Young Reporter)
Bill Cho Lee (Male Patient)
James Gleason (Dr. Apollinaire)
Jerry Hardin (Samuel Clemens)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Mary Stein (Alien Nurse)
Michael Aron (Jack London [The Bellboy])
Pamela Kosh (Mrs. Carmichael)
Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)
William Boyett (Policeman)
Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor
Story By : Joe Menosky
Directed By : Les Landau

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Realm Of Fear [TNG #128]

Stardate 46041.1

When the U.S.S. Enterprise encounters another starship, the U.S.S. Yosemite, trapped in a plasma streamer, a young engineer named Reginald Barclay comes up with a plan to reach the vessel. The crew adopts his plan, but Barclay balks when he realizes that the crew wants him to join them as part of the Away Team. Deathly afraid of the transporting process, he backs out at the last minute, leaving the rest of the Away Team to transport to the fire-marred Yosemite. There, they find that one dead body is the only sign of humanity, and they also notice several fragments of a broken sample container. Later, emboldened by a session with Troi, Barclay is able to rejoin the Away Team just in time to transport back. Each member returns to the Enterprise without incident except Barclay, who encounters a sinister-looking creature while in molecular form.

Back on board the Enterprise, Barclay is genuinely shaken by what he has seen. Geordi has O'Brien run a full diagnostic on the transporter, but the tests show nothing unusual. Barclay is able to relax, but becomes even more unnerved when his arm begins to radiate light in the precise spot where the creature touched him. Meanwhile, in Sickbay, Beverly performs an autopsy on the Yosemite crew member and is shocked as each of the dead man's systems briefly and separately come to life, one after the other.

Beverly's examination reveals that the crew member was killed when his body was invaded with high-energy plasma. Geordi, Data and Barclay realize that the plasma was brought inside the ship in the sample container that was fragmented, and that the plasma somehow exploded. The three try to determine why the explosion occurred, but Barclay is unable to concentrate, still shaken by what he saw on his arm. Geordi reports Barclay's condition to Troi, who immediately relieves him of his official duties. Late that night, Barclay returns to his room to sleep, but is unable to do so when his arm begins glowing again - this time all the way up to his shoulder. Sure that something must be hidden in the transporter, he summons O'Brien to help him find it.

O'Brien transports Barclay to the Yosemite and back, and Barclay encounters the creature during the trip. Sure of what he has seen, he wakes the senior staff to tell them, and while Picard is skeptical at first, he authorizes an in-depth investigation. Beverly examines Barclay and finds that he has been exposed to the same plasma that killed the Yosemite crew member.

Data and Geordi discover that the plasma particles are actually life forms, and that some of those life forms are inside Barclay. Thus Barclay must confront his greatest fear - of being dematerialized and permanently lost in molecular limbo. During the transport, however, Barclay encounters the creature again. Instead of panicking, he takes its hand and brings it back to the ship with him. When they arrive, everyone is shocked to see that it is a human being - one of the crew members from the Yosemite. The crew rescues the two other crewmen trapped in molecular limbo, and Barclay, having beaten his fear, emerges as a hero.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)
Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)
Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)
LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)
Renata Scott (Admiral Hayes)
Thomas Belgrey (Yosemite Crew Member)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Man Of The People [TNG #129]

Stardate 46071.6

The U.S.S. Enterprise is called to aid the Dorian, a Federation ship that has come under fire while transporting a Lumerian ambassador to mediate a dispute in the Rekag-Seronia system. Picard agrees to transport Ambassador Ves Alkar aboard the Enterprise to insure Alkar safe passage. Alkar transports aboard along with his aged mother, Sev Maylor, who takes an instant dislike to Troi. After Alkar asks Troi to use her empathetic powers to help him in the negotiations between the Seronians and the Rekags, Maylor insults Troi, sure that she is attracted to her son. Upset, Troi shares her negative feelings about the old woman with Riker. Both are surprised a few minutes later when they are summoned to Alkar's quarters to find that Maylor is dead. Since she is an empath, Alkar requests she perform the customary Lumerian funeral meditation with him, a process that leaves her feeling a bit strange.

The Enterprise welcomes Alkar's two delegates, Jarth and Liva, who are disturbed by the worsening fighting between the warring factions. Alkar, however, remains calm, and even insists on going to the negotiation site without the protection of an Away Team. Later Troi joins the group, Data and Riker in Ten-Forward and shocks her crew members with her appearance and behavior. She appears to be aging rapidly and dressing more provocatively. In addition, she viciously attacks both Jarth and Liva, prompting a stunned Riker to escort her to her quarters. Once there, he is even more stunned when Troi throws herself at him.

The next day, Alkar arrives at Troi's quarters and upsets her by announcing that he is transporting to the negotiation site without her. She follows him to the Transporter platform, begging him to take her with him. Picard is shocked by the change in her appearance - she is now a white-haired, disheveled old woman. Unwilling to let Alkar leave, she rushes toward him with a knife, stabbing Picard in the arm when he steps in to stop her. Security rushes both Picard and Troi to Sickbay, where Nurse Ogawa notices a correlation between Troi's condition and that of Maylor right before she died. Unable to reach Alkar, Picard instructs Beverly to perform an autopsy on the dead woman without her son's approval. Beverly soon finds that Maylor was not really Alkar's mother, but an unnaturally aged 30-year-old woman. Alarmed, Picard transports to the negotiation site and confronts Alkar, who reveals that he caused both Maylor and Troi to age so rapidly. He used these women - channeling his dark thoughts into them in order to keep his own mind unhindered by unwanted emotions and remain the perfect negotiator. Picard insists that Alkar free Troi, but he refuses, and instead returns to the negotiating table.

To save Troi and outsmart Alkar, Beverly and Picard suspend Troi in a deathlike state to sever Alkar's tie with her and force him to turn to someone else. Alkar immediately beams back aboard the Enterprise with Liva. After viewing Troi's "dead" body, he prepares to perform the funeral ritual with Liva, hoping to turn her into his new psychic dumping ground. But at the minute the

transformation is about to take place, Picard transports Liva, leaving Alkar alone with his terrible thoughts. The psychic burden kills him just as Beverly revives a shaken Troi.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Chip Lucia (Ambassador Ves Alkar)

George D. Wallace (Admiral Simons)

J.P. Hubbell (Ensign)

Lucy Boryer (Ensign Janeway)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Rick Scarry (Jarh)

Stephanie Erb (Liva)

Susan French (Sev Maylor)

Written By : Frank Abatemarco

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Relics [TNG #130]

Stardate 46125.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise crew is surprised to encounter the U.S.S. Jenolen, which crashed 75 years ago, on the surface of a tremendous gravitational force known as a Dyson Sphere. However, they are even more surprised to discover a survivor hidden in the ship's transporter. The legendary Captain Montgomery Scott has survived for three quarters of a century by keeping himself suspended in molecular limbo in the ship's transporter system. The crew beams the exhausted veteran back to the Enterprise, where, being the Chief Engineer of the first U.S.S. Enterprise NCC-1701, he is dazzled by the ship's display of 24th-century technology.

Too restless to remain confined to quarters as Dr. Crusher recommended, Scotty tracks Geordi down in Engineering and offers his services. Instead, he ends up exasperating Geordi with his "war stories" of adventures aboard the old Enterprise. Finally, Geordi tells Scotty he is in the way, and the depressed veteran returns to his quarters. He is soon visited by Troi, who hopes to help him through the ordeal of finding himself 75 years in the future. But when he realizes Troi is a psychologist, he assumes her visit was mandated by Geordi and storms off to the Ten-Forward to drown his sorrows.

Still clutching a liquor bottle, Scotty visits the Holodeck, where he has the computer simulate the Bridge of his old Enterprise. Unfortunately, it just isn't the same without the rest of his mates. He is about to sink into a nostalgic reverie when Picard suddenly appears in the Holodeck doorway. Understanding his visitor's sense of displacement, Picard joins Scotty for a drink and a memory, and Scotty confesses to feeling old and useless. Picard feels sympathy for his guest, and later asks Geordi to accompany the old captain to survey the Jenolen in order to make him feel useful again. Geordi immediately understands, and the two transport to the Jenolen. Moments later, the Enterprise is suddenly caught by the Dyson Sphere's gravitational force and is pulled toward a star inside the sphere.

Luckily, Riker manages to maneuver the Enterprise out of its deadly spiral. However, moments later the ship is rocked by a solar flare that is raging from the star. Meanwhile, on the deck of the Jenolen, Geordi and Scotty are able to reenergize the Jenolen,

only to realize that they have lost contact with the Enterprise. By following its ion trail, they realize that the ship is making the same mistake that the Jenolen did 75 years before by opening a channel in the sphere that will ultimately pull them to the sphere's center.

In order to facilitate the Enterprise's escape, Scotty suggests that the Jenolen remain a good distance from the sphere and move in at the precise moment to jam open the hatch. Though skeptical, Geordi agrees to go ahead with Scotty's plan and they are able to contact the Enterprise to tell them. The plan appears to work, until Geordi and Scotty realize that they must destroy the Jenolen to clear a big enough path for the Enterprise. They instruct Picard to fire on the smaller ship, and are able to transport to safety aboard the Enterprise just as the Jenolen explodes. Later, as a farewell gift, the crew thanks Scotty by presenting him with one of their shuttlecraft so that he can continue his adventures in the 24th century.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Erick Weiss (Ensign Kane)

Ernie Mirich (Waiter)

James Doohan (Capt. Montgomery Scott)

Lanei Chapman (Ensign Sariel Rager)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Stacie Foster (Lt. Bartel)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Schisms [TNG #131]

Stardate 46154.2

Geordi comes up with an idea to help the crew map an extremely dense globular cluster more efficiently. With Riker's permission, he channels the ship's warp energy into the main deflector grid, and the idea appears to work beautifully. After a few minutes, however, the plan appears to go terribly wrong when sensors indicate an explosion has occurred in a Cargo Bay. But when they rush to the bay to investigate, Data and Geordi are shocked to see that nothing is wrong. It seems as if there was no explosion, just a mishap with the sensors caused by Geordi's modification.

Meanwhile, several crew members begin to experience strange symptoms. Riker struggles with overwhelming exhaustion, although Dr. Crusher can find nothing wrong with him. Worf and Geordi experience sharp pains and anxiety. Even Data experiences an odd sensation when he appears to have dozed off for an hour and a half. Geordi realizes that everyone who is affected has had contact with the Cargo Bay. He orders an investigation of the premises, and soon discovers that a strange, subspace force exists in the room.

Data and Geordi inform Picard that Geordi's experiment has attracted an alien particle stream that cannot ordinarily exist in this universe. Later, they join Worf and Riker to talk about the strange sensations they have been experiencing with Troi. When they realize that all of their symptoms arose when they came in contact with a smooth, cold surface, Troi takes them to the Holodeck to try to recreate the thing they fear. With some coaching, they replicate a sinister, operating-room-like environment that is lodged in all of their memories.

Data informs Picard that an intense level of tetryons exists on the starship. Even more disturbing, however, is Data's discovery that his survey indicates that he was physically absent from the ship for a period of about 90 minutes. Picard immediately asks

the Computer to account for all crew members, and he learns that two are missing, with no report as to where they have gone. The mystery intensifies when Beverly examines Riker and discovers that his arm has been severed and surgically reattached. Geordi and Data return to the Cargo Bay, where the tetrayon levels are causing a spatial rupture. But before they can investigate further, Picard and the crew learn that one of the missing crewmembers has returned to the ship. They rush to his quarters, where the pain-crazed man dies in front of them. Realizing he may be next, Riker volunteers to wear a homing device to help the crew learn where the victims are being taken.

Later, Riker finds himself in an alien lab similar to the place recreated in the Holodeck. The other missing crewmember, Ensign Rager, is there undergoing some sort of medical experiment, obviously heavily sedated. At the same time, shadowy, alien figures remove his homing device and attempt to sedate him, but Riker only pretends to be unconscious. Meanwhile, the crew uses the homing device to determine Riker's whereabouts. The aliens create a rupture in that environment, which the Enterprise crew attempts to close. As the aliens try to counteract what the Enterprise is doing, Riker manages to grab Rager and run through the rupture the Enterprise has created. The two escape back to their ship, but with the unsettling realization that this mysterious force may strike again.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Angelina Fiordellisi (Kaminer)

Angelo McCabe (Crewman)

John Nelson (Medical Technician)

Ken Thorley (Mot)

Lanei Chapman (Ensign Sariel Rager)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Scott T. Trost (Lt. Shipley)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Jean Louise Matthias

Ronald Wilkerson

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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True Q [TNG #132]

Stardate 46192.3

While working to save the planet Tagra IV from environmental collapse due to pollution, the crew welcomes Amanda, a young honor student chosen from hundreds of applicants to serve aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. The crew is immediately taken with the young woman's boundless enthusiasm. However, Amanda also has a secret she keeps hidden from her new teammates. She possesses extraordinary mental powers, including the ability to make objects appear simply by visualizing them. She manages to keep this power under wraps until she witnesses a potentially devastating explosion in Engineering. With the destruction of the ship imminent, Amanda summons her powers and stops the explosion while the shocked crew looks on.

When the senior staff meets to discuss this turn of events, a surprise visitor arrives to clarify things for them. Q appears out of nowhere in the middle of the meeting with the announcement that Amanda is a Q. He tells the crew that he created the explosion to test the young woman's powers, and, now that he is convinced, he has come to bring her back to the Q Continuum and save her

from life as a lowly human. Picard, however, feels that Amanda should make her own decision, and Q reluctantly agrees. Once the two part, Picard secretly orders an investigation into the death of Amanda's natural parents, who were killed in an accident when she was an infant. Despite their agreement, he doesn't trust Q.

Q visits Amanda in her quarters, hoping to tempt her by showing her the range of her limitless powers. Amanda is only interested in seeing her real parents. With Q's help, she visualizes the couple, and they materialize in front of her. The feeling is intoxicating, and suddenly, Amanda is beginning to like being a Q. Confused, she shares her feelings with Beverly, who is unable to offer any real advice. However, when she uses her powers to complete an experiment she was performing for the doctor, Beverly is displeased and chastises Q. In response, he briefly turns Dr. Crusher into a yapping dog.

Amanda can't help being amused by the trick, and begins to test her powers further by playing a game of teleportation hide and seek with her new mentor. Amanda teleports Riker, whom she has a crush on, into her romantic fantasy, but she is disappointed by the artificiality of the result. Meanwhile, Data discovers that the tornado that killed Amanda's parents was very unusual. Picard confronts Q with the information, and he admits that the couple were executed by the Q Continuum - and that he has come to the Enterprise to decide whether Amanda will be executed as well.

Picard and the crew decide to fill Amanda in on this disturbing information. Furious, the young woman summons Q and demands to know what right he has to eliminate others. Picard deftly reminds Q of his supposed moral superiority, but Q lightly replies that he has decided not to kill Amanda anyway. Instead, he offers her a choice. She can either accompany him to the Q Continuum, or continue to live as a human - If she will promise not to use her Q powers. Amanda immediately decides to stay aboard the Enterprise with her new friends. At that moment, however, the group is alerted to an emergency - the planet Tagra IV is in immediate danger of destruction. Realizing that thousands of people will die, Amanda summons her powers and saves the planet, turning it from a polluted no-man's land back to a lush, green world. The event forces her to live up to the fact that she is a Q, and she sadly leaves the ship to start her new life.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : John de Lancie (Q)

John P. Connolly (Orn Lote)

Olivia d'Abo (Amanda Rogers)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Rascals [TNG #133]

Stardate 46235.7

En route back from vacation, Picard, Ensign Ro, Keiko and Guinan run into danger aboard their shuttlecraft. O'Brien manages to transport the group onto the U.S.S. Enterprise, but a molecular mishap brings them back as 12-year-old children. Beverly examines the group and finds that while their bodies have changed, their minds remain intact. However, when young Picard attempts to resume his command and lead his crew as though nothing has happened, his staff has trouble taking him seriously. Because of this, Beverly gently convinces him to temporarily relinquish command to Riker.

Later, Geordi tells Beverly that the transformed crewmembers were affected by a molecular reversion field, and that the transporter can be used to reverse the effects and bring the group back to normal. But before they can begin the process, the ship is attacked without warning by two Klingon warships.

The crew attempts to retaliate, but the enemy ships manage to take out the Enterprise's power systems. Suddenly, Worf picks up transporter signatures in three cargo bays. As the crew prepares to defend the ship against the invaders, two Ferengi materialize on the Bridge. Their leader, Lurin, arrives and informs Riker and the others that he has declared the Enterprise to be a loss and is beginning salvage operations according to Ferengi law. If the crew refuses to comply, they will be executed.

Young Guinan points out to young Picard and the transformed crew members their unusual appearance gives them a chance to put plans into motion without the Ferengis' knowledge. Using the computer in the schoolroom, they obtain a diagram of the ship's inner workings and use it to sneak around and collect phasers and other small weapons. Guinan and Ro crawl through a Jeffries Tube to wait to try out their plan near Main Engineering. The only problem remaining is the need to obtain access to the Bridge.

To accomplish this, young Picard throws a tantrum and forces a Ferengi to take him to Riker in the Observation Lounge, pretending that Riker is his father. During their conversation, the young captain subtly communicates to Riker to grant him systems access through the school computer. Unfortunately, the Ferengi are also demanding access to the computer, and threaten to kill all the children on board if Riker falls to comply. The children manage to capture all of them with the "weapons" they have stolen, and when the action subsides, Beverly and O'Brien use the transporter to restore the group to their adult states.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

Caroline Junko King (Keiko as Child)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

David Tristin Birkin (Picard as Child)

Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Isis Jones (Guinan as Child)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Megan Parlen (Ro as Child)

Michael Snyder (Morta)

Michelle Forbes (Ensign Ro Laren)

Mike Gomez (Daimon Lurin)

Morgan Nagler (Kid #1)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Tracey Walter (Berik)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Teleplay By : Allison Hock

Story By : Diana Dru Botsford

Michael Piller

Ward Botsford

Directed By : Adam Nimoy

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A Fistful Of Datas [TNG #134]

Stardate 46271.5

A rare period of downtime gives the U.S.S. Enterprise staff a chance to pursue recreational interests. Geordi conducts an experiment with Data, attaching the android to the Enterprise computer to see if he can be used as a backup. Meanwhile, Worf, Alexander and Troi transport to 19-century South Dakota, where they engage in a fantasy involving a murderous outlaw named Eli Hollander.

On the Enterprise, the crew's pursuits are interrupted by tiny malfunctions in the system. When lines from Data's poetry replace the script in a play that Beverly is rehearsing, Geordi realizes that these malfunctions could be a result of his experiment with Data. At the same time, in South Dakota, Alexander is kidnapped by two of Eli's henchmen. Frightened, he tries to stop the Holodeck program, but his command is ignored. Instead, he is taken to meet Eli's father, Frank - a man who looks exactly like Data.

Worf soon goes in search of his son, and meets Frank in the saloon. He assumes Frank is simply Data playing the game, but when his violent behavior makes him suspicious, Worf orders the computer to stop. As in Alexander's case, nothing happens, and Worf realizes that something is terribly wrong. He runs out of the saloon, sustaining a gunshot wound to the arm in the process, and explains to Troi that the computer is malfunctioning and that Alexander has been taken. Before they can make a move, they encounter Eli Hollander, who is now also a dead ringer for Data.

Troi reminds Worf that since the scenario is a Holodeck program, there are built-in safeguards. While they cannot end the program on command, it will terminate on its own if they reach the end of the story. With no other choice, Worf makes a deal with Frank to trade Eli for his son, hoping that will help bring about the program's end. But while spending time with Frank and Eli, Troi makes a horrifying discovery. The two men not only look like Data, they also have Data's android abilities. Should a shoot-out occur between Worf and Frank, Worf will almost certainly lose. At the same time, the senior staff meets in the Observation Lounge and is surprised to notice that Data is speaking with a Western drawl.

Geordi realizes that parts of Data's memory have been crossed with the computer's recreational database. While Geordi tries to correct the problem, Worf prepares for his showdown with Frank. Frank arrives and releases Alexander as promised, but then he and Eli shoot Worf. But Worf foils them, activating a force field around his body that deflects the bullets. The two android outlaws are outwitted, and Worf orders them to leave town. However, the program does not end until Annie the saloon owner, who now also has Data's face, gives Worf a big, embarrassing kiss.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

John Pyper-Ferguson (Eli Hollander)

Jorge Cervera, Jr. (Bandito)

Joy Garrett (Annie Meyers)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Patrick Stewart

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The Quality Of Life [TNG #135]

Stardate 46307.2

Geordi is assigned to survey the station core of a new mining development with Dr. Farallon, the scientist who is developing the technology. When a dangerous problem suddenly occurs in the power grid, Farallon chooses the moment to introduce Geordi to an exocomp, a device she constructed that quickly restores the power grid to its normal state. Later, Farallon explains the intricacies of the exocomp to Data, pointing out that the device not only replicates tools, but can also solve a myriad of problems. This convinces Picard to allow Farallon to use the exocomp to repair the mining system, with Data assisting her. The device initially performs its tasks without error, but suddenly becomes unresponsive to commands just before an explosion occurs in the plasma conduit

Back on the Enterprise, Farallon explains that the exocomp has malfunctioned and is unusable. She and Geordi choose to continue their work with two other exocomps, while Data, who is intrigued by his fellow machine, takes the faulty item back to his quarters. He is surprised when, a short time later, the exocomp repairs itself. Just as Geordi and Farallon are about to leave, he rushes in and tells them they must stop - because the exocomps are alive.

During a meeting with the staff, Data explains that the exocomp shut itself down just before the explosion in the plasma conduit, indicating that the machines are capable of self-protection. The staff tests Data's hypothesis by putting a device in simulated danger, and Data appears to be proven wrong when the exocomp completes its task. But Data remains unconvinced, and after repeating the experiment several times, discovers that the exocomp knew the test was only a simulation and acted accordingly.

Picard, Geordi and Farallon return to work at the station core, but soon learn they've lost internal confinement and are risking exposure to dangerous radiation. Farallon and several workers are able to transport back to the Enterprise, but Geordi and Picard are left behind. With no other solution, Riker asks Farallon to transport the exocomps to the station to save the men. She agrees, but Data refuses to allow her to do so and locks out the transporter controls.

Claiming he can't justify sacrificing one life to save another, Data holds firm. Riker is able to convince him to compromise by allowing the exocomps to "choose" whether or not to risk their lives. To everyone's surprise, the exocomps come up with their own plan that saves Picard and Geordi and only sacrifices one of the three machines. The crew is left to ponder what they have witnessed, while Data is pleased that he could act as an advocate for these forgotten "living" things.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ellen Bry (Dr. Farallon)

J. Downing (Transporter Chief Kelso)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Naren Shankar

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Chain Of Command, Part 1 [TNG #136]

Stardate 46357.4

As tensions between the Federation and the Cardassians grow, Picard is ordered to leave the U.S.S. Enterprise to lead a top-secret mission. Beverly and Worf are also "reassigned" and begin rigorous training sessions with Picard, although only the captain

knows the nature of their upcoming task. Among the crew, speculations about whether Picard will return arise when a now commanding officer, Captain Jellico, is assigned to take over instead of Riker. Jellico adds to everyone's anxiety by quickly implementing several major procedural changes that disrupt their daily lives.

Jellico is especially hard on Riker and Geordi, which naturally creates a great deal of tension. Troi uses her position as counselor to plead for a period of readjustment, but Jellico disregards her input, coldly insisting the situation with the Cardassians demands immediate action. Later, in a conversation with Picard, Jellico says he feels war with the Cardassians is unavoidable, and that he doubts Picard will ever return to the Enterprise. The ship is now his, and he plans to run it his way.

When Picard, Beverly and Worf finally embark on their mission, Picard is able to relay the enormous gravity of their situation. The Cardassians are rumored to be developing metagenic weapons - genetically engineered viruses that destroy all living things in their path - on an abandoned planet called Celtris III. Picard and his team have been ordered to locate these weapons and destroy them at any cost.

Back on the Enterprise, Jellico meets with Gul Lemec, a Cardassian leader, ostensibly in hopes of averting war. However, Jellico does everything he can to enrage Lemec, making him wait for over an hour and acting unreasonable once the meeting begins. He engages Riker and Troi in this "good cop, bad cop" game, hoping to intimidate the Cardassians into abandoning their plans. But Jellico's own plan appears to backfire when Gul Lemec reveals that he has information regarding the secret Federation mission.

On Celtris III, Picard, Worf and Beverly survive a difficult trek over the rocky, barren planet and finally arrive at their destination - a sealed cavern. They devise a plan to break the seal and it goes off without a hitch. However, once inside, they find nothing there. Realizing the cavern is a trap, they run to make their escape just as several armed Cardassians attack them. Beverly and Worf escape, but Picard is kidnapped and returned to Cardassian leader Gul Madred, who informs him that he must answer all questions asked of him or he will die.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : David Warner (Gul Madred)

John Durbin (Gul Lemec)

Lou Wagner (Daimon Solok)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Natalija Nogulich (Admiral Alynna Nechayev)

Ronny Cox (Capt. Edward Jellico)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Frank Abatemarco

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Chain Of Command, Part 2 [TNG #137]

Stardate 46360.8

In an attempt to obtain information from their hostage, the Cardassians inject Picard with a serum that forces him to answer all questions truthfully. He soon reveals the exact nature of the Federation's mission to destroy metagenic weapons on Celtris III. However, his Cardassian captor, Gul Lemec, reveals that the situation on Celtris III was simply a trap, invented to lure him into

Cardassian space. The Cardassians have captured them in order to learn strategy the Federation will use in case of a Cardassian attack. When Picard indicates that he knows nothing of such a strategy, Gul Madred begins to torture him in violation of the law.

Back on the Enterprise, Gul Lemec informs Captain Jellico, Riker and Troi that Picard is being held hostage. Jellico prepares to rendezvous with Worf and Beverly, but refuses Riker's request to attempt a rescue mission for Picard, stating that his former captain is probably already dead. Later, Gul Lemec tells Riker and Jellico that if Jellico admits Picard's mission was authorized by the Federation, his life can be spared. When Jellico refuses, Riker loses his temper, and is promptly relieved of his post.

Surprisingly, Jellico chooses Data as Riker's replacement and with Geordi's help, they deduce that the Cardassians faked the metagenic weapon situation to lure Picard. As the discussion continues, they also realize that Picard is probably being tortured to reveal information he doesn't even have, and that their actions could indicate that the Cardassians are planning an attack.

Jellico directs the Enterprise to Minos Korva, where he believes they can intercept the Cardassians and launch a first strike. The rest of the senior staff warns him that he is flirting with disaster by initiating a Cardassian battle in their territory, pointing out that they have no proof the Cardassians are preparing for war and that thousands of innocent lives may be lost. Still, Jellico holds firm. At the same time, a starving, exhausted Picard manages to hold firm against Gul Madred, winning some small victories in their battle of wills.

Jellico prepares to begin his mission and travel into Cardassian space in a shuttlecraft. However, when Geordi informs him that Riker is the best pilot on the ship, the captain swallows his pride and asks Riker to lead the excursion. Riker agrees, and he and Geordi are successful in their effort to lay mines throughout the sector per Jellico's instructions. Before long, a furious Lemec contacts Jellico, who agrees not to detonate the mines if the Cardassians withdraw and Picard is returned. Lemec agrees and a weak disoriented Picard soon arrives on the Enterprise relieving Jellico before his overjoyed crew.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : David Warner (Gul Madred)

Heather Lauren Olson (Jil Orta)

John Durbin (Gul Lemec)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Ronny Cox (Capt. Edward Jellico)

Written By : Frank Abatemarco

Directed By : Les Landau

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Ship In A Bottle [TNG #138]

Stardate 46424.1

While enjoying a Sherlock Holmes mystery fantasy on the holodeck, Geordi and Data request that Barclay investigate some anomalies in the program. While doing so, Professor Moriarty appears and informs Barclay that the computer system has created him so well in the fantasy that he has come alive! According to Moriarty, Picard has held him hostage in the fantasy for over four years.

Unable to believe that Moriarty really exists, Picard instructs Beverly to examine him. She finds that the impossible has occurred - a fantasy has turned into a living, breathing human being.

Thrilled to be alive, Moriarty begs Picard to bring the love of his life in the fantasy, Countess Regina Barthalomew, to life as well. After conferring with Beverly, Data and Barclay, Picard decides to postpone any action until they discover more about what really happened.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Enterprise orbits around two giant, gaseous planets about to collide. Picard attempts to launch probes to the planets, when he is denied authorization access by the computer. Apparently, Moriarty transferred Picard's voice authorization to his own voice, attempting to take control of the starship. Moriarty refuses to relinquish control of the vessel unless Picard agrees to bring the countess to life. His hands tied, Picard agrees to try, otherwise the Enterprise could be caught in the collision between the two stars.

Later, as Picard and Geordi work to reinstate his computer authorization, Data informs them that all of the events of the day have been a simulation. It isn't that Moriarty is real, but that all of them are participating in the fantasy. Data discovered this by noticing that a normally right-handed Geordi was working on the padd with his left hand. Evidently, Picard, Data and Barclay are real, but everyone else is a simulation - a simulation being controlled by Moriarty.

Desperate to break free of the fantasy, Picard meets with the countess and urges her to persuade Moriarty to return navigational control to him. Instead of complying with Picard's request, Moriarty works with Riker to be transported into reality. Once he is transported, though, he refuses to relinquish control over the ship unless Riker gives him a shuttlecraft. Having no other choice, Riker agrees.

As Moriarty and the countess depart on their shuttlecraft, he releases authorization back to Picard, who promptly discontinues the entire simulation. He then lets the rest of the crew know that unbeknownst to Moriarty, his shuttlecraft adventure with the countess is just another simulation. In fact, Picard has both of them encapsulated in a small computerized cube. And in the greater scheme of things, he muses to his staff, who's to say that they aren't caught in someone else's fantasy right now.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Clement Von Franckenstein (Gentleman)

Daniel Davis (Professor James Moriarty)

Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Stephanie Beacham (Countess Regina Barthalomew)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Aquiël [TNG #139]

Stardate 46461.3

The U.S.S. Enterprise arrives at a remote subspace relay station near the Klingon border, and Riker, Geordi, and Beverly encounter a stray dog and evidence of what appears to be the remains of Aquiël Uhnari, a Starfleet lieutenant. The staff attempts to discover precisely what happened by surveying the deserted shuttlecraft docked into the station. While surveying the shuttlecraft's destroyed deckplate, Beverly and Riker suspect that Aquiël and the missing Lieutenant Rocha may have been the victims of a Klingon attack. Then, Geordi comes across a moving, speaking screen image of Aquiël in her quarters, relaying a message to her sister Shianna about her fear of a Klingon named Morag. Geordi continues to watch these personal logs, and learns that

Aquiel had a tenuous relationship with Lieutenant Rocha. Riker then joins him in her quarters and is informed by Picard that the Klingon Governor Torak has arrived at the Enterprise.

The senior staff meets with Torak, and much to their surprise, he produces Aquiel - alive! She explains that Rocha attacked her and she escaped into Klingon space via shuttlecraft. Thus, the remains found near the bulkhead were probably Rocha's, but she doesn't remember precisely what happened. To help clarify what really occurred, Picard requests to speak with Commander Morag, a Klingon who supposedly harassed Aquiel. Attracted to this familiar stranger, Geordi befriends Aquiel, and takes her to Ten-Forward. He reveals to her that he surveyed her logs and personal correspondence in an investigation of her quarters. He then asks her about Rocha, and she tells him that she didn't like Rocha but she didn't wish him dead. She realizes, however, that the senior staff of the Enterprise suspects her of murder.

Meanwhile, Beverly continues to examine the cellular residue found on the deckplate, while Riker and Worf come across a phaser in the shuttlecraft set to kill. Given this new development, Riker and Worf question Aquiel, however she still insists that she would not kill him. Geordi sits in on this interrogation, and it is obvious he is sympathetic towards his new friend.

Commander Morag then arrives aboard the Enterprise and meets with the senior staff. He admits that he was present when Rocha was killed, and that he took priority Starfleet messages. Geordi then confronts Aquiel about taking messages from Rocha's log, and she explains that she did so because Rocha was declaring her insubordinate and belligerent to Starfleet. Scared that this new evidence will condemn her as Rocha's killer, she only agrees to stay aboard the Enterprise because Geordi has faith in her. He and Aquiel use an ancient method of her people to bond and share their thoughts.

While Beverly examines the DNA found on the deckplate yet again, the material jumps up and forms a perfect replica of her hand. Due to this, she suspects that the real Rocha may have been killed by this strange coalescent organism, and a replica of him may have attacked Aquiel in search of a new body. Suddenly, Aquiel's dog transforms into a creature right in front of Geordi - the dog is really a coalescent creature. Fortunately, Geordi manages to defend himself against the bizarre being, which apparently coalesced from Rocha to Aquiel to her dog. She and Geordi then bid each other a fond farewell, both of them hoping they'll see each other again in the future.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Reg E. Cathey (Cmdr. Morag)

Renee Jones (Lt. Aquiel Uhnari)

Wayne Grace (Governor Torak)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Face Of The Enemy [TNG #140]

Stardate 46519.1

Troi suddenly awakens from a restless sleep to discover that she has somehow been transformed to look like a Romulan officer. Learning that she has also been transported aboard one of their warbirds, she is told by N'Vek, the vessel's Romulan Sub-Commander, that if she hopes to return to the U.S.S. Enterprise alive, she must pretend to be Major Rakal of the Tal Shiar, the

Imperial Intelligence. Her instructions: to instruct the warbird commander to proceed to the Kaleb sector with a mysterious cargo. N'Vek then introduces Troi to Commander Toreth, who tries unsuccessfully to intimidate her. Undaunted, Troi orders a course for the new destination.

Back on the Enterprise, Stefan DeSeve, a Starfleet ensign who defected to the Romulans years ago, is beamed aboard after risking his life to return to Federation space. Commander Riker immediately places him under arrest for treason. DeSeve says it is urgent that he speak with Captain Picard. The ensign tells Picard that Ambassador Spock would like the Enterprise to rendezvous with a Corvallen freighter and take its cargo back to Federation territory. Unbeknownst to Picard, the rendezvous point is in the same sector where Troi has ordered the Romulan warbird.

Meanwhile, N'Vek reveals the contents of the secret cargo to Troi. Inside the containers are a high-ranking member of the Imperial Senate and his aides, being held in stasis. They are defecting to the Federation, and N'Vek is part of the Romulan underground. Major Rakal was killed in order for Troi, a Starfleet officer, to replace her. Troi continues with the impersonation, aware now that she is part of an important mission.

As planned, the warbird meets up with the Corvallen freighter. Troi senses deception from the mercenary captain of the freighter, and N'Vek suddenly destroys it, claiming that Major Rakal (Troi) ordered him to do so. A furious Toreth informs Troi that she is responsible for the deaths. Troi demands that the warbird hold position, engage its cloaking device, and wait.

At the same time, Picard is puzzled because the Enterprise does not encounter the Corvallen freighter. Picard then discovers from DeSeve that the rendezvous message did not, in fact, come from Spock, but from a member of the Romulan underground. Picard orders Data to initiate a search pattern for the missing freighter.

On the warbird, Troi chastises N'Vek for destroying the freighter so hastily. N'Vek, remorseless, instructs Troi to set their course for a Starfleet base on Draken IV. Troi follows his orders and tells Toreth to set the course. Suddenly, the warbird's sensors detect the presence of another vessel - the Enterprise. Anxious to return to her home ship, Troi threatens to eject N'Vek into space if he doesn't allow the Enterprise to track the warbird's course.

Naturally, Picard directs the Enterprise away from the warbird, and Toreth attempts to open fire. Troi orders Toreth not to, and assumes command of the warbird herself. She then communicates with Picard, asking to be beamed aboard the Enterprise. The Enterprise shields are lowered, and Troi orders N'Vek to fire disruptors at the ship. As Picard's officers react to the attack, the three Romulan defectors, still in stasis, materialize on the Bridge.

Realizing that the ineffective disrupter fire was merely a diversion to conceal the transporter beam, Toreth watches while a fellow pilot vaporizes the attacking N'Vek. Toreth attempts to hold on to Troi, but Worf activates his transporter lock on her and replaces her safely aboard the Enterprise. She is relieved to have lived through her mission, but saddened by the loss of N'Vek. Picard comforts Troi by assuring her his death was not in vain.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Barry Lynch (Ensign Stefan DeSeve)

Carolyn Seymour (Cmdr. Toreth)

Dennis Cockrum (Corvallen Capt.)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Pamela Winslow (Ensign McKnight)

Robertson Dean (Khazara Pilot)

Scott MacDonald (Subcmdr. N'Vek)

Teleplay By : Naren Shankar

Story By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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Tapestry [TNG #141]

Stardate Unknown

Gravely injured in a Lenarian attack, Picard slips into a white, seamless limbo while Beverly struggles to save his life. There, he encounters Q, who informs Picard that he is dead and this is the afterlife - and that Q himself is God! Picard refuses to believe that he is dead, let alone that Q is the supreme being. But Q is determined to prove otherwise. He produces the artificial heart that failed Picard and caused his death, which triggers Picard's sense of regret. With Q's urging, he admits that, given the opportunity to live life over, he would do things differently.

Picard's wish is Q's command. He is suddenly a young ensign of 21 and Q gives him the opportunity to relive and avoid the fight that led to his being stabbed through the heart. If he succeeds, he will return to the present with his real heart intact, and the galaxy's history will remain unchanged. If not, he will die in that present and spend eternity with Q.

Initially, Picard was stabbed when he rigged a gambling table to help his Starfleet friend Corey get revenge against a Nausicaan who cheated him. Since he must avoid that conflict, he attempts to talk Corey out of gambling in the first place. Corey plays anyway, the Nausicaan cheats him and wins, and Corey naturally asks Picard to help him get revenge. But Picard refuses, backed up by another friend named Marta, and a furious Corey storms off.

Further changing his past behavior, Picard spends the night with Marta. But in the morning, she worries that they have ruined their friendship. When Picard, Marta and Corey get together that night, the tension between the three of them is palpable. Then things get worse. Three Nausicaans appear and taunt the group, hoping to provoke a fight. Picard sees the Nausicaans prepare to draw their weapons and quickly knocks Corey to the floor in order to prevent the fight from occurring. But since Corey and Marta can't understand Picard's actions, they see them as a betrayal and walk away in disgust, announcing to Picard that they are no longer friends. Q congratulates Picard for changing his destiny, and he is thrown back into the present time. However, he has returned to the U.S.S. Enterprise as a lieutenant, junior grade.

According to Q, everything is as it should be - the changes in Picard's present reflect the changes he made in his youth. But Picard is unable to go about his business as a lowly astrophysics officer. Disoriented by the lack of respect he encounters at the hands of his former subordinates, he speaks to Troi and Riker about his chances for advancement, and is crushed to hear that while he is a good, reliable officer, he just doesn't stand out. Desperate, Picard summons Q and begs that he would rather die than live any longer as an average, dreary man. Q obliges and the dreaded fight ensues. However, at the moment he is stabbed through the heart, Picard wakes up in Sickbay in the present time, surrounded by a very relieved Beverly, Worf and Riker. Despite the traumatic ordeal, Picard realizes that he feels grateful toward Q, who gave him a chance to understand why he is the man he is today.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Clint Carmichael (Nausicaan #1)

Clive Church (Maurice Picard)

J.C. Brandy (Ensign Marty Batanides)

John de Lancie (Q)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marcus Nash (Young Picard)

Ned Vaughn (Ensign Corey Zweller)

Rae Norman (Penny Muroc)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Les Landau

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Birthright, Part 1 [TNG #142]

Stardate 46578.4

The U.S.S. Enterprise is docked at the space station Deep Space Nine, assisting in repairs to Bajoran technologies damaged during the Cardassian occupation. Worf, having a meal with Geordi at the station, is being observed discreetly by a mysterious alien. After Geordi leaves, Worf is approached by the alien, a Yridian named Jaglom Shrek, who claims that Worf's father, Mogh, did not die at Khitomer 25 years ago, as everyone thought. Shrek tells the disbelieving Worf that Mogh was taken to a remote prison camp by the Romulans after the massacre. For a price, Shrek says, he will reveal the location. Enraged, Worf still refuses to believe him, saying that a Klingon would rather die with honor than live as a prisoner.

Meanwhile, in Engineering, the space station's Dr. Julian Bashir, Data, and Geordi examine a battered cylinder recently found in the Gamma Quadrant. As they are working, Bashir expresses unending fascination with the operation of Data's android body. The final power connections are made to the dilithium chamber, and Geordi attempts to turn on the device. Suddenly, the cylinder releases a tendril of energy that jolts Data to the floor. He then gets up, finding himself in an eerie, surreal version of one of the Enterprise's corridors. Following a metallic banging sound, Data walks into another corridor to see a blacksmith at an anvil. The face is that of a young, fortyish version of Dr. Noonien Soong, Data's creator - his "father" of sorts.

Data seeks Picard's advice about his vision, explaining some of the interpretations he has derived from it, based on other cultures. Picard encourages Data to explore what the image represents to him personally. Data then returns to his quarters and paints a picture of what he saw in the vision.

Meanwhile, Worf arrives in the Carraya Sector. Landing on the planet where the alleged Romulan prison camp is located, he makes the long, arduous trek through the jungle to find his father. During his journey, he finds Ba'el, a beautiful Klingon woman, bathing in a nearby pond. She is shocked to discover him hiding in the bushes. Worf states he is here to rescue them, which confuses her, because she feels this is her home. Before he can respond, they hear someone approaching. Worf backs into the underbrush, asking Ba'el to tell no one about him. Then, a Romulan guard arrives and escorts her away from the pond.

After painting dozens of pictures in an unsuccessful attempt to flesh out his vision, Data decides to recreate the incident that caused his initial shutdown. Geordi and Dr. Bashir reluctantly do so, and this time Data again sees Dr. Soong in blacksmith's garb, forging a bird's wing, which turns into a live bird after being dunked into a bucket of water. This time, Dr. Soong talks to Data, saying that he is proud of the android, that Data is becoming more than a machine, and that a wonderful journey is beginning for him. After this even more unusual "dream," Data resolves to shut down his circuits for a brief period of time each day and attempts to "dream" some more.

Worf follows the Klingon woman and the guard to the Romulan compound, where he sees a group of Klingons, both young and old. He quietly pulls one aside, an elderly-looking Klingon called L'Kor. The Klingon tells Worf that his father, Mogh, is not a prisoner here, but did indeed die in battle at Khitomer. Angered by the sight of comrades in captivity, Worf offers to help free the 73 Klingons in the camp. L'Kor sadly says that Worf should never have come here. Suddenly, three other Klingons see Worf. As two of them grab him and pin him down, L'Kor reveals that no one is leaving the camp, not even Worf. An astonished Worf does not understand...

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brent Spiner (Dr. Noonien Soong)

Cristine Rose (Gi'ral)

James Cromwell (Jaglom Shrek)

Jennifer Gatti (Ba'El)

Richard Herd (L'Kor)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Birthright, Part 2 [TNG #143]

Stardate 46759.2

Still imprisoned in a Romulan camp inhabited by Klingons, and having learned that his father is truly dead, Worf asks L'Kor and Gi'ral, the Klingons leading the group, how they can live as prisoners - the ultimate disgrace in their culture. They explain that after they were captured during the Khitomer massacre, the Romulans kept them from committing suicide. As a result they voluntarily remained to preserve the honor of their families, who believe they died heroically.

Later, Worf meets with Tokath, the Romulan leader, and is unable to understand why he has provided this peaceful home for his sworn enemies. Worf finds out that, not only are the Romulans living together with the Klingons in harmony, Tokath himself married a Klingon woman. He warns Worf to not test his tolerance.

Seeking escape from the compound Worf is tackled to the ground. He is stunned to see he has been attacked by Toq - a fellow Klingon! Tokath injects the captured Worf with a pellet that will enable guards to track him and puts the young Toq in charge of him. Frustrated, Worf controls his energy by performing an ancient Klingon martial arts exercise, attracting the attention of Toq, Ba'el, and the rest of the younger generation of Klingons. Worf sparks their interest in their heritage, something their parents have kept from them - and gladly assumes the role of teacher, filling them in on the legends and customs he grew up with. As he does, the attraction between him and Ba'el grows stronger, which her mother, Gi'ral, senses and tries to discourage. However, just at the moment he is giving in to the attraction, he sees that she has pointed ears - like a Romulan.

During a hunting trip, Worf is able to teach Toq that the blood of a warrior runs through his veins. Worf's words also begin to affect Ba'el, who, while the entire group is assembled in the meeting hall to dine, asks her father if she is free to leave the planet to travel. Things reach a head when Toq enters the hall, triumphantly carrying an animal he killed in the hunt. He is a warrior inside, he proudly proclaims. He then leads the Klingons in an old hunting song. It appears Worf has won.

Tokath has had enough and faces Worf in a final confrontation. He argues that losing one's heritage is a small price to pay for peace, but Worf disagrees. When Tokath tells the Klingon he must accept life in this peaceful society or die, Worf chooses an honorable death. Ba'el offers to help him escape, but Worf refuses, determined to face his destiny with honor.

When the ritual execution is about to take place, Toq stands between Worf and the line of fire of Tokath's guards, and insists that if Worf dies, he will die as well. One by one, the rest of the Klingons take their place in front of Worf and Toq. When Tokath's own daughter, Ba'el, finally takes her place in the front of the line, Gi'ral has Tokath stop the execution. Worf takes the young Klingons who wish to start life over as true Klingons back on the Enterprise with him. Ba'el, knowing she would not be accepted by other Klingons because of her Romulan blood, stays on the planet with her parents. However, Worf protects the honor of those who remain behind by telling Picard that the young Klingons are a group of crash survivors, and that he found no prison camp during his visit to Romulan space. The captain understands, silently keeping Worf's secret.

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Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alan Scarfe (Tokath)

Cristine Rose (Gi'ral)

James Cromwell (Jaglom Shrek)

Jennifer Gatti (Ba'El)

Richard Herd (L'Kor)

Sterling Macer, Jr. (Toq)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Dan Curry

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Starship Mine [TNG #144]

Stardate 46682.4

The Enterprise, docked at the orbiting Remmler Array, is evacuated in order to undergo a baryon sweep, a procedure that scans the ship with deadly rays in order to eliminate accumulated particles which have collected on the vessel over years of space travel. La Forge informs Picard that because baryon particle levels from the ship are so high, a more powerful sweep than normal may be needed to clear out all the radiation. Toward that end, La Forge ordered extra field diverters for the Bridge and the computer core, to further protect those sensitive areas from the sweep.

The senior officers, with the exception of Worf, who managed to get excused, attend a reception at the Arkaria Base on the planet below, hosted by Commander Hutchinson. However, Picard finds an excuse to leave the gathering, and with only minutes before the baryon sweep begins, he hurries to the Enterprise. But as he prepares to return to the planet, Picard notices that one of the technicians who came aboard is still there, working on a panel in a corridor. Suspicious of Picard's presence, the technician prepares to attack, but the captain gets the upper hand, striking the man and rendering him unconscious. Picard makes a run for the transporter room, but he is too late, the ship's primary power cuts off just as he steps onto the transporter pad.

Picard finds his unconscious assailant and drags him into Sickbay. When the man comes to, Picard commands him to reveal the real purpose of the technicians aboard the Enterprise. The man refuses comment, so Picard hyposprays him and takes his communicator, but is eventually captured by another member of the group, Kiros. Meanwhile, at the reception, the station administrator, Mr. Orton, leads a surprise takeover, firing alien phasers. Geordi is wounded, and Commander Hutchinson is killed. The officers are held hostage. The officers devise a plan to use the wounded Geordi's VISOR to emit a hypersonic pulse, which would render everyone but Data unconscious.

Picard gets away by escaping through a Jefferies Tube - but his pursuer, Satler, is killed by the sweep. Picard contacts Kelsey, warning her against moving the volatile trilitium resin to Ten-Forward, where they are planning to go to avoid the sweep as long as possible. Kelsey, undaunted, has her assistant Neil put the substance in a container. Meanwhile, Picard arms himself with a crossbow, then goes to Sickbay, coats the arrow tips with a colored liquid, and finds two powders he can combine in order to create small explosions. He gets one of the thieves, Pomet, with an arrow in the leg, from which the liquid knocks out the alien. But Picard is once again caught by Kiros. Kelsey, now almost at Ten-Forward, murders Neil because she has no more use for him. Meeting Kiros, the two of them take Picard with them to Ten-Forward.

Back at the Arkaria Base, Riker orders their plan into motion, and soon everyone but Data slumps to the floor. Meanwhile, Picard reveals his true identity and offers himself as a hostage in lieu of the trilitium resin, but Kelsey turns down the deal since she intends to sell the substance rather than use it for terrorist purposes. Moving into Ten-Forward, Kiros steps into strips of Picard's two powders, which creates a small explosion that disables her. Picard and Kelsey fight for the trilitium resin. Suddenly, the sweep comes through the wall and Kelsey grabs the container, beaming over to a waiting ship, leaving Picard to face certain doom. Thinking quickly, he speaks into his communicator, urgently telling anyone who hears to deactivate the baryon sweep. With seconds to spare, the glow of the sweep fades. Data, having gained control on the Arkaria Base, has answered his captain's plea. Soon afterward, Kelsey's ship explodes, since Picard managed to steal the pin from the container of trilitium resin during their struggle.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alan Altshuld (Pomet)

Arlee Reed (Waiter)

David Spielberg (Cmdr. Calvin Hutchinson)

Glenn Morshower (Mr. Orton)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marie Marshall (Kelsey)

Patricia Tallman (Kiros)

Tim deZarn (Satler)

Tim Russ (Devor)

Tom Nibley (Neil)

Written By : Morgan Gendel

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Lessons [TNG #145]

Stardate 46693.1

Working on an insomnia-inspired personal assignment in the middle of the night, Picard's curiosity is aroused when he finds many of the ship's computer functions have been taken off-line. He goes to the source of the situation, the Stellar Sciences department, and meets Lieutenant Commander Nella Daren, the section's new department head. Nella and her staff are using the early morning quiet attempting to construct a mathematical map of an emerging star system. Picard is intrigued by this lovely, intelligent woman - and his attraction increases the next evening, when he is overwhelmed by Nella's amazing piano performance during a concert. He expresses his appreciation afterward, and she - impressed by his musical knowledge - suggests they play together sometime. The attraction seems to be mutual.

The next evening, Picard practices on his Ressikan flute, when Nella pays an unexpected visit, bringing along a keyboard. She encourages the reluctant captain into playing a duet, which he begins to enjoy. When they next get together, she leads Picard into a specific Jefferies Tube intersection, where she claims the acoustics are perfect. The two engage in another duet, but their concentration drifts to something other than music - and they share a warm and deep kiss.

After their encounter, Picard suddenly feels unsure about his actions. Later, after setting a course for Bersallis III to study the planet's firestorms, he asks to talk with Troi privately in his Ready Room. There, he speaks frankly about his attraction to Nella and his worries about dating a woman under his command. He is relieved when Troi encourages him. Picard then shares some of his most private thoughts with Nella in his quarters, and they kiss more passionately, taking the relationship to a new level. However, Riker is troubled, and tells Picard he feels uncomfortable with handling Nella's demands for her department because of her relationship with the captain. Picard assures Riker that personal feelings will not be placed above what's best for the ship, and then talks with Nella about their unusual situation. They agree that she should not compromise herself, and must continue to do her job to the best of her ability.

Worf interrupts their conversation with news that the firestorms will hit much earlier than anticipated and endanger the Federation outpost on Bersallis III. Picard orders the U.S.S. Enterprise to aid in the outpost's evacuation, while Nella and La Forge devise a plan to build a protective shield to guard the outpost from the storm. Riker chooses Nella to lead the deployment team, and although Picard is worried about sending her on this dangerous mission, she reminds him that their relationship cannot stand in the way of proper command decisions.

When the Enterprise reaches the planet, Nella and her team transport to the surface with thermal deflectors to construct their shield. Unfortunately, she soon learns that there is a problem. The team members will have to remain on the planet during the storm to keep the deflectors cross-connected by calibrating them manually - a procedure they may not survive. Picard is torn, but

when he realizes this is the only way to save the 73 colonists that still remain on the planet, he orders the group to stay, facing the horrible realization that he may have condemned Nella to death. The firestorm hits, and after it passes, Picard beams aboard the survivors. Nella is among the last to transport back, but when her eyes meet Picard's, he senses something different. Later, Nella forgives him for the decision she knows he had to make, but the two realize that they cannot go on as both lovers as well as commander and subordinate. Nella tells Picard she will apply for a transfer, because for their love to remain, they must now be apart.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Richard Cox (Lt. Marques)

Wendy Hughes (Lt. Cmdr. Neela Daren)

Written By : Jean Louise Matthias

Ronald Wilkerson

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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The Chase [TNG #146]

Stardate 46731.5

Picard is surprised when Professor Richard Galen, his old archaeology professor whom he hasn't seen in 30 years, pays a visit to the U.S.S. Enterprise and asks Picard to accompany him on a mission. The renowned archaeologist has made a discovery so profound, the ultimate findings could reverberate throughout the galaxy, but will only reveal them to Picard if he agrees to join him on a lengthy, possibly year-long expedition. The offer is tempting to Picard, who once intended to make archaeology his life's work, but he chooses duty instead, prompting the professor to angrily leave the starship. Soon afterward, the Enterprise receives a distress call - Galen's ship is under attack by Yridians. After inadvertently destroying the attacking vessel with a phaser hit the crew is able to transport Galen aboard, but not before he takes a disruptor blast in the chest at point-blank range. Picard is at the professor's side when he dies in Sickbay, taking his secret with him to the grave.

Attempting to learn why Galen was attacked, the crew finds 19 strange blocks of numbers stored in his computer's memory. Picard decides the answer might be on Ruah IV, part of an unexplored star system Galen visited just before first contacting the Enterprise - and sets course despite the fact that he is due at a diplomatic conference elsewhere. When the search yields nothing, he opts to continue the investigation on Indri VIII, Galen's next intended destination.

Upon their arrival at Indri VIII, the crew finds every microbe of life on the planet is being destroyed before their eyes, leading Picard to believe that Professor Galen's number blocks may have something to do with organic matter. Picard and Dr. Crusher study the blocks, and learn that they are mathematical representations of DNA fragments, each from a different life form from 19 different worlds scattered across the quadrant. Picard decides to set a course for Loren III, the only planet capable of sustaining life in the area to which the professor was referring. There, they encounter two Cardassian war vessels and a Klingon attack cruiser, each on the trail of the same discovery.

After a tense initial confrontation, Picard is able to get the Cardassian Captain, Gul Ocett, and the Klingon captain, Nu'Daq, to share their respective organic matter samples and agree to solve the puzzle together. They soon learn that they are still missing one DNA fragment, but Picard initiates an elaborate computer search, which soon reveals the location where the missing DNA may be found. However, when the findings are announced, the Cardassian captain dematerializes and her ship fires on both the Enterprise and the Klingon vessel.

Picard sets course for the Vilmoran system, accompanied by the Klingon captain, whose ship was crippled in the attack. Soon after they arrive, the Cardassian captain appears on the planet, as do a group of Romulans, who have been following all along in a cloaked vessel. Gul Ocett threatens to destroy the few samples that still remain on the barren world rather than work with the Romulans, and as the Klingon leader joins the face-off, Picard and Beverly quietly retrieve a partially fossilized sample. Unnoticed, they feed the sample into their tricorder. The mysterious program is activated, and a humanoid hologram recorded billions of years ago appears before them. The hologram tells the surprised group that her race found itself alone in their travels of the galaxy. The genetic puzzle was created in hopes that those races would come together in cooperation and fellowship in order to activate the message. The humanoid tells the group that they all come from this common seed, and implores them to remember this bond. The message fades, leaving Nu'Daq and Gul Ocett unbelieving, and repulsed at the mere thought of having anything in common. The groups return to their vessels.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : John Cothran, Jr. (Capt. Nu'Daq)

Linda Thorson (Gul Ocett)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Maurice Roeves (Romulan Capt.)

Norman Lloyd (Professor Richard Galen)

Salome Jens (Humanoid)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Joe Menosky

Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Frame Of Mind [TNG #147]

Stardate 46778.1

Riker is put in charge of an undercover mission to Tilonus IV, a planet that has descended into anarchy. Since the trip there will take a few days, Riker is able to retain his starring role in the ship's play while he prepares for the dangerous mission. However, he soon begins experiencing an unusual sensation that people, especially a strange alien lieutenant, are staring at him. Troi tells him this can be attributed to his getting into his character - that of a mental patient trapped in an asylum. However, when he performs the play, Riker is shocked when the set suddenly becomes an actual asylum cell. The audience disappears, leaving Riker in a real mental ward with a real alien doctor.

The therapist, Dr. Syrus, tells Riker that the play is a delusion, and that he is in a Tilonus mental hospital. Later, an attendant named Mavek escorts Riker to the Common Area, where he sees a doctor who looks just like the alien who was haunting him on the U.S.S. Enterprise. Mavek tells Riker he was brought to the hospital because he committed murder. A panicked Riker tries to attack Mavek, but is subdued and injected with an alien syringe. Riker suddenly sits bolt upright in bed on the Enterprise, relieved that it was all a dream.

Riker and Beverly attribute the dream to nervousness about the play, which is set for that evening. During the performance, Riker is distracted by flashes of his nightmare, and shocks the audience when he angrily confronts Lieutenant Suna, the alien he saw in

his nightmare and aboard the Enterprise. Beverly takes Riker to Sickbay and examines him, but can find nothing wrong. Riker then tries to walk back to his quarters, but hallucinates that he's walking in the asylum. When he finally reaches his quarters and closes the door, it locks, and he is in the cell again.

Convinced that he is losing his mind, Riker tells Dr. Syrus that he is ready to cooperate. The doctor subjects Riker to Reflection Therapy, observing Riker use images of Picard, Troi, and Worf to represent different parts of his own psyche. He then sees an image of the alien lieutenant, who according to Dr. Syrus is actually the hospital administrator. The images of the Enterprise officers try to convince Riker that he is still on the starship, but Riker dismisses them, telling them they are not real. Later, Beverly joins Riker in the Common Area, tells him this is all a part of his mission on Tilonus IV, and that the crew is attempting to get him out. Riker, however, refuses to acknowledge her. Then, that night, Data and Worf break into Riker's cell in an effort to free him, but Riker breaks away and runs to the guards, refusing to trust that the Enterprise officers are anything more than delusions.

Worf and Data are able to defeat the guards and transport Riker back to the Enterprise against his will. But while Picard informs Riker that he was abducted during his undercover mission, Riker reacts to a minor head wound Beverly can't seem to stop from bleeding. Struggling to regain his grip on reality, he volleys between delusions of the ship, the play and the alien asylum, until he finally wakes up in a lab, with a probe connected to his head and the alien doctors surrounding him - the leader being the mysterious alien he had been encountering over and over again. Seeing that he is dressed in the undercover costume he was given for his mission to Tilonus IV, he realizes that this is reality and hurriedly locates his communicator. Before the aliens can stop him, Riker calls for an emergency transport and is beamed safely back to the Enterprise, where he learns the truth: he was abducted during his mission and used his last memory of the Enterprise - the play - to defend himself against experiments the aliens performed on his brain.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Allan Dean Moore (Wounded Crewmember)

Andrew Prine (Administrator Suna)

David Selburg (Dr. Syrus)

Gary Werntz (Mavek)

Susanna Thompson (Inmate Jaya)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : James L. Conway

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Suspicious [TNG #148]

Stardate 46830.1

Guinan visits Beverly in her quarters, only to find her packing her belongings. She has been relieved of her duties, and has been summoned back to Earth to face a formal inquiry - and the beginning of the end of her Starfleet career...

Beverly invited a group of experts aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise to hear Doctor Reyga, a Ferengi scientist, explain how he had invented a metaphasic shield designed to protect a shuttle and its occupants from the destructive forces of a star's corona. To that end, one of the Enterprise shuttles was outfitted with the shield, so that Reyga himself could fly it into the corona of the star Vaytan. The Klingon expert, Kurak, preferred that someone more objective fly the shuttle. The Takaran scientist, Jo'Bril, volunteered, to which Kurak and the other two experts present, a Vulcan named Dr. T'Pan and her human husband, Dr.

Christopher, agreed. Data detected an increased level of baryon particles in the shuttle cabin. In trouble, Jo'Bril managed to alter the shuttle's course back out of the corona before slumping unconscious. He was beamed directly to Sickbay, but Beverly was too late to save his life.

Beverly and Nurse Ogawa were baffled after examining Jo'Bril's body - they couldn't determine the cause of death. Later, she talked with Geordi, Reyga, and Data, who were examining the shuttle. Geordi determined that minor hull damage confirmed baryon particles did get through, but that wasn't necessarily the cause of death. Geordi suggested that there must have been something in the corona that Reyga never anticipated. The implication made the Ferengi angry. Unfortunately, though, Beverly was forced to ban further tests - even if Reyga himself was the pilot. He vowed to prove himself.

When Beverly saw Reyga again, he was dead. The evidence suggested suicide, but she refused to believe that. Picard, however, told her that Reyga's family wouldn't allow an autopsy before they performed Ferengi death rituals. Beverly was certain it was murder, and the most likely suspects were the other three scientists - the ones most likely to gain from his death. The Klingon told Beverly that an argument stemmed from Reyga's accusation of sabotage - which Kurak denied. Then, with no other clues, Beverly went against orders and performed an autopsy. Not surprisingly, the Ferengi government lodged a formal complaint with Starfleet, who forced Picard to relieve her of duty.

Guinan encourages Beverly to find the murderer. Beverly and Data discuss sabotage possibilities, they do an autopsy and find the traces, but it's still not proof. The bridge crew notes that the shuttle equipped with the metaphasic shield has suddenly been launched. Picard is shocked to see it is Beverly, ready to risk it all for the test of a theory.

The bridge officers are shocked to see Beverly has set a course for the star's corona. Despite Picard's protests, she reaches her destination. The shield functions perfectly - Reyga was successful. Suddenly, the Enterprise loses contact with the shuttle. The reason: Jo'Bril is aboard with Beverly, very much alive, and pointing a phaser at her. He has disconnected communications, and tells the shocked doctor that he put himself into a state of physiostasis, a talent unique to his race, which allowed him to fake death. He was hoping to just discredit Reyga and his invention - but now he has more than he bargained for, because he now has the shuttle, which he plans to develop into a weapon. Beverly suddenly makes the shuttle rock violently, and they scramble for the loose phaser. She gets to it first and vaporizes Jo'Bril, then sets course back to the Enterprise. The mystery has been solved, and she has been reinstated.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : James Horan (Jo'Bril)

Joan Stuart Morris (Dr. T'Pol)

John S. Ragin (Dr. Christopher)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Peter Slutsker (Dr. Reyga)

Tricia O'Neil (Kurak)

Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Naren Shankar

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Rightful Heir [TNG #149]

Stardate 46852.2

When Worf fails to report for duty, Riker goes to his quarters to investigate, finding the Klingon entranced in a ceremonial ritual, oblivious to everything and everyone until Riker's interruption. Concerned because of Worf's developing pattern of sub-par performance, Picard visits him in his quarters. Worf explains that his recent experience in the Carraya sector - from which he brought back some Klingon children - has left him empty inside. He has been trying to summon a vision of Kahless - the greatest of Klingon warriors, who united his people many centuries ago, and promised to one day return and lead them again. Picard grants him leave to visit the planet Boreth, where the Followers of Kahless wait for their leader's return. Worf attempts his ritual again in the ceremonial lava caves. This time, however, a sudden swirl of smoke and light reveals Kahless. Kahless is real - and he has returned!

Worf and the other Klingons, stunned and amazed, follow Kahless into the temple. Koroth doubts it is truly the legend returned, but Kahless then tells them the story of how the Klingon bat'leth sword was forged - a secret that was kept only with the High Clerics in order for them to verify Kahless's existence if he ever came back. This is proof enough for all present except Worf, who later scans Kahless with a tricorder, only to see that the being really is a Klingon.

Kahless and Worf talk privately about the new empire that will form, but Worf discovers some flaws in his hero - Kahless doesn't remember the taste of Klingon Warnog, or what existence is like in the Klingon afterlife known as Sto-Vo-Kor. Later, Worf and Gowron argue over the situation, with Gowron refusing to believe this is nothing more than an elaborate ploy by Koroth and his allies to seize power over the empire, but Worf implores him to open his heart and have faith that this is true. Only Worf's intervention stops Gowron from killing the warrior, but the moment has put doubt in the minds of all.

His heart filled with anger, Worf threatens Koroth later, making him reveal the truth. He and Torin used an organic sample of the original Kahless to create a clone, one in which they imprinted "memories" so even the clone would believe. But Koroth says they still need Kahless - in any form - to help bring together an empire that suffers under Gowron's corruption. Much to Koroth's objection, Worf reveals the truth about Kahless to Gowron, but also expresses the sentiment that their people need a moral leader, someone in whom the Klingons want to believe, to put their faith, and around whom they can rally. Worf suggests that the clone Kahless be made Emperor. Gowron would continue to run the High Council, but Kahless would guide the people and help return them to the honorable ways of long ago. Gowron is given no choice but to go along with this plan. A new era begins, but Worf is still feeling empty, until the clone Kahless tells him it doesn't matter whether or not the original returns, as long as they remember the words he left behind and follow his teachings.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alan Oppenheimer (Korath)

Charles Esten (Divok)

Kevin Conway (Kahless)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Norman Snow (Torin)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : James E. Brooks

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Second Chances [TNG #150]

Stardate 46915.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise returns to the planet Nervalva IV to retrieve data left behind by Starfleet researchers when they were forced to evacuate eight years ago. It has taken this long for a transport window to open in the planet's distortion field, finally allowing a brief attempt for people to beam down. Riker led the evacuation operation while a lieutenant on the U.S.S. Potemkin, and returns to oversee the retrieval. However, when he beams down to the surface, he is met with an unexpected surprise - a man who appears to be his identical twin. Both Rikers claim they led the evacuation eight years ago, but while the Enterprise's Riker says he was transported back safely, Lieutenant Riker claims his transport failed, and the planet's distortion field kept him on the surface. Lieutenant Riker beams up to the Enterprise, and Beverly pronounces the two men genetically indistinguishable. Geordi then fills them in on the reason for the unusual situation - a second containment beam was initiated to get Riker transported through the distortion field, but that beam reflected back to the surface, materializing another Riker. From that moment on, two different Will Rikers - both very real - lived two separate lives.

Lieutenant Riker is ready to pick up his life where he left off - in the middle of a romance with Troi. But Troi's broken relationship with Commander Riker, who returned only to choose career over love, forced her to move on with her life. Lieutenant Riker is disappointed, but not ready to give up. Later, he agrees to help the crew retrieve the data from the computer system on Nervalva IV, but when they can't access the computer core, he and Commander Riker clash over possible options during the mission. Lieutenant Riker feels resentment when the superior-ranking double gives him a direct order.

Back on the Enterprise, Lieutenant Riker romances Troi by leading her on a treasure hunt that brings them together in Ten-Forward. They talk, and Troi admits how disappointed she was when the love affair ended. Meanwhile, tension mounts between Riker and his double when Picard chooses the lieutenant's computer retrieval plan over that of the first officer. Later, with Beverly's encouragement, Troi gives in to her feelings for Lieutenant Riker, seeing his arrival as a second chance at their relationship.

Soon afterward, she talks with Commander Riker, worried that her relationship with his double will upset him. He says he accepts their romance, but warns Troi to be careful. Whatever part of his personality drove them apart since his return from Nervalva IV also exists within Lieutenant Riker, and she could end up being hurt again. Troi keeps this in mind when Lieutenant Riker returns with news he's been posted on the starship Gandhi. He asks Troi to accompany him on this exciting appointment, but Troi is unsure she can give up the life she has built without him.

The two Rikers beam down to Nervalva IV, entering the dangerous underground caverns to access the computer core directly. The scaffolding they attempt to cross collapses, but despite their differences, Commander Riker saves Lieutenant Riker from plunging to his death. Later, they return to the Enterprise to prepare for their rendezvous with the Gandhi. Lieutenant Riker approaches Troi for her answer, and she gently explains that she won't be coming with him - at least not yet. Commander Riker enters the lieutenant's quarters to see his double off, and gives him a memento of his past - the old trombone on which he first learned to play. Troi and the double reluctantly part, but Commander Riker promises to watch over her.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Dr. Mae Jemison (Ensign Palmer)

Jonathan Frakes (Lt. Thomas Riker)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Michael A. Medlock

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Timescape [TNG #151]

Stardate 46944.2

While Riker and the Enterprise respond to a Romulan ship's distress call, Picard, Troi, Geordi, and Data are traveling in a long-range shuttlecraft known as a Runabout. Suddenly, while in a conversation, everyone except Troi freezes in mid-motion. Seconds later, things return to normal. Baffled, she attempts to describe the experience to the others when she inexplicably becomes frozen in time herself for over three minutes. Then, almost without warning, the starboard nacelle cuts out from lack of fuel, and instruments show it has been in continuous operation for over 47 days. Picard then notices some rotten fruit and his fingernails quickly grow half an inch. Data discovers they are in a temporal disturbance where time is moving approximately 50 times faster than normal. Their vessel is surrounded by dozens of irregular temporal fragments, and inside each, time is going at different rates. They head around the fragments and eventually find the Enterprise, but are shocked to discover it trapped in the center of a huge disturbance, face-to-face with a Romulan Warbird, which is firing a disruptor beam at the Enterprise, whose shields are half-raised. However, the entire scene is like a photograph - everything, is frozen in time.

The four officers adapt their emergency transporter armbands to generate skin-tight forcefields which will isolate them from the temporal fragment's effects. Picard, Data, and Troi then beam onto the Enterprise's bridge, where everything and everyone around them is motionless.

Picard enters the transporter room and finds three Romulans were being beamed aboard by Worf. Picard and Troi join Data in Engineering, where he discovers that the source of the power surge is a warp core breach in progress - the beginning of a massive explosion that is, in fact, expanding. Time is not really frozen as they first believed, but moving forward at an infinitesimal rate, and Data estimates that the explosion will consume the Enterprise in just over nine hours. Suddenly, Picard experiences severe emotional changes, laughing uncontrollably, becoming dizzy, then panicking. Geordi immediately transports the three back to the Runabout, where they determine that the captain experienced a form of temporal narcosis. Geordi beams over with Data and Troi to the Warbird's engine room, where they see several Romulans frozen in the middle of an Evacuation Alert, trying to shut down a power transfer originating from the Enterprise. Meanwhile, Picard watches from the Runabout as the Enterprise, now in normal time, explodes from the warp core breach, then moments later, comes back together. Back on the Warbird, the scene goes backward as well, then freezes right where it began. Geordi, Troi, and Data are stunned.

As they look for more clues, the strange Romulan male attacks Geordi, who goes into neural shock, dying, until Troi removes his armband, freezing him in time. The other two return to the Runabout with the being, who appears to be totally alien to their time continuum. The being tells them that he was attempting to rescue a nest of his species' young, which mistakenly was placed by them in the Romulan core, causing the engine failure. When the power transfer from the Enterprise made contact with the nest, the ruptures in time were created. Before Picard learns anything else, the alien fractures in a kaleidoscope effect and vanishes.

Data adjusts his tricorder, causing the aperture to make time reverse itself to a point before the warp core breach occurred, then go forward again. Data is then attacked in Engineering by the Romulan woman, really another alien being, who inadvertently prevents him from stopping the power transfer. He attempts to protect the warp core, which delays the breach long enough for Picard to take control of the Runabout from a console and maneuver it directly into the transfer beam, interrupting it. The vessel explodes, and the Warbird and the alien disappear in a kaleidoscopic effect. Troi is able to rescue Beverly, Geordi is saved, the warp core breach has been prevented, and Picard attempts to explain everything to a confused Riker.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Joel Fredericks (Engineering Ensign)

John DeMita (Sickbay Romulan)

Michael Bofshever (Alien Romulan)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Adam Nimoy

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Descent, Part 1 [TNG #152]

Stardate 46982.1

Curious to see how three of history's greatest minds might interact in a unique setting, Data plays poker in the Holodeck with computer-generated recreations of Professor Stephen Hawking, Albert Einstein, and Sir Isaac Newton. However, just after Hawking wins a hand, the U.S.S. Enterprise goes to Red Alert in response to a distress call from the Ohniaka III outpost. When the Enterprise arrives, a menacing-looking alien vessel of an unknown design is found in orbit around the planet. Efforts to communicate with it yield nothing, so Riker, Worf and Data transport to the surface, finding only dead bodies in the science station. Then, Data opens a door to encounter... one of the Borg. Several more of the warrior aliens charge in, attacking the officers, while in space the strange vessel suddenly fires on the Enterprise. However, the Borg on the surface are not performing as the calm, mindless drones encountered in previous battles, but are instead quick, vicious -- ready to kill instead of assimilate... and are behaving like individuals. They focus on Data, surprisingly identify him by name, then quickly rush him. The emotionless android becomes enraged, slams a Borg against the wall, and violently beats him to death. The other Borg abruptly disappear, then the alien vessel moves away and travels into a blinding flash of light, vanishing. Riker and Worf stare at Data, who realizes the impossible - he got angry.

In the Holodeck, Data recreates his fight with the Borg, but cannot recapture the anger. He returns to duty as they go to Red Alert - the Borg are attacking the MS 1 Colony. Curious, Picard wonders why the Enterprise in both cases happened to be the nearest ship to these conflicts. They encounter the same alien vessel, which escapes again into the flash of light - but this time, the Enterprise gets drawn into the strange subspace distortion with it.

Returning to normal space, the alien vessel immediately fires upon the Enterprise. Two Borg materialize onto the Bridge, but Worf quickly kills one attacker and wounds the other. After the fight ends, they realize the Borg ship has once again vanished. Placed in the Brig, the survivor tells Picard he is called Croxis, a name given to him by an entity called the One. Data is left alone with Croxis, who tells the android he is perfect for assimilation. While talking, Croxis surreptitiously touches a control on his artificial arm, and Data's head tilts very subtly in response. Croxis reminds Data about the pleasure he felt killing the Borg on Ohniaka III, and slowly convinces Data that it is worth anything to feel an emotion again - even if it means killing his friend Geordi. Abruptly, a shuttlecraft leaves the Enterprise, emitting a tachyon pulse that causes the subspace distortion to appear. The shuttlecraft and the light then vanish. The passengers: Croxis and Data.

Geordi duplicates the tachyon pulse, and the Enterprise travels through one of the subspace conduits, exiting 65 light-years from where they were. The shuttlecraft's energy trail is traced to an unexplored planet. Riker, Worf, and a heavily-armed Away Team transport down and find the shuttlecraft, now abandoned.

Picard institutes a massive search for Data, utilizing all available personnel, including himself, and leaves Dr. Crusher in command of the Enterprise. Picard's team, composed of Geordi, Troi and a security guard, search for hours, then discover a large alien building. They enter a huge, empty, foreboding room that seems to be some kind of meeting hall, and realize it could be a trap, but before they can escape, huge groups of Borg run in from everywhere, screaming incessantly and trapping the Away Team. The security guard tries to fire, but the surrounding Borg kill him on the spot. They close in on Picard, Geordi and Troi, who prepare to face certain death, when a voice commands the Borg to stop. The three officers turn toward the voice and are stunned to see Lore, Data's "brother."

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brent Spiner (Lore)

Brian J. Cousins (Croxis)

Jim Norton (Albert Einstein)

John Neville (Isaac Newton)

Natalija Nogulich (Admiral Alynna Nechayev)

Professor Stephen Hawking (Himself)

Richard Gilbert-Hill (Bosus)

Stephen James Carver (Tayar)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Descent, Part 2 [TNG #153]

Stardate 47025.4

In the aftermath of Data's desertion to join the Borg, Beverly commands a skeleton crew aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise while most of the ship's crew, led by Picard, search a remote planet for their comrade. Upon sighting the Borg ship, Beverly retrieves as many crew members as she can and escapes, leaving Riker and Worf behind to search for Picard's group. Meanwhile, Picard, Troi, and Geordi are held prisoner by Data's evil brother, Lore, who assumed leadership of a group of Borg that includes Hugh, the young Borg who spent time on the Enterprise. Lore took charge of the Borg on Hugh's vessel after Hugh's new sense of individuality nearly destroyed his shipmates by disrupting their sense of shared identity. Lore says he provides the Borg with leadership, while the Borg regard Lore and Data as superior beings because they are fully artificial life forms. Picard attempts to communicate with Data, but his former crewmate barely acknowledges him and instead imprisons them in a cell. Troi points out that the only emotions Data feels are anger and hate, but Data is unmoved by her concern, and instead takes away Geordi's VISOR.

Later, Lore tells Data of his plan to conduct dangerous, possibly deadly experiments on Geordi. Meanwhile, Geordi, Picard, and Troi converse quietly in their cell, where Geordi theorizes that Lore is controlling Data by transmitting the negative part of his emotional program to his brother. He also believes Data's ethical program has been dismantled, and that if he can find a way to generate a kedion pulse, that program might be reactivated. Riker and Worf, still trying to locate the others, are captured by a group of Borg, and are surprised to see that Hugh is among them.

Hugh is bitter and angry. He blames the Enterprise crew for destroying the Borg, but does not support Lore. The only warm feelings he has are for Geordi, who befriended him on the Enterprise. Riker tells him he thinks Geordi has been captured, and Hugh agrees to show them into the compound. Inside, Data subjects Geordi to the deadly neurological experiments.

While this goes on, Picard and Troi steal part of a transceiver and, when a groggy Geordi returns, they modify it to emit a kedion pulse, restoring Data's ethics. Data tells Lore that he feels conflicted about hurting his friends, and Lore responds by cutting down on the flow of emotions to Data's brain. Like an addict, Data begs for more, and Lore responds by flooding him with negative feelings. As Data walks off, Lore tells his Borg henchman, Croxis, that he no longer trusts his brother.

Lore announces ominously that Picard is about to take part in an important "ceremony." Lore also announces that Data must prove his loyalty by killing Picard. Data refuses, and Lore sadly tells Data that he must then die as well. But at the moment he is about to murder his brother, Hugh steps forward from the crowd of Borg and knocks Lore's weapon away. Riker and Worf arrive at the same time with phasers blasting. Data follows Lore, who tries to escape to the lab, and Data is ultimately forced to fire on, and then deactivate, his brother. Later, Data reunites with his friends and they prepare to leave, while Hugh assumes the position of leader of this Borg group.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alex Datcher (Ensign Taitt)

Benito Martinez (Transporter Technician Salazar)

Brent Spiner (Lore)

Brian J. Cousins (Crosis)

James Horan (Lt. Barnaby)

Jonathan Del Arco (Hugh)

Michael Reilly Burke (Goval)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Liaisons [TNG #154]

Stardate Unknown

The U.S.S. Enterprise welcomes two Iyaaran ambassadors, Loquel and Byleth, who are visiting the ship as part of a "cultural exchange" that will also send Picard to their planet. Before Picard departs, he assigns Troi to act as Loquel's liaison and asks Riker to do the same for Byleth. But Byleth has other ideas, and instead demands that Worf serve as his shipboard guide. Soon afterward, Picard departs for the Iyaaran homeworld with Voval, the Iyaaran shuttle pilot, who is gruff and uncommunicative. Their awkward silence is disrupted by a malfunction aboard their ship. Crashing on an unknown planet, Voval receives a concussion, but Picard is seemingly unhurt. He decides to seek help outside, but falls to the ground trying to traverse the planet's stormy surface. While he lies unconscious, someone silently drags him away.

Picard awakens on the distant planet in a small, dimly-lit cargo cabin. He is approached by a solemn, attractive human woman who informs him that Voval did not survive the crash. Picard learns that the woman's name is Anna and that she is the sole survivor of a Terellian cargo freighter crash that occurred seven years before. After Anna tells him that he has three broken ribs, he sends her to retrieve the shuttlecraft's com panel to send a distress signal, but she accidentally destroys the transmitter module while removing it. Picard is then shocked when Anna suddenly kisses him and tells him she loves him.

Back on the Enterprise, Worf has had about all he can take of his abrasive, demanding guest. Riker decides that the tension might be eased by a "friendly" game of poker. The game is anything but "friendly," and Worf realizes that Byleth is stealing chips. Before long, Worf loses control and, despite Riker's insistence that he calm down, attacks his guest. But instead of getting angry, Byleth is pleased. He expresses admiration for Worf's display of anger and politely excuses himself to document the experience, leaving everyone confused.

Meanwhile, Picard becomes enraged at Anna when he realizes that his ribs are not really broken, and the woman, who continues to beg for his love, is actually holding him captive. He angrily alerts Anna to his discovery, at which point she becomes distraught over failing to gain his affection and rushes out the door, breaking off her necklace. Picard runs out to find her, only to encounter Voval, who is very much alive.

Voval explains that he only appeared to be dead because, when Iyaarans are injured, their metabolic rates slow down in order to promote healing. He and Picard set off in search of Anna, eventually separating. Picard finds her at the edge of a cliff, threatening to commit suicide if he does not tell her he loves her. When he notices that Anna is again wearing her necklace and that Voval has again disappeared, Picard senses that something strange is going on and tells Anna to go ahead and jump. At that moment, she transforms herself back into Voval, who explains that he is not really a pilot, but an Iyaaran ambassador. He staged the crash in order to study the emotion of love, non-existent on the Iyaaran homeworld, by using Picard as a subject. Similarly, Loquel and Byleth were sent to experience pleasure and antagonism. Picard is taken aback at first, but upon returning to the Enterprise, joins Worf and Troi in deeming the experience a worthwhile one.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Cast : Barbara Williams (Anna)
Eric Pierpoint (Ambassador Voval)
Michael Harris (Ambassador Byleth)
Paul Eiding (Ambassador Loquel)
Rickey D'Shon Collins (Eric Burton)
Teleplay By : Jeanne Carrigan Fauci
Lisa Rich
Story By : Jaq Greenspon
Roger Eschbacher
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Interface [TNG #155]

Stardate 47215.5

Picard assigns Geordi to use his new capability of using his VISOR as a link between his brain and a mechanical probe to rescue the science vessel U.S.S. Raman, which has become trapped inside the turbulent atmosphere of an unusual gaseous planet. While Geordi prepares for his mission, Picard receives distressing news from Admiral Holt. The U.S.S. Hera, which is commanded by Geordi's mother, has disappeared without a trace, and has essentially been given up for lost.

Picard breaks the news to Geordi, and Riker volunteers to take over the Raman mission to allow him time to grieve. But Geordi refuses to give up hope that the Hera will be located. He insists on handling the mission himself, reminding Riker that the device is specifically designed to work with his VISOR inputs. Soon, via the probe, Geordi is inside the Raman, where he discovers the bodies of seven crew members. Then, suddenly, flames flash in front of him and he cries out in pain, prompting Data to quickly disconnect him from the interface. When Geordi is examined, everyone is shocked to discover that his hand has been seriously burned.

Back in Sickbay, Beverly deduces that Geordi was injured because the neural tolerance levels established between Geordi and the probe were too high. His response to the input created a feedback loop, which caused the burns. Despite the realization that the technology is not foolproof, Geordi is still eager to return to the Raman and salvage the science vessel's data. Before he returns to the Raman, Geordi speaks with his father, who provides details about his mother's funeral service. Dr. La Forge's words agitate Geordi, who tells his father he still believes his mother will be found. Later, he returns to the Raman through the probe. As his eyes adjust to the light, he is shocked to see his mother, Silva La Forge, standing in front of him.

First, Silva is confused, not realizing the metal probe she is looking at is her son. However, once Geordi explains the situation, their relationship is established and Silva begs her son to take the ship down to the planet's surface, because her friends are dying. As mother and son approach each other, a sudden and violent shock surges through Geordi, and the interface deactivates. However, Picard is unwilling to risk Geordi's life for a mission he doesn't believe has a real purpose, and refuses to allow another interface. Frustrated, Geordi decides to defy orders and go it alone, and Data chooses to help him despite the trouble they will certainly meet.

Geordi's mother tells him her ship is trapped in a warp funnel - corroborating Geordi's own theory. Meanwhile, Picard and Beverly hurry to the lab, where Picard insists that Geordi stop. Geordi refuses and presses on, but is surprised to encounter no ship or warp funnel. His mother reaches out for him, and he is racked by sudden, burning shocks that only end when she is pushed away as if by an unseen force. With the danger to Geordi's life increasing, the crew prepares to disconnect him. But before they

can, Geordi makes a surprising request to take the Raman further down, telling them that it was not his mother speaking, but a member of a group of lifeforms who have been trapped on the Raman and will die if they are not returned to the planet's lower atmosphere. He continues to descend as the ship is rocked by turbulence, until the alien posing as his mother reverts to its true appearance as a flame, states they are now safe and says goodbye. Geordi is revived after the Raman explodes to face an angry Picard, who soon softens and expresses sorrow that Geordi didn't find his mother. Geordi thanks him and replies that, in a way, his experience helped him to say goodbye.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Ben Vereen (Dr. Edward M. La Forge)

Madge Sinclair (Capt. Silva La Forge)

Warren Munson (Admiral Marcus Holt)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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Gambit, Part 1 [TNG #156]

Stardate 47135.2

When Picard disappears during an archeological trip, Riker, Troi, Beverly and Worf visit a wretched bar in the area to investigate. After getting nowhere with most of the bar's patrons, a Yridian named Yranac agrees to tell them what happened to Picard in exchange for passage on the U.S.S. Enterprise. He says that Picard was attacked by aliens in that same bar a few weeks ago, and that his assailants vaporized him. Beverly examines the remnants from the vaporization and confirms that they are Picard's. Back on the Enterprise, a funeral is held for the captain, but Riker refuses to accept Picard's death until justice is served. He receives permission to pursue the mission, and begins by questioning Yranac about the aliens who killed Picard. Riker threatens to turn Yranac in to the Klingon Empire, where he is wanted for various crimes. Yranac tells him that the aliens who killed Picard may be headed for the Barradas system.

All of the group, but Riker, are able to transport back to the Enterprise, but the crew is unable to pursue the mercenary ship as it leaves with Riker aboard and disappears from their long-range sensors. Although Worf disagrees, Data commands that the Enterprise return to the planet's surface to look for clues. Meanwhile, on the mercenary ship, Baran, the alien captain, questions Riker about his presence on the planet. Riker lies, saying his group was on the surface to examine the ruins. Baran does not believe him, and indicates this by activating a pain-inflicting patch-like device that has been implanted in Riker's neck. Still, he defends Riker against the desire of the others to kill him, stating that a Starfleet officer will make a valuable hostage. He gets some surprising opposition when Picard, dressed as a mercenary, appears and urges Baran to kill Riker.

While Picard and Baran argue, the ship's engine malfunctions, and Picard shoots Riker a look. Riker realizes that Picard has purposely damaged the ship so that Riker can fix it, proving his worth to the group. Meanwhile, Data realizes that all the sites that have been raided by the mercenaries were inhabited by an ancient offshoot of the Romulans, and deduces that the artifacts being sought must therefore be of this ancient origin. Based on this information, he, Worf, and Geordi decide that the mercenary ship's next target is likely to be Calder II, where a Federation outpost is located, and immediately set course for the planet. Back on the mercenary ship, Picard secretly visits Riker in his quarters and tells him that he was transported away by the looters while trying to figure out who raided the archeological site he was studying. He was captured, but was able to infiltrate their group by convincing them that he is a smuggler named Galen. He then instructs Riker to try to gain Baran's trust.

Some time later, the mercenaries prepare for their raid on Calder II. Picard warns them that their lives will be in danger since Starfleet will not surrender. However, Baran is determined, so Picard suggests they force Riker to act as their go-between. Baran

orders the outpost destroyed, just as Data's voice comes through on the com line and orders the ship to stand down. Still the Enterprise's acting captain, Riker orders Data to drop the Enterprise's shields instead, then attempts to use his access codes to make them comply. Data realizes that Riker must have a plan, and orders the shields dropped. Picard is then forced to shoot, and scores a direct hit on the Enterprise.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alan Altshuld (Yranac)

Bruce Gray (Admiral Chekote)

Caitlin Brown (Vekor)

Cameron Thor (Narik)

Derek Webster (Lt. Sanders)

Richard Lynch (Arctus Baran)

Robin Curtis (Tallera)

Sabrina LeBeauf (Ensign Giusti)

Stephen Lee (Bartender)

Teleplay By : Naren Shankar

Story By : Christopher Hatton

Naren Shankar

Directed By : Peter Lauritson

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Gambit, Part 2 [TNG #157]

Stardate 47160.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise is hit with a barrage of fire from the mercenary vessel where Riker is being held prisoner. The Enterprise fires back, forcing the mercenary ship to withdraw. Data orders the crew to let the ship go, assuming that this is what Riker wants. Later, on the mercenary ship, Riker and Picard stage a heated argument. Their acrimonious relationship arouses Tallera's suspicions, and she later interrogates Picard. Her questions stop when Picard's tests reveal that they have found one of the artifacts they are looking for. They immediately notify Baran, who is being fooled by Riker's portrayal of a less-than-ideal Starfleet officer. Baran says he might like to continue to work with Riker, and tells him to kill Picard.

Alone with Picard in his quarters, Riker fills him in on Baran's plan, including the fact that he is supposed to kill Picard after the authenticity of the final artifact is confirmed. Riker reveals that they are headed to the Hyralan sector to pick up the artifact, which will be Romulan in origin, from a Klingon transport ship. Picard, however, states that the artifacts are actually all Vulcan in origin. Tallera bursts in and pulls a phaser on Picard, demanding to be told his true identity. Tallera reveals that she is a Vulcan officer on a mission of her own. The artifacts being sought are fragments of the mythical Stone of Gol, a powerful weapon she believes is being sought by a Vulcan isolationist group. She explains that the stone is a psionic resonator, a device that focuses and amplifies telepathic energy. If the stone were reassembled and used by a trained telepath, the weapon could eliminate the entire Vulcan council with a single thought.

Meanwhile, in the Hyralan sector, the Enterprise is surprised to encounter a Klingon ship. Suspicious, Data commands the right to inspect the vessel. When the mercenaries learn what has happened, Baran orders Riker and Picard to invade the Enterprise and retrieve the artifact, then secretly tells Riker that he expects him to kill Picard after the raid.

Picard, Riker, and Narik materialize onto the Enterprise and look for Koral, the Klingon pilot who possesses the artifact. Once Picard identifies it as the item they are seeking, Riker pulls a phaser on him. However, Picard is faster and instead shoots Riker, apparently killing him. Picard and Narik then return to the mercenary ship, and Riker, who was really only stunned, regains consciousness and explains the situation to the Enterprise crew. Back on the mercenary ship, Picard attempts to lead a mutiny, but Baran reaches for the control device connected to the patch in Picard's neck and activates the device, killing him instead of Picard. Picard then explains that he switched the transponder codes. Next he orders the crew to deliver the artifacts as planned.

On the Enterprise, Riker notifies Vulcan security that their operative is on her way, and learns that the Vulcans have no one stationed on any mercenary ship. Meanwhile, Picard realizes that Tallera is hiding two resonator pieces. Picard stops her as she prepares to go, ordering her to leave one piece behind. They find the third resonator piece in a cave, where Tallera uses the now-completed device to kill Narik and Vekor. She turns on Picard just as Riker, Worf and two security guards materialize in the cave. Picard orders them to drop their weapons and to clear their minds of aggressive thoughts, realizing from the images on the resonator that it can be stopped with peace. The plan works, and Tallera drops the now-useless weapon. She is taken into custody, and the resonator is finally completely destroyed.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Caitlin Brown (Vekor)

Cameron Thor (Narik)

James Worthy (Koral)

Martin Goslines (Security Minister Satok)

Richard Lynch (Arctus Baran)

Robin Curtis (Tallera)

Sabrina LeBeauf (Ensign Giusti)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Naren Shankar

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Phantasms [TNG #158]

Stardate 47225.7

Data is disturbed by his first nightmare, in which a group of workmen attack and destroy him. He tells Geordi about the dream while the pair work to install the ship's new warp core, and Geordi points out that he has probably reached a new level in his dream program. Soon, Picard and Riker interrupt to try out the new warp core. But when they attempt to engage the drive, it fails, and the lights on the Enterprise shut off. Disappointed, Geordi says that he will have to reconfigure the plasma conduit. That evening, Troi pays a visit to Data in his quarters, having been alerted to his nightmare. Data tells her that he is afraid to activate his dream sequence again, but she encourages him to keep at it. Data is soon asleep and dreaming, this time seeing Worf eating a piece of "cellular peptide cake," which is really Troi, who has taken the form of a half-woman, half-cake. He awakens

surrounded by a concerned Troi, Worf, and Geordi, who inform him that his chronometer failed and he has overslept for the first time.

Data meets with Troi again and tells her that, although he has run three complete self-diagnostics, he has found no explanation for his nightmares. Troi suggests to Data he could actually be developing a neurosis. Data follows Troi into the Turbolift, where he inexplicably stabs her in the shoulder with a coil brace.

Seconds later, Riker and Worf enter the Turbolift to find Data and the bleeding, unconscious Troi. Data immediately attacks Riker, but suddenly realizes what he is doing and stops. Later, he tells Picard and the crew that he had an uncontrollable urge to eliminate the image of a mouth that he saw on Troi's shoulder -- an image first seen in his dream program. Since the dream program has been turned off, no one understands why these images are still appearing, so Geordi suggests taking time to conduct a sub-polymer scan of Data. In the meantime, Picard orders him confined to quarters. Meanwhile, in Sickbay, Beverly discovers a strange interphasic rash on Troi's shoulder near her stab wound. She brings Picard in to see the rash, which is quickly getting worse, and upon examining Troi with an interphasic scanner, realizes that she -- and most of the rest of the crew -- are covered with leech-like creatures.

Soon afterward, Beverly grimly reports that the creatures are extracting their cellular peptides and will eventually destroy them if they are not stopped. Unfortunately, stopping them is impossible since the organisms exist only in an interphasic state beyond normal vision or sensor acuity. Everyone is at a loss, until Picard realizes that the images Data has been seeing in his nightmares, like the "mouth" on Troi's shoulder, correspond with the actual locations of the creatures. He decides to link Data's neural net to the Holodeck so they can observe his dream images. Geordi hooks Data up and Data activates his dream program, and Picard and Geordi then enter his dream. They see the "Troi cake," meet Sigmund Freud and encounter the workmen, who reveal the warp plasma conduit. The workmen attack Picard and Geordi, and Data makes a shrieking noise that causes them pain. The dream somehow makes sense to Data, and he wakes up and he instructs Geordi to adjust his positronic subprocessor to emit an interphasic pulse, theorizing that the high frequency pulse will eliminate the creatures. The plan successfully drives away the creatures, who were also disrupting the warp drive, leaving Data with an increased appreciation for his "human" gifts.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Bernard Kates (Dr. Sigmund Freud)

Clyde Kusatsu (Admiral Nakamura)

David L. Crowley (Workman)

Gina Ravarra (Ensign Tyler)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Patrick Stewart

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Dark Page [TNG #159]

Stardate 47254.1

The U.S.S. Enterprise welcomes a delegation of the Cairn, a telepathic species that has no concept of spoken language. Since an interpreter with strong telepathic ability is needed, Troi's Betazoid mother, Lwaxana, is recruited for the job, and immediately sets about trying to start a romance between her daughter and Maques, the visiting group's senior diplomat. Troi's initial anger turns to concern when, after confronting Lwaxana, her mother bursts into tears. Later, Maques apologizes to Troi for their awkward first meeting, and also tells her that he has sensed that a part of Lwaxana's mind is hidden and dark. Troi is shaken up

the next day when Lwaxana angrily admonishes Riker for touching Troi. The counselor takes her mother to see Beverly, who finds that Lwaxana is low on psilosynine, a neurotransmitter involved in telepathy. Lwaxana is ordered to refrain from using telepathy, and Troi offers to help in her work with the Cairn. However, no sooner are they back on the job than Lwaxana defies her doctor's orders and communicates with Maques, collapsing soon afterward.

In Sickbay, Beverly sadly tells Troi that her mother's brain has shut down. Picard and Troi approach Maques for help, and he relays his complicated thoughts to Troi telepathically, telling her that Lwaxana may have suffered some emotional event in the past that her meta-conscious mind, the system Betazoids use to protect themselves from psychic trauma, can't tolerate. Troi tries to reach Lwaxana telepathically, but hears only a faint cry for help. She falls asleep at her mother's bedside, and awakens to find Maques standing above Lwaxana's bed, engaged in an attempt to reach her.

Maques explains that he was trying to help Lwaxana, who he feels has retreated into her meta-conscious mind. He offers to help Troi search for the trauma that has damaged Lwaxana by providing a telepathic "bridges that will allow Troi to access and interpret the images in her mother's psyche and hopefully learn what caused its collapse. She reaches Lwaxana, who is standing with Hedril, a young Cairn girl who is part of the visiting delegation. The procedure then ends abruptly when Lwaxana angrily orders Troi to go away.

Realizing that the girl may hold the key to Lwaxana's problem, Troi meets with Hedril, who says she knows she makes Lwaxana sad. Troi, Beverly, Picard, and Data discuss the images Troi saw in her mother's psyche, but are unable to determine what they mean or what she may be hiding. Troi then turns to her mother's recent journal entries for answers, but is interrupted by Picard, who warns her that Lwaxana is deteriorating. Together, they look back at entries beginning the year of Lwaxana's wedding, and are shocked to discover that she deleted seven years of entries that began shortly after her marriage and ended soon after Troi's birth. Sure that this is a clue, Troi decides to enter her mother's mind again.

This time, Troi encounters Hedril a second time and chases her, but the girl suddenly vanishes. Troi ends up in the arboretum, watching her mother, her father, Hedril and herself as an infant during an outing. Lwaxana refers to Hedril as Kestra, and through their interaction, Troi realizes that this girl who she has never heard of must be her sister. Lwaxana's pain increases as Troi presses her to continue, but with her daughter's encouragement, she is finally able to reveal that Kestra died that day in an accident - an accident for which Lwaxana blames herself. Troi is able to help her mother say goodbye to Kestra and let go of her guilt. Later, after the "dream" is over, she lovingly gives her mother a picture of Kestra, baby Deanna, and her father so that Lwaxana can always remember them.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Amick Byram (Ian Andrew Troi)

Andreana Weiner (Kestra Troi)

Kirsten Dunst (Hedril)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Norman Large (Maques)

Written By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Les Landau

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Attached [TNG #160]

Stardate 47304.2

Picard and Beverly prepare to look into a diplomatic request from the Kes, one of the planet Kesprytt's two societies, who wants entrance into the Federation. This is unprecedented because the planet's other society, the Prytt, has no contact with its neighbors or anyone else. Worf attempts to transport Beverly and Picard to the Kes, but they do not arrive there. Instead, they end up in a Prytt prison cell, where they realize they both have strange electronic devices implanted in their necks. Minister Lorin of the Prytt informs Picard and Beverly that they are being held because of suspected conspiracy with the Kes, and that the devices in their necks will soon reveal the truth. Back on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Riker sets up a meeting with Kes Ambassador Mauric to address the abduction. Meanwhile, Beverly mysteriously receives her tricorder hidden in a tray of food. She notices that a map has been added to her directory and, sensing it may come from the Kes, she and Picard use it to make their escape.

Riker, Worf, and Troi meet with Ambassador Mauric, who tells them that since they have no formal relations with the Prytt, their best option is to insert a rescue team into the Prytt capital city. Riker first wants to try a friendlier method, but he allows Mauric to set up operations on the Enterprise. Meanwhile, Picard and Beverly follow the tricorder map through a maze of caverns where fireballs explode around them. They manage to elude the assault and continue through the caves.

Back on the Bridge, Riker is contacted by Lorin, who refuses to discuss Picard and Beverly and threatens an attack if Riker does not cease communications with the Prytt. Riker is at a loss until Mauric informs him that Picard and Beverly have been released by a Kes operative and are on their way to the Kes border. Riker is disturbed that the rendezvous will happen in a public place, but Mauric reassures him. Meanwhile, Picard and Beverly, who are still following the map, realize that the implants in their necks allow them to read each other's thoughts - whether they want to or not. When they separate to regain a little privacy, both are hit with a wave of nausea that renders them incapable of being apart.

The next day, Picard and Beverly continue their trek, reading each other's thoughts the whole way. When two Prytt troopers suddenly appear in their path, they decide to backtrack to ensure their safety. Mauric soon learns that the pair have not arrived at their destination, and summons Riker and Worf to angrily accuse them of conspiring with the Prytt. Riker assures him that this is not the case, but Mauric insists on leaving the Enterprise. Later, Picard and Beverly stop to rest for the night. Still able to hear each other's thoughts, they realize that there is not only a strong attraction between them -- but Picard was once in love with Beverly.

Determined to prove Mauric wrong and save his crewmates, Riker transports Minister Lorin aboard the ship against her will. He then sits down with Mauric and Lorin, but neither seems to care about Picard and Beverly. Instead, each of his "guests" is suspicious of the other, sure that the enemy society is banding with the Federation against them. Disgusted, Riker tells Mauric that, based on what he has seen, the Kes will be denied entrance into the Federation. He then tells Lorin that if Picard and Beverly are not returned, her insular society will be invaded by Starfleet investigators. At that moment, Picard and Beverly arrive at the Kes border and, while Picard makes it across, Beverly is caught by Prytt security forces. Her captors hail Lorin, who orders both Beverly and Picard to be transported back to the Enterprise. Safe at home, Picard and Beverly have the implants removed and share a dinner without reading each other's minds. Picard suggests that, given what they know, they should pursue their relationship. But Beverly tells him she is not yet ready, and the two agree to remain friends - at least for now.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : J.C. Stevens (Kes Aide)

Lenore Kasdorf (Security Minister Lorin)

Robin Gammell (Ambassador Mauric)

Written By : Nicholas Sagan

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Force of Nature [TNG #161]

Stardate 47310.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise learns of the disappearance of a medical transport ship, the U.S.S. Fleming, which vanished in the Hekaras Corridor, the only safe route through an area of space filled with tetryon particles, which pose a navigation hazard to warp-driven vessels. When they discover that a Ferengi ship was also spotted in the area, Beverly suggests the Ferengi may have hijacked the Fleming to steal its supply of valuable bio-mimetic gel. All agree that this is a possibility and set course for the area. The Enterprise locates the Ferengi ship, and the crew is surprised to discover the ship's field coils have been overloaded and it is operating at very low power. The Ferengi vessel does not respond to the Enterprise's hails, but suddenly regains power and fires on the starship.

The Enterprise returns fire and disables the Ferengi vessel's weapons system, after which Picard contacts the Ferengi commander, DaiMon Prak. Prak meets with Picard and Riker and tells them that his ship encountered what appeared to be a Federation signal buoy, but it suddenly emitted a verteron pulse that caused it to lose power. While Prak admits to having seen the Fleming, he refuses to help the Enterprise locate it unless their engineers help him repair his vessel. This is agreed to, and the Enterprise soon sets course after the Fleming, tracing it to a debris field. They enter the field and encounter a small object that emits a verteron pulse. Suddenly, their subspace systems are disabled - just like on the Ferengi ship - then two aliens board the Enterprise uninvited.

The Hekaran brother and sister, Rabal and Serova, claim that according to their research, the use of warp fields in the area is destroying their planet and will soon render it uninhabitable. They have been disabling offending ships in hopes of forcing Starfleet to investigate. They explain to Geordi that the use of warp drive is so harmful to their system that they are willing to give it up - a move that will effectively isolate their planet from the rest of the Federation. Data finds that their theory could be valid and asks Picard to summon the Science Council for a more thorough investigation. However, this does not satisfy Serova, who dismisses it as a stalling tactic. She suddenly takes off in her ship and creates a warp breach, sacrificing her life to prove her theory by creating a dangerous rift in space.

Data learns that the Fleming is trapped in the rift, which emits high-energy distortion waves that rock the Enterprise. Picard orders Data, Geordi and Rabal to find a way to get the Fleming out without using warp drive, and Data suggests they coast into the rift after initiating one brief warp pulse. The crew puts the plan into effect, and Geordi, realizing he has been unwilling to consider the dangers of a technology he is so close to, apologizes to Rabal for his loss. They then coast into the rift as planned, but the Fleming activates its warp drive and makes the rift even larger, severely damaging their ship in the process.

Left without enough momentum to leave the rift, Geordi suggests the Enterprise "ride" a distortion wave out after the evacuation of the Fleming is complete. After several aborted attempts, he manages to "catch" a wave and the Enterprise escapes the rift. Once things get back to normal, the crew meets with Rabal, who shows them the possible effects of continuing warp damage. Based on the Enterprise's reports, the Federation Council issues a new directive limiting all Federation vessels to a speed of warp five, except in extreme emergency. Later, Picard sadly tells Geordi how, by exploring the universe he loves, he may have inadvertently been destroying it. Geordi is reassuring, reminding the Captain that now that they are aware, they can work to help the universe rather than harm it.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Lee Arenberg (Daimon Prak)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Margaret Reed (Dr. Serova)

Michael Corbett (Dr. Rabal)

Written By : Naren Shankar

Directed By : Robert Lederman

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Inheritance [TNG #162]

Stardate 47410.2

The U.S.S. Enterprise travels to the planet Atrea IV in order to avert an impending natural disaster. Husband-and-wife scientists Pran and Juliana Tainer explain that Atrea's molten core is solidifying, a condition that will eventually render their planet uninhabitable. Data suggests re-liquefying the core by injecting plasma directly into the planet's center, and Pran and Juliana agree to try. After the meeting, Juliana approaches Data with some surprising news - she was once married to Dr. Soong and is, in effect, his mother. She explains that Data doesn't remember her because his memory was erased shortly before the Crystalline Entity's attack on Omicron Theta. Soong intended to reactivate Data, but he and Juliana were forced to flee without him. Data breaks the news that Dr. Soong is dead, and Juliana is clearly shaken. She tells Data she hopes to spend time with him, but he is disturbed by the fact that he has no memory of her.

Later, Data confides to Troi that he is confused as to how his own mother could never attempt to contact him, and Troi encourages him to confront Juliana. The next day, Juliana fills Data in on his childhood while they prepare to fire the first phaser blast to enter the magma pockets. The process goes smoothly, and Data takes Juliana back to his quarters, where he plays the violin for her. She is impressed with his talent, and is also interested in his paintings, particularly one of his late daughter, Lal. When he tells Juliana that he hopes to have another child, she admits that she was against her husband creating Data because of the way Lore turned out. She also reveals the painful truth that she and Soong left him on Omicron Theta not because they had to, but because she feared that if he were reactivated, he would become evil, like Lore.

Data, Pran, and Juliana travel to Atrea to set up the plasma infusion units in the magma pockets. Pran notices the tension between Data and his wife, and Data asks Juliana if she would have left him behind if he were her biological child. Juliana explains that while she loved him as if she gave birth to him, she could not bear the thought of being forced to dismantle him like she was with Lore. Data accepts this and relaxes, but almost immediately afterward, begins to sense something "strange" about his mother. He begins to check her medical records but is summoned to Transporter Room Two -- one of the magma pockets on Atrea has caved-in.

Since Pran is injured in the cave-in, Juliana returns with Data to finish the work before the pocket collapses. They are able to complete the job, but a series of severe tremors changes the landscape and renders their beam-out point unreachable. They must jump off a 30-foot cliff to reach safety, and Data insists that Juliana make the jump. She lands hard and is knocked unconscious, and her arm is ripped off, revealing that she is an android.

Geordi discovers an information chip inside Juliana's "brain," and Data inserts it into the Holodeck. Dr. Soong appears and talks with Data, telling him that Juliana the android was created after his wife, the human Juliana, was mortally wounded in the Crystalline Entity attack. Soong transferred her memories, and when she was activated, she had no idea that she was an android. Later, Troi encourages Data to let her live out her life believing she is human. Her advice touches Data and he keeps the secret, instead talking with his mother about Soong's great love for her. Juliana leaves the Enterprise happy, looking forward to her next visit with her son.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brent Spiner (Dr. Noonien Soong)

Fionnula Flanagan (Dr. Juliana Tainer)

William Lithgow (Dr. Pran Tainer)

Teleplay By : Dan Koeppel

Rene Echevarria

Story By : Dan Koeppel

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Parallels [TNG #163]

Stardate 47391.2

Worf returns victorious from the Bat'leth competition and walks straight into his surprise birthday party. He begins to feel dizzy and disoriented, and is confused when his cake seems to change from chocolate to yellow and an absent Picard seems to appear out of nowhere. Worf is later summoned to Engineering, where Data and Geordi show him how the Argus Array has been reprogrammed to spy on the Federation. Worf spots a Cardassian ship in the Array's imaging logs and prepares to scan the area, but suddenly feels dizzy again, and recovers to see Data and Geordi working on the opposite side of the room. Spooked, he goes to Sickbay to visit Beverly, and she states he is probably reacting to the concussion that cost him the Bat'leth tournament. Shocked, Worf tells her he received no concussion and hurries to his quarters to retrieve his trophy to prove he won the contest. When he gets there, he finds a trophy that reads "Ninth Place."

Beverly tries to ease Worf's worries by assuring him that his memory will return if he slowly settles back into his routine. He gets back to work, and is on the Bridge when he is alerted to an approaching Cardassian ship. Picard speaks with the Captain, Gul Nador, and explains that the Enterprise is in the area to repair the Array. Worf tells Picard that Nador's ship is the same one they saw in the Array's imaging logs, but Picard and the crew are confused - they never suspected the Cardassians of tampering with the Array. Frustrated, Worf fills Troi in on the bizarre turn of events when Geordi arrives and says that the Array's problem was a simple malfunction. Worf starts to protest, but feels dizzy again and notices a painting on his wall has moved and changed appearance. He experiences a wave of dizziness in which Troi's clothing changes, then another that leaves him on the Bridge with the ship at Red Alert and a Cardassian warship on the viewscreen.

Picard orders Worf to raise the shields, but he is too confused to do so before the warship fires. Riker takes over and retaliates, and while the Enterprise escapes, the Cardassians destroy the Array. A disappointed Picard confronts Worf about his failure, and when Worf mentions memory loss, no one knows what he is talking about. Afraid he is losing his mind, he returns to his quarters, and is surprised when Troi arrives and tells him that she is his wife! Telling her he has no recollection of their marriage, he explains what he has been going through and is gratified that at least Troi seems willing to try to help him. Later, in Engineering, Worf explains his experiences to Data, who points out that Geordi was present every time things went awry. They eagerly hurry to talk to Geordi, and are shocked to learn he is dead.

Still looking for clues, Data hooks Geordi's VISOR up to the diagnostic array, and Worf has another dizzy spell. He wakes up to find himself in a commander's uniform, and Data tells Worf that he has detected a quantum flux in his RNA. They report to Riker, who is now Captain, to explain this problem. Data says Worf's RNA indicates that he does not belong in their universe. Data and Wesley Crusher, who is now a part of the crew, discover that a quantum fissure in the space-time continuum is causing this. Hoping to find where Worf belongs, the crew scans the fissure with a subspace differential pulse. While they search, the Enterprise is attacked by a Bajoran ship, and the fissure begins to destabilize. Realities begin to merge into one another, and hundreds of Enterprises appear.

Data realizes the only way to stop this phenomenon is to find Worf's Enterprise and send him back through the fissure to seal it. They manage to locate the right ship, and Worf boards his original shuttlecraft, re-modulated to seal the fissure. Worf soon arrives aboard his Enterprise, happy to finally be home.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Bramhall (Gul Nador)

Patti Yasutake (Dr. Alyssa Ogawa)

Wil Wheaton (Lt. Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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The Pegasus [TNG #164]

Stardate 47457.1

Picard and Riker are joined by Admiral Pressman, who was Riker's first commanding officer, for a secret assignment. Riker is shocked to hear that debris from their ship, the U.S.S. Pegasus, which was lost with most of its crew twelve years ago, has been located in the Devolin system by the Romulans. Pressman explains that the Federation must find it first to prevent sensitive technologies from falling into the wrong hands. The search begins, and the U.S.S. Enterprise is soon confronted by a Romulan Warbird that is obviously on a similar mission. Later, Riker and Pressman discuss what happened to the Pegasus, and Riker is clearly disturbed when Pressman reveals that he wants to find the ship in order to try the secret experiment that caused the disaster 12 years earlier. He tells Riker that the Chief of Starfleet Security is behind the mission, and orders Riker to keep the mission's true nature secret from Picard.

The Enterprise continues to search, and Geordi picks up a resonance signature from an asteroid. It seems to be that of the Pegasus, which has apparently been pulled into one of the asteroid's fissures. At that moment, the Warbird reappears, and Riker suggests they destroy the asteroid rather than let the Romulans find the ship. Pressman objects, and Picard suggests that they blanket the asteroid with ionizing radiation to mask any signals the Pegasus may emit.

The plan works, the Warbird moves off, and Picard orders Data to further divert the Romulans by pretending to continue their search. Afterward, Pressman attacks Riker for suggesting they destroy the Pegasus, and Riker indicates that he is uncomfortable lying to the crew. Pressman sympathizes, but stresses the importance of the mission. Later, Riker meets with Picard, who has learned, with some difficulty, that there was a mutiny aboard the Pegasus just prior to its disappearance. He suspects a Starfleet cover-up, and asks Riker for his version of the story. Riker tells him that the crew mutinied because they felt Pressman was jeopardizing the ship, and that he supported his captain out of duty. But when Picard presses Riker for more information, he refuses to comply. Soon afterward, the Enterprise arrives back at the asteroid, and Pressman orders Picard to take the ship inside the fissure. Picard objects to the risky procedure, but the admiral outranks him, so Picard is forced to carry out the orders.

Inside the asteroid, they find the Pegasus fused into the rock. Riker and Pressman transport to the ship's Engineering section where among the bodies of their former crewmates, Pressman discovers the cylindrical device he was looking for. With difficulty, Riker tells Pressman that he cannot let him conduct another experiment with the device, reminding him that many people died because of it. Pressman defends his experiment, which apparently violates a Federation treaty, and reminds Riker that he is under orders not to reveal what he knows. At that moment, the ship begins to shake violently, and Picard transports the pair back to the Enterprise. There, he shares the grim news - the Romulan ship found them and has sealed the Enterprise inside the asteroid.

Seeing no other choice, Riker suggests that they use Pressman's experiment, the secret prototype for a cloaking device that allows ships to travel through solid matter, to escape. Pressman is furious to have his experiment revealed, but Picard is equally furious that the admiral has violated the Federation treaty against developing this type of technology. But despite its dangers, Picard agrees to use it to escape the asteroid, thus revealing the process to the Romulan ship. Afterwards, he places Pressman under arrest for violating Federation law, and when Riker reminds him that he, too, is guilty, Picard grimly arrests his first officer as well.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Michael Mack (Cmdr. Sirol)

Nancy Vawter (Admiral Margaret Blackwell)

Terry O'Quinn (Admiral Erik Pressman)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Homeward [TNG #165]

Stardate 47423.9

The U.S.S. Enterprise responds to a distress call from Nikolai Rozhenko, Worf's foster brother, who is stationed as a cultural observer on Boraal II, a planet that is rapidly self-destructing. Since the Boraalans know nothing of space travel, Picard sends Worf to the surface disguised as a Boraalan. He soon finds Nikolai, also disguised, waiting in a cave with a group of villagers. The two beam back to the Enterprise, where Nikolai proposes a plan to save at least some of the Boraalans. Picard refuses on the grounds that any effort to help would violate the Prime Directive. Boraal II is then destroyed, and soon afterward, the ship experiences a power drain, which Worf investigates. His search leads him to the Holodeck, where he is shocked to find Nikolai hiding the Boraalan villagers in a replica of the cave where Worf first located them.

Furious, Worf reprimands Nikolai for disobeying Picard's orders. Picard is also angry, but still listens to Nikolai's plan to find a new M-class planet to serve as home to the Boraalan colony. Nikolai believes that by using the Holodeck, he can fool the Boraalans into thinking that they are moving to a safer place on their own planet. Picard is skeptical, but he agrees to the plan. However, there is a problem - the Holodeck has been damaged by the energy surges from Boraal II and will eventually break down. Still, Picard sees no choice but to try, and assigns Worf to watch his brother as he prepares the Boraalans for their "journey".

Nikolai and Worf return to the "cave" and tell the group that their village was destroyed and they must travel to a new home. Meanwhile, Data and Beverly find what appears to be a suitable planet, Vacca VI, and Picard orders the crew to set course for the location. Worf announces to the Boraalans that it is time to begin their journey, but one of the men, Vorin, is upset - he has lost part of the written chronicle of the history of their village. He wanders through the Holodeck entrance trying to find it, and strays into the corridor.

The array of species and technology that he has never seen before terrifies Vorin, and although Riker and Troi quickly take charge, it is too late. Beverly is unable to erase Vorin's memory, so Troi and Picard try to gently explain what is really happening. Worf reports this to Nikolai, and tells him the staff will allow Vorin to return to the group if he chooses. Nikolai is upset that Vorin might reveal the truth and ruin everything, and the brothers begin to argue. Worf finally storms off in disgust, only to learn from Geordi that the Holodeck will not hold up much longer. Then, a Boraalan woman named Dobara approaches Worf and asks him to stand by his brother - especially since she is carrying Nikolai's child.

The Enterprise enters orbit around Vacca VI and Picard tells Vorin that they have reached the planet. Vorin is torn - he wants to rejoin his people, but he does not feel strong enough to hide what he knows, all the while realizing that if he tells them the truth, he will destroy everything they believe. Feeling like he no longer has a place, he commits suicide. Meanwhile, Worf confronts Nikolai about mating with a Boraalan, but their argument is interrupted when the Holodeck begins to collapse. Nikolai is able to convince the group that another storm has come and Worf successfully transports the entire group, including Nikolai and himself, to the surface of Vacca VI before the ruse is exposed. Realizing that his brother has actually enabled the Boraalans to start a new life, Worf finally begins to appreciate Nikolai's unorthodox methods. He leaves his brother to lead this group of people with a newfound understanding of their differences.

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Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Brian Markinson (Vorin)

Edward Penn (Kateras)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Paul Sorvino (Nikolai Rozhenko)

Penny Johnson (Dobara)

Susan Christy (Tarrana)

Teleplay By : Naren Shankar

Story By : Spike Steingasser

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Sub Rosa [TNG #166]

Stardate 47488.2

Beverly travels to Caldos IV to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Felisa Howard. At the service, Beverly sees a strange young man toss a camellia - Felisa's favorite flower - into the grave and give Beverly a knowing look. Beverly then returns to Felisa's house, and is interrupted by Ned Quint, who has been taking care of the place for five years. Ned insists Beverly throw out a candle that has been in her family for generations, claiming it has brought the Howard women bad luck, but she refuses. Back on the U.S.S. Enterprise, Geordi and Data learn that there has been a power fluctuation in Caldos IV's weather control system, while Beverly reads in her grandmother's journals that Felisa had a young lover named Ronin. That night, Beverly experiences strangely pleasant sensations while sleeping, then is awakened by a man's voice, but finds no one there.

The next day, Beverly visits Felisa's grave, where she again encounters Ned. He tells her Felisa's house is haunted and warns her not to light the candle - it will bring the ghost he believes is responsible for Felisa's death. He leaves, and Beverly notices her grandmother's grave has suddenly been covered with camellias. A severe storm then hits, and Beverly runs inside Felisa's house. She is shocked to see that it has also been filled with camellias.

While searching the house, Beverly hears the man's voice from before. He identifies himself as Ronin, a ghost that has loved the women in Beverly's family for eight hundred years. Ronin tells Beverly he loves her, then she feels the strangely pleasant caresses again, but she somehow finds the composure to ask him to stop. Meanwhile, the power transfer that Data engaged with the planet's weather control cannot be cut off, and is now affecting weather on the Enterprise. Data and Geordi soon discover why - Ned Quint is tearing at a power conduit on the planet's surface, shouting that "he'll kill us all!" Suddenly, a flash of green plasma energy leaps out of the conduit and kills Quint.

Beverly scans Quint's body and discovers that something other than the plasma discharge killed him. She then returns to Felisa's house to see Ronin, who tells Beverly that she can keep him in corporeal form by lighting the candle - something the women in her family have done throughout the centuries. Beverly returns to the Enterprise and lights the candle. Ronin appears, telling her that he can now become part of her forever. Later, Beverly abruptly resigns her post on the Enterprise to remain on Caldos IV and become a healer, like Felisa.

Data informs Picard that energy similar to that which killed Quint is coming from the cemetery. Later, Ronin returns with Beverly to Felisa's house, only to be interrupted by Picard, who questions Ronin about his origins. Data then asks Picard's permission to exhume Felisa's body. This sends Ronin into a panic, and he blasts Picard with green plasma energy. At the gravesite, Felisa's body comes to life, enveloping Data and Geordi with another burst of energy. Beverly arrives, recognizing this is Ronin, and tells him to stop. She then realizes he is not a ghost, but an anaphasic lifeform that has been using the women in her family to stay alive. He asks her again to stay with him, but she destroys the candle and then blasts Ronin with her phaser, killing her "dream lover" forever.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Duncan Regehr (Ronin)

Ellen Albertini Dow (Felisa Howard)

Michael Keenan (Governor Maturin)

Shay Duffin (Ned Quint)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Lower Decks [TNG #167]

Stardate 47566.2

With crew evaluations underway, tension runs high among four junior officers, Alyssa Ogawa, Sam Lavelle, Sito Jaxa and Taurik. Things get worse when a waiter friend, Ben, approaches the group and tells them Sito and Lavelle are up for the same position. This seems to rattle Sito, who later performs poorly during a drill. Over in Engineering, Taurik shows Geordi a new computer simulation he developed, but Geordi seems annoyed rather than impressed with the young Vulcan's skills. Only Ogawa seems to be breezing through the process, as Beverly tells her she will be recommended for promotion. The friends gather to talk about their progress, and Lavelle speculates that Riker dislikes him. Ben suggests that Lavelle try to talk to the officer like a person, but his attempts to make small talk fail miserably.

Suddenly, Worf detects an escape pod just within Cardassian space, and Picard orders the crew to attempt to transport the passenger to the Enterprise. Geordi and Taurik get to work, and finally, the passenger is transported aboard, but only the senior officers are allowed to see the traveler, prompting speculation among the junior group. In the midst of this, Picard summons Sito, and interrogates her about her involvement in a Starfleet Academy cover-up three years earlier -- an incident she has been trying desperately to live down. Sito is unable to defend herself, and the captain dismisses her.

Meanwhile, Beverly summons Ogawa to Sickbay, where she reveals that the pod's injured passenger is a Cardassian male. She swears Ogawa to secrecy about what she has seen, and Ogawa manages to keep the secret that night when she joins her fellow junior officers for a poker game. Soon, the group's speculation about their mission changes to speculation about their own chances for promotion. Meanwhile, the senior staff also discusses the candidates, and Riker reveals his misgivings about both Sito and Lavelle.

Later, Worf puts Sito to a martial arts test where he promptly blindfolds her and attacks her. Sito immediately rips off her blindfold and tells him this test is unfair, and a pleased Worf reveals that this was actually a way to encourage Sito to stand up for herself when she is unfairly judged. Empowered, she meets with Picard and expresses her feeling that it is unfair that he judge her on something she did three years ago. Picard reveals that the real purpose of the difficult meeting was to test Sito's readiness for a secret mission, and he asks her to join the senior staff at a briefing, where she meets Joret Dal, the injured Cardassian. Picard reveals that they must get Joret, who is a Federation operative, back to Cardassia. The plan is to have Joret pretend to "hijack" a shuttlecraft and have Sito, a Bajoran, pose as his prisoner to get past the border. After Joret is safe, Sito will return to Federation space in an escape pod. Picard tells Sito that she can turn down the dangerous mission, but she agrees to participate.

Sito and Joret set off on the shuttlecraft, and the other junior officers, knowing only the small bits of information that they do, worry intensely about their friend. On the bridge, Lavelle assists in a search for Sito's missing escape pod. He is shocked and saddened when the remains of the vessel are found, and Picard announces that the brave young ensign was lost in the line of duty. His competition removed, Lavelle wins his promotion, but does so with the sad realization of the price that has been paid.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Ensign Taurik)

Bruce Beatty (Ben)

Dan Gauthier (Ensign Sam Lavelle)

Don Reilly (Joret Dal)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Shannon Fill (Ensign Sito Jaxa)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Jean Louise Matthias

Ronald Wilkerson

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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Thine Own Self [TNG #168]

Stardate 47611.2

Data is sent to Barkon IV, a pre-industrial planet, on a routine mission to retrieve some radioactive material from a probe that crashed. Unfortunately, something has gone wrong. Data completely loses his memory and wanders into a village carrying a container full of the radioactive metal. He is soon befriended by Garvin and Gia, a father and his young daughter. Garvin unwittingly opens the container in hopes of finding a clue to Data's identity.

Data is taken to meet Talur, the town healer, who mistakenly deduces that he is one of a race of people rumored to live in the mountains. Gia names him "Jayden", and Garvin takes Data and his metal fragments to Skoran, the town blacksmith. Skoran has no idea what the metal might be, but offers to buy the unique-looking pieces to transform into jewelry. Data sells him half, keeping the rest as clues to his identity.

Unaware that the metal is dangerous, Garvin soon falls ill. As people buy Skoran's jewelry, the mysterious sickness spreads, and Talur, with her primitive knowledge, is unable to find a solution. Sensing that he might be able to solve the problem, Data decides to launch his own investigation, but is interrupted when the frightened townspeople blame him for causing the disease.

Data constructs a primitive lab to study the illness, and Talur offers what tools she has to help him find an explanation. Data searches for a common experience that unites all the sufferers, and stumbles on what could be the answer when Gia falls ill. Noticing that she is wearing a pendant made from his mystery metal, Data realizes that everyone who is sick has had contact with the material, and decides to study it. However, Skoran, who now shows signs of the illness, and two men burst into Data's lab and attack him, tearing away part of the skin from his face. Seeing that Data is made of metal, the horrified men flee.

The men tell Garvin and Gia what they have seen, but once they leave, Data emerges from where he has been hiding and reveals himself to Gia, who still trusts him despite his strange appearance. Having realized the metal is causing the illness, Data continues to work until he has developed a cure, and gives some to Garvin and Gia. He then heads for the town's only well to put the antidote in the water supply, sure that the townspeople will not trust him to cure them. Just as he is pouring in the last of the solution, Data is attacked by Skoran and an angry mob, who apparently kill him. Luckily, however, all of his antidote is deposited into the well. Later, Beverly and Riker arrive on Barkon IV disguised as townspeople. They meet Gia, who sadly tells them that Data is buried by the well, while the metal that made everyone sick has been deposited in the forest. Data is retrieved and returned to the Enterprise, where he is repaired and reactivated, remembering nothing at all of his experiences.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Andy Kossin (Apprentice)

Kimberly Cullum (Gia)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael G. Hagerty (Skoran)

Michael Rothhaar (Garvin)

Richard Ortega-Miro (Ensign Rainer)

Ronnie Claire Edwards (Talar)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Christopher Hatton

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Masks [TNG #169]

Stardate 47615.2

Soon after a sensor scan of an 87 million-year-old comet commences, alien artifacts begin appearing around the Enterprise, as well as a mysterious compass-design symbol, and sets of alien-looking icons that are grouped together in the same compass formation. The crew investigates, but the ship's computer is unable to identify the icons. Riker and Geordi realize that some kind of alien information has been downloaded into the ship's main computers from within the comet during the sensor scan. They decide to melt the outer shell of the comet to find out what its core contains. Before they do, however, Data realizes that he somehow has the ability to interpret the unusual symbols.

Phasers blast at the comet's outer shell until its contents are revealed - a huge, nearly solid, metallic object covered with the strange icons. Data somehow believes intuitively that the object is an information archives Geordi runs a diagnostic on Data in hopes of finding an explanation for his connection to the archives He is shocked when a web of alien circuitry forms in Data's head, and a compass design appears on his face. Suddenly possessed with a personality entirely unlike himself, Data smiles at Geordi and says "Masaka is waking."

Meeting with Picard, Data identifies himself as "Ihat" and says that Masaka will bring pain and death to the ship, and they must leave before she finds them. Then Troi enters, and Data cowers in fear, thinking Troi is Masaka. He first assumes the personality of a victim willing to be sacrificed to Masaka, and soon afterward, the persona of a frightened boy. Geordi deduces that the archive is using Data to recreate people from its culture. Then, the ship trembles as the archive sends an energy pulse through a tractor beam. Data, as Ihat, says that Masaka has arrived, and Ten-Forward is transformed into a tropical jungle. A sun icon is prominently displayed, and Picard realizes this must be Masaka's symbol.

Geordi reports that the trees and foliage in Ten-Forward weren't beamed over - the ship is actually being transformed by the archives Picard reluctantly orders the archive destroyed, but Engineering undergoes a transformation before they can act. Apparently, the archive is using the ship to recreate its own culture, so Geordi looks for the archive's transformation program, while Picard speaks with Data's "Ihat" personality, who reveals that Masaka can be summoned by building her temple, but fearfully declares that Masaka has found him and disappears before showing Picard the necessary sign. Ihat is replaced by another personality, Masaka's elderly father, who gives Picard the sign before he, too, vanishes.

Geordi locates the transformation program and inputs the symbol for Masaka, and a temple appears, complete with a throne. Picard and Troi notice a stone column featuring Masaka's sun symbol, along with a horn symbol in the background. Seeing this pairing elsewhere in the temple, Picard deduces that the horn must be Korgano's symbol, and eventually realizes that the relationship between Masaka and Korgano is like that of the sun and the moon, with one always chasing the other. Data then arrives wearing the mask of Masaka, and refuses to listen to Picard. Using the transformation program to replicate Korgano's mask, Picard confronts Data/Masaka and convinces her to give up the chase for the night and to resume it in the morning, just as she has always done. Masaka goes to sleep, the ship returns to normal, and Data returns, now devoid of the entire civilization of personalities that were within him.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Rickey D'Shon Collins (Eric Burton)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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Eye Of The Beholder [TNG #170]

Stardate 47623.2

The crew is stunned by the suicide of Lieutenant Kwan, who jumps into the plasma stream by his work station in Nacelle Control. Troi and Worf investigate, and they are baffled as to why the seemingly well-adjusted crew member would take his own life. The woman he was dating, Ensign Calloway, is equally shocked, as is Lieutenant Nara, Kwan's supervisor, who remarks that Kwan seemed normal the day he took his life. Troi climbs the ladder toward the catwalk from where Kwan jumped, and is suddenly overwhelmed by a sense of panic and fear.

Since Kwan was a partial empath, Beverly wonders if Troi picked up an empathic echo he left behind before his suicide. She urges Troi to be careful when returning to Kwan's station, and Worf consents to accompany her. As the two work together, hidden feelings hint at surfacing, but both resist. Later, they return to Nacelle Control and Troi climbs the ladder, abruptly finding herself in an unfinished version of the same room. She encounters a terrified woman and comes face-to-face with a strange, staring man before realizing Worf is nowhere to be seen.

Still disoriented, Troi sees the woman again, now embracing another man, and joining him in laughing at Troi. She then finds Worf and returns to reality. When Picard hears the room's description, he suggests that Troi saw something from the time of the ship's construction eight years before - a project in which Lieutenant Kwan participated. Troi feels she may have been seeing something through his eyes, and she and Worf research personnel files from the construction project. Troi recognizes the staring man as Lieutenant Walter Pierce, who currently works in Engineering. She and Worf question Pierce, but he claims not to remember working with Lieutenant Kwan back then. Troi senses Pierce has empathic ability, and that he is hiding something. Later, Worf walks Troi back to her quarters, and they give in to their building feelings and kiss passionately.

After spending the night together, Troi and Worf continue their duties. Beverly administers an empathic inhibitor to Troi, and she returns to Nacelle Control, while Worf stays in Sickbay to work with Calloway. Geordi opens the panel on which Kwan was working the day he died, and Troi suddenly sees the faces of Pierce and the terrified woman. Data and Geordi scan the wall behind the panel, and they find portions of a human skeleton, identified as the remains of the woman Troi saw. Since Lieutenant Kwan didn't start work on the U.S.S. Enterprise until six months after the woman's death, Troi realizes she didn't see the event through Kwan's eyes - she saw it through Pierce's. Worf goes to meet Pierce, while Troi returns to her quarters, and is shocked when Pierce arrives at her door.

Pierce tells Troi that Worf went to Calloway's quarters, and Troi rushes over to find Worf and Calloway embracing, then laughing at her. Overcome with jealousy, Troi grabs Worf's phaser and kills him, then runs to Nacelle Control and prepares to jump into the plasma stream. Suddenly, a hand pulls her back, and she turns to see Worf, alive. Troi notices everything is the same as it was when she and Worf first came to the nacelle tube together, and realizes the entire experience since then occurred in her mind. Later, she learns that Pierce and the laughing couple had died in a plasma discharge eight years before. Troi surmises that Pierce caught the other two having an affair, killed them both, activated the plasma stream to obliterate the evidence, then committed suicide. Because Pierce was part empath, both Kwan and Troi picked up the empathic signature he left behind. Fortunately, in Troi's case, tragedy was averted.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Dugan Savoye (Lt. Hodges)

Johanna McCloy (Ensign Maddy Calloway)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Rolston (Lt. Walter J. Pierce)

Nancy Harewood (Lt. Nara)

Nora Leonhardt (Ensign Finn)

Tim Lounibos (Lt. Daniel L. Kwan)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Genesis [TNG #171]

Stardate 47653.2

Dr. Crusher prepares a synthetic T-cell for Barclay, the Enterprise's resident hypochondriac, who has come down with a flu for which he has no immunity. Meanwhile, Data gets ready for the impending birth of Spot's kittens, and Nurse Ogawa announces that she is about to become a mother herself. Worf uses the time to test the ship's weapon upgrades, and is upset when one of his torpedoes veers off course. This affords a slightly bored Picard an opportunity to retrieve the missile, and he takes Data with him. Soon after the pair leaves, Worf begins to act increasingly irritable, demonstrating signs of primordial behavior.

Other members of the crew soon begin to exhibit strange symptoms. Barclay becomes more energetic, Troi feels cold, and Riker loses his ability to think. The dramatic changes also continue in Worf, who tracks Troi to her bathtub and tries to force himself on her. When she refuses, he bites her cheek, and they both wind up in Sickbay. There, Worf becomes completely unresponsive until Beverly discovers a venom pouch in his neck. He sprays Beverly with the acidic poison, then disappears into the bowels of the vessel. It is soon discovered that he has been doing this all over the ship. Continuing to investigate, the staff learns that incidents of behavioral changes are occurring all over the Enterprise. However, when Riker tries to alert Starfleet, he is unable to concentrate enough to do so.

Returning to the Enterprise, Picard and Data are surprised when they find the ship adrift in space. They are even more shocked when they board to find computers down, systems off-line, and eerie, animal-like sounds permeating the ship. They find Troi in her quarters, in the process of transforming into some sort of amphibian, and Data discovers that her DNA has been altered, causing her cells to mutate. They proceed to the Bridge, where they find Riker, who has changed into a prehistoric man. Data learns that the entire crew is affected and concludes that the Enterprise's population is de-evolving.

Data explains that a synthetic T-cell has infected the crew and activated their intrans-dormant genetic codes held over from earlier evolutionary times. He also points out that Picard has been infected, which gives them only a few hours to get the ship functioning and solve the problem. They return to Data's quarters to work, and notice that while Spot has changed into an iguana, her kittens, who were born in Data's absence, are fine. Realizing something in Spot's womb protected her babies, they track down the transformed Nurse Ogawa and find that her embryo is unaffected because of a similar protective substance in her womb. However, as they prepare to access her amniotic fluid to develop a retro-virus, Picard becomes increasingly nervous, a sign of his impending transformation. Then a huge, terrifying creature pounds outside the locked door, and they realize it is Worf.

Deducing that Worf has come to mate with Troi, who has a Klingon bite on her cheek, they determine that the only way to lure away Worf is to duplicate her pheromones. Since Data must continue developing the retro-virus, Picard, who is beginning to transform, must spread the pheromones himself. He gets Worf's attention by spraying them into the corridor, and the giant creature is soon chasing Picard through the ship. Worf soon realizes he has been fooled, then corners the captain. Thinking quickly, Picard is able to use a power cable to shock Worf, knocking him unconscious. Data completes the retro-virus, and the crew is restored to normal. Beverly realizes the virus was created when she used the synthetic T-cell to fight Barclay's flu, and names the strange affliction that plagued the crew after her hypochondriac patient.

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Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Carlos Ferro (Ensign Dern)

Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Gates McFadden

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Journey's End [TNG #172]

Stardate 47751.2

Admiral Nechayev informs Picard that a settlement between the Cardassians and the Federation has created new borders between the two powers, placing some Federation colonies in what is now Cardassian territory. Picard is given the assignment of evacuating one of those planets, a 20-year-old enclave of North American Indians located on Dorvan V. He reminds her that the American Indians were once unjustly forced off their land centuries before, but Nechayev stands firm, ordering Picard to remove the settlers "by any means necessary."

Picard and Troi meet with the members of Dorvan V's tribal council, who express their unwillingness to leave. Meanwhile, Wesley Crusher, who is taking a break from Starfleet Academy, confuses everyone with his strangely sullen, moody attitude. A villager named Lakanta, recognizes Wesley, and approaches him saying that he has been waiting for him for two years, and can help Wesley find the answers his troubled spirit seeks.

Wesley goes to the Indian village, but is confused when no clear path presents itself. He talks with Lakanta about his puzzlement. Meanwhile, Picard meets again with the council, and is informed that the group has no intention of leaving. Picard sadly says that he has no choice but to remove them, but one of the leaders, Anthwara, says he does not believe Picard will do this, and reveals that one of Picard's ancestors was involved in a brutal massacre of Indians seven hundred years before. Anthwara states that Picard was somehow chosen to right this wrong. Surprised by this revelation, Picard leaves the meeting, then discovers that three Cardassians have landed on Dorvan V.

Picard asks the trio's leader, Gul Evek, to leave, reminding him that the Indians have six weeks left to evacuate. Evek, however, is anxious to begin surveying the planet and refuses. Picard reluctantly orders Worf to prepare an evacuation. Meanwhile, Lakanta takes Wesley to the Habak - a traditional ceremonial chamber where he begins his spiritual odyssey. Soon, he finds himself face-to-face with his father, who says Wesley has reached the end of a journey which started after the elder Crusher's death, and must now find his own path. His experience over, Wesley wanders back into the village and finds Worf preparing to remove the Indians by transporter. Deeply affected, Wesley suddenly takes the side of the North American Indians.

Furious, Picard confronts Wesley about his behavior, but Wesley, simply resigns from Starfleet. While packing to leave, he tells Beverly about his vision, realizing his father was telling him not to follow in his Starfleet footsteps. Beverly understands and reminds him about the Traveler, a mysterious alien being that once said her son was destined for something different. Wesley returns to the standoff on Dorvan V, where Lakanta reveals himself to be the Traveler. With the Traveler, Wesley has begun a new journey, which will take him to other planes of existence. Meanwhile, Picard is able to convince Evek to avoid another war with the Federation by allowing the Indians to maintain their colony under Cardassian jurisdiction. The U.S.S. Enterprise then departs, leaving behind Wesley, who will study with the Indians as the next step in his journey.

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Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Doug Wert (Jack R. Crusher)

Eric Menyuk (The Traveller)

George Aguilar (Wasaka)

Natalija Nogulich (Admiral Alynna Nechayev)

Ned Romero (Lakanta)

Richard Poe (Gul Evek)

Tom Jackson (Anthwara)

Wil Wheaton (Wesley Crusher)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Corey Allen

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Firstborn [TNG #173]

Stardate 47779.4

Worf is excited that his son Alexander has reached the age for the first Rite of Ascension, a ceremony in which a young Klingon declares his intention to become a warrior. However, he is shocked and disappointed to learn that Alexander has no intention of becoming a warrior. Picard suggests it might help if Alexander knew more about his Klingon heritage, then makes arrangements for the ship to stop on Maranga IV so that Worf and his son may attend the festival of Kot'baval. At the festival, they participate in traditional Klingon battle play, and Alexander is enthusiastic. However, the day ends on a frightening note when three unknown, dagger-wielding Klingon assailants suddenly surround the pair.

Before they attack, a strange Klingon appears and fires on one of the group. Alexander runs to safety, and after a brief struggle, the remaining assailants flee. The stranger calls himself K'mtar, a close friend of Worf's family who has been sent to protect them. Markings on a dagger left at the scene then indicate that the would-be assassins were sent by the Duras sisters, a rival Klingon family that may be attempting to take Worf's brother's Council seat. Later, K'mtar questions Worf about the wisdom of raising Alexander far from Klingon culture. Worf confesses that his son shows little interest in becoming a warrior, and K'mtar offers to help. He visits Alexander in his room at bedtime, where the boy admits how frightened he was that Worf would be killed. K'mtar reassures Alexander that if he trains to become a warrior, he will someday be strong enough to protect his father.

Worf and K'mtar begin to teach Alexander to fight by recreating the previous day's assault in the Holodeck. Alexander holds his own at first, but backs off when he has a chance to kill one of the assailants. K'mtar angrily berates him, and the boy runs

off. Later, K'mtar privately tells Worf that he thinks Alexander should be sent away to a Klingon training academy. When Worf refuses, K'mtar threatens to invoke ya'nora kor, a bid to take custody of Alexander away from Worf.

Worf asks Troi's advice, and she tells him that Alexander's human side is just as important as his Klingon heritage. Soon afterward, Riker and the crew locate the Duras sisters and demand that they board the U.S.S. Enterprise. The sisters are enraged when they are accused of trying to assassinate Worf, and prove this fact when they point out that one of the markings on the dagger is a symbol for a child who hasn't even been born yet. Worf, hoping K'mtar can explain, is shocked to find him in Alexander's room preparing to kill the boy. Furious, Worf attacks him, after which K'mtar reveals that he is Alexander, and has come from the future.

K'mtar explains that he grew up to be a diplomat instead of a warrior, and became the catalyst for Worf's murder 40 years later. Beside himself with grief, he decided to transport back in time and either change Alexander's ways or kill him. Realizing this really is his son, Worf is overcome with pride, and tells him the only way he can die an honorable death is knowing he allowed Alexander to accept his own destiny. The two embrace, and K'mtar leaves. Later, Worf approaches young Alexander with a new attitude, ready to let his son be who he wants.

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LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Barbara March (Lursa)

Brian Bonsall (Alexander Rozhenko)

Colin Mitchell (Yog)

Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor)

James Sloyan (K'Mtar)

Joel Swetow (Gorta)

John Kenton Shull (Singer of Molor)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Danek (Singer of Kahless)

Rickey D'Shon Collins (Eric Burton)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Mark Kalbfeld

Directed By : Jonathan West

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Bloodlines [TNG #174]

Stardate 47829.1

Picard receives a disturbing message from Daimon Bok, the Ferengi whose son Picard killed in battle years before. Bok says he plans to avenge that death by killing Picard's son, Jason Vigo. Picard is unaware he had a son, but did have a relationship with Vigo's mother 24 years earlier. Since Jason is in danger regardless of his parentage, Picard sets course for Camor V, where the young man lives, locates and beams the surprised young man aboard. He is even more surprised when Picard fills him in on the situation, and agrees to take a genetic test, which soon reveals that Picard is Jason's father.

The pair attempt to get to know each other, but the process is awkward, especially since Jason's mother, who Picard only knew for a short while, is dead. Picard apologizes for not being involved in the young man's life, but Jason only wants to escape the uncomfortable situation and return to Camor V. Still, he accepts Picard's request for him to stay until the danger passes. Meanwhile, the crew works to track down DaiMon Bok, setting course for the Xendi Sabu system. That night, Bok suddenly appears at the foot of Picard's bed and again threatens to kill Jason before disappearing while Picard looks away momentarily.

Picard, Geordi, and Worf investigate how Bok could have gotten on board, but find no immediate answers. A security detail is assigned to protect Jason, then Data informs Picard that Jason has a petty criminal record. Picard manages to withhold comment when he tells Jason that Bok has appeared on the ship. Again, he tries to reach out to his son, but Jason coldly informs Picard that he plans to leave as soon as the Bok incident is over and has no interest in continuing their relationship. Later, Bok sends Picard another message, then appears in his Ready Room. Picard tries to talk the Ferengi out of killing Jason, but Bok simply dematerializes again. Meanwhile, in Sickbay, Beverly gets an emergency call -- Jason is seriously ill.

Beverly says Jason suffers from a hereditary congenital neurological disorder. Since neither Jason's mother nor Picard had the disease, she investigates other ways Jason could have acquired it. Meanwhile, Geordi and Data realize that Bok has been using a subspace transporter to beam on and off the ship -- and that the device could be used to kidnap Jason. Affected by these increased threats to Jason's life, Picard tries again to get to know him. This time, Jason admits to feeling like a disappointment to his father, but Picard assures him that, no matter what, they still have a bond. Their talk is interrupted when Beverly calls Picard away with urgent news about Jason's condition. Once Picard leaves, Bok succeeds in transporting Jason off the ship.

Bok appears on the Bridge viewscreen holding a knife and promising to kill Jason. Data traces the transmission to a ship 300 billion kilometers away. Realizing he only has one way to get there in time, Picard risks a dangerous subspace transport to Bok's ship. He arrives safely and demands that Bok release Jason, then shares some surprising news - Picard knows Jason is not his son. While researching Jason's illness, Beverly discovered that the young man's DNA had been resequenced to match Picard's. The other Ferengis on Bok's ship turn against Bok, and Picard and Jason are able to return to the Enterprise. After Jason's disease is cured, he returns to Camor V, inviting Picard to visit him the next time he's in the area.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Amy Pietz (Lt. Sandra Rhodes)

Ken Olandt (Jason Vigo)

Lee Arenberg (Daimon Bok)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michelan Sisti (Tol)

Peter Slutsker (Daimon Birta)

Written By : Nicholas Sagan

Directed By : Les Landau

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Emergence [TNG #175]

Stardate 47869.2

Picard and the crew are concerned when an unexplained series of mechanical malfunctions occurs aboard the Enterprise. First, a runaway train suddenly appears in the Holodeck, then the ship takes itself into warp and locks out all propulsion access. Determined to regain control, Picard orders an emergency core shutdown, but before Geordi can carry out the order, the ship

takes itself out of warp. An investigation reveals the Enterprise somehow protected itself - it would have exploded just a moment later if it didn't go to warp.

Wondering how the ship was able to do this, Geordi and Data investigate and discover a complex network of nodes and circuitry forming at several points on the ship. When Geordi attempts to examine one of the nodes, it defends itself by emitting a force field. Since the nodes appear to converge in the Holodeck, Riker, Data, and Worf investigate, and are shocked to find several different programs running at once, with characters from all of them riding as passengers on a train. Data attempts to depolarize the power grid, but the characters stop him, then change the train's direction and force Data, Worf, and Riker to leave. At the same time, the Enterprise slips back into warp, and Picard realizes he may not be able to stop it. Data then deduces that the ship is somehow forming its own intelligence.

Data believes that the computer's ability to see, talk, and even reproduce somehow enabled it to go beyond those capacities to learn to think for itself. Since the Holodeck appears to be the focal point, Data and Worf return to the train with Troi. They notice the recurring image of a three-dimensional molecule, and Troi questions a hitman who protects a gold brick and tells her he has to get to Keystone City. The train reaches its destination, and Troi follows him to a brick wall, where he inserts his gold brick and announces that he is laying the foundations. Meanwhile, Picard and Geordi detect strange activity in Cargo Bay Five, where Geordi discovers a glowing shape that looks like the molecule image.

Back on the Holodeck, Data depolarizes the power grid. Suddenly, the ship starts to shake, and Geordi orders Data to stop, then later surmises that the ship is protecting the object being created in the Cargo Bay. Troi adds that the characters in the Holodeck could represent specific aspects of the ship, and Picard encourages her to interact with them again in hopes of gaining control. This time, Troi, Data, and Worf cooperate with the characters, and power and life support systems are immediately restored. Picard and Riker notice that the ship has arrived at a white dwarf star and transports vertion particles back to Cargo Bay Five via a tractor beam. When the supply of particles is exhausted, the "molecule" in the bay goes dark, the Holodeck characters become distraught and the train derails.

The entire ship shuts down, and Picard and Riker join Geordi in the Cargo Bay. They examine the "molecule" and realize that the Enterprise is attempting to create a lifeform -- one that will die if more vertion particles aren't found. Abruptly, the ship starts moving again, this time in the direction of another white dwarf. Unfortunately, the trip will exhaust the ship's oxygen supply, killing everyone unless something is done. Picard realizes their only hope is to create an artificial source of vertion particles. But while Geordi believes this can be done in a nearby nebula, Troi, Worf, and Data must somehow convince the Holodeck characters to change direction. Amazingly, they manage to do so, the particles are created, and the entire scene, including the mysterious new lifeform which has now formed, disappears into space, bringing the U.S.S. Enterprise back to normal.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Arlee Reed (Hayseed)

David Huddleston (Conductor)

Thomas Kopache (Engineer)

Vinny Argiro (Hitman)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Preemptive Strike [TNG #176]

Stardate 47941.7

Ro Laren's "homecoming" is interrupted when Federation ships from the renegade group the Maquis attack a Cardassian vessel near the Demilitarized Zone. The U.S.S. Enterprise crew is able to successfully chase away the vigilantes. However, the Cardassians, led by Gul Evek, are angered by the growing threat posed by the Maquis, and promises Cardassia will take matters into its own hands if the Federation does not force the Maquis to uphold the peace treaty. Admiral Nechayev decides to send Ro Laren into the Maquis community as an undercover operative. Ro is uncomfortable with the assignment since, as a Bajoran, she has spent most of her life fighting the Cardassians, but accepts the mission out of loyalty to Picard.

Ro begins her deception in an alien bar, pretending to be a fugitive accused of killing a Cardassian, and talks with a man named Santos, who stuns her with a phaser. Upon awakening in a Maquis settlement, Ro tells the group who surrounds her that she sympathizes with their cause. The Maquis members check her story and, when they find it to be true, allow her to join the group. Ro soon bonds with an older man named Macias, who takes her under his wing. Later, Ro learns that the Maquis suspect the Cardassians are smuggling bio-genic weapons into the Zone. In order to launch a preemptive strike, the group will need extra medical supplies, but has none on hand. Seizing this chance to convince the Maquis of her loyalty, Ro takes along a skeptical member of the group, Kalita, in order to raid the Enterprise for the needed supplies. During the attempt, Picard realizes what Ro is doing and plays along, and as a result, Ro successfully convinces the Maquis that she is truly on the group's side.

Afterward, Ro meets secretly with Picard and tells him about the Maquis' suspicions. Picard sees this as the perfect opportunity to set a trap and lure the entire group into attacking a false target. However, he senses that Ro is growing increasingly uncomfortable with her mission, but she assures him that she will do her duty. She then returns to the colony and starts planting the misinformation needed to lure the Maquis. However, her guilt continues to grow, especially when the group is attacked by a trio of disguised Cardassians. Macias is killed in the attack, and tells Ro with his dying breath that she must take his place in the fight.

Ro meets again with Picard and tries unsuccessfully to lie to him about the Maquis' plans. Unsure of her commitment, Picard has Riker accompany her, posing as her brother. As the Maquis head for the border, the Enterprise waits to ambush the group. But at the last moment, Ro grabs a phaser, points it at Riker, then reveals the Enterprise's location. The Maquis ships retreat, and Ro goes with them, asking Riker to tell Picard she is sorry she let him down.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : John Franklyn-Robbins (Macias)

Michelle Forbes (Lt. Ro Laren)

Natalija Nogulich (Admiral Alynna Nechayev)

Richard Poe (Gul Evek)

Shannon Cochran (Kalita)

William Thomas, Jr. (Santos)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Naren Shankar

Directed By : Patrick Stewart

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All Good Things..., Part 1 [TNG #177]

Stardate 47988.1

A panicked Picard bursts off the Turbolift in his bathrobe, declaring that he is inexplicably moving back and forth through time. Shaken, he begins to describe the experience to Troi, but is then transported 25 years into the future, working in the vineyard at his home in France. He is visited by Geordi, who has come because Picard is ill with Irumodic Syndrome, an affliction which causes mental deterioration. Picard is then transported to the past, where he is on a shuttlecraft with Tasha Yar, traveling to the U.S.S. Enterprise for the first time. Moments later, he is back in the present, at which point Troi places an urgent call to Sickbay.

Neither Beverly's tests nor Worf's security scans show any indication that Picard physically left the ship. The investigation is then put on hold by news that several Romulan Warbirds are headed for the Neutral Zone, toward a spatial anomaly in the Devron system. Picard is transported back to the future, where he remembers bits and pieces of what just transpired, then tries to explain this to Geordi, who is unconvinced, blaming it on Picard's disease. Geordi is worried enough to take Picard to Cambridge, where Data is a professor. Data decides to explore the possibilities, but Picard is transported back to the past, arriving at the point of his initial arrival on the Enterprise. Among the crew, he sees a group of scraggly humans laughing at him, a sight he has already encountered twice in the future. This is enough for him to suddenly declare a Red Alert.

Since he has foreknowledge of future events, Picard decides not to tell this crew what is happening. He senses a connection when he is told that several vessels are moving toward an anomaly in the Devron system. Starfleet cancels the ship's mission to Farpoint Station, but Picard insists they go there anyway and refuses to explain his decision to the confused crew. Soon afterward, he finds himself back in the present in Beverly's office. She scans Picard, and learns that he has accumulated over two days worth of memories in just a few minutes -- real confirmation to what Picard has been saying.

Still in the present, Picard and the crew ponder the significance of the anomaly, which occurred in both the present and the past. Exhausted, Picard lies down in his Ready Room, then finds himself in the future. He insists in going to the Neutral Zone to find the anomaly, causing Geordi to worry about Picard's sanity. Still, he, Data, and Picard ask Riker, who is now an admiral, for help. However, since the Klingons, who have taken over the Romulan Empire and closed their borders to Federation starships, now control the area, Riker is unwilling to let them proceed. Data proposes they instead travel on a medical ship, and they wind up on a vessel commanded by Beverly, now Picard's ex-wife. Geordi suggests that Worf, who is a governor in the Klingon Empire, might help them enter the territory. Picard then returns to the past, still on course for Farpoint. Suddenly, he finds himself face-to-face with Q, in the courtroom where they first met seven years ago.

Q offers to answer ten "yes" or "no" questions. Picard learns that his time shifting is connected to the "trail" Q put him through seven years earlier, that the spatial anomaly in the Neutral Zone is involved, and that a verdict has been rendered humanity will be destroyed. However, while Q is causing Picard to shift through time, it is Picard, not Q, who is responsible for the imminent destruction. Picard then wakes up in his Ready Room, in the present, and declares a Red Alert...

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Cast : Alison Brooks (Ensign Nell Chilton)

Clyde Kusatsu (Admiral Nakamura)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)

John de Lancie (Q)

Pamela Kosh (Jessel)

Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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All Good Things..., Part 2 [TNG #178]

Stardate 47988.1

After his encounter with Q, Picard assembles the senior staff, and wonders if Q is actually giving him a chance to save humanity by showing him that the spatial anomaly also exists in the past. As they talk, the ship reaches the Neutral Zone, then Picard returns to the future, where Beverly's ship is also on the edge of the Neutral Zone. He convinces a reluctant Worf to accompany the group into Klingon territory, and then travels to the past, where he orders the crew into the Devron system. Finally, he returns to the present, where he is able to get Tomalak, the Romulan Commander on the other side of the border, to agree to entering the Neutral Zone together. Now heading for the anomaly in all three time periods, Picard learns that it exists in the present, and is larger in the past, but does not exist in the future.

Picard cannot understand why the anomaly is missing, and Beverly gives Data six hours to scan for the anomaly using an inverse tachyon pulse, then reminds Picard that this all might be a delusion. She leaves and Q reappears, again saying that it is Picard who destroys humanity. Picard then returns to the present, and suggests using the tachyon pulse to penetrate the anomaly. When Data begins sending the pulse, Geordi's eyes mysteriously start to rejuvenate. Data theorizes that this is because the anomaly is an eruption of "anti-time" -- which has collided with normal time to create a rupture in space that is causing people to revert to an earlier stage of development. Picard then returns to the past, and suggests again that Data use a tachyon pulse to scan the anomaly. After this, he returns to the future, where Beverly's ship is attacked by Klingon forces.

The U.S.S. Enterprise, with Riker in command, appears and saves the medical ship, then brings the crew aboard just before the vessel explodes. Picard frantically insists that Riker continue the search. He then returns to the present, where Beverly tells him that the anomaly is affecting the entire crew. Picard orders Data to find a way to collapse the anomaly, at which point Q appears again. He takes Picard back to primordial Earth, where the anomaly fills the entire sky and a pond of amino acids is about to form the first protein. However, when these first building blocks of life fail to coalesce, Picard then realizes that his own actions somehow caused the anomaly, which then prevented the beginning of life on Earth.

In the past, Troi informs Picard that the anomaly is beginning to affect people there. Picard meets with Data and O'Brien, but they are unable to scan the anomaly enough to completely understand it. Returning to the present, Picard has Data change his scanning methods, which allows them to discover that their tachyon pulse is converging with two identical pulses at the center of the anomaly. Picard realizes that these scans must be from the other two Enterprises. He then finds himself back in the future, where he tries to convince his former crew that he is right. Luckily, Data sees the logic in what Picard is saying, and helps him explain that the anomaly could have formed in the future, where they are, then grow larger as it moved backward through time. Theorizing that the convergence of the three pulses ruptured the subspace barrier and caused the anti-time reaction, the group decides to return to the Devron system to see if the anomaly has begun to form.

Back in the Devron system, the crew detects a very small version of the anomaly. Data suggests shutting down the tachyon pulses, then Picard returns to the present and orders their pulse disengaged. The anomaly, however, remains unchanged. Picard then returns to the past, where he again has the pulse shut off. Again, the anomaly is unaffected. Back in the future, Data decides that their only option is to repair the rupture by taking the ship inside the anomaly, using the engines to create a static warp shell which would separate time from anti-time. This must, however, be done in all three time periods in order for the anomaly to collapse - which could quite possibly destroy all three ships. Picard returns to the past and gives the order, then repeats it in the present. Finally, the future Enterprise heads into the anomaly. All three ships reach the center and initiate the warp shells, and the anomaly begins to collapse. As it does, the past and present Enterprises are destroyed, then Q appears with Picard just as the future Enterprise is about to explode. Suddenly, Picard finds himself in the courtroom, facing Q again, who tells Picard he has succeeded in saving humanity. Picard is returned to the moment his adventure began, coming from the Turbolift in his bathrobe. He shares his experience with the crew, using what he has learned about the future to forge a new, closer relationship with his dearest friends.

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Cast : Alison Brooks (Ensign Nell Chilton)
Andreas Katsulas (Cmdr. Tomalak)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Denise Crosby (Lt. Tasha Yar)
John de Lancie (Q)
Majel Barrett (Narrator / Computer Voice)
Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)
Tim Kelleher (Lt. Gaines)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Ronald D. Moore
Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Generations [TNG #1M]

Stardate 48650.1

A Champagne bottle tumbles through space, slowly drifting towards its intended target, the new Starship Enterprise, NCC-1701-B. It is late in the 23rd century, and the inauguration of the vessel is attended by crew from the former starship of the same name -- James Kirk, Montgomery Scott and Pavel Chekov. Reporters and onlookers clamor to interview Kirk and the new U.S.S. Enterprise captain about commanding a starship, as the crew begins to embark on its routine maiden voyage. A short time into the flight, however, the starship receives a distress call and is diverted to aid two El-Aurian transport vessels which are caught in a strange, mysterious energy ribbon. Kirk, falling back on his old instincts, quickly finds that not only is the new captain inexperienced, but most of the ship's vital weapons and functions have not yet been installed. While Kirk, Scott and Chekov struggle to save the ship, the transporter room beams aboard survivors, even as their El-Aurian transport vessels are torn apart by the energy ribbon.

Kirk goes below deck to work on the deflector relays, but the ribbon suddenly strikes the starship, tearing a large gash through the hull and leaving only debris where Kirk was working. Scotty and Chekov stare out into space, bewildered by the sudden loss of their friend.

78 years later, in 2371, the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise, NCC-1701-D join together on the holodeck for a ceremony to promote Lt. Worf -- a Klingon officer -- to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. The ceremony is conducted using a 19th Century sailing ship and corresponding uniforms. The merriment is suddenly interrupted, however, when Picard receives an urgent personal message. Suddenly depressed, Picard leaves the festivities to contemplate in privacy.

Meanwhile, officers Geordi La Forge and Data successfully install an emotion chip designed by Data's creator, Doctor Noonien Soong, into the android. Although La Forge questions the wisdom of the installation as a potentially painful step in the growth of his friend, Data ignores him. After installing the chip, Data quickly discovers the vast array of emotions now available to him and believes he has the necessary skills to integrate them into his programming.

Sent to the Armagosa Solar Observatory to investigate a distress call, the U.S.S. Enterprise finds two dead Romulans and five humans left alive after a mysterious and brutal attack. One of these survivors is a Doctor Tolian Soran. Data and La Forge later return to the starship's laboratory and find traces of a volatile explosive which Soran has secretly concealed in the lab. While

Data watches in abject terror, Soran kidnaps La Forge, taking him to a cloaked Klingon ship. When questioning La Forge proves unsuccessful, Soran releases the starship officer -- after modifying his VISOR to transmit its signals back to the Klingon vessel.

Soran then fires a trilitium probe into the sun, which causes an incredible shock wave. The Klingon ship, on which he is a passenger, is commanded by the Klingon Duras sisters. In exchange for the formula for Soran's trilitium explosive, they have agreed to take him to the planet Veridian III, where he wants to conduct another solar implosion.

On board the U.S.S. Enterprise, Picard learns that Soran is 300 years old and, like Guinan, a survivor of the El-Aurian incident that killed Captain Kirk. In an effort to understand what is happening, Picard finally goes to Guinan. She tells him that the energy ribbon, called the Nexus, is a temporal anomaly moving through space. To anyone or anything inside the Nexus, linear time has no meaning and a person can experience anything that he or she desires. There is an overpowering feeling of joy so addictive, that once there, no one wants to leave. Soran is desperate to return to the Nexus and recreate that joy with the family he lost when his world was assimilated by the Borg.

Picard, still depressed from his previous message, informs Troi of his family lineage and that he never intended to have any children because his brother had children who would carry on the Picard name. However, according to the message he received, his brother and nephew were killed in a fire on Earth. Therefore, Jean-Luc will now be the last Picard.

In Stellar Cartography, Picard and an emotionally troubled Data plot the course of the Nexus and the changes that have occurred since the sun was destroyed. They conclude that Soran plans to destroy another sun when the Nexus passes close to the Veridian system -- killing as many as two hundred and thirty million inhabitants on one of the system's planets. Destroying the suns alters spacial forces, thereby changing the path of the Nexus. With the Veridian sun destroyed, the Nexus will then pass along the surface of Veridian III, allowing Soran to re-enter.

Picard, learning of the situation, beams down to Veridian III to try to dissuade Soran. In the meantime, La Forge has been returned to the U.S.S. Enterprise in exchange for Picard; the Duras sisters watch with great interest as La Forge moves about the ship. Finally they see what they've been waiting for -- the U.S.S. Enterprise deflector shield modulation. Seizing this information, the cloaked Bird-of-Prey fires through the starship's deflector shields, severely damaging the U.S.S. Enterprise. Ultimately, however, the U.S.S. Enterprise succeeds in destroying the Klingon warbird, killing all aboard. Unfortunately Soran has already beamed down to the planet Veridian III.

Due to damage sustained by the Klingon's attack, the U.S.S. Enterprise suffers a warp-core breach and Riker orders the saucer section separated. Before he can get the saucer away safely, however, the battle section explodes, hurtling the saucer and its entire crew toward the surface of Veridian III. After a terrifying ride, the U.S.S. Enterprise saucer crash lands on the planet's surface. Fortunately, most of the crew are uninjured.

Elsewhere on the planet's surface, Picard and Soran fight to the death as the Nexus rapidly approaches. Soran manages to fire his trilitium probe into the sun, destroying it as the ribbon engulfs both men, taking them inside the Nexus. In their wake, the inhabitants of the Veridian system, as well as the survivors from the U.S.S. Enterprise, are engulfed in a giant cloud of fire.

For a time, Picard is bewildered but delighted to be spending Christmas with his large, happy family -- a family he's never had the time to start. But then, just as the captain gazes at a sparkling ornament, he is suddenly reminded that this experience is not real and that he must get on with his mission. Picard remembers that Guinan had told him he would find someone in the Nexus to help him defeat Soran. Just then, an "echo" of Guinan appears, telling Picard that he can have anything he wants in the Nexus, but that he can also leave -- and he can leave prior to when he came. There might still be time to stop Soran's destruction, but Picard believes he needs help if he's to be successful.

With Guinan's help, Picard finds a slightly puzzled but happy James T. Kirk in the Nexus. Kirk wasn't killed 78 years earlier on the U.S.S. Enterprise, NCC-1701-B, but was drawn into the Nexus instead. Picard meets a content Kirk who is now a happy farmer in Iowa, complete with his life's loves -- "Antonia" and his horses. Picard is successful in convincing Kirk of the spurious nature of the Nexus realities, and he awakens Kirk's taste for adventure, duty, and the chance to "make a difference again." The two U.S.S. Enterprise captains leave the Nexus and materialize on Veridian III, just as Soran is preparing to set off his solar bomb. This time, Kirk grapples with Soran while Picard races to sabotage the probe.

Although Kirk wins the fight, knocking Soran off the edge of the cliff, the diabolical doctor manages to cloak the launch mechanism before Picard can disarm it. Yet Soran, hanging on for dear life at the end of a rope, loses control of the remote after the line suddenly gives. The remote control is thrown into the air, landing on a nearby bridge. Kirk races to recover the remote, as does Soran, who fires on Kirk and the bridge with his deadly disruptor. Although Kirk is saved in the nick of time by Picard, the bridge is broken in two, with the remote resting on the opposite portion across the void.

Picard urges Kirk to accept his help, yet Kirk, stubborn as always, goes after the remote himself. With the second half of the bridge about to give, Kirk jumps to the other side, escaping certain death by seconds. Just as the remote is about to fall into

the chasm, Kirk miraculously grabs it out of thin air. With time running out and the Nexus fast approaching, Kirk decloaks the launch mechanism. Suddenly the second half of the bridge collapses into the chasm, carrying Kirk with it.

Picard, now able to see the mechanism, races to the controls. Yet his plans are seemingly cut short when Soran, frantic that he might miss his last chance at gaining access to the Nexus, aims his disruptor directly at the captain. Although Picard escapes, capitalizing on Soran's distraction, the evil doctor doesn't care. His moment of triumph is at hand. Soran's smile slowly fades, however, when he realizes that Picard has secured the missile's locking clamps; although about to ignite, the rocket will not launch.

The launch mechanism explodes into a giant fireball, killing Soran and preventing the destruction of the entire Veridian system. Picard runs to Kirk, where he stays until the former captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise dies. "It was fun... oh my." are Kirk's last words. After Picard has buried and mourned the loss of his new friend, a shuttlecraft from the U.S.S. Enterprise finds Picard and takes him to the ship's crash site where survivors are being rescued by the U.S.S. Farragut.

Believing he has finally mastered human emotions, Data finds himself wrong when he and Counselor Troi manage to find the android's cat in the U.S.S. Enterprise wreckage. Data, bewildered, is overcome with tears of joy. Riker is saddened as they leave the wrecked starship, but Picard assures him that this is not likely to be the last ship named "Enterprise."

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Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Walter Koenig (Cmdr. Pavel A. Chekov)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Cast : Alan Ruck (Capt. John Harriman)

Barbara March (Lursa)

Brian Thompson (Klingon Helmsman)

Brittany Parkyn (Girl With Teddy Bear)

Christine Jansen (Journalist #1)

Christopher James Miller (Rene Picard)

Dendrie Taylor (Lt. Farrell)

Glenn Morshower (1701-B Navigator)

Granville Ames (Transporter Chief)

Gwen Van Dam (El-Aurian Survivor)

Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor)

Henry Marshall (Security Officer Paskall)

Jacqueline Kim (Ensign Demora Sulu)

Jenette Goldstein (1701-B Science Officer)

Jim Krestalude (El-Aurian Survivor)

John Putch (Journalist #2)

Judy Levitt (El-Aurian Survivor)

Kim Braden (Picard's Wife)

Kristopher Logan (El-Aurian Survivor)
Madison Eginton (Picard's Kid)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Malcolm McDowell (Dr. Tolian Soran)
Marcy Goldman (El-Aurian Survivor)
Matthew Collins (Picard's Kid)
Michael Mack (Ensign Hayes)
Mimi Collins (Picard's Kid)
Olivia Hack (Picard's Kid)
Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)
Rif Hutton (Klingon Guard)
Thomas Alexander Dekker (Picard's Kid)
Thomas Kopache (1701-B Com Officer)
Tim Russ (1701-B Lieutenant)
Tommy Hinkley (Journalist #3)
Whoopi Goldberg (Guinan)
Story By : Brannon Braga
Rick Berman
Ronald D. Moore
Screenplay By : Brannon Braga
Ronald D. Moore
Directed By : David Carson

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First Contact [TNG #2M]

Stardate 50893.5

Captain Jean-Luc Picard awakens from a nightmare about his Borg assimilation experience to an incoming message from Admiral Hayes. Hayes informs Picard that Deep Space Five reported that a colony has been destroyed. Completing the Admiral's sentence, Picard realizes who destroyed the colony -- the Borg.

Picard calls a meeting and informs his senior officers that their ship has been instructed to patrol the Neutral Zone. Their orders are to protect the area from any possible Romulan uprising during a Borg attack. Despite protests from his officers, Picard remains faithful to his orders and the U.S.S. Enterprise NCC 1701-E begins to patrol the area. Later, Picard regretfully tells Riker that it is his own fault they are stuck in the Neutral Zone. Starfleet believes Picard to be too emotionally involved with the Borg because of his previous assimilation to tactically complete a mission against them.

The men return to the bridge to learn that Starfleet has engaged in combat with the Borg. Intercepting messages between the starships, the crew learns that the Federation is losing. Picard, with his Borg experience, knows he can help the fleet. He informs his staff that he will make a decision directly in opposition to Starfleet commands. With no objections from his crew, Captain Picard gives the order and the starship Enterprise sets a course for Earth and the attacking Borg cube.

A massive battle ensues and it appears that the Federation will lose the fight. Despite serious structural damage to the Borg cube, their strength does not weaken. Even the U.S.S. Defiant, commanded by Worf, does not appear to be able to turn the tides of the battle. As the starship Defiant is about to ram the Borg ship on a suicide run, the U.S.S. Enterprise beams aboard its crew, including Worf. Picard, having an inside perspective of the Borg and their vessel, focuses the firepower of the fleet on coordinates

he knows to be critical. Just as the main ship is destroyed, a spherical escape pod flies out. The sphere creates a temporal vortex, catching the starship Enterprise in its wake. Immune to the paradoxes created by the time travel, the starship's crew learns that Earth at the present time appears to be inhabited entirely by the Borg. The commanding officers realize that the Borg have gone into the past and assimilated Earth, so they follow them back in time to repair the damage the Borg have done.

On Earth, over three centuries earlier, a somber Lily Sloane accompanies a stumbling, drunk Zephram Cochran out of a bar after a night of revelry. Then, Lily notices a fast moving light. She hardly has time to ask what the object is, when the Borg vessel attacks. Back aboard the Starship Enterprise, Picard demands that Data tell him the exact date and location the Borg ship is attacking. The location: central Montana. The date: April 4, 2063 -- the day before first contact. Realizing that the Borg have come to prevent first contact between alien life forms and humans, the crew knows they must stop the Borg and facilitate this exchange. They destroy the Borg sphere, and Dr. Crusher, Captain Picard, Commander Data, Commander Riker, Counselor Troi and other U.S.S. Enterprise crew transport down to Earth to survey the damage.

At the Borg attack site in Montana, the crew finds destruction and chaos. They split into groups to search for Cochran. Data and Picard hunt for Cochran's warp ship, the Phoenix. There they encounter a very angry and confused Lily, who believes Data and Picard to be members of a coalition that broke the cease-fire after World War III. She shoots at them in a rage, but impervious to bullets, Data approaches Lily. Overcome by fear and radiation, she falls to the ground. Dr. Crusher diagnoses Lily with radiation sickness caused by the damaged Phoenix, and inoculates the entire crew. Against Picard's better judgment, Crusher takes Lily to sickbay. Geordi is called to help repair the warp vessel and Picard becomes intrigued by its historical significance. In this vessel began the future as the world would know it, and the past as Picard remembers it. He reaches out to touch the ship. Data, curious about the human need for tactile reinforcement, attempts to create the same feelings he observes in Picard, but is unsuccessful in duplicating this aspect of humanity.

Aboard the ship, two crewmembers are sent to examine unexplained maintenance problems, and both disappear. Picard is called to the ship and discovers that the survivors from the Borg sphere have transported onto the ship and are taking over Deck 16. While Picard arranges teams to fight them, the Borg manipulate the climate of the deck to suit their needs and begin to spread throughout the ship. When the Borg attack sickbay, Crusher, her staff, and Lily escape through a Jeffries tube, thanks to a distraction by the ship's Emergency Medical Hologram. While Crusher leads the group down the passageway, Lily steals away in a different direction.

On Earth, Riker finds Troi and Cochran drunk in a bar. Troi justifies that the only way she could get Cochran to talk to her was by shooting Tequila with him. Denying her drunken state, Troi offers her professional opinion on Cochran. She explains, "He's nuts."

Picard and his team are tracking the Borg through the starship. As Crusher and her staff find Worf's team, Picard's team encounters the Borg, who have begun to assimilate U.S.S. Enterprise crewmembers. Worf's team engages the Borg in combat, but the enemies adapt to the crew's weapons too quickly to make any difference. The teams are ordered to regroup on Deck 15, but Data is captured. Picard cannot save him, so he quickly crawls into a Jeffries tube to escape. Face to face with Picard, Lily steals his phaser and demands an explanation and escape route. Picard agrees.

Geordi shows Cochran the starship Enterprise through a large telescope on Earth and tries to convince him to launch his vessel the next morning. Geordi glorifies Cochran by explaining that his ship will make first contact with alien life forms. Humanity will be saved if Cochran launches his ship. Still drunk, Cochran agrees.

Aboard the ship, The Borg Queen introduces herself to a bound Data, claiming that she is the Collective. Reactivating Data's emotion chip, the Borg begin to graft organic, human skin onto the android's arm. As Data is overcome by this new human sensation of touch, something he never thought possible, the Borg continue their work.

Lily and Picard wander through the service deck as the captain attempts to explain what has happened between Lily's time and his own. She begins to calm down until they suddenly run into a Borg-infested area. Quickly escaping in the Holodeck, Picard activates a Dixon Hill program. At a dance, he and Lily try to blend in without being noticed by the Borg. Following the Holodeck's story, Picard searches for Nicky the Nose and takes his machine gun. Killing the Borg with the gun, Picard retrieves the memory chip that contains all of the information the Borg has received. Lily then notices that the two dead Borg were once crewmembers of the Starship Enterprise.

Back on Earth, Cochran keeps hearing what an amazing historical figure he is and begins to question whether or not he wants to go through with the launch. He doubts his own nobility and flees the launch site. Geordi and Riker attempt to catch up with Cochran in the woods and are forced to stun him with a phaser to return him to the Phoenix.

Lily and Picard join the rest of the surviving crew and discover that the Borg are outside of the ship. The retrieved memory chip reveals that they are reconfiguring the main deflector in order to contact the Borg of this century, calling them to Earth to assimilate the planet. Picard, Worf and Lieutenant Hawk put on space suits and venture onto the surface of the starship to stop the Borg.

Aware of Data's desire to become human, the Borg Queen offers him the chance to be entirely covered in human flesh and join the Borg, in an attempt to get the encryption codes from Data so she can obtain total control over the U.S.S. Enterprise. Outside the Starship Enterprise, Hawk, Worf and Picard attempt to unlock the deflector dish. Attacked by a Borg, Worf's suit begins to depressurize. Two Borg are killed and Hawk is attacked. As the dish is released, a now-assimilated Hawk attempts to kill Picard. Worf saves the captain, but Hawk is killed. Picard and Worf then destroy the free-floating deflector dish.

On Earth, Cochran explains to Riker that his only motivation for inventing warp travel was money. He never expected to save mankind, become a hero, or be instrumental in the founding of a new civilization. He simply wanted to retire in peace.

An argument ensues aboard the starship Enterprise as the majority of the senior officers believe that they should evacuate the ship, destroying it and the Borg. Picard won't give up, and insists they stay. Challenged by Worf, Picard orders him off the Bridge. Lily follows Picard into his ready room and demands that he explain his obsession with fighting the Borg. Picard declares he won't sacrifice the starship, and swears to finally make the Borg pay for all they've done. Lily quietly and calmly compares Picard to Captain Ahab, forever fighting his white whale -- the Borg. Realizing that this fight could only destroy himself and his crew, Picard decides to evacuate the ship. Worf, Picard and Crusher activate the ship's self-destruct sequence. The countdown begins, and the crew leaves in escape pods. Picard surveys his ship and prepares to leave when he hears Data calling him.

Meanwhile, the earth-bound crew and Cochran begin takeoff. Cochran, Geordi and Riker take off in the Phoenix, and with music blaring, the three men launch successfully into orbit.

On the ship, Lily and Picard say good-bye and the captain goes to save Data. Entering Engineering, Picard confronts the Borg Queen, whom he knows from his experience with the Borg. The queen reminds Picard that it was not enough that he was assimilated, but that he needed to give himself freely to the Borg. -- she wished him to stand by her side as an equal to further the power of the Collective. Picard offers himself in exchange for Data, but the android does not comply. He refuses to leave, and at the queen's command, disarms the self-destruct sequence. He quickly enters the encryption codes, offering full control of the starship Enterprise to the Borg.

As Cochran's ship nears warp, Data arms the U.S.S Enterprise's weapons and aims them at the defenseless Phoenix. At the Borg Queen's order, Data fires, but the missiles fail to hit the Phoenix. His deception of the Borg complete, Data smashes a conduit, releasing a gas that floods engineering, killing all organic material. As the Borg are destroyed, Picard climbs to safety and the Borg Queen falls into the deadly gas. With the Borg threat gone, Cochran safely completes humanity's first warp flight.

Celebrating the flight back on Earth that night, Cochran and the starship Enterprise's crew see an alien ship land nearby. The doors open, and Zephram Cochran makes Earth's first contact with an alien race -- the Vulcans. Picard and his crew beam out, having witnessed this historic event, and the U.S.S Enterprise NCC 1701-E returns to the 24th century.

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Adam Scott (Defiant Conn Officer)

Alfre Woodard (Lily)

Alice Krige (Borg Queen)

Andrew Palmer (Borg)

Annette Helde (Guard)

C.J. Bau (Bartender)

Cully Fredricksen (Vulcan)

Dan Woren (Borg)

David Cowgill (Guard)

Don Fischer (Borg)

Don Stark (Nicky The Nose)
Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)
Eric Steinberg (Porter)
Ethan Phillips (Bouncer)
Heinrich James (Borg)
Hillary Hayes (Ruby)
J.R. Horsting (Borg)
Jack Shearer (Admiral Hayes)
James Cromwell (Zefram Cochrane)
Jon David Weigand (Borg)
Julie Morgon (Singer In Nightclub)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Marnie McPhail (Eiger)
Michael Horton (Security Officer)
Neal McDonough (Lt. Hawk)
Patti Yasutake (Nurse Alyssa Ogawa)
Robert L. Zachar (Borg)
Robert Picardo (Emergency Medical Hologram)
Ronald R. Rondell (Henchman)
Scott Haven (Guard)
Scott Strozier (Security Officer)
Tamara Lee Krinsky (Townsperson)
Victor Bevine (Guard)
Story By : Brannon Braga
Rick Berman
Ronald D. Moore
Screenplay By : Brannon Braga
Ronald D. Moore
Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Insurrection [TNG #3M]

Stardate Unknown

When Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the U.S.S. Enterprise gets word that Lt. Commander Data has run amok and taken a cultural survey team hostage, his first concern is to save Data -- who will have to be destroyed if he cannot be repaired. But when Picard investigates, he finds something strange about the Ba'ku, the race the survey team was observing. The Enterprise command team also discovers that there is more to the supposed cultural survey than they had been told. Soon, Captain Picard is forced to choose between disobeying a direct order and violating the Prime Directive of the Federation.

Captain Picard's effort to save Lt. Commander Data leads him to the Ba'ku planet, where the Federation and their Son'a allies are conducting a cultural survey. The Ba'ku seem at first to be a simple race of only six hundred people, living in one village

on their isolated world. But when Picard meets a Ba'ku woman, Anij, he gradually learns that there is more to her people than meets the eye: She, like most of her fellow Ba'ku, is more than three hundred years old.

Picard also learns that the survey is only a cover -- for a plot to kidnap the Ba'ku en masse and exile them from their world. Ru'afo, the Son'a leader, has discovered that the planet is bathed in metaphasic radiation that reverses aging. What the Ba'ku have, the Son'a -- an aged, dying race -- want desperately for themselves.

Picard confronts his superior officer, Admiral Dougherty with what he has learned... only to find that Dougherty and the top leaders of the Federation are part of the scheme. After all, says the admiral, there are only six hundred Ba'ku. Why should they stand in the way of progress?

Captain Picard objects: If a planetful of people can be forcibly removed from their world, destroying their way of life, where does it end? There may be only six hundred Ba'ku, but how many would it take to become wrong? A thousand? Fifty thousand? A million? But Admiral Dougherty will hear no protests: He gives Picard a direct order to withdraw and return to his previous mission.

For Jean-Luc Picard, it is the time of decision. If he obeys Dougherty's order, he would violate the principles of his Starfleet oath. Instead, he takes action. By the time he is done, Picard will have risked everything -- and left behind his crew, his career and ship to help the Ba'ku. The battle for Paradise has just begun...

Crew : Brent Spiner (Lt. Cmdr. Data)

Gates McFadden (Dr. Beverly Crusher)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

LeVar Burton (Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Cast : Anthony Zerbe (Admiral Dougherty)

Breon Gorman (Lt. Curtis)

Bruce French (Son'a Officer #1)

Claudette Nevins (Son'a Officer #2)

D. Elliot Woods (Starfleet Officer)

Daniel Hugh Kelly (Sojef)

Donna Murphy (Anij)

F. Murray Abraham (Ru'afo)

Greg Poland (Elloran Officer #2)

Gregg Henry (Gallatin)

Jennifer Tung (Female Ensign)

John Hostetter (Bolian Officer)

Joseph Ruskin (Son'a Officer #3)

Kenneth Lane Edwards (Ensign)

Larry Anderson (Tarlac Officer)

Lee Arnone-Briggs (Librarian)

Mark Deakins (Tournel)

Max Grodenchik (Alien Ensign)

McKenzie Westmore (Ba'ku Woman)

Michael Horton (Lt. Daniels)

Michael Welch (Artim)

Peggy Miley (Regent Cuzar)

Phillip Glasser (Young Ru'afo)

Raye Birk (Son'a Doctor)

Rick Worthy (Elloran Officer #1)

Stephanie Niznik (Perim)

Zachary Williams (Ba'ku Child)

Story By : Rick Berman

Michael Piller

Screenplay By : Michael Piller

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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No Info.

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Emissary, Part 1 [DS9 #1]

Stardate 46379.1

On a distant outpost at the edge of the final frontier, an untested crew embarks on an unprecedented journey.

For six days in Stardate 43997, Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the Starship Enterprise was held captive by a sinister race called the Borg. The Borg altered the captain's appearance and mind and forced him to lead an attack against the Federation, during which the U.S.S. Saratoga was all but destroyed. One of the Saratoga's officers, Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Sisko, managed to escape with his young son Jake. Unfortunately, his wife did not survive.

Three years later, a reluctant Sisko and his even more reluctant son are transferred to the space station Deep Space Nine in Bajoran territory. Now a Commander, Sisko has been ordered to oversee the repair of the giant space station, which was heavily damaged during a period of Cardassian military occupation.

After his arrival, Sisko begins to meet his crew. He first encounters Chief Operations Officer Miles O'Brien, who has been transferred from the Enterprise, and Kira Nerys, a Bajoran who helped lead her people's painful fight against the Cardassians. Kira agrees to act as Sisko's first officer, but has reservations about the Federation's presence on the Bajoran space station. Soon afterward, he meets Odo, a shape shifter and security officer who exhibits his chameleon-like talents while apprehending a Ferengi thief. Quark, the Ferengi owner of the local watering hole and gambling establishment, arrives to bail out the thief -- his young nephew, Nog. Sisko agrees to free Nog only if Quark will remain aboard and continue to operate his recreation center for the station's residents and visitors.

The Enterprise docks at Deep Space Nine, and Sisko has a tense meeting with Picard, whom he blames for the death of his wife. Picard tersely informs Sisko that his mission aboard the space station is to assure the Bajorans enter the Federation. Sisko indicates that while he will do his job as long as he is there, he may resign his post. The two part on less-than-friendly terms. Sisko looks to Kira for insight into the Bajorans, and she tells that his only chance for success is for the Bajorans, a somewhat diverse group, to find reason to unite. She suggests that he seek out Kai Opaka, the Bajoran spiritual leader, and Sisko immediately sets out to find her. Kai Opaka reveals that Sisko's arrival has a deep spiritual purpose, but is unable to reveal exactly what it is. She entrusts Sisko with a powerful and mystical orb, telling him his destiny is to reclaim eight other orbs stolen by the Cardassians. To demonstrate the orb's power, Kai Opaka uses it to transport Sisko to the beach where he first met his wife.

Back on Deep Space Nine, Sisko greets his new crew of medical and science officers, including Dr. Julian Bashir, a cocky and ambitious young doctor, and Jadzia Dax, a beautiful Trill. Sisko's relationship with Dax is complicated by the fact that, as a Trill, she lives by inhabiting different host bodies. She and Sisko were close friends while she inhabited her previous body -- that of an old man. In the laboratory, Sisko shows Dax the orb and explains they must find the eight others. When Sisko leaves, Dax experiences the orb's immense power when it takes her back to an earlier time, just as it did with Sisko.

Before long, the Enterprise disembarks and a Cardassian warship arrives at the station. The Cardassian leader, Gul Dukat, immediately tries to convince Sisko to relinquish the orb, but Sisko denies knowing anything about it or the other orbs. Later, Dax researches the orbs' history and informs Sisko that they may come from the nearby Denorios belt.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : April Grace (Transporter Chief [Enterprise 1701D])

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka)

Cassandra Byram (Conn Officer)

Diana Cignoni (Dabo Girl)

Donald Hotton (Monk #1)

Felecia M. Bell (Jennifer Sisko)

Frank Owen Smith (Curzon Dax)

Gene Armor (Bajoran Bureaucrat)

John Noah Hertzler (Vulcan Captain)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Lily Mariye (Ops Officer)

Lynnda Ferguson (Doran)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Max Grodenchik (Ferengi Pit Boss)

Megan Butler (Lieutenant)

Parker Whitman (Cardassian Officer)

Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)

Stephen Davies (Tactical Officer [Saratoga])

Stephen Rowe (Chanting Monk)

Steve Rankin (Cardassian Officer)

Thomas Hobson (Young Jake Sisko)

William Powell-Blair (Cardassian Officer)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Story By : Michael Piller

Rick Berman

Directed By : David Carson

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Emissary, Part 2 [DS9 #2]

Stardate 46379.1

Dax and Sisko set out for the Denorios belt in a runabout pod. Without warning they are propelled through a giant tear in the fabric of space -- a wormhole. After a spectacular light show, the pod slips out of the wormhole and into another corner of space -- seventy-thousand light years from Bajor. Realizing this may be the venue the orbs entered their system, Sisko and Dax re-enter the wormhole to return home and study the implications. However, they land on a remote planet where an orb captures Dax and transports her back to Deep Space Nine. Dax immediately informs the others of her journey, exciting all of them with the possibilities the discovery presents. Kira demands that they transport Deep Space Nine to the mouth of the wormhole so the Bajorans may claim and operate the wormhole and gain power over the Cardassians. But Odo, who was discovered in the Denorios belt and does not know of his origins, has mixed feelings about the wormhole and the link it may provide to his past.

Left alone on the strange planet, Sisko communicates with the awesome force behind the orbs, who first perceive him as a threat. The force does not understand linear time, and presents Sisko with a barrage of images from his life, including the day he met his wife, Jennifer, and the battle where she was killed. Sisko is able to communicate with the alien images of Jake and his late wife. Soon after, Sisko and the force begin to understand each other.

O'Brien begins the task of maneuvering the space station into the mouth of the wormhole, but a Cardassian ship reaches it first. However, the mouth of the wormhole collapses around the alien ship, stranding it in a remote part of the galaxy. The alien force detects the Cardassian ship's presence and informs Sisko that they are no longer alone. However, the force continues to communicate with Sisko, indicating that he is trapped at the moment in time when his wife was killed aboard the *Saratoga*. Realizing his pain has been holding him back, Sisko allows the force to guide him through the circumstances leading up to his wife's death and helps him to finally grieve for his loss.

Aboard Deep Space Nine, Kira is contacted by Cardassian leader Gul Jasad, who accuses the station crew of destroying the lost Cardassian ship. The crew denies the accusation, but Jasad declares war, prompting Kira to launch an attack against the enemy. The battle escalates and the space station is damaged, but the wormhole suddenly reappears. Sisko's runabout is seen towing the Cardassian ship out of danger, and the fighting ceases.

Later, a changed Sisko speaks with Picard about the events of the past few days. He decides to keep his post on Deep Space Nine, and Picard agrees. Later, he speaks with Kai Opaka, who informs Sisko that this is not the last time he will work with the Bajoran prophets to secure the future of the space station inhabitants.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka)

Cassandra Byram (Conn Officer)

Felecia M. Bell (Jennifer Sisko)

Joel Swetow (Gul Jasad)

John Noah Hertzler (Vulcan Captain)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Kevin McDermott (Alien Baseball Batter)

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Lynnda Ferguson (Doran)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Patrick Stewart (Capt. Jean-Luc Picard)
Stephen Davies (Tactical Officer [Saratoga])
Thomas Hobson (Young Jake Sisko)
Teleplay By : Michael Piller
Story By : Michael Piller
Rick Berman
Directed By : David Carson

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Past Prologue [DS9 #3]

Stardate Unknown

Dr. Bashir is excited to meet Garak, the last Cardassian aboard Deep Space Nine and a rumored spy. He rushes to tell the rest of the crew, but they are busy rescuing a Bajoran, Tahna Los, whose ship has been attacked by Cardassians. Tahna and Kira instantly recognize each other from their days in the Bajoran underground. The Cardassians hail Sisko and demand he turn Tahna over to them, saying he is a member of a Bajoran terrorist group called the Khon-Ma. However, Tahna renounces terrorism and asks for asylum, and thanks to Kira's impassioned plea to a wary Sisko, he gets it.

A day or so later, Klingon sisters Lursa and B'Etor arrive at the station and arouse Odo's suspicions, prompting him to tail them to a secret meeting with Tahna in the Cargo Bay. Odo assumes the shape of a rat and follows them in, and overhears as they demand a payment in gold from Tahna in exchange for an undisclosed item.

Sisko gives Kira approval to help two more Khon-Ma members receive asylum. But when Odo informs him of the exchange he witnessed in the Cargo Bay, Sisko is suddenly unsure of Kira's loyalty. Meanwhile, Lursa and B'Etor visit Garak in his shop, where they make a deal to trade Tahna for more gold. And in Tahna's quarters, Kira is shocked when he reveals that he is still a member of the Khon-Ma and came to Deep Space Nine on purpose, to enlist her help in a plan to win Bajor's freedom.

On the Promenade, Garak seeks out Bashir and asks the doctor to meet him in his shop at a specific time. Confused, Bashir runs to Sisko, who suggests he attend the meeting. When he arrives at the shop, Bashir is hustled into a dressing room just before Lursa and B'Etor arrive. Hidden from view, he overhears as Garak gets them to reveal that they are selling Tahna a cylinder of Bilitrium, an ingredient needed for a very powerful bomb.

The entire crew assembles to discuss the dangerous situation, and after much deliberation, Sisko decides to let Kira take Tahna to meet the Klingon sisters. The exchange is made, and Cardassian forces, alerted by Garak, appear and threaten to fire. Sisko and O'Brien threaten to fire as well, but all are forced to let Tahna proceed with his plan when he reveals that his bomb will spread radiation across the entire system. He tells Kira that his target is the wormhole, which he wants to close off in order to diminish Bajor's importance to the Federation and the Cardassians so that they will leave the planet to the Bajora. He attempts to release the bomb, but Kira is able to delay him so that the bomb explodes harmlessly at the other side of the wormhole. The pair are then transported back to the station, where Tahna is arrested and Kira is left to wonder whether she betrayed or helped her people.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Barbara March (Lursa)
Dan Curry (Dekon Elig)
Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor)
Jeffrey Nordling (Tahna Los)
Richard Ryder (Bajoran Deputy)
Susan Bay (Admiral)
Vaughn Armstrong (Gul Dunar)
Written By : Kathryn Powers
Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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A Man Alone [DS9 #4]

Stardate 46421.5

The adjustment period aboard Deep Space Nine continues as transplants from across the galaxy attempt to come to terms with their new life and each other. O'Brien's wife Keiko misses the Enterprise and her career as a botanist. Sisko's son, Jake, plagued by loneliness, eases his boredom by befriending a rowdy Ferengi boy named Nog. Meanwhile, Odo is faced with a more pressing problem when he spies Ibudan, a Bajoran he once arrested for murder, gambling in Quark's. He attempts to rid the station of the criminal, first by ordering him to leave and later by asking Sisko to throw him off the station, but neither effort proves successful. However, Odo soon gets his wish despite this lack of cooperation when Ibudan is found stabbed to death in a Hologuise.

Sisko orders an investigation of the killing, only to find his son Jake is also in trouble for playing pranks around the station with Nog. Strangely, this awkward situation between father and son creates an opportunity for Keiko, who volunteers to supervise the children of Deep Space Nine by starting a school. Later, Odo becomes the prime suspect in the murder investigation when mounting evidence, including the fact that the killer was most likely a shape-shifter, points to him.

Deep Space Nine's residents soon become suspicious of Odo, and although many officers believe their colleague's claims of innocence, Sisko relieves him of duty as Chief of Security. Keiko also faces trouble in her own endeavors when members of the diverse space station community resist the idea of sending their children to a Federation school. While she tries to recruit students, Bashir works to prove Odo's innocence, experimenting with DNA fragments that were found in the dead Bajoran's Hologuise.

Discouraged by the public's response to her school, Keiko considers abandoning her plans but is encouraged to press on by her husband. Meanwhile, Odo finds himself ostracized by the public, as angry residents vandalize his office and threaten his well-being. Bashir continues his investigation of the DNA patterns found in Ibudan's Hologuise, hoping to solve the mystery by causing them to replicate into the form of the being it belongs to.

Responding to the tension aboard ship, Sisko and Kira order more security to protect Odo. As they confront an angry mob's demand for justice, Bashir provides a more definite solution to Odo's problem when he reveals the result of his experiment. The murdered man was not Ibudan, but a clone he created and killed in order to frame Odo for his murder. His rank restored, Odo soon finds the real Ibudan aboard his ship, and since murdering a clone is still a crime, he is finally able to arrest his man.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)
Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)
Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Diana Cignoni (Dabo Girl)
Edward Albert (Zayra)
Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)
Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Kathryn Graf (Bajoran Woman)
Max Grodenchik (Rom)
Patrick Cupo (Bajoran Man)
Peter Vogt (Bajoran Man)
Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)
Scott Trost (Bajoran Officer)
Stephen James Carver (Ibudan)
Tom Klunis (Old Ibudan)
Teleplay By : Michael Piller
Story By : Gerald Sanford
Michael Piller
Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Babel [DS9 #5]

Stardate 46423.7

Frustrated by the mechanical problems on the space station, O'Brien attempts to fix the food replicators. Little does he know, an alien device has found a way into the station circuitry.

For some unknown reason, O'Brien speaks to Kira in gibberish when she approaches him in the Ops center. Bashir examines him and finds no physiological damage, and diagnoses him with an unusual form of aphasia--a dysfunction in the brain that renders him incapable of expressing himself to others. Soon, Dax also falls victim to the mysterious ailment.

Suspicious of the nature of this aphasia, Bashir runs a neuro-synaptic comparison of Dax and O'Brien and finds that they share a common virus. Sisko and Bashir encounter two more afflicted crewmembers, and Sisko establishes a quarantine on Deep Space Nine.

Odo discovers that Quark has illegally accessed crew replicators to fulfill his orders, inadvertently contaminating all of his customers with the strange virus in the command level replicators. On a hunch, Bashir tests an air sample and learns the virus has mutated to an airborne form--meaning the station population may get infected.

Upon close inspection of an access tunnel, Kira encounters the alien device that O'Brien unknowingly triggered to unleash the virus. Kira suspects Cardassian sabotage. All crewmembers agree something must be done soon, due to the epidemic proportions the virus has reached. Not even Dax and Jake could escape contamination.

Bashir then informs Sisko that the virus was probably created by Bajorans, and Sisko assigns Kira the task of investigating this theory. Meanwhile, O'Brien has contracted a high fever and may die if Kira does not quickly find an antidote. Kira manages to locate Surmak Ren, an underground Bajoran scientist who seems to know something about the virus.

Meanwhile Sisko and Odo attempt to prevent Jaheel from breaking quarantine by leaving Deep Space Nine. Jaheel doesn't comply with Sisko's order, and his efforts in breaking away put the docking ring in jeopardy. While trying to rectify the situation, Sisko comes down with the virus, rendering his commands incomprehensible. Odo and Quark take control, and are able to push Jaheel's ship free of the docking port.

At the same time, Kira, determined to find the antidote, orbits Bajor in a runabout and transports Surmak aboard against his will. Surmak eventually agrees to help develop an antidote, and follows Kira to Deep Space Nine. Fortunately for all, Surmak is successful and life on the station resumes a normal pace.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Ann Gillespie (Nurse Jabara)

Bo Zenga (Asoth)

Frank Novak (Business Man)

Geraldine Farrell (Galis Blin)

Jack Kehler (Jaheel)

Kathleen Wirt (Alphasia Victim)

Lee Brooks (Alphasia Victim)

Matthew Faison (Surmak Ren)

Richard Ryder (Bajoran Deputy)

Todd Feder (Federation Male)

Teleplay By : Michael McGreevey

Naren Shankar

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Sally Caves

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Captive Pursuit [DS9 #6]

Stardate Unknown

While listening to a complaint about Quark's lascivious behavior from a Dabo girl, Sisko is alerted that an alien vessel is coming through the wormhole. The vessel contains a reptilian being named Tosk, who reluctantly agrees to allow O'Brien to tow in his destroyed ship.

O'Brien then boards Tosk's ship to inspect its systems and introduce himself. Though suspicious of O'Brien's kindness, Tosk follows him onto the Promenade and is fascinated by all that he sees. After talking awhile, O'Brien learns that Tosk is very different from human beings--he requires very little sleep, food, and he has no sense of humor. His behavior seems odd to O'Brien, and he alerts Sisko to keep an eye on him.

After talking more with Tosk while repairing his ship, O'Brien tells the rest of the officers that he thinks Tosk is in danger. Then, Odo discovers Tosk altering a junction box in a remote corridor and apprehends him. Much to Sisko's frustration, Tosk does not respond to questioning, and O'Brien feels partially to blame for the mess because he introduced Tosk to the station.

Later, a new ship with emission patterns that match those of Tosk's ship arrives at Deep Space Nine, and three aliens beam aboard without invitation. The beings are hostile, and a phaser battle ensues as they are able to enter Odo's security office and capture Tosk.

The lead alien then informs Sisko that he is a hunter and Tosk is his prey. Sisko tells the hunter that his type of blood sport is no longer practiced at this station. Against his better judgment but in accordance with Starfleet's Prime Directive, Sisko agrees to release Tosk into the hunter's custody. Then Kira, sensitive to O'Brien's feelings of despair for his new friend, suggests that Tosk request asylum--thus allowing him to be protected by the Federation.

Alas, Tosk refuses to go against his culture and does not ask for asylum. However, O'Brien, claiming to have orders from Sisko, intervenes when the Hunter tries to take Tosk off the station. O'Brien programs a security checkpoint to debilitate the Hunter as they pass through it, and he grabs Tosk and leads him to a narrow escape.

Sisko reprimands O'Brien for taking matters into his own hands, yet it is obvious that Sisko thought he did the right thing. Killing, they agree, simply for the sake of sport should not be allowed in any star system.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Gerrit Graham (Hunter)

Kelly Curtis (Miss Sarda)

Scott MacDonald (Tosk)

Teleplay By : Jill Sherman Donner

Michael Piller

Story By : Jill Sherman Donner

Directed By : Corey Allen

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Q-Less [DS9 #7]

Stardate 46531.2

Returning from a mission to the Gamma Quadrant on the other side of the wormhole, Lieutenant Dax and an ensign are trapped in their Runabout. While O'Brien works to free them, Dr. Bashir sees there are actually three people inside the scout ship. When they get the hatch open, O'Brien recognizes the third occupant as Vash, a woman he met while serving on the Enterprise. He and Sisko wonder how she got to that distant part of the galaxy two years ago. Their answer, unknown to them, stands nearby -- the mysterious Q.

Suspicious, Sisko tries to learn more about Vash and her claims to be an archeologist. Meanwhile, Vash, now back in Federation territory, makes plans to leave the station. She locks away her valuable artifacts from the Gamma Quadrant, including a beautiful geode that glows with a pulsating internal light. Sisko questions Vash about how she arrived there without going through the wormhole, but she keeps the matter to herself. She also learns from him that Earth's Daystrom Institute is interested in her adventures, which could mean free passage back home. O'Brien reveals to Sisko that Vash and the Enterprise's Captain Picard were once very close friends, but their discussion is interrupted by a sudden and brief loss of power throughout the station. Dax points out that a similar phenomenon happened when she was on the runabout Ganges. Suspicions increase.

Later, Q pops in on Vash in her quarters, attempting to revive the partnership they once had. Vash, however, is uninterested. She is then visited by Quark, who has learned of her prized treasures and smells profit in the air. They form an agreement to hold an

auction at the station for her artifacts, from which Quark will get a small percentage. Meanwhile, Bashir, infatuated with Vash, stops by to invite her to dinner. She agrees. But Q interferes with the date by making Bashir too tired to meet her.

These minor mysteries begin to make sense when O'Brien recognizes Q from the Enterprise. He immediately warns Sisko and the other officers about the alien prankster, and when the station experiences a major drop in the main power grid, O'Brien attributes it to one of Q's jokes. Sisko is not amused.

Meanwhile, Quark haggles with Vash over the price of her geode. He senses great value for himself from the artifact, but Vash isn't about to sell it to him for next to nothing. Sisko then arrives to speak with Vash in private, but Q appears and confronts the commander. True to his character, Q places himself and Sisko in a circa 1900 boxing ring, but is surprised when Sisko actually punches him in the face. The setting reverts to normal, and Vash asks Sisko to help her be rid of Q. Sisko isn't sure what he can do.

The next day, the station experiences another great loss of power, but this time the officers notice that these episodes are facilitating a series of hull fractures. Sisko reconsiders whether or not Q is really responsible for this. At this rate, station life support will fail in fourteen hours. Sisko and the rest of the officers decide to flood the station with a small amount of tridium gas in order to trace the source of the power drain.

Q persists in pestering Vash to rejoin him on his travels. She still refuses, and he briefly forces her to experience some of the ghastly things that could happen to her in the galaxy without his protection. Q then appears with Sisko and his fellow officers, taunting them to find a solution to their predicament, and mentions to Sisko that maybe Vash is more dangerous to the station than they realize.

Later, Quark holds an auction at his bar, but it is interrupted by a violent shaking. Apparently, the station's graviton field has increased, and it is being pulled toward the wormhole by an unknown force -- one that's not Q or the wormhole itself. Quark's auction continues even though Q warns the crowd that the space station itself may be destroyed any minute.

Dax suggests bringing the reactors back on line to render the power drain large enough to trace. They then determine that the drain is originating from Quark's bar. Sisko, Kira, and Dax rush to the bar, and find that Vash's glowing geode is what's causing the drain. O'Brien transports the artifact off the station just before it explodes in a brilliant flash of light, from which emerges a winged energy creature that soars into the distance.

With everything returned to normal, Vash prepares to return to Earth. She and Q exchange goodbyes, both acknowledging that they will miss each other. After that, as always, Q disappears -- and who knows when he'll return? Vash, on the other hand, decides on impulse to instead explore a new archeological site, and strikes up a partnership with -- Quark!

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Jennifer Hetrick (Vash)

John de Lancie (Q)

Laura Cameron (Bajoran Woman)

Tom McCleister (Kolos)

Van Epperson (Bajoran Clerk)

Teleplay By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Hannah Louise Shearer

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Dax [DS9 #8]

Stardate 46910.1

Lieutenant Dax, preparing to return to her quarters for the evening, is being observed by a male Trill named Selin Peers. Ilon Tandro, a humanoid from Klaestron Four, joins him in the shadows. Confirming Dax's identity with Peers, Tandro and two of his officers succeed in taking her hostage. Bashir, unable to save her, alerts the other officers. Sisko, Kira, and Odo attempt to locate them, but Dax's combadge was removed and left behind. To Odo's amazement, Tandro and the two officers, with Dax in tow, avoid the security tracking grid with ease. To complicate matters, Sisko realizes that the abductors have disabled the station's tractor beam. Kira finally discovers them in an airlock and imprisons the group in a force field. However, they deactivate it and board a Klaestron ship. Sisko, though, manages to get the tractor beam working again, and they are able to keep the ship from escaping.

Forced to re-enter the space station, Tandro informs Sisko that this is an extradition mission. Dax is under arrest -- charged with treason and the murder of Tandro's father, General Ardelon Tandro, thirty years ago. Sisko realizes that he is accusing Curzon Dax, not Jadzia, of committing the crimes on Klaestron Four. For some reason, however, Dax refuses to tell Sisko what happened back then.

In Dax's defense, Sisko and Kira tell Tandro that, since the space station is technically Bajoran, an extradition hearing must be held before they can release Dax to him. Quark reluctantly agrees to allow the hearing to be held in his bar. At the hearing, Sisko tries to convince Judge Els Renora that Jadzia Dax is an entirely different entity than Curzon. Due to the unusual circumstances, Renora agrees to extend the proceedings.

Sisko, determined to keep Dax alive, directs Kira, Bashir, and Odo to dig up all of the evidence they can find to prove Dax's innocence. Odo, on Klaestron Four, contacts Enina, Tandro's mother, who claims that Curzon Dax had nothing to do with the death of her husband. She also claims that Tandro is obsessed with his father's death, and that Tandro believes Curzon was responsible because he can establish the whereabouts of all suspects except himself. In short, Dax has no alibi.

The hearing resumes, and Tandro calls Selin Peers, the Trill who helped locate Dax, to the witness stand. Although Peers confirms that if a Trill committed a crime, the symbiont's future host body would know and feel everything involved with that crime, Sisko establishes that with each new host, a new and different personality results from the joining. A recess is called, and Dax remains tight-lipped. She asks Sisko to please end his efforts on her behalf, which leaves him wondering.

Bashir is called to testify that Curzon and Jadzia are two physically distinct individuals. Unfortunately, Tandro then indicates it is impossible to determine whether or not the brainwave patterns of the symbiont have changed since they joined the new host, Jadzia.

In a last effort, Sisko calls himself to the witness stand and allows Kira to interrogate him. She and Tandro take their turns questioning Sisko, after which a one hour recess is declared. Suddenly, Sisko receives an urgent message from Odo on Klaestron Four, that reports all evidence points to Curzon Dax and Enina Tandro having an affair thirty years ago -- which grants Curzon a perfect motive for murder. Jadzia, confronted with this information, admits shame over the marital indiscretions, but still neither admits or denies any knowledge of the murder.

Returning from the recess, Dax takes the witness stand. Tandro proceeds to pin her down with questions, when he is interrupted by the surprise appearance of his mother, Enina. She admits, to everyone's astonishment, that Curzon could not have been responsible for her husband's murder. When the crucial transmission was made that resulted in his death, she and Curzon were in bed together. Dax is free to go, Sisko and the other officers are relieved, and life on Deep Space Nine returns to normal.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Anne Haney (Judge Renora)

Fionnula Flanagan (Enina Tandro)

Gregory Itzin (Ilon Tandro)

Richard Lineback (Selin Peers)

Teleplay By : D.C. Fontana

Peter Allan Fields

Story By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : David Carson

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The Passenger [DS9 #9]

Stardate Unknown

Traveling in a Runabout, Kira and Bashir pick up a distress signal from a disabled Kobliad ship. They beam over to discover an injured Kobliad woman named Ty Kajada, a security officer. Her passenger -- a murderer named Rao Vantika, who had set the ship on fire in order to escape. Vantika has been seriously hurt, and after attempting to strangle Bashir, falls over dead. Kajada collapses from her injuries. When she regains consciousness aboard the space station, she tells Bashir that Vantika has faked his demise before and asks the doctor to run tests to prove he is dead. Later, Bashir, Sisko, Dax, and Kira determine that Vantika was probably heading for Deep Space Nine to steal a shipment of deuridium, a rare substance that prolongs the dying Kobliad race's lifespan. Sisko orders Lieutenant George Primmin, a Starfleet security officer assigned to protect the deuridium, to defer to Odo's plan to guard that shipment when it arrives at the station. However, when Odo attempts to access his plan on the computer, it is gone. Everything in the station computer's active memory has been accessed and purged -- something Kajada grimly reports that Vantika has done before.

The computer mystery enables Kajada to convince Sisko assume that Vantika is still alive. That night, Quark also learns that Kobliad still lives when, hidden by darkness, Vantika orders the Ferengi to follow through on his promise to hire mercenaries to help him obtain the deuridium.

The next day, Bashir tells Kajada that his tests prove Vantika is really dead. He goes on to meet with Dax, who is exploring the idea that while Vantika's body is gone, his consciousness may have found a way to live on in another person's brain. The pair immediately suspect Kajada, deducing that Vantika could be occupying her brain without her knowledge while he waits for the deuridium. They share this theory with Sisko, and the group decides that Kajada must be watched. Meanwhile, at Quark's, the mercenaries arrive -- an alien named Durg and two Bajoran accomplices. Their haggling with Quark is interrupted by the sound of a woman screaming. Kajada, who was spying on the group, falls from the third floor balcony.

Now in the infirmary, Kajada reveals that she did not fall, but was actually pushed by Vantika. Meanwhile, Dax, who has been trying to discover how Vantika could transfer his consciousness into another person's brain, shows Sisko a small device buried under the dead Kobliad's fingernails. She believes Vantika stored his consciousness in the device as bio-electric pulses, in case he needed an escape route. As soon as Kajada's condition is stabilized, they can confirm the theory by examining her. Meanwhile, Quark, Durg, and the mercenaries prepare to meet Vantika in person -- and are shocked when he arrives in the physical form of Bashir.

Hoping to share her discovery with Bashir, Dax is surprised to find his combadge abandoned on a counter. Meanwhile, Primmin discovers that the station's defense array has been rigged to shut down -- which will allow Vantika to hijack the freighter carrying the deuridium. A grateful Odo informs Sisko of their discovery just as the freighter enters the vicinity. The group notices a Runabout going out to meet the vessel just as Dax joins them with the announcement that Bashir is missing. Vantika and the mercenaries commandeer the freighter -- killing its crew. Suddenly, the hijacked ship is captured by a tractor beam from the space station. Sisko hails the freighter and speaks with Vantika, who threatens to destroy Bashir's body and the ship if he is not allowed to proceed. The ship's shields are up, so Bashir cannot be transported out. Dax is able to temporarily disrupt Vantika's control over Bashir by using an electromagnetic pulse to disrupt Vantika's neural energy patterns. She tells the dazed Bashir to lower the shields. He does, and the group transports him back aboard Deep Space Nine where he is purged of his evil possessor. A recovered Kajada is given Vantika's remains, and she destroys them, and her nightmare, with a single phaser blast.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Caitlin Brown (Ty Kanjada)

Christopher Collins (Durg)

James Harper (Rao Vantika)

James Lashly (Lt. George Primmin)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Morgan Gendel

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Morgan Gendel

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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Move Along Home [DS9 #10]

Stardate Unknown

Commander Sisko, in dress uniform, prepares to receive the first formal alien delegation from the Gamma Quadrant -- a group from a newly discovered species known as the Wadi. Sisko, Kira, Dax, and Bashir greet the new representatives from this race at one of the docking bays, after the Wadi's arrival through the wormhole. But the leader of the group, a humanoid male named Falow, dispenses quickly with the pleasantries. He and his companions want to be taken immediately to Quark's, where they have heard they will find games to play. The disappointed officers escort the delegation.

Quark, upon meeting the Wadi, senses profit in the making. The aliens show Quark they have much to wager in priceless gemstones, and quickly learn how to play the game of Dabo. Hours later, they are still going strong and winning big at the Dabo table. A weary Sisko decides to call it a night, leaving the Wadi with an equally tired Quark. He unsuccessfully tries to discourage them into leaving. Discreetly, he has one of his assistants rig the Dabo table to make the aliens start losing, hoping that will do the trick. Unfortunately, Quark's accomplice is caught by the Wadi. The Ferengi fears reprisal from the visitors. But Falow decides instead to have Quark participate in playing a new game -- one of Falow's choosing. He opens a rectangular metallic case, which releases a blinding flash of light. When it clears, the Dabo table is gone -- replaced by a strange alien game board. The game is called Chula. Quark's objective -- to move his four oddly shaped onyx figurines around the serpentine downward spiral of the board. Quark watches with apprehension as the board is set up and the Wadi begins placing bets. Meanwhile, Sisko, sound asleep in his quarters, turns over in his bed. He wakes up to find himself dressed in standard uniform, lying on a hard stone floor instead of the bed. He is no longer on the space station, but in an alien corridor, empty but for a series of doors with strange markings -- and totally alone.

Determining he is in no holodeck illusion, Sisko tries each of the doors, looking for escape. He finally opens one, only to find Falow on the other side, instructing Sisko cryptically to move along home, after which the door quickly closes. Then a piercing scream leads Sisko down the corridor, where he discovers a terrified Bashir, trying to wake himself up from what he thought was a bad dream. Kira and Dax turn up next. Together, they try to find the way "home".

Learning from Sisko's son that the commander has disappeared from the station, Odo soon discovers the other three senior officers are also gone. Back at Quark's establishment, the Ferengi is forced to begin play on the new game, even though he does not yet know the rules. He places a minimum bet and rolls the alien dice. Falow states that the combination will cause Quark's pieces to meet the Chandra.

In the labyrinth, Sisko and the other officers follow a singing voice to discover a young Wadi girl chanting a rhyme while playing an alien game similar to hopscotch. A force field keeps them from getting to a door on the far side of the room, but the girl can pass through it without a problem. Dax determines they can get to the door that only by repeating the rhyme and performing the hopscotch-like moves. The four officers do it, and are able to exit, with the girl telling them they are at the Third Shap. As this

happens, the Wadi group in Quark's goes wild because he has reached the next level. The befuddled Quark wins a nice payoff, not realizing the connection.

Falow proposes to Quark that he can progress faster by taking a shortcut on the board, although it doubles the risk to his game pieces. However, a successful move can also double his winnings. While he thinks, Odo arrives, asking Quark if he might know anything about the missing crew members. A knowing look from Falow causes Quark to make the connection with the four game pieces and the four missing officers. Realizing that the lives of Sisko and the others are literally in his hands, Quark chooses to move the pieces along the safer path. The four officers, meanwhile, continue along the alien corridors, slowly realizing that they may indeed be pawns in one of the Wadi games. A door opens revealing a Wadi party in a smoke-filled room. Falow and other revelers carry drinks. The officers begin to cough violently from the smoke, until Bashir discovers the drinks are really an antidote. A back door to the room opens, and Falow announces the proclamation of Shap Four. The party vanishes and the officers exit through the door. Back at Quark's, huge reactions with the success. A larger pile of jewels is shoved toward a happy Quark, while Odo watches with displeasure.

Discovering a strange bi-polar current aboard the Wadi vessel, Odo finds a room on the ship that emits a blinding light. He enters the chamber, and suddenly appears in Quark's. Odo tries to break up the game. But Falow, knowing that Odo is putting the pieces together, tells Quark the game must continue or he will lose his players. Quark, with Odo's prodding, decides to continue his game pieces along the safer path. He rolls the dice. The Wadi gasp, and Falow announces that it is an unfortunate roll. In the maze, the officers hear a weird energy surge building, which becomes an ominous swirling field which they try to elude. But Bashir is caught by it and swept away. Back to the game, the Bashir game piece is placed in a holding area on the board. Quark decides to gamble, despite Odo's protestations, and take the pieces on a shortcut, hoping to end the game in one move. The chance doesn't work, though. The resulting dice roll causes Falow to declare that Quark must sacrifice one game piece so that the other two may live. Quark begs to not be forced into picking a piece. Falow leaves it for the board to determine at random. As the final wagers are placed, Sisko, Dax, and Kira continue wandering through the corridors. They hear Bashir, shouting he's found the way home. Following his voice, they enter a cavern. The ground begins to shake, causing Dax to injure her leg. Falow again appears, telling them to go to Shap Six. Not finding Bashir, the officers try to escape, but massive quakes in the cavern open an abyss into which they fall helplessly. Suddenly, all four of them find themselves back in Quark's establishment. Falow then informs them that even though Quark lost, they were never in any real danger. It was only a game, after all. Sisko and the others realize this predicament wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Quark's cheating. As for whether or not he learned his lesson...

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Clara Bryant (Chandra)

James Lashly (Lt. George Primmin)

Joel Brooks (Falow)

Teleplay By : Frederick Rappaport

Jean Carrigan-Fauci

Lisa Rich

Story By : Michael Piller

Directed By : David Carson

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The Nagus [DS9 #11]

Stardate Unknown

It's business as usual for Quark at his bar, until he is approached by a Ferengi named Krax, who presents his father, Grand Nagus Zek, the elderly, shrewd, revered leader of the Ferengi business empire, accompanied by his Hupyrian servant, Maihar'du. Quark and his brother Rom, in awe and fear, quickly try to show Zek the respect he deserves, and set him up with five of Quark's favorite holosuite fantasies. However, Quark is worried that the legendary Ferengi is really on the station to buy the establishment -- at a price which Quark can't refuse -- dirt cheap. Zek then emerges from the holosuite, quite satisfied, and makes Quark invite him to dinner. Quark is quite dissatisfied with this.

Meanwhile, O'Brien, playing substitute teacher at the station's school until his wife returns from Earth, takes note of Nog's falsehood as to why his homework isn't done -- and even more so, Jake's reluctant willingness to cover for his Ferengi friend's lie. He voices his concern to Sisko, advising him to find a way to separate the two children. Sisko understands, but also fears that trying to force them apart will ultimately work against his relationship with his son.

That evening, in Quark's quarters, Zek, Krax, and Rom are in the midst of dinner, with Maihar'du and Nog performing the serving duties. Zek states how pleased he is with the bar's success, which worries Quark even more. But Zek is enraged when he learns that Nog attends school, upon which Rom tells his son to immediately stop going. That dealt with, Zek gets to the business at hand -- he wants the bar, but only for the next day, with Quark playing host to a very important conference to be held there. The purpose -- the future of the Ferengi. And the future lies -- in the Gamma Quadrant.

Many important Ferengi arrive at the station for the conference, including a very belligerent one named Gral, who does little to hide his dislike for Krax. Much to Quark's surprise, Zek demands that he stay for the discussion. Then, much to everyone's surprise, Zek announces that he is stepping down as Grand Nagus, and that the Ferengi who will replace him and lead their greedy ventures into the Gamma Quadrant -- is Quark! The conference erupts into chaos, and Quark stands in shock.

With great power comes many friends, Grand Nagus Quark quickly discovers. Also, potential threats, as he learns from an encounter with Gral, who offers to "protect" Quark from harm -- in exchange for Gral's pick of the most lucrative opportunities in the Gamma Quadrant -- a trade that Quark would be wise not to refuse. Terrified, he goes to Zek, who basically tells him that threats come with the job. While Quark is asking more advice, Zek quietly passes away, leaving the new Grand Nagus to figure it all out for himself. The bar is closed to honor Zek's passing, and the Ferengi group holds the funeral service there. Quark makes Rom, the only person he trusts, his bodyguard. However, Rom says he had hoped to now run the bar, which Quark thinks is absolutely absurd. During the proceedings, Nog meets secretly with Jake, and they decide to remain friends despite their parents' feelings.

Odo comes to the funeral ceremony, asking to have the body autopsied, which he learns is impossible because Krax is selling the "vacuum desiccated" remains as prized collectibles. Odo leaves, treating Quark with the same old disrespect as he departs. Suddenly, while Quark stoops down to pick up someone's loose coin, a glowing sphere whizzes by, barely missing his head, and blasting a hole in the far wall. Sisko, Odo, and O'Brien investigate, determining it was a Ferengi locator bomb -- meant for Quark. But the new Grand Nagus refuses their help. Odo, however, suspects the culprit is Maihar'du, the only one among the group who didn't attend the funeral. Meanwhile, Quark's generosity with fellow Ferengi causes his popularity to increase, and worry to rise with the real would-be assassins -- Rom and Krax!

Sisko becomes frustrated when Jake doesn't return home for dinner. On the advice of Dax, he sets out for one of the cargo bays, where the computer has located Jake. Walking in quietly, he is surprised to discover Jake with Nog, with Jake patiently teaching the young Ferengi boy how to read.

At the same time, while Quark prepares for his first trip through the wormhole, Rom unsuccessfully asks him again if he is willing to turn the bar over to him. As far as Rom is concerned, that seals his brother's fate. He and Krax escort the Grand Nagus into an airlock tunnel, where a Ferengi ship supposedly awaits. But Quark, now sealed in the tunnel alone, sees that the only thing on the other side is empty space. Just as Rom and Krax are about to eject him into the cosmos, Zek arrives with Odo and Maihar'du. While Quark is freed, Zek explains that he faked his death by going into a Hupyrian sleeping trance. The reason -- to test his son and his worthiness to be Zek's successor -- a test Krax failed miserably. Zek, resigned to the fact that he cannot yet retire, thanks Quark for his help and departs. Quark, on the other hand, deals with Rom for trying to murder him -- and congratulates his brother for such wonderful treachery! Rom is a true Ferengi, after all.

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Barry Gordon (Nava)

Lee Arenberg (Gral)

Lou Wagner (Krax)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Story By : David Livingston

Directed By : David Livingston

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Vortex [DS9 #12]

Stardate Unknown

While haggling with a pair of twinned Miradorns over a valuable goblet for which he had agreed to provide a buyer -- until learning that the artifact in question may have been acquired illegally -- Quark is interrupted by a newly-arrived alien from the Gamma Quadrant named Croden, who bursts in on the meeting brandishing a phaser and demanding the goblet for himself. A battle erupts, and Croden ends up killing one of the twins. Odo, who observed the exchange in disguise after becoming suspicious, morphs back into humanoid form and breaks up the fight, taking Croden into custody and ordering the others to meet with him and Sisko. The surviving twin, Ah-Kel, makes it clear that he is determined to get revenge by killing Croden. Meanwhile, Croden, in a holding cell, shows little remorse, and little interest in anything but food. However, he manages to mention during a conversation with Odo that he has encountered other "Changelings", or shape-shifters, in the Gamma Quadrant. Odo is suspicious, but intrigued.

Sisko decides the best course of action is for he and Dax to locate Croden's home planet of Rakhari and notify the authorities while increasing security to protect him from Ah-Kel. Odo, already suspecting that Croden staged the attempted "robbery" with Quark, tries to learn more about Croden's origins from the Ferengi. Later, Croden tries to appeal to Odo, offering to take him to a place where other Changelings may still live, but Odo is still distrustful. Croden then gives him a locket containing an odd stone that morphs into an intricate metallic object and back to its original shape. He tells Odo the stone is from the colony of changelings.

Dax and Sisko make contact with Rakhari officials, who call Croden a criminal and an "enemy of the people" and demand his immediate return. Meanwhile, Odo takes the stone to Bashir, who analyzes it and determines that it is an amalgam of organic material and some sort of crystal, and that the only life form bearing even a passing resemblance in structure is Odo. Unable to help being fascinated, Odo breaks down and asks Croden where he got the stone. Croden says it came from an asteroid in the Chamra Vortex, on the other side of the wormhole. Claiming that he chanced upon a changeling colony on this uncharted asteroid, Croden offers to take Odo into the dangerous, uncharted territory. But Odo still cannot trust Croden, and does not respond to his offer. Sisko, after returning from Rakhari, tells Odo to escort the prisoner home. Odo and Croden board a Runabout and set a course through the wormhole for the planet, escaping the detection of Ah-Kel, who still wants Croden for himself.

En route to what he knows will be his doom, Croden again tries to win Odo's trust, explaining that he was also an outsider on his own planet and that the Rakhari killed his family. Back on the space station, Ah-Kel threatens Quark, who directs Ah-Kel toward Odo and Croden rather than risk getting caught for his own part in the Miradorn's death. Now in pursuit, Ah-Kel attacks Odo's ship, but Odo refuses to surrender his prisoner despite the fact that he cannot outrun Ah-Kel. With no other choice, he lets Croden pilot the ship through the Vortex, where the ionized gasses will hide them from Ah-Kel's sensors. To Odo's surprise, Croden lands the Runabout on the asteroid where the shape-shifters supposedly live.

Croden anxiously rushes into a cave, almost losing Odo, who angrily demands to know what is really going on. Croden finally admits the truth -- the morphing stone is actually a key to a stasis chamber, inside of which is his peacefully-sleeping daughter, the only member of his family he could save when the Rakhari forces attacked them. He introduces Odo to the girl, Yareth, and tells her Odo will take her to a safe place while Croden will return to face the authorities on Rakhar. Suddenly, an explosion rocks the cave. Odo is knocked unconscious, but rather than using the moment to escape, Croden carries him back to the ship, saving his life. Odo regains consciousness back on the Runabout, with Ah-Kel's ship still in pursuit. He takes control and is able to trick Ah-Kel into destroying his own ship before leaving the Chamra Vortex for good. Once outside, Odo surprises Croden by having the alien and his daughter transported aboard a Vulcan ship, protecting them both from imprisonment or death on Rakhar. In exchange for his kindness, Croden gives Odo the changeling stone, a reminder that other shapeshifters may really exist out there somewhere.

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Cliff De Young (Croden)

Gordon Clapp (Hadran)

Kathleen Garrett (Vulcan Captain)

Leslie Engelberg (Yareth)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Randy Ogelsby (Ah-Kel / Ro-Kel)

Written By : Sam Rolfe

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Battle Lines [DS9 #13]

Stardate Unknown

Kai Opaka, Bajor's spiritual leader, pays a surprise visit to the station -- her first journey away from her home planet. Sisko, Kira, and Bashir escort her on a tour of the station, and although the Kai seems preoccupied, she expresses her desire to go through the wormhole. Sisko accommodates her request, and she travels with the three officers in the Yangtzee Kiang, through the spectacular anomaly and into the Gamma Quadrant. However, though she acts impressed, she still seems distant. But, as they prepare to return, Kira suddenly picks up a narrow band subspace signal. Despite the unknown origin, Opaka encourages Sisko to investigate. They discover a small, meteor-pocked moon, around which orbits a network of artificial satellites, one of which fires an energy blast at the Runabout, severely disabling the vessel. The Yangtzee Kiang crashes violently on the moon's surface. Sisko, Bashir, and Kira free themselves from the wreckage, pulling out Opaka's limp body. Bashir works to revive her, but with no success. The Kai is dead. Before they can absorb the impact of this tragedy, a group of battle-scarred humanoids brandishing weapons appears, capturing the officers.

While Dax and O'Brien prepare to leave the station in search of the senior officers, Sisko, Kira, and Bashir are taken into a large cave, where the leader of the group, Golin Shel-la, explains that he and his people, the Ennis, are suspicious of strangers, because they are at war with a brutal enemy, the Nol-Ennis. He explains that both sides in this war are kept prisoner on the moon by the orbiting satellites, and that he fears his enemy will assume that Sisko's group, by their mere presence in the Ennis camp, has allied with Shel-la. They have no doctors, but many wounded, to whom Bashir gives assistance, as well as to an injured

Kira, who is still suffering from the loss of the heart and soul of her home planet. Suddenly, the sound of weapons fire -- three Nol-Ennis, with their leader, Zlangco, make a surprise attack on the camp, killing Shel-la and other Ennis. Kira leaps into the fray, using a phaser to bring down part of the cave ceiling on the attackers, causing Zlangco to retreat. The officers barely have time to check the dead and wounded when a silhouette appears in the cave entrance. It is Kai Opaka -- come back to life!

Bashir examines Opaka, who is just beginning to grasp her situation. The doctor determines that her physiology has been radically altered, and that there is some kind of bio-mechanical presence on the cellular level controlling her metabolic processes. Then, amazingly, Shel-la and the other dead Ennis begin to stir. They are coming back to life. Bashir finds that their bodies have gone through the same type of alterations as Opaka's. Sisko learns from Shel-la that the Ennis and the Nol-Ennis had been fighting the war for untold generations on their home planet, and when their world's mediators could not arbitrate a cease-fire, the two sides were banished to the moon. As part of the punishment, they have been condemned to fight for eternity -- they can never truly die. Sisko suggests a resolution -- once his group is rescued, he will transport both sides away from the moon in order to end the battle, and he convinces Shel-la to attempt a truce with Zlangco.

In the Gamma Quadrant, Dax and O'Brien search for the officers in a Runabout, frustrated at the lack of clues. O'Brien then comes up with a way to detect the specific magnetic resonance patterns that Sisko's vessel emits, and tries to create a device to perform that function. Meanwhile, at the Runabout crash site, Sisko meets with Zlangco, who has agreed to listen to his proposal. But Zlangco is very distrusting, and once Shel-la states that he would never allow one Nol-Ennis to leave the moon alive, another battle between the two groups begins -- and this time, Sisko is in the middle. Just as he is about to receive a potential death blow, Bashir knocks him to the ground. The doctor has discovered from the Runabout's computer that they cannot afford to die here -- not even once.

O'Brien's plan has worked. He and Dax have located the moon. Wisely avoiding the satellites, they try to get a communication through the defense-net. On the surface, Bashir explains that artificial microbes restore a person's body after death, but that body then becomes permanently dependent on those microbes for all cellular functions. The worst part is, anyone with these microbes would die if taken away from the moon -- including Kai Opaka. Then, Dax and O'Brien make contact with Sisko, but they can't beam up anyone until they figure out how to get a transporter signal through the net. While they work on that, Sisko and Bashir return to the cave to tell Opaka and Kira the truth about the Kai's condition. But she has already decided to stay on the moon. Here, she has found the answer to all the prophecies of her life -- to teach people who know only how to die, how to now live. O'Brien then signals that he has a way to divert one of the satellites, and he can beam up the officers within minutes. Sisko tells the returning Shel-la that the Ennis cannot leave the moon, but Bashir suggests he can disable the program in the microbes, which would allow them to finally die when their time comes. But Shel-la unfortunately sees this as the ultimate opportunity to finally wipe out the Nol-Ennis for good. Stunned, realizing there is no hope, Sisko, Kira, and Bashir beam up when O'Brien signals ready, leaving Shel-la to lunge into another battle, and Kai Opaka remaining as their only hope for peace in an endless war.

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Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka)

Jonathan Banks (Shel-la)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Paul Collins (Zlangco)

Teleplay By : Evan Carlos Somers

Richard Danus

Story By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Paul Lynch

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The Storyteller [DS9 #14]

Stardate 46729.1

Sisko and Kira play host on the space station to the leaders of two rival Bajoran factions -- the Paqu and the Navot. Sisko has stepped in to mediate their land dispute in an effort to avert civil war. But he and his first officer are surprised when they meet Varis Sul, Tetrarch of the Paqu, and see that she is a fifteen year old girl. Meanwhile, Bashir and O'Brien, in response to an emergency, beam down to a Bajoran village from their orbiting Runabout. Warned that the entire village is in grave danger, they meet Faren Kag, the magistrate, who takes them to a deathly-ill, bedridden older man known as the Sirah, being tended to by Hovath, a young Bajoran male. Learning that the Sirah is the only person who is ill, Bashir and O'Brien are told that if he dies, the entire village will die.

Sisko and Kira bring together Varis with Woban, the large, gruff Navot leader, for an informal discussion about their dispute before official negotiations begin, a talk that only serves to show how far apart the two sides really are, resulting in a frustrated Varis storming out. Jake and Nog see her walking through the Promenade, and the Ferengi boy becomes instantly infatuated with her, telling Jake that he must meet her. Back at the Bajoran village, the Sirah stirs from his sleep, takes O'Brien's hand, and voices satisfaction that the prophets haven't failed. Bewildered by this, O'Brien and Bashir meet with an anxious Faren, who is told that the Sirah is dying of old age. Faren tells them that the Sirah is needed to protect the village from the Dal'Rok, a terrible creature that appears every year for five nights, and that this is the fourth night this year. If the Sirah cannot even get out of bed tonight, the village is doomed.

That night, against Bashir's better judgment, the Sirah walks into the village square and onto his platform. As the Bajorans gather below, the Dal'Rok, a large, ominously rolling energy cloud, appears in the sky, bringing a harsh wind that whips at the village. Above the wind, the Sirah shouts a story about the Dal'Rok, with the crowd below responding as a unit to his words. Particles of white light rise up to the cloud, causing it to shrink slightly. But the Sirah suddenly collapses, the white lights disappear, and all havoc breaks loose as the Dal'Rok lets out a beam of destruction into the panicked village. Bashir and O'Brien run to the Sirah's aid, but the dying man pulls O'Brien close, instructing him to tell the story.

Eventually, the Dal'Rok is driven away. However, the Sirah finally dies. But as far as the villagers are concerned, O'Brien is now the new Sirah. He is at a loss for words. Back on the station, Varis shares with Jake and Nog her frustrations--she has land that the Navot faction wants, but she doesn't want to give it up. The infatuated Nog tells her she can turn this problem into an opportunity if they have something she wants. This prospect gives her thought.

The morning after the Sirah's death, O'Brien and Bashir have no idea how the Dal'Rok was stopped -- or what will happen when O'Brien is expected to lead the story again. Faren then leads a group of villagers to O'Brien, who is showered with gifts. Faren stays behind, telling a reluctant O'Brien that he must once again tell the tale tonight. The Bajoran is so secure in his faith, O'Brien knows that nothing he can say will change his mind. He and Bashir choose to uncover what the Dal'Rok really is and try to destroy it before nightfall. Their analysis of a wall destroyed by the energy cloud reveals a neutrino trace -- which is odd if the Dal'Rok has no physical substance. But villagers then approach the two, wanting the blessing of the new Sirah. Not comfortable with this, O'Brien goes into the Sirah's chamber, where he encounters Hovath, who was the apprentice of the older man. But Hovath won't answer O'Brien's questions about the Dal'Rok, and instead tries to kill him. Bashir comes in and helps disarm Hovath, who says that O'Brien isn't the true Sirah -- Hovath is.

Bashir and O'Brien learn from Hovath that the Sirah allowed him to tell the story one night, but he failed to control the Dal'Rok, and several people were injured. He shows them the Sirah's bracelet, which has mounted into it a fragment of an orb from the celestial temple -- it channels the villagers fears and creates the Dal'Rok. The first Sirah did this as a way of uniting the people, who at the time were divided by hate. Having a storyteller helps the villagers to focus their thoughts, which creates the white lights that defeat the energy force. This secret has been kept for years. O'Brien is ready to let Hovath tell the story, when Faren steps in, saying Hovath has already failed, and only O'Brien can lead the people. O'Brien can't find any way out of this.

On the station, Varis -- after talking with Nog and Jake again -- approaches Sisko with an opportunity -- one that may make both sides happy. Meanwhile, in the Bajoran village, O'Brien awkwardly tries to tell a story to the villagers. The Dal'Rok appears, but he can't control it. The villagers begin to panic, but Hovath steps in, calms everyone, and tells the story. The lights appear, and the Dal'Rok is defeated for another year. A relieved O'Brien suggests to Bashir they leave before the villagers change their minds. Back at the station, Sisko and Varis prepare to go back to the negotiating table, sure that she has devised a solution that will please both sides in the dispute. But before they go in, she thanks Nog for his suggestion -- with a kiss on the cheek.

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : Amy Benedict (Woman)
Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Gina Philips (Varis)
Jim Jansen (Faren)
Jordan Lund (Woban)
Kay E. Kuter (Sirah)
Lawrence Monoson (Hovath)
Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr
Kurt Michael Bensmiller
Story By : Kurt Michael Bensmiller
Directed By : David Livingston

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Progress [DS9 #15]

Stardate 46844.3

With the Federation's help, the Bajoran government is about to perform a massive energy transfer by tapping the molten core of its fifth moon, Jeraddo. In preparation, Kira and Dax make an orbital inspection of the moon in a Runabout, trying to confirm that all of the inhabitants have been evacuated. Dax's sensors detect an unknown humanoid presence on the surface, and Kira beams down to investigate. She materializes near a small cottage, only to be stopped in her tracks by a Bajoran couple in their forties, who point menacing-looking farm implements at her. Then, a tall, craggy-faced Bajoran farmer steps out of the cottage. Bewildered by his casual attitude, Kira informs him that his group needs to leave the moon -- but he'd must rather discuss that over supper in his cottage, and she reluctantly consents.

On the station, Nog and Jake, having discovered that Nog's uncle Quark has been stuck with a huge supply of Cardassian yamok sauce and no Cardassians to eat it, see an opportunity to make a quick buck -- or, in this case, five bars of gold press latinum. They try to sell it to a Lissepian freighter captain who has dealings with the Cardassians. He talks them instead into a trade -- a hundred gross of self-sealing stem bolts in exchange for their yamok sauce. They make the deal, then plot to figure out how to get the sauce from Quark.

Back on the moon, after telling Dax to return to the station, Kira talks with the farmer, who introduces himself as Mullibok, while helping him prepare supper. Learning that he and his friends, Baltrim and Keena, fled to the moon years ago to escape the Cardassians, she explains that Bajor is now once again safe and that they will have to move there. Mullibok refuses to leave -- his life is on the moon, and it is where he plans to die.

Eating dinner, Kira and Mullibok talk about how he built a life for himself on the moon. He tricks her into admitting that she and the Bajorans beat the Cardassians through sheer stubbornness, which is exactly the stand he is taking in refusing to leave. As far as he is concerned, the Bajorans can come crack open the moon whenever they are ready. He's not going anywhere.

Managing to relieve Quark of his unwanted yamok sauce, Nog and Jake are now the proud owners of a whole lot of stem bolts. Now that they have them, however, they don't know what to do with them -- or, for that matter, even know what they do. But Nog gets another idea -- find out who the Lissepian was trying to sell them to in the first place, and unload them on that individual at a discount. While the partners continue to scheme, Kira tells Sisko and Minister Toran, the Bajoran in charge of the energy project

and of the problems on the moon. Toran refuses to hold up progress for three stubborn hold-outs, and forces Kira --under protest -- to remove the residents. She returns to Jeraddo with two security guards. While Kira tries to reason with Mullibok, the other two Bajorans get dragged back to the cottage. This enrages Mullibok, and he tries to kill the interlopers. Instinctively, a guard fires his phaser, wounding the farmer severely. Heartbroken and teary-eyed, Kira orders medical assistance.

Nog and Jake, having contacted the Bajoran who first backed out of the stem bolt deal, try to get gold press latinum from him in exchange. But, again, the two find themselves making a trade -- this time, for seven tessipates of land. Jake thinks they finally have something they can work with, but Nog is getting discouraged. Back on Jeraddo, Bashir tends to Mullibok's wounds, but insists on taking him back to the station for proper care. Baltrim and Keena have been evacuated to Bajor, but Mullibok stands his ground. Kira tells Bashir to leave -- she will stay with him until he gets better. Bashir returns and reports this surprising development to Sisko, who goes to the moon himself and confronts the recuperating Mullibok. Knowing the farmer can't be swayed, Sisko talks with Kira alone and reminds her that, no matter how much she is like Mullibok, that way of life is now behind her. Appealing to her now as a friend, Sisko tells her that Mullibok's fate is already decided -- hers isn't. He then leaves her -- with much to think about.

That night, Kira watches over Mullibok, and as he awakens from a nightmare, tries to make him more comfortable. He pretends to be gruff, but is glad to have her nursing him back to health, and goes back to sleep. Meanwhile on the station, Nog and Jake overhear a conversation between Quark and Odo, from which the boys learn the Bajoran government wants to buy their land. Nog approaches the surprised Quark with a proposition -- one that will cost him only five bars of gold press latinum. The crafty Ferengi catches on.

The next day, Kira wakes up to find Mullibok outside, finally finishing a kiln that he had been building. As he fires it up, Kira says it is time for her to now finish her work. He declares that as long as his cottage stands, he stays. With that, Kira takes her phaser and destroys the kiln, then takes a torch and sets the cottage on fire. He tells her to turn the phaser on him, but she refuses. Finally, sadly, he says if he leaves, he will die. Kira reassures him that he won't, and offers her hand, but he turns his back. She reaches to him one last time as she beams away...

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Annie O'Donnell (Keena)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Brian Keith (Mullibok)

Daniel Riordan (First Guard)

Michael Bofshever (Toran)

Nicholas Worth (Alien Captain)

Terrence Evans (Baltrim)

Written By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Les Landau

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If Wishes Were Horses [DS9 #16]

Stardate 46853.2

While Sisko, Kira, and Dax investigate readings of unusually high thoron emissions coming from the plasma field in their area of space, O'Brien reads his daughter Molly a bedtime story about Rumpelstiltskin, after which the mystical dwarf actually appears in her bedroom. Shocked, O'Brien discovers that not only does he seem real, he doesn't disappear when his name is spoken as in the fairy tale. He calls Sisko on his combadge, but Sisko has become otherwise preoccupied when he finds himself face-to-face with Buck Bokai, a long-dead baseball player who has come to life from Jake's holosuite game. An even more shocking surprise greets Bashir, when he is awakened in his quarters by the caress of Dax's hand, then finds her trying to uncharacteristically smother him with affection. The senior officers are then summoned to Ops, where they are joined by Rumpelstiltskin and Bokai. Sisko asks Dax if this phenomenon could be connected to the thoron emissions, but she seems confused by the question. Suddenly, the officers hear a voice from behind, and turn to see... another Dax!

Bashir's tricorder analysis confirms that the three newcomers are definitely not holograms, but quite real. Sisko surmises that all of them were born of imagination, the thought of which makes the new Dax even more flirtatious with the embarrassed Bashir. Suddenly, Odo's voice breaks through to tell them that it is snowing on the Promenade, while in Ops the three fantasy characters mysteriously disappear one by one. Dax's analysis of the plasma field reveals that its wave fronts are converging toward a single point; whatever falls in there just disappears. While Sisko orders a probe prepared to investigate, Odo finds the snow gone, but now an alien animal is running loose, and Quark is walking with his arms around two affectionate, scantily-clad women. The Ferengi is quite happy, until he sees his patrons are fulfilling their fantasies by winning big at the dabo table. In the science lab, Dax and Bashir learn the wormhole is helping to make the rupture in space larger -- and the tension between the two is increasing as well, especially after the new Dax appears to taunt the original. All this stops, however, when the computer discovers that a similar rupture formed in the Hanoli star system in the twenty-third century -- and Dax recalls that when the rupture exploded, that system was destroyed.

The probe is launched, but while the officers work to gather data, O'Brien is annoyed by Rumpelstiltskin's return, and the dwarf strikes a raw nerve by hinting at a threat toward O'Brien's daughter. The probe's analysis from the center of the anomaly reveals that it's getting larger. While they deal with this new development, Sisko finds himself cultivating a more personal rapport with Bokai. Later, the three products of the imagination meet privately, with Rumpelstiltskin and the new Dax baffled as to why they are being rejected by those who first thought of them. But Bokai reveals that he has found a soft spot in Sisko, and that because of this, they should continue to stay -- for as long as it takes.

Sisko, Kira, O'Brien, Dax, and Bashir meet and decide to prepare a pulse wave torpedo for the purpose of trying to seal the rupture, even though that tactic was unsuccessful when a Vulcan science mission attempted the same thing in the Hanoli system. O'Brien is betting the more sophisticated version they can use now might be able to contain the internal reaction. Sisko sets O'Brien to the task -- but if the plan fails, the entire Bajoran system could be destroyed. Preparing for the worst, Kira goes to coordinate evacuation of the pylons, but encounters a section on fire, from which emerges a man ablaze, who comes toward her but then disappears. Meanwhile, Odo tries vainly to control the situation on the Promenade, and finds brief satisfaction when his imagination conjures an image of Quark in jail, while Jake tries to resist Bokai's temptation to desert his homework and play ball. In Ops, Dax reveals that the rupture has expanded dramatically, and the rate of expansion is increasing. She puts an image of the rift on the viewscreen, and everyone -- including the three fantasy constructs -- watches as the phenomenon sucks in space matter all around it.

O'Brien launches his altered photon torpedoes into the rupture, and the rift swallows up the detonation. Their instruments show they aren't getting a controlled collapse; readings inside the rupture are off the scale. Suddenly, an intense flash, then a massive hit throws everyone to the floor, including the fantasy Dax, who hits her head in the fall. The sensors are knocked out, and while O'Brien attempts repairs, Bashir tends to the new Dax, who can't stay conscious. When the sensors come back on line, they reveal the torpedoes have had no effect. Then, Rumpelstiltskin pipes in with a suggestion -- he'll close the rift in exchange for O'Brien's daughter. The suggestion infuriates O'Brien, who grabs the dwarf. But Sisko has finally put together the pieces of the puzzle -- the entire rupture is a product of their imaginations, and he drills that thought into his officers. True to his belief, the rift vanishes, as well as the three fantasy beings. Later, the danger gone, Sisko sits alone in his office, when Bokai reappears, and reveals that he and his companions are beings on an extended mission exploring the galaxy. They traveled through the wormhole recently, observing, gaining understanding, and explains that only the powerful imaginations on the station placed everyone into inadvertent jeopardy. Then, Buck mysteriously disappears before he tells Sisko where they came from...

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Keone Young (Harlon Gin "Buck" Bokai)

Michael John Anderson (Rumpelstiltskin)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Nell McCue Crawford

William L. Crawford

Story By : Nell McCue Crawford

William L. Crawford

Directed By : Robert Legato

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The Forsaken [DS9 #17]

Stardate 46925.1

Bashir plays reluctant host to a delegation of Federation ambassadors, one of whom happens to be Lwaxana Troi, mother of the Enterprise's counselor, Deanna Troi. Lwaxana creates a scene in Quark's when she discovers her priceless hairbrooch has been stolen, but Odo catches the culprit and returns the heirloom to her. The Betazoid develops an instant attraction to the shape-shifter. Meanwhile, much to Sisko's chagrin, Bashir brings the other three ambassadors to Ops, where a frustrated O'Brien struggles with the station's uncooperative computer. Then, an unidentified vessel comes through the wormhole. Unoccupied, it appears to be an alien probe. Sisko has it towed to a position a few hundred meters from the docking ring, while they attempt to establish a link to download information. Elsewhere, Lwaxana, dressed to kill, makes a move on Odo, who upon realizing her intentions, nervously avoids her and makes a beeline for Ops.

Much to O'Brien's surprise, getting the station's computer to perform a data transfer from the probe is unusually easy. While he and Dax work with the data, Odo seeks Sisko's advice about Lwaxana's romantic advances, but finds Sisko amused that the shape-shifter can handle thieves and killers but not an amorous Betazoid woman. Odo returns to the Promenade, runs right into Lwaxana, then tries to escape into the turbolift, but she gets in with him. Suddenly, it stops between floors -- the power has failed. Odo signals to be beamed out, but then the transporter also mysteriously goes dead. Lwaxana finally has Odo where she wants him -- alone at last.

O'Brien is baffled to find that both the turbolift and the transporter are in working order, even though they aren't working. Told that he can't even shape-shift his way out, Odo is resigned to being stuck with Lwaxana for a while. Odo suggests that he and the Betazoid pass the time quietly, but no such luck -- Lwaxana rambles on and on. Back in Ops, O'Brien informs Sisko that the computer rerouted the E-P-S power flow uncharacteristically fast, but for some reason still didn't activate the turbolift circuits. O'Brien's gut instincts tell him that, strange as the notion sounds, the computer's personality has changed -- becoming more obedient, and performing as if it wants constant attention -- much like... a child.

Sisko, Kira, O'Brien, and Dax discuss the mystery, and a theory develops that they may have actually downloaded a non-biological lifeform into the computer. O'Brien suggests that transferring all of that downloaded programming off the station might purge the lifeform, and sets to attempt the procedure, but the computer seems to be stopping him at every turn. In the turbolift, meanwhile, Odo shares some private thoughts about his background with a sympathetic Lwaxana, who notices that he isn't looking well. He reminds her that he must revert to a liquid state every sixteen hours -- and this is now hour fifteen. While time continues to tick away, O'Brien attempts a manual transfer out of the computer, but sparks suddenly fly from his console during the process, followed by a plasma explosion around the station's guest quarters. Fire breaks out in the corridor, trapping Bashir and the three ambassadors.

While Sisko, Kira, and a rescue team try to cut their way into the corridor, O'Brien acts on a hunch and begins to construct a subprogram within the computer that will attract the entity, which he feels is actually acting like a stray puppy. In the turbolift, Odo cannot hold his shape any longer, so Lwaxana lifts her dress to form an improvised basin, into which Odo dissolves safely to his liquid form. Back in Ops, O'Brien has the computer route all back-up functions through his new subprogram, after which all systems come back on line. Sisko and Kira, now able to get into the fire-scorched corridor, search through the rubble, and are surprised when Bashir and the ambassadors come out from a wall compartment, soiled but safe. Lwaxana and Odo, now back in his humanoid form, are freed from the turbolift, and she leaves him with a hint of romance to follow when they meet next, O'Brien explains to Sisko that the subprogram he built will keep their "adopted pet" lifeform happy, busy, and out of their way from now on.

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Benita Andre (Anara)

Constance Towers (Ambassador Taxco)

Jack Shearer (Ambassador Vadosia)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Michael Ensign (Ambassador Lojai)

Teleplay By : Don Carlos Dunaway

Michael Piller

Story By : Jim Trombetta

Directed By : Les Landau

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Dramatis Personae [DS9 #18]

Stardate 46922.3

Kira protests when Sisko allows a Valerian ship to dock at the station, even though she believes that the Valerians are supplying weapons-grade dolamide to the Cardassians. However, before the Valerian ship even arrives, a Klingon vessel blasts through the wormhole and explodes. One critically injured Klingon from that ship transports to the station, shrouded in a strange violet light, and dies immediately after uttering the word "victory" -- a curious declaration since his ship was supposed to be on a scientific mission. Dax and O'Brien are sent in a Runabout to search for the ship's mission recorder. While the Valerian vessel docks, despite Kira's unusual efforts to delay it without Sisko's knowledge. Odo learns from Quark that the Klingon mission involved procurement of something that would "make the enemies of the Klingon Empire tremble". Suddenly, Odo mysteriously becomes paralyzed with pain, his head splits in two, and a panicked Quark calls for Dr. Bashir.

When Odo regains consciousness in Bashir's infirmary, he is struck by the doctor's cold, calculating tone and his sudden interest in Kira, Sisko, and the Valerian situation. Meanwhile, Kira and Sisko have an uncharacteristically angry exchange over the Valerians, while aboard the Runabout, Dax and O'Brien also seem to undergo personality changes, O'Brien turning very cold and suspicious, asking Dax whether her loyalties lie with Sisko or Kira, while Dax becomes dreamy and removed. Kira, taking on a sensually manipulative tone, later tries to convince Odo to go behind Sisko's back and sneak aboard the Valerian ship -- Odo refuses.

Dax and O'Brien show a barely-legible recording made by the dead Klingon indicating mutiny aboard his ship, and the presence of some alien energy spheres, but Sisko doesn't seem to care. Soon afterward, Kira approaches Dax and tries to enlist her

allegiance against Sisko, attacking Quark when she notices him eavesdropping. Quark complains to Odo and tells him of Kira's plot against Sisko. Noticing the odd behavior developing among the personnel, Odo goes to find Sisko in Ops, and is shocked to see O'Brien sitting in Sisko's chair, settled in like he owns the place, trying to piece together the mission recorder's log entries. O'Brien tells Odo he believes Sisko's life is in danger because of the mutiny Kira is planning. Odo finally locates Sisko in his quarters, telling him that he fears what happened on the Klingon ship may be occurring on the station. Sisko, however, is only concerned with designing a clock. Odo realizes at this point that he's on his own.

When Odo returns to his office, Kira surprises him with news that she has made sure the Valerian ship cannot leave until she lets it. He learns that Kira is about to go after Sisko and O'Brien. Hoping it might provide an explanation, Odo reviews the reconstructed journal of the dead Klingon and finds a mention of telepathic energy spheres, containing an archive which described a power struggle that destroyed an ancient alien race called the Saltah'na. Odo cautiously approaches Bashir for help, making the suspicious doctor believe he's working to benefit whoever seizes control of the station. They theorize that the Klingon ship was destroyed after an energy matrix from the spheres affected the crew's minds, causing them to reenact that struggle. The Klingon apparently brought the matrix to the station inadvertently, and it influenced everyone in Ops but Odo. While Bashir works to eliminate the matrix's effects, one of his allies tries to attack Sisko with a tiny device. Sisko retaliates against the young ensign, sure that Kira put him up to the mutinous action, until Kira herself arrives, pointing a phaser at Sisko.

Before Kira's guards can take Sisko and O'Brien, the pair dematerialize and beam into an airlock, from where they attempt to escape to the Valerian ship, enlisting Odo's help to eliminate the forcefields blocking their path. Odo lures all the affected individuals together, then activates Bashir's matrix interference signal. The violet-colored energy influence is successfully purged long enough for Odo to release it into space. Life returns to normal on the station, and Sisko and Kira bury their differences.

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Jeff Pruitt (Ensign)

Randy Pflug (Guard)

Stephen Parr (Valerian)

Tom Towles (Klingon)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Duet [DS9 #19]

Stardate Unknown

A Kobheerian freighter transports a passenger onto the space station who has a medical condition known as Kalla-Nohra. Kira recalls that the only cases of this were the result of a mining accident at a Bajoran forced labor camp she helped liberate years ago. She goes to the Infirmary, and is taken aback when the patient is a middle-aged Cardassian male. He flees but runs right into Odo, who places him in a holding cell based on Kira's charge that, because he is a Cardassian with Kalla-Nohra, he had to be part of the military operation at the Gallitepp camp, and therefore a war criminal. When Sisko confronts the Cardassian, Marritza, about this, he claims that he does not have that particular condition, but one with similar symptoms. However, Bashir is certain that Marritza really does have Kalla-Nohra. Then, Sisko speaks with Kaval, the Bajoran Minister of State, who makes it clear that this is becoming a matter for his people, not the Federation, and if Marritza was at Gallitepp, Sisko will turn him over to Bajor -- whether he wants to or not.

Kira pleads her case, and Sisko agrees to let her handle the investigation. Odo's background check confirms Marritza's claims about being an instructor for the past few years. Unconvinced, Kira interrogates Marritza, who eventually admits he was at Gallitepp -- as a filing clerk. He claims there were no atrocities at the labor camp -- just rumors started by the camp's leader, Gul Darhe'el, to create fear in the Bajorans. Growing tired of this, Marritza insists on being released, and hits a nerve with Kira when he tells her she doesn't care about truth -- only vengeance.

The Cardassian Gul Dukat communicates with Sisko, but he refuses to release Marritza until his identity is confirmed. Later, in Ops, the officers examine the only image found in the Bajoran archives of Marritza at Gallitepp, but the Cardassian with that name in the picture bears absolutely no resemblance. Surprisingly, though, they do find a perfect match with another -- Gul Darhe'el, the "Butcher of Gallitepp". Kira confronts Marritza, who admits to being the notorious leader and assuming Marritza's identity. With disbelief, she listens to him brag about the countless atrocities he committed, brushing aside Kira's threat of paying for his crimes, and proclaiming that he accomplished more than her resistance group ever did. Kira sees her words mean nothing to one who feels so superior.

Kira seeks solace by talking with Odo, who points out something very odd about Marritza's claims. How did he know to which resistance group Kira belonged? She confronts the Cardassian with this, and he claims that he was kept informed of everything regarding the resistance. Meanwhile, the suspicious Odo discovers Marritza was seeking information on Kira months ago; then a conversation with Gul Dukat reveals that not only is Gul Darhe'el dead, but he attended the funeral himself. Dukat allows Odo limited access to Cardassian files in order to get to the bottom of this. In the holding area, Kira and Marritza continue to debate, and he reminds her that he wasn't the only one who killed innocents -- her terrorist attacks certainly murdered their share of Cardassian civilians. The discussion reaches a fever pitch when Odo pulls her away with his news. He isn't certain why yet, but he is sure Marritza wanted to be caught.

The evidence against Marritza mounts: Odo has seen Gul Darhe'el's death certificate; the labor camp leader wasn't on Bajor when the mining accident causing the Kalla-Nohra condition occurred; Marritza resigned from his teaching position two weeks ago and put all his affairs in order, he specifically requested passage to the space station; and Bashir has found enough medical clues to deduce Marritza apparently had his face changed to look like Gul Darhe'el. Kira tells him what she now knows, and finally, reduced to a tortured, saddened man, Marritza admits the masquerade. Kira moves to release him, but he begs to keep up the ruse, hoping that forcing attention to Cardassian crimes will force Cardassia to admit its guilt -- and maybe bring about a new empire. Kira, not willing to let him sacrifice his life, prepares to return him home when a Bajoran man comes through the crowd in the Promenade and plunges a dagger into Marritza, killing him. The Bajoran, Kainon, claims that the fact Marritza is a Cardassian was reason enough to take his life. Kira, shaken and totally forlorn, whispers that it wasn't...

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Cast : Harris Yulin (Aamin Marritza)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Norman Large (Freighter Captain)

Robin Christopher (Ensign Neela)

Ted Sorel (Kaval)

Tony Rizzoli (Kainon)

Teleplay By : Peter Allan Fields

Story By : Jean Carrigan-Fauci

Lisa Rich

Directed By : James L. Conway

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In The Hands Of The Prophets [DS9 #20]

Stardate Unknown

While Keiko O'Brien is teaching her students about the scientific aspects of the wormhole, a Bajoran woman in religious garb, Vedek Winn, observes the class and calmly objects to Keiko's secular methods of instruction. According to Winn, it is not science that guides ships safely through the wormhole, but "the hands of the prophets", and Keiko's words are a blasphemy the Bajoran cannot allow to continue. In Ops, Sisko listens to Keiko's concerns, but Kira expresses her support for Winn, suggesting to the defensive teacher that informing Bajoran children only about the science of the wormhole without placing it into a spiritual context is akin to imposing a philosophy on them. Sisko talks with Winn in the station's Bajoran shrine, and although she is honored to meet the "Emissary" to the prophets, Winn refuses to step back from her stance, warning that she won't be responsible for any consequences that result if Keiko continues her teachings.

O'Brien, working with his young Bajoran apprentice, Neela, is concerned when he cannot locate one of his tools, one which can be used to access every critical system on the station. When it turns out Ensign Aquino is also missing, they make a search, finding the melted remains of the instrument in a large power conduit -- plus traces of organic material, which prove to be human remains. Apparently, Aquino went to fix an irregularity in the conduit, and accidentally got caught in the power flow and killed. Later, O'Brien and Keiko find to their dismay that some Bajorans are treating her with contempt. In front of the school, the O'Briens find Bajoran parents and the students, including Jake, listening to Winn, who asks Keiko to stop teaching about the wormhole altogether if she will not instruct the children about the spiritual aspects. When Keiko refuses, Winn leads away the Bajorans in silent protest. O'Brien comforts his saddened wife.

O'Brien is still puzzled by Aquino's death, and Sisko asks Odo to investigate further. Jake then approaches his father about the school situation, and Sisko explains to him the importance of respecting the beliefs of others. Realizing the growing uneasiness on the station, Sisko seeks help on Bajor from Vedek Bareil, a spiritual leader who is the leading candidate to become the planet's next Kai. Although his ideology is quite different than Winn's, Bareil will not risk his growing status to help Sisko get an audience with the Vedek Assembly. Frustrated, Sisko returns to the station and finds that three Bajoran crewmembers failed to report for duty due to "illness", according to Kira. Tension builds between the two as Sisko grows tired of these games, but Odo and Bashir interject with the results of their investigation -- Aquino was really killed by a phaser blast.

The officers discuss the murder, and Odo reveals that, according to turbolift records, the ensign's true destination that fateful night was Runabout pad C. While O'Brien and Neela investigate the area, Odo goes to the Promenade just as more Bajorans, members of an orthodox spiritual order, arrive on the station to support Winn. O'Brien finds Odo and reports something most unusual -- a security bypass module was placed at Runabout pad A. Odo deduces that Aquino must have interrupted someone planning to steal a Runabout from pad C. The ensign was killed, and the culprit went to pad A to escape later detection. Odo and O'Brien suddenly hear an explosion, and rush to find Keiko's school engulfed in flames.

The wreckage is examined, revealing the school was destroyed by a homemade bomb. Winn approaches the area, and an angry Sisko lets her know that, despite this terrorist act, the majority of Bajorans do not feel the contempt she does for the Federation. As he leaves, Winn is surrounded by her supporters, and silently acknowledges Neela in the crowd. Then, in the Bajoran shrine, Neela reveals privately to Winn that the officers know about the Runabout, leaving Neela with no mode of escape, but Winn insists their secret plan must be carried out -- it is "the will of the prophets". Later, Sisko is pleased as Bareil arrives at the station to survey the situation, and while they move through the huge crowd of Bajoran well-wishers with Kira, O'Brien finds an unknown file in the computer, which turns out to be a series of forcefield overrides to Runabout pad A -- an escape route from the Promenade. While Bareil and Winn together go to the remains of the school, O'Brien suspects the weapons detectors are disabled, and urgently tells Sisko only Neela -- the last person to repair that unit -- could have done it. Sisko spots Neela in the crowd, calmly pulling out a phaser, and he knocks her to the ground, making Neela miss her target -- Bareil. It is discovered Winn started the religious controversy as a ruse to have Bareil assassinated before he could be made Kai. But in the end, it only serves to strengthen the alliance between Sisko and Kira.

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Cast : Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn)

Michael Eugene Fairman (Jumja Vendor)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Robin Christopher (Ensign Neela)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Written By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Homecoming [DS9 #21]

Stardate 47101.2

Kira is intrigued when Quark presents her with an earring he claims was delivered from Cardassia Four. She immediately recognizes the earring as that of Li Nalas, who according to legend is the greatest Bajoran resistance fighter ever. Li has been missing and presumed dead, but the earring indicates that he is alive, and Kira believes it was smuggled out as a cry for help. She asks Sisko for a Runabout to rescue Li, telling him that Li is exactly the sort of leader the increasingly factionalized Bajoran people need. Sisko is skeptical about the dangerous mission, but promises to think about it, when Odo and O'Brien approach Sisko with another problem. Graffiti bearing the insignia of "The Circle", an extremist group that wants to rid Bajor of all non-Bajorans, has appeared around the station. Sisko is troubled by this reminder that tensions on Bajor are definitely growing.

With this in mind, and with encouragement from Dax, Sisko agrees to let Kira have the Runabout on one condition -- O'Brien must accompany her on her mission into Cardassian territory. At first, Kira objects, worried that the presence of a Federation officer will only complicate things. However, Sisko is unwilling to bend, so Kira reluctantly agrees and the two head off.

After near-detection by the Cardassian forces, Kira and O'Brien land inside a prison camp where Bajorans break rocks in the sun. Kira flirts with an overseer in order to get inside the prison forcefield, then she and O'Brien make a surprise assault and get to the prisoners. Li is confused, unsure why these strangers have come for him. His friend Borum reveals that he smuggled the earring out in order to get Li rescued. The group prepares to leave as Cardassian guards come at them with phasers blazing. Li is hit, and the group makes the grim realization that they cannot escape with all of the other prisoners. Borum orders Kira to take Li back to Bajor and insists that he and three other prisoners will hold off the Cardassian troops. Reluctantly, Kira allows Borum and the others to sacrifice themselves in order to save Li.

Back on the station, Li is given medical attention while Kira inadvertently steps in on a message from Cardassian leader Gul Dukat. She is shocked to hear Dukat apologize for the existence of the prison camp, and is skeptical when he announces that all of the remaining prisoners will be released. Sisko also has trouble believing Dukat's words, but encourages Kira to be pleased with what has been achieved. The sudden arrival of Li has caused a tremendous commotion on the station, as Bajorans openly stare at him in awe. Li, however, seems strangely uncomfortable with the attention. He politely stands by while Minister Jaro from Bajor makes a speech publicly welcoming him home, and only relaxes when Sisko finally escorts him to his quarters. There, Sisko hints at the trouble on Bajor and asks Li for help in bringing stability to the planet. Meanwhile, at the counter of his closed bar, Quark is attacked by three masked, hulking figures who force him to the floor and burn his flesh with a sort of branding iron.

While Dr. Bashir aids Quark, Li is told that Quark's assailants are members of The Circle. Li is shocked that Bajorans have done such a thing, and Sisko explains that many Bajorans are turning to The Circle because they have grown impatient with their government. Kira adds that the Bajorans need a leader who will speak out against extremist groups, at which point all eyes turn to Li. He, however, wants no part of it. A short while afterward, the Bajoran hero is caught trying to secretly leave the station for the faraway Gamma Quadrant.

Forced to explain himself, Li painfully reveals that the bravery he is so famous for is based entirely on rumors. He killed an unarmed, unclothed Cardassian, and when the Bajorans learned that this dead Cardassian was a great fighter, Li's encounter -- and everything he did that followed -- grew to reach mythic proportions. Because the stories that made him a legend are false, Li feels unworthy of leading the Bajorans. But Sisko disagrees. He explains that the Bajoran people need a legend, and that they

look to Li as a symbol of what is best in themselves. Realizing that Sisko is right, Li agrees to assume whatever role is needed, which soon results in a surprising development. Minister Jaro announces that Li has been named Bajoran Liaison Officer to Deep Space Nine -- the position currently held by Kira. Over Sisko's objections, Jaro states that Kira has been dropped from the station and has been called back to Bajor.

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Cast : Frank Langella (Minister Jaro)

Leslie Bevis (Boslic Freighter Captain)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Michael Bell (Borum)

Paul Nakauchi (Tygarian Officer)

Richard Beymer (Li Nalas)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Circle [DS9 #22]

Stardate 47125.7

After Minister Jaro dismisses Major Kira and sends her back to Bajor, Sisko angrily confronts him about his actions. Jaro is surprised that Sisko is not happy to be rid of his troublesome officer, but assures him that Kira has been promoted. He also reminds Sisko that he couldn't have a better replacement than war hero Li Nalas, who will be safer from Bajor's escalating violence if he remains on Deep Space Nine. Sisko receives an eerie reminder of that violence when he returns to his quarters and finds his door has been vandalized with The Circle's insignia. Kira, meanwhile, is not happy about leaving, a fact she discusses with the rest of the crew as they stop by her quarters to see her off. Odo encourages her to fight for her job, but Kira is resigned to her fate. Then, Bajoran spiritual leader Vedek Bareil arrives unexpectedly. Although he starts out talking about the proliferation of weapons on Bajor, he ends up changing the subject and inviting Kira to spend some time at his monastery. She accepts, but before she leaves, Sisko promises to fight to have her reinstated.

In the monastery, Kira grows uncomfortable with both her feelings of uselessness and her growing attraction to Bareil. Bareil leads her to a chamber of the temple shrine, where he leaves her alone with one of the sacred orbs. Kira is suddenly enveloped by light and mysteriously transported to a room full of Bajoran legislators, plus Dax, Vedek Winn, Jaro, and Bareil. Kira is urged to listen to the legislators. Suddenly, she realizes that she is naked, just as Bareil appears from behind and kisses her. As they kiss, an explosion of sound interrupts the moment and she finds herself fully dressed, standing alone in the shrine chamber. Later, when Bareil asks Kira what she experienced, she lies about it, even when Bareil says that she has been in one of his visions.

Back on Deep Space Nine, Quark fills Odo in on an important piece of information -- the Kressari have been supplying arms to The Circle. Without Kira to help him, Odo needs Quark's assistance to learn where the weapons are being delivered, and forces

the Ferengi to act as his deputy. The officers delay the departure of a Kressarian freighter long enough for Odo to sneak aboard in liquid form and then disguise himself as a rat. At the same time, Sisko travels to Bajor to tell Kira about the arms shipments and warn her about the imminent coup. He again promises to help her return to the space station. However, soon after he leaves, she is drugged and kidnapped by three masked men.

On the Kressari ship, Odo learns that the Cardassians are really behind the arms shipments, secretly supplying the Kressarians with the weapons being taken to Bajor. Meanwhile, Kira awakens in an underground bunker, where Minister Jaro reveals that he is The Circle, and that he assigned Li to the station so the war hero wouldn't gain the devotion of the Bajorans. Jaro then passionately declares that, thanks to his work, Bajor will soon no longer be powerless in the face of others, and the Federation will be forced to leave. Back at the station, Quark tells Sisko where Kira has been taken, and Sisko, Li, and Bashir hurry to Bajor to rescue her. Surprising Kira's captors, they find her, cut and bleeding, and transport her back to their Runabout.

Soon after the group arrives at the station, Odo returns and informs Kira that the arms shipments to The Circle are coming from the Cardassians, who hope a resulting coup will get rid of the Federation so they can eventually retake Bajor. Back on Bajor, Jaro has no idea of this, and congratulates Vedek Winn on their pending success. Desperate, Sisko tries to put Li in touch with Bajor's Council of Ministers to tell them the truth, but all communications with the planet have been severed. Instead, he summons the aid of Admiral Chekote at Starfleet Command, and the two soon realize that Bajor is set to erupt in a full-scale revolution. With Bajoran assault ships scheduled to reach Deep Space Nine in only seven hours, the Admiral orders Sisko to conduct a complete evacuation of the station, but Sisko secretly plans to make one last stand against the approaching Bajoran forces.

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Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Anthony Guidera (Cardassian)

Bruce Gray (Admiral Chekote)

Eric Server (Peace Officer)

Frank Langella (Minister Jaro)

Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn)

Mike Genovese (Zef'No)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Richard Beymer (Li Nalas)

Stephen Macht (General Krim)

Written By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Corey Allen

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The Siege [DS9 #23]

Stardate 47143.9

With less than five hours remaining before Bajoran forces are due to arrive, Sisko continues to evacuate Deep Space Nine. He elects to remain aboard to delay the station takeover, and is pleased when his officers choose to stay with him. Kira maintains that the only real hope of stopping The Circle is to get evidence of the secret Cardassian involvement with Bajor's Chamber of

Ministers. With communications jammed and all Runabouts involved in the evacuation, she and Dax arrange to get taken to the Lunar-Five base, where ancient Bajoran raiders -- the only transportation available -- await them. Meanwhile, the Promenade is in total chaos with almost everyone, including Bajorans, making attempts to flee. Li is able to convince some of his people to stay, but there are still too many passengers and too few ships. This is because Quark, true to form, has seized the opportunity to make money by selling seats, and has accidentally "overbooked" and sold more seats than are actually available. Luckily, all civilians, including O'Brien's family and Sisko's son, are able to escape the coming siege.

Some time later, Bajoran raiders, led by Colonel Day and Over-General Krim, arrive at Deep Space Nine. Seeing no Federation members anywhere, they cautiously assume that the station has been abandoned, not realizing that a small team led by Sisko is hiding. Eventually, however, Krim decides that some people may still be aboard when it's noticed that the internal security system has been disabled. He reports this to Minister Jaro, who reminds Krim and Day that it is most important they take Li Nalas alive, to seal their victory.

Hidden in the conduits, Sisko and Bashir command two teams of would-be resisters, while Odo spies on the Bajorans. When Odo reports that a six-man team is preparing to search the cargo deck, Bashir and his group successfully intercept the soldiers and take them prisoner. Meanwhile, on one of Bajor's moons, Kira and Dax locate a dilapidated raider and manage to get it flying, but are soon intercepted by two highly superior Bajoran ships. Kira attempts to fly into Bajor's atmosphere to evade the attacking vessels, but they are hit and crash onto the planet's surface.

In an effort to stall the Bajorans, Day is lured into a holosuite, where he attempts to "capture" holographic images of the crew. The images fade from view and the door locks, giving Sisko, via voice communication, an opportunity to tell Day about the Cardassian plot, and that proof is on the way to Bajor. However, Day is unimpressed and neglects to tell Krim about the plot after he is released from the suite. Instead, they set about searching the conduits for the Starfleet team.

Amidst the Runabout wreckage, Kira, who is badly hurt, tries to convince Dax to leave her and deliver the evidence to the Chamber of Ministers herself. But Dax refuses to abandon Kira, and the two are soon discovered. Luckily, the Bajorans who found them have been sent by Bareil, who has Kira's wounds tended to at his monastery and helps disguise her and Dax as monks. Despite Kira's protests, he insists on accompanying the women to the Chamber of Ministers. Back at the station, Bashir creates a diversion, giving an armed O'Brien, Li, and Sisko access to Krim, who they eventually corner at gunpoint, forcing him to listen.

On Bajor, a session of the Chamber of Ministers is interrupted by the arrival of Kira, Dax, and Bareil. Jaro immediately recognizes Kira and orders guards to seize her, but she tells the Ministers about how the Cardassians are secretly behind the coup and provides evidence to prove it. Jaro is left in a state of shock, refusing to believe that he has played into the hands of the Cardassians. Vedek Winn quickly sides with Kira and the other Ministers against her one-time ally. The news soon reaches Deep Space Nine, where Krim, realizing that Bajor's provisional government still stands, recognizes that it is his duty to return the station to Sisko and the Federation, and does so. However, Day refuses to give up the fight, and pulls a phaser on Sisko. Li steps in to take the full force of the shot and dies, escaping the responsibility of leadership that he dreaded so much. The next day, the crew, especially Kira, mourns Li's loss, but their sadness is tempered by the arrival of the evacuees and the realization that life on Deep Space Nine will soon be back to normal.

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Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Frank Langella (Minister Jaro)

Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Katrina Carlson (Bajoran Officer)

Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Richard Beymer (Li Nalas)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Stephen Macht (General Krim)

Steven Weber (Colonel Day)

Written By : Michael Piller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Invasive Procedures [DS9 #24]

Stardate 47182.1

A violent plasma storm leads to the evacuation of Deep Space Nine, leaving a skeleton crew behind to maintain the station. Odo is suspicious when he learns that Quark is hiding in an airlock, but can pin nothing on the Ferengi. The crew picks up a distress signal from a cargo ship that has been damaged and needs assistance. O'Brien and Odo meet the ship at a docking bay, where the "victims", a humanoid female named Mareel, Klingon mercenaries T'Kar and Yeto, and a nervous male Trill named Verad, pull weapons on the pair and force Odo to assume liquid form and get into a small box. The group then forces Bashir to put Odo in stasis, and finally winds up in Ops, taking everyone hostage. O'Brien deduces that Quark is connected to their plight, unaware that, at that very moment, Yeto is revealing to the Ferengi that, what Quark thought was commerce, was really a trick to get the group aboard. T'Kar reveals the reason for the takeover -- the timid Verad is actually the leader and has come to steal Jadzia's symbiont.

Unable to look Dax in the eyes, Verad says he has spent his whole life trying to qualify for symbiosis, but has been deemed an unacceptable candidate. Tired of his mediocre life, he has decided to take Dax's symbiont and escape into the Gamma Quadrant. Dax urges him to reconsider, reminding him that most Trills are not chosen for symbiosis, and that improper joining can cause psychological damage to both symbiont and host. But Verad threatens to kill the rest of the crew if Dax refuses, and she agrees to go through with the procedure that will surely kill her. Mareel gives Verad a tender kiss goodbye, and Bashir reluctantly performs the operation, solemnly removing the symbiont. Back in Ops, Mareel tells Kira about her love and devotion to Verad when Sisko jumps in, warning her that Verad is sure to be greatly changed after the surgery, becoming a mixture of Verad, Dax and all of Dax's previous hosts. Mareel replies that she will always love him, just as a far more confident Verad walks in, but he is now Verad Dax.

While Bashir desperately tries to hold on to Jadzia's life, Sisko talks with Verad, tapping into the lifelong friendship he and the Dax symbiont have shared. Verad reminisces about old times until the memories begin to involve Jadzia, who, Sisko reminds him, is currently dying because of Verad. Sisko urges Verad to give the symbiont back to Jadzia, but Verad is unwilling to part with it, explaining that another joining so soon may destroy the symbiont. Sisko, willing to take that risk, walks out, saying that their friendship is over.

Unable to convince Verad Dax, Sisko turns his attention back to Mareel, urging her to talk with Verad and see for herself how much he has changed. She refuses, claiming to want to let him rest, but Sisko's words are getting to her. Meanwhile, Quark, trying to atone for what he's done, jumps T'Kar and is immediately injured. Verad Dax and Mareel make their plans to escape, and Verad tells her he will leave first and she is to meet him at a designated rendezvous point. Despite his assurances, Mareel is hesitant, realizing that Verad has, in fact, changed. Back in surgery, Bashir knocks Yeto unconscious with a hypospray and then he and Quark release Odo from stasis. Soon afterward, Verad attempts to contact Yeto and realizes that Odo must have been freed. He decides to leave immediately with T'Kar, taking Kira along as a hostage and leaving the dying Jadzia behind.

With Verad Dax gone, Sisko turns back to Mareel, who reveals that Verad has lied to her for the first time and that she fears he will not meet her as planned. Sisko takes advantage of her sadness, reminding her that the old Verad still cares about her, and that by saving Jadzia, Verad will be saved as well. Meanwhile, Verad arrives in the airlock to discover that his ship is not there. Odo suddenly appears, morphing out of a tool cart, and tells him that he released the docking clamps. Kira then attacks T'Kar and a struggle ensues, but Verad escapes to a Runabout airlock just as Sisko appears and pulls a phaser on him. Verad tells Sisko he doubts his old friend will fire and risk killing the Dax symbiont. But Sisko does fire, and Verad soon wakes up in surgery.

Although Mareel professes her undying love for him, he is inconsolable over the loss of the symbiont. Dax, however, is back to normal, with the addition of all of Verad's memories and feelings.

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Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : John Glover (Verad Dax)

Megan Gallagher (Mareel)

Steve Rankin (Yeto)

Tim Russ (T'kar)

Teleplay By : John Whelpley

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : John Whelpley

Directed By : Les Landau

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Cardassians [DS9 #25]

Stardate 47177.2

Bashir is surprised when his "friend" Garak, a Cardassian tailor, is attacked and bitten by a Cardassian boy who is visiting the station with his Bajoran father. The boy, Rugal, is an orphan abandoned after the war who was adopted by a Bajoran family. No sooner does Bashir tell the crew about the incident than Cardassian leader Gul Dukat contacts Sisko asking him to investigate. He claims any information will help in his quest to bring the Cardassian war orphans back home. Sisko begins by speaking to Proka, the boy's Bajoran father, who tells him that, while he has been honest with Rugal about the Cardassians and their atrocities, he loves Rugal as if he were his own child. This is contradicted by an alien named Zolan who was with the pair when the incident occurred. He tells Bashir that Rugal has been mistreated by his adoptive family and forced to hate himself for his heritage. Proka vehemently denies this, but Sisko insists that the boy be taken into station custody.

Later, Bashir discusses the situation with Garak while tending to his wounded hand. Garak laughs when he learns that Gul Dukat is claiming to want to save Cardassian war orphans and implies that Dukat is lying, indicating that he was in charge of the very operation that left those orphans behind. Bashir promptly brings this information to Sisko, who happens to be in the midst of a conversation with Dukat about the possibility of returning Rugal to Cardassia. Bashir boldly interrupts and asks Dukat why he left the orphans on Bajor, and Dukat responds that the civilian leaders ordered it. Unsure who to believe, Sisko requests a meeting with Garak, who proceeds to deny ever saying anything about Dukat to Bashir. Bashir follows Garak out and confronts him about his lies, and he angrily tells Bashir that the information he shared was confidential. Meanwhile, Rugal moves in with O'Brien and Keiko, and soon reveals to O'Brien that he hates the Cardassians and hates being one. He says that while his parents also despise his people, they love him and have never mistreated him.

That night, Garak wakes Bashir up and says that they must go to Bajor immediately. Bashir approaches Sisko for approval to use a Runabout just as Gul Dukat sends a communication to Sisko stating that Rugal is the son of Kotan Pa'Dar, one of Cardassia's most prominent political figures. Pa'Dar is en route to retrieve the boy and take him home to Cardassia. Still confused, Sisko lets Bashir travel to Bajor with Garak to investigate. While visiting an orphanage, Garak accesses and downloads all of the region's computer files on orphan resettlement, but is initially unable to find any record of Rugal.

On route back to Deep Space Nine, Bashir grows suspicious of Garak and questions him about what is going on. Garak indicates that Pa'Dar and Dukat are political enemies, and that Dukat's interest in the boy is suspect. Pa'Dar soon arrives at the station

and goes in search of his son, but first encounters O'Brien, who warns him of the boy's negative attitude toward his heritage. Pa'Dar replies that losing his son was a terrible tragedy and he is determined to bring him home, but when he meets Rugal, the boy angrily refuses to go. Proka insists on retaining custody, and Pa'Dar turns to Sisko to mediate the situation just as Gul Dukat makes his unexpected arrival at the station.

Dukat, Pa'Dar, Proka, Rugal, and Sisko meet to decide who should get custody of Rugal. Sisko is suspicious that Dukat has come so far for a simple custody hearing, especially since he and Pa'Dar have been political enemies. However, Garak learns more about Dukat's motives when he realizes that Rugal's name has probably been deliberately erased from the orphan resettlement files. He tracks down the Bajoran official who originally wrote the file and learns that Rugal was brought from Terok Nor, which was the space station's name under Gul Dukat's command. Apparently, Dukat deliberately left Rugal behind in hopes of someday using this to humiliate his adversary, Pa'Dar. When Sisko learns of this, he decides to let Pa'Dar take Rugal back to Cardassia despite the obviously distraught boy's unwillingness to go, realizing that the innocent father has a right to attempt to raise his child.

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Dion Anderson (Zolan)

Jillian Ziesmer (Asha)

Karen Hensel (Deela)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Robert Mandan (Kotran Pa'Dar)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Sharon Conley (Jomat Luson)

Terrence Evans (Proka)

Vidal Peterson (Rugal)

Teleplay By : James Crocker

Story By : Gene Wolande

John Wright

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Melora [DS9 #26]

Stardate 47229.1

The crew welcomes Ensign Melora Pazlar, a cartographer on a mission to chart the Gamma Quadrant. Melora is an Elaysian, a species from a planet with very low gravity, and because of this, she must use a wheelchair and braces to get around in "normal" conditions. Bashir has prepared the station with special ramps to give her access, but she makes it very clear that she does not need or want special treatment and hates being regarded as a person with a "problem." Meanwhile, Quark welcomes his own visitor, Fallit Kot, an old acquaintance who announces that he has come to the station to seek revenge against the Ferengi by killing him. Later, despite the obvious strain gravity puts on her, Melora meets with Sisko and tries to convince him to let her

pilot a Runabout around the Gamma Quadrant on her own. Sisko is understanding, but insists that Dax accompany her, leaving Melora stung. Bashir then visits her in her quarters, which he has equipped with a special device that reduces gravity and lets her "fly" around. He asks her to join him for dinner, and she agrees.

Back at the bar, Quark prepares a sumptuous feast for Kot, but is unsuccessful in convincing his enemy to spare him. At the same time, Bashir and Melora enjoy their own meal, and the two begin to feel a strong attraction. Later, while preparing for her mission, Melora trips and falls in a doorway and is unable to get up. Dax finds her there and summons Bashir, then helps her to the infirmary. This incident has obviously humiliated Melora, but Bashir is understanding and reminds her that in space, everyone needs help now and then. This helps Melora feel comfortable with her new friend, so she turns down the gravity in her room and shows him how he can "fly" around with her. The two are soon caught up in the moment and share a passionate kiss.

On route to the Gamma Quadrant, Melora shares her concern over her feelings for Bashir with Dax. Dax encourages her to enjoy the romance rather than worry about any potential problems. Back at the station, a worried Quark tells Odo about Kot's plan to kill him -- but this seems to please Odo more than it concerns him. Still, he promises to do his job. Later, Melora returns and seeks out Bashir, who has a surprise. He has been doing research on a neuromuscular adaptation theory that could possibly help her walk without a wheelchair, or her servo controls.

In the Infirmary, Bashir tries the new technology out on Melora, and is thrilled when she is suddenly able to lift her leg and is soon walking with just a little help from Bashir. Back in her quarters, he advises her not to use the low-gravity field actuator because it will "confuse" her motor cortex. She readily agrees to refrain, but, once he leaves, can't help missing her ability to fly. Meanwhile, Odo summons Fallit Kot to the security office and tells him that, while he sympathizes with his dislike of Quark, he cannot allow Kot to kill him. Kot feigns innocence, claiming that he never threatened Quark's life, but Odo later warns Quark to carry a combadge at all times and to be prepared to contact him. Sure enough, Kot appears in Quark's quarters that night and attacks him. Quark strikes a bargain for his life, offering Kot 199 bars of gold-press latinum he will receive through a trade with an alien named Ashrock.

The next day, Melora reveals to Bashir that she is feeling some apprehension about the fact that the effects of his treatment will soon be permanent. Not wanting to delude her, Bashir reminds her that she must give up her ability to fly if she wants to be able to walk. Meanwhile, Quark and Kot conduct their trade with Ashrock, after which Kot blasts Ashrock with a phaser and takes Quark hostage. They flee into a Runabout, trapping Dax and Melora inside, and Kot orders Dax to pilot the ship away from the station. Sisko, Kira, and O'Brien latch onto the Runabout with the tractor beam, but Kot responds by firing a phaser at Melora and knocking her to the floor, leaving her helpless. Moving fast, Sisko, O'Brien, and Bashir transport to another Runabout and Kira releases the tractor beam, letting Kot take off into the wormhole with the others in hot pursuit. Soon, Kot realizes he is being followed and orders Dax to fire on Sisko's ship. Before she can, Melora crawls across the floor unnoticed and reaches a switch that disengages the ship's gravity. Back in her "normal" state, she disables Kot, saving the day. Later, back at the station, she tells Bashir that she has decided against continuing the treatments. While he is obviously disappointed, he understands her decision, and is happy to simply be able to continue to get to know this remarkable woman.

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Daphne Ashbrook (Ensign Melora Pazlar)

Don Stark (Ashrock)

Peter Crombie (Fallit Kot)

Ron Taylor (Klingon Chef)

Teleplay By : Evan Carlos Somers

James Crocker

Michael Piller

Steven Baum

Story By : Evan Carlos Somers

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Rules Of Acquisition [DS9 #27]

Stardate 47261.7

While engaging in a game of Tongo with Rom, Dax, and a young Ferengi waiter named Pel, Quark is hailed by his leader, Grand Nagus Zek, who has good news for him -- Zek has chosen him to act as his chief negotiator in the Ferengi expansion into the Gamma Quadrant. Soon afterward, Zek meets with Sisko and Kira, hoping they will let him use the station for a business conference with the Dosi, a race from the Gamma Quadrant, and they reluctantly agree. Zek then goes to Quark's quarters and instructs him to purchase ten thousand vats of tulaberry wine from the Dosi, a move he feels will establish a strong Ferengi presence. Quark later brags about his profitable assignment to Rom, but Pel, who overhears them, warns him to be wary of Zek's motives, since Zek will be credited for success but Quark will almost certainly be blamed for any failure. Impressed, Quark asks Pel to serve as his assistant, leaving Rom stung. Pel then returns to his quarters, removing his false earlobes and revealing that he is actually a female.

The Dosi arrive on Deep Space Nine, and Quark nervously begins negotiations with Inglatu, the disagreeable leader, and Zyree, an equally difficult female. Things get off to a bad start when Inglatu says he will only sell Quark five thousand vats of wine, then demands to deal with Zek directly, but Pel steps in and firmly states that Quark is the sole contact in the negotiations. Still, Quark is shaken, and is even more upset when Zek informs him that he now wants one hundred thousand vats of wine, but Pel steps in and tells Zek this is a wonderful idea. She then steals a moment alone with Quark and convinces him that he is capable of negotiating this deal. Dax quietly observes the entire interaction and, the next day, questions Pel about her loyalty to Quark, then hears that Pel is not only in love with Quark, she is also a female, having disguised herself as a male to escape the domestic drudgery that is a Ferengi female's legally-mandated lot in life.

The next day, Quark relays to Zek that negotiations did not go well -- the Dosi have left the station. Zek becomes enraged, but Pel tells him that they will travel to the Gamma Quadrant and make the deal with the Dosi in their territory. Soon, she is alone on a ship with Quark, and almost reveals her secret as the sexual tension mounts, leaving Quark vaguely troubled. Meanwhile, back on the station, a jealous Rom ransacks Pel's quarters and learns the truth about her gender.

In the Dosi homeworld, Quark boldly approaches Inglatu with the contract, but he still refuses. Quark decides to camp out on the planet to be close to Inglatu in case he changes his mind, putting Pel, who is sharing a tiny tent with him, in an awkward position. Unable to resist, she impulsively kisses Quark, but Zyree enters before he can react, and reveals that Inglatu doesn't have one hundred thousands vats of wine to sell. However, she tips off Quark to the Karella, an important power in the Dominion, a mysterious group who holds sizable influence in the Gamma Quadrant. Realizing that this information, not the wine, is what Zek really wants, he and Pel return to the station. Quark refuses to talk with Pel about the kiss and goes straight to meet with Zek, who promises Quark a percentage of every Ferengi opportunity in the Gamma Quadrant in exchange for a meeting with a member of the Dominion. Suddenly, Rom Interrupts and pulls Quark away, telling him the truth about Pel. Quark promptly faints.

In the Infirmary, Rom reminds Quark that since she wears clothes and tries to earn profit, Pel has violated Ferengi law and should be punished. Afraid to ruin his reputation with Zek, Quark promises to give Rom the bar in exchange for his silence. Quark then visits Pel in her quarters and tells her to leave the station. She tells Quark that she loves him, but despite his feelings for her, he tells her he would not be happy with a non-traditional Ferengi wife. Determined to make her point, Pel confronts Zek and reveals her true identity. Zek threatens to imprison both her and Quark, who is guilty of the Ferengi crime of taking business advice from a female, until Quark reminds Zek that he, too, is guilty. Zek agrees to keep quiet, costing Quark his potential Gamma Quadrant profits. Pel leaves the station to continue her adventures, and Quark is left with nothing but the sadness of his first lost love.

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Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brian Thompson (Inglatu)

Emilia Crow (Zyree)

Helene Udy (Pel)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Story By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : David Livingston

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Necessary Evil [DS9 #28]

Stardate 47282.5

A beautiful Bajoran woman, Pallra, calls Quark to Bajor and persuades him to retrieve a strongbox her late husband kept hidden on Deep Space Nine. He agrees, unaware that a stranger named Trazko has observed their entire interaction, with Pallra's knowledge. Later that night, Quark and Rom sneak around the Promenade until they find the hidden panel that conceals the strongbox. Quark opens the box and sees that it only contains a list of Bajoran names. Suddenly, Trazko appears, and Quark realizes that Pallra probably sent him. Trazko takes the list from Quark and shoots him with a phaser, apparently killing him and leaving a panic-stricken Rom shouting for help.

While Bashir works frantically to save Quark, Odo questions Rom about the robbery and attack. Rom denies knowing what Trazko took from Quark, but when Odo accuses him of killing his brother, he tells him about the list. When Rom tells Odo the box was found on the site where the station's old chemist's shop used to be, Odo flashes back to a conversation he had with Gul Dukat five years earlier. The owner of the shop, Vaatrick, was murdered, and Dukat essentially forced Odo to investigate the killing. Odo questioned the dead man's widow, Pallra, about her husband's death, but while he was suspicious of her, she said her husband's alleged mistress probably killed him in a jealous rage. That mistress, she said, was Kira Nerys. Odo then comes out of the flashback and realizes that the attack on Quark could be related to this still-unsolved murder.

Odo tries to help Rom remember the names on the list. Rom can only remember one, which he thinks is Ches'so, and Odo then asks Kira if she knows the name. Kira says she does not, and Odo has another flashback to the time he interrogated Kira about Vaatrick. Kira denied the murder and the alleged affair, saying only that she and Vaatrick were friends. Later, Odo became even more suspicious when he spotted Dukat and Pallra kissing. This feeling remains after his flashback ends, sending Odo to Bajor to question Pallra about the list of names. She denies knowing anything about it, and says she does not recognize the name Ches'so. Odo then asks her how she found the money to pay her power bill, telling her that he knows her power had been cut off for non-payment. Pallra says a friend gave her the money but refuses to identify him.

While Quark continues to fight for his life, Kira tells Odo that she located Ches'so, whose real name is Ches'sarro, but that he drowned mysteriously the previous evening. Sure that Pallra is somehow involved, Odo orders a full examination of the man's death as well as an investigation into Pallra's bank records. Odo then has another flashback to when he first met Quark, remembering that Quark told Odo that Kira paid him to say she was at the bar the night Vaatrick was murdered. Sometime after the flashback ends, Odo shows Sisko the list of Bajoran names, which he compiled after looking through Pallra's communication records. Since every man on the list apparently transferred Bajoran currency into her account, Odo realizes that Pallra has been blackmailing them by threatening to expose their collaboration with the Cardassians.

Odo then flashes back to a conversation he had with Kira in which he confronted her about paying Quark to be her alibi. Kira once again insisted that she did not kill Vaatrick, but admitted that she was a member of the Bajoran underground and had sabotaged the ore processor the night he was killed. Since the crime was punishable by death, Odo mentioned nothing of it when Dukat entered the room, and simply told the Cardassian that Kira was not their murderer. Back in the present, Trazko enters the Infirmary with plans to finish Quark off, but Rom appears and the two begin fighting. The melee is loud enough to attract security, and Odo arrives to take Trazko to a holding cell. Later, Odo arrests Pallra for blackmail, despite the realization that Kira did kill Vaatrick that night five years ago -- not because they had an affair, but because he was a Cardassian collaborator who caught her trying to steal the list. While he has no intention of prosecuting her and -- says they can remain friends, both Odo and Kira realize the bond of trust between them may be changed forever.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)
Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)
Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : Katherine Moffat (Vatrik Pallra)
Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Max Grodenchik (Rom)
Robert MacKenzie (Trazko)
Written By : Peter Allan Fields
Directed By : James L. Conway

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Second Sight [DS9 #29]

Stardate 47329.4

On the fourth anniversary of his wife's death, Sisko takes a melancholy late-night stroll along the Promenade, where a lovely alien woman named Fenna engages him in conversation. Strangely, however, Fenna disappears almost as quickly as she appeared. The next day, Sisko and Dax meet with Professor Seyetik, an expert in bringing dead planets back to life, who has come to re-ignite the dead sun of solar system Epsilon One-Nineteen. Sisko and Dax discuss the upcoming mission over dinner, but Dax notices that Sisko is strangely distracted. Once the meal is over, he wanders back to the spot where he met Fenna, and is delighted when she suddenly reappears. They make plans for a picnic the next day, but when he asks her to tell him about herself, she runs away without warning.

Sisko asks Odo to look for Fenna, and is then approached by Dax, who questions him about the woman she saw him with the previous evening. Since he knows almost nothing, there isn't much to tell. That night, he, Dax and the rest of the senior staff join Seyetik on the science vessel Prometheus for dinner, where the professor bores them all with endless accounts of his intellectual escapades. Finally, he introduces his wife, Nidell -- and Sisko and Dax are shocked that the woman looks exactly like Fenna. Strangely, she doesn't seem to recognize Sisko at all.

After the meal, Sisko tells Dax that he is almost certain the shy Nidell is the same outgoing Fenna he met on the Promenade the day before. He casually mentions the meeting to Nidell, but she claims to have never seen Sisko before. However, she is visibly disturbed when he mentions the name Fenna. Back on Deep Space Nine, Sisko tells Odo to call off the search for Fenna since he found her on the Prometheus. Odo replies that this is impossible since no one but Seyetik has been off the vessel since it docked at the station. Frustrated, Sisko heads back to his quarters and finds Fenna waiting for him. When he tells her about Nidell, she obviously has no idea what he is talking about. Sisko continues to press Fenna, asking where she came from, and she tells him that she came to the station to find him. Fenna kisses him passionately, but after he returns the kiss, she disappears -- right before his eyes.

While Dax prepares for her mission with Seyetik, Sisko announces that he is coming along, hoping this will help him unravel the Fenna mystery. Soon, the Prometheus is headed toward Epsilon One-Nineteen, with Seyetik prattling on in his usual fashion. He finally tells the story of how he met Nidell when he brought her planet, New Halana, back to life. Hoping this is a clue, Sisko visits Nidell in her quarters, but she says she is too sick to see him. Sisko returns to his guest quarters, where Fenna is waiting for him. Immediately, Sisko summons Dax, who scans her with a tricorder and announces that Fenna is made of pure energy. Sisko then leads Fenna back to Seyetik's quarters where Nidell is on the floor, unconscious. A panicked Seyetik begs him to help, and much to Sisko's surprise, recognizes Fenna.

Seyetik explains that Nidell is a psychoprojective telepath and that Fenna is just one of many images she has created. Sisko asks Seyetik why this is killing her, and the professor explains that Halanans lose control of this ability while under stress. He sadly admits that he is probably the cause of that stress, but adds that since Halanans mate for life, Nidell can never leave him. When

Fenna realizes she truly has no past to tell Sisko about, it becomes clear that Seyetik's story is true. Realizing that their love is only a dream, Fenna kisses Sisko goodbye and prepares to return to Nidell to save her life. At that moment, Dax summons Sisko to the Bridge -- Seyetik has taken a shuttlepod and is heading toward the dead sun. Realizing the professor means to kill himself, Sisko tries to stop him, but Seyetik insists that he wants to set Nidell free. His ship explodes on impact, the sun is brought back to life, and Fenna slowly disappears. Back on Deep Space Nine, Nidell recovers, but because she cannot remember her "life" as Fenna, her feelings for him are gone. She leaves the station to return to New Halana, and Sisko is left to cope with the pain of another lost love.

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Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Maria Erickson (Lt. Piersall)

Richard Kiley (Prof. Gideon Seyetik)

Salli Elise Richardson (Fenna / Nidell Seyetik)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Mark Gehred-O'Connell

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Mark Gehred-O'Connell

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Sanctuary [DS9 #30]

Stardate 47391.2

When a ramshackle alien vessel is detected making its way through the wormhole, the ship's four passengers are transported to Deep Space Nine. The humanoid aliens, led by a female named Haneek, are unable to communicate with the crew since the universal translator has trouble with their language, but they instinctively trust Kira. Because of this, she leads the group to the Infirmary, reassures them as Bashir treats their wounds, and shows them to their quarters. There, the translator begins making sense of Haneek's words, and Kira discovers that Haneek's people, the Skrreeans, need help immediately. With Kira's encouragement, Haneek communicates that there are three million of them on the other side of the wormhole who must be brought through.

Haneek meets with the crew to discuss her problem, and is surprised to see men in positions of authority -- all Skrreean leaders are women. She explains that, while she is just a farmer, she is the first of her people to find the legendary "Eye" (the wormhole) that supposedly leads to Kentanna, the mythical home of her race. Most of her leaders were killed by the T-Rogorans, who conquered their people and have since been conquered by The Dominion. Sisko promises to help the displaced Skrreeans find a homeland, and soon afterward, Kira informs Haneek that several Skrreean ships have been located. She suggests that, as the first through the wormhole, Haneek should greet them, and the visitor welcomes a large group of refugees who soon overrun the Promenade, enjoying their first taste of freedom.

While her son Tumak is taunted by Nog, Haneek is made leader of the search by her grateful people, but privately tells Kira she fears that she will not find Kentanna. However, her confidence soon strengthens, and she requests a map of the sector to help locate her homeland. Later, Nog attempts to apologize to Tumak, but he starts a fight that Quark breaks up, making disparaging results about the Skrreeans that obviously hurt Tumak. Luckily, Sisko has found a planet, Draylon Two, that will make a good

home for the aliens. He, Kira, and Dax break the good news to Haneek, but she has news of her own -- she has found her Kentanna, and it is Bajor.

Sisko and Kira meet with Haneek and Bajoran officials Minister Rozahn and Vedek Sorad, and Rozahn tells Haneek that the Skrreeans' request for immigration has been turned down. She cites Bajor's own problems as a reason, but Haneek pleads with her, promising that her people only wish to settle in a deserted area and transform it into farmland -- something that could help Bajor, which is in the midst of a famine. Still, Rozahn is afraid of being forced to "take care of" the refugees, and when Haneek asks Kira for support, she is shocked that Kira agrees with Rozahn. Later, Kira attempts to explain herself, but Haneek refuses to forgive her. Their tense meeting is interrupted by a summons from Sisko -- Tumak has taken a ship and is headed for Bajor.

Sisko tells Haneek that Tumak's ship has a dangerous radiation leak, but Tumak will not respond to their hails. Haneek attempts to communicate with her son just as two Bajoran ships detect the Skrreean vessel. Kira begs them to let Tumak land, pointing out that he is only a boy, but the Bajorans refuse, saying they have strict orders to refuse access to all Skrreean ships. Sisko hails Bajoran General Hazar, who agrees to tow Tumak if he turns off his engines. But as Haneek again implores her son to do so, he fires on the Bajorans. They return fire before Hazar gives the order to refrain, and while their phasers miss the Skrreean vessel, the fire interacts with the radiation leak and the ship explodes. Later, as the Skrreeans begin to relocate to Draylon Two, Kira meets with Haneek again. Hurt and angry, Haneek tells Kira that the Bajorans have made a mistake based on fear and suspicion. As she leaves the station behind, Kira is left wondering if perhaps she is right.

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Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew Koenig (Tumak)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Betty McGuire (Minister Rozahn)

Deborah May (Haneek)

Kitty Swink (Vayna)

Leland Orser (Gai)

Michael Durrell (Vedek Sorad)

Nicholas Shaffer (Cowl)

Robert Curtis-Brown (General Hazar)

William Schallert (Varani)

Teleplay By : Frederick Rappaport

Story By : Gabe Essoe

Kelley Miles

Directed By : Les Landau

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Rivals [DS9 #31]

Stardate 47349.2

Over a drink at Quark's, a middle-aged alien widow, Alsia, tells an alien man, Martus, how she plans to invest her life savings in a large mining concession. Just as Martus offers to become her partner, Odo arrives and arrests him -- for swindling a couple on the station. Martus is locked in a holding cell and meets a sickly alien named Cos, who laments that he lost everything he ever had because of a gambling device that always brought him bad luck. He activates the device and exclaims with surprise that he won -- and then dies without warning.

Meanwhile, O'Brien worries to Keiko that he is getting old after Bashir literally destroys him in a racquetball game. Bashir also talks about the game with Dax, concerned that if he gives O'Brien the rematch he has demanded, O'Brien will have a heart attack. Later, Martus is released from his cell and heads straight for Quark's with the gambling device, with which he has been playing and winning consistently. Quark feigns disinterest in the device, but offers to buy it for a pittance. This is all Martus needs to realize it has value, and he heads for the Promenade with the machine. Within minutes, he has convinced a widow named Roana to let him turn her shop, which she is vacating, into Club Martus -- Deep Space Nine's newest bar.

Furious at the prospect of competition, Quark begs Sisko to kick Martus off the station, but Sisko refuses. To add insult to injury, Martus takes on Rom as a minor partner. Later, Roana arrives at the club, and Martus toasts their joint success, feigning romantic interest in his new partner. He also shows her the gambling table, where several happy patrons are playing with replicas of the device he acquired from Cos. Quark's, on the other hand, is basically deserted, except for a very forlorn O'Brien, who has just lost another racquetball game to Bashir. His tale of woe gives Quark an irresistible business idea that will help him top Martus. Meanwhile, in Ops, Sisko notices that there have been several strange reports of bad luck on the station. Dax remarks that her luck has been especially good, just as several patrons of Martus's bar simultaneously hit the jackpot on the gambling device.

The next day, Quark summons O'Brien and Bashir to his bar, surprising them with the announcement that his tables are open for betting on a racquetball game they will play tomorrow. When he promises to donate half of the proceeds to charity, both men realize they cannot say no. In the meantime, the station's run of bad luck continues, and Sisko asks Dax to investigate. Martus's luck appears to change for the worst, when his bar is literally deserted before the big match. To make matters worse, Roana announces that she is shutting him down. Forlornly, he pushes the button on his gambling device, and comes up a loser for the first time. Still, he isn't ready to give up, and approaches Alsia with his profits, giving them to her to invest in the mining project.

During her investigation, Dax discovers that trillions of solar neutrinos aboard the station are not spinning in accordance with the laws of probability. She searches for a correlation as Bashir and O'Brien begin their match. O'Brien plays surprisingly well, and Bashir is unable to keep up. But O'Brien senses that something is wrong and stops the game. He throws the ball against the wall, and when it bounces back directly into his hand no matter how it's thrown, he summons Dax and Sisko. The two of them go to Club Martus, where they realize that the gambling devices are to blame. Unable to disconnect them, they destroy them with phasers over Martus's objections, and then Odo arrives to re-arrest Martus on the earlier swindling charge. Back in the holding cell, he encounters Alsia, who he learns was out to swindle him. But all is not lost. Quark arrives to bail him out, enjoying the fact that he once again has the upper hand.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Albert Henderson (Cos)

Barbara Bosson (Roana)

Chris Sarandon (Martus)

K. Callan (Alsia)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Jim Trombetta

Michael Piller

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Alternate [DS9 #32]

Stardate 47391.7

Dr. Mora Pol, the Bajoran scientist who studied Odo after he was discovered, arrives on Deep Space Nine with the announcement that he may have a clue to Odo's origins. The scientist's presence makes Odo, who did not relish his life as a "living experiment," somewhat uncomfortable, but he cannot resist the prospect of possibly finding others like him. With this in mind, he asks Sisko for a Runabout to take to the Gamma Quadrant, where Mora has discovered some unique DNA patterns that resemble Odo's. Odo, Mora, Dax, and another scientist, Dr. Weld, head for the Gamma Quadrant and transport to the surface of the planet where the DNA was discovered. There, the group explores some stone ruins until Weld discovers a tiny lifeform that may be related to Odo. They prepare to transport back to the Runabout, but at that moment, the planet is rocked by tremors and clouds of a volcanic gas are released. Mora, Dax, and Weld are all incapacitated by the fumes, but Odo is seemingly unaffected and transports them all back to the ship.

Odo pilots the Runabout back to the station and the others are transported to the Infirmary. Later, O'Brien, filling in for the ailing Dax, attempts to classify the lifeform the group retrieved, and tells Odo that he is having a hard time because the organism keeps changing and reproducing. That night, Kira summons Sisko with some disturbing news -- someone has ransacked and almost completely demolished the Science Lab.

The officers realize the lifeform is missing, and since there is no sign of a break-in, O'Brien theorizes that the lifeform itself caused the damage. Sisko orders a sweep of the station to search for it, while O'Brien searches the conduits. Communicating with Sisko and Odo, O'Brien learns that there was a power interruption and a temperature increase in the Science Lab at the time of the "disturbance". Suddenly, the dead remains of the lifeform, which appears to have grown, fall on O'Brien. Bashir studies the inert material later that evening, and is attacked by a strange creature. He is able to fend off the creature, but it disappears into the night.

The officers assemble to investigate, then Mora accompanies Odo to the lab, where a recovered Dax discovers the lifeform from the planet is not the same creature that is wreaking havoc on the station. Mora looks at the data and realizes that instead, the violent creature's DNA matches Odo's. Without telling Dax, he tracks Odo down and breaks the news.

Odo declares that he was in his pail during the attacks and is upset by Mora's accusations that he may inadvertently be responsible. However, Odo realizes that the gas from the Gamma Quadrant planet may be to blame, sees through the doctor's concern, and firmly tells Mora that he will not leave with him and become his subject again. At that moment, Odo morphs into the creature. Sisko orders the power shut off and Mora lures the creature to the Promenade, where it is captured and morphs back into Odo. Odo is then taken to the Infirmary and cleansed of the gas, and Mora pays him a visit. The doctor apologizes for the pain he caused his former subject, and Odo, having forgiven Mora, finally begins to form a true bond with his mentor.

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Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : James Sloyan (Dr. Mora Pol)

Matt McKenzie (Dr. Weld Ram)

Teleplay By : Bill Dial

Story By : Bill Dial

Jim Trombetta

Directed By : David Carson

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Armageddon Game [DS9 #33]

Stardate 47444.8

Bashir and O'Brien travel to a lab orbiting T'Lani Three in an effort to eliminate the Harvesters -- a deadly bio-mechanical weapon used in the centuries-long war between the Kellerun and T'Lani societies. Working with scientists from both races, they finally find a solution, and the Kellerun Ambassador, Sharat, orders the group to destroy the entire remaining supply. However, just as their mission is about to be accomplished, two armed Kellerun soldiers enter the lab and start firing. Bashir and O'Brien manage to kill their assailants, but fail to notice that during the fighting, a small amount of Harvester material spilled onto O'Brien. As more Kellerun soldiers arrive, the pair attempt to transport to their Runabout, but are unable. Instead, they beam to the surface of T'Lani Three.

Ambassador Sharat and T'Lani Ambassador E'Tyshra inform Sisko that O'Brien and Bashir were killed when O'Brien accidentally activated a hidden security device that emitted a deadly pulse of radiation. They hail the pair as heroes and give Sisko a video recording of the tragedy. Sisko, Dax, Odo and Kira later view the recording, and, not realizing it has been altered, accept that their crewmates are dead. Back on T'Lani Three, however, Bashir and O'Brien are alive, and have set up a base in a deserted military command center in hopes of finding a way to communicate with the space station. O'Brien begins to work to repair an old companel, but suddenly feels feverish. Bashir examines him, and reveals that O'Brien has been infected by the Harvesters.

Sisko is saddled with the difficult news of telling Keiko O'Brien of her husband's demise. After viewing the tape, Keiko points out a major inconsistency. The tape shows O'Brien drinking coffee in the late afternoon -- something Keiko insists he never does. She believes this indicates the tape has been tampered with, and Sisko travels to T'Lani Three with Dax to find out why. Meanwhile, with O'Brien's coaching, Bashir works to repair the companel. O'Brien continues to worsen, and is horrified to discover that he can no longer feel his legs.

Despite his condition, O'Brien is able to help Bashir get the companel up and running, and Bashir sends out a weak distress signal. Sadly, both realize that O'Brien will probably die if the signal is not answered soon -- by the right people.

Meanwhile, Dax tells Sisko five minutes have been erased from the computer log on Bashir and O'Brien's Runabout, and that the time of the erasure proves that the pair could have been alive after they were supposedly killed. Soon afterward, E'Tyshra and two T'Lani soldiers arrive at Bashir and O'Brien's hiding place. The pair are thrilled to see them, until Sharat and his soldiers also arrive. Together, the Kellerun and T'Lani officials inform Bashir and O'Brien that they must be killed since they know too much about the Harvesters and could reproduce them.

Just as a soldier prepares to kill them, Bashir and O'Brien are beamed away to their Runabout, where Sisko and Dax are waiting. Bashir immediately injects O'Brien with a hypospray and the group flees the area. However, they soon realize that a T'Lani vessel is pursuing them. The enemy ship fires a warning shot and Sisko hails his assailants, who demand Sisko turn over Bashir and O'Brien. Sisko refuses and sends the Runabout directly toward the T'Lani vessel. Seeing no other choice, E'Tyshra and Sharat blow up the Runabout, only to realize that Sisko, Dax, O'Brien and Bashir transported to a second Runabout and have left the area. The group arrives safely home, and O'Brien is able to recover.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bill Mondy (Jakim)

Darleen Carr (E'Tyshra)

Larry Cedar (Dr. Nydrom)

Peter White (Sharat)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Written By : Morgan Gendel

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Whispers [DS9 #34]

Stardate 47552.1

After returning from an assignment in the Paradas system, O'Brien notices that everyone on the station is treating him differently. His wife, Keiko, acts strangely distant towards him and meets secretly with Sisko, while Ensign DeCurtis has been ordered to realign the station's security net without O'Brien's knowledge. Things get stranger when Bashir insists on giving O'Brien a physical, and Sisko orders him to submit to the examination. O'Brien then meets with Sisko in his office, and Sisko questions him about his experiences with the Paradas, who are preparing to arrive on Deep Space Nine for peace talks. He is surprised when, instead of having him work to prepare the station for the Paradas arrival, Sisko orders him to repair the upper pylons, which O'Brien had fixed just before he left.

Later, Ensign DeCurtis refuses to allow O'Brien to check the quarters assigned to the Paradas, explaining that only Kira has the access codes. Sisko orders O'Brien back to the upper pylons. Suspicious, O'Brien pretends to leave, but secretly watches as DeCurtis enters the quarters without Kira's help. He then returns to his quarters for dinner, where he is overcome with the unsettling feeling that Keiko is not really his wife.

After Keiko goes to bed, O'Brien searches the computer for any anomaly aboard the station that could be causing the crew to turn against him, and learns that he has been denied access to all logs dated after his return from the Paradas system. He also discovers that his logs, even his personal ones, have been analyzed by other crewmembers. At this point, Odo returns from a trip to Bajor, and O'Brien is thrilled to finally have an ally. However, when Odo summons O'Brien to the Security Office to discuss what he has learned, O'Brien quickly realizes from Odo's distant tone that he, too, is now in on the conspiracy. O'Brien prepares to leave, but is stopped by Sisko, Kira and Bashir, who is wielding a hypospray. Thinking quickly, O'Brien steals Kira's phaser and escapes into an airlock.

O'Brien transports to a Runabout and finally makes his escape in a hail of phaser fire, despite Sisko's orders to remain behind. O'Brien then contacts Admiral Rollman to tell her about the conspiracy, but she, much to his dismay, is apparently also a part of it. Realizing he has nowhere else to turn, O'Brien decides to look for answers where his troubles began -- in the Paradas System.

With a Runabout in hot pursuit, O'Brien heads for the Paradas system and manages to elude his would-be captors. When he learns that three passengers have beamed from the Runabout to the surface of Parada Two, he follows, and finds Sisko and Kira meeting with Coutu, a rebel Paradas leader. The suspicious O'Brien attempts to shoot Coutu, but a guard shoots and fatally wounds him. As O'Brien lays dying, he is shocked to see another O'Brien appear in the room with Bashir. Coutu explains that this is the real O'Brien, who was captured and held hostage during his Paradas mission. The O'Brien who returned to the space station was actually a replicant who was programmed to assassinate someone at the peace talks. The false O'Brien dies, finally knowing the truth.

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Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Philip LeStrange (Coutu)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Susan Bay (Admiral Rollman)

Todd Waring (Ensign DeCurtis)

Written By : Paul Robert Coyle

Directed By : Les Landau

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Paradise [DS9 #35]

Stardate 47573.1

While surveying nearby star systems for M-Class planets, Sisko and O'Brien locate a planet that already supports a colony of humans. They transport to the surface, and learn that none of their equipment functions -- a duonetic field seems to be preventing any E-M activity. They are discovered by two colonists, Joseph and Vinod, who explain they have been stranded on the planet ever since landing ten years ago. None of their technological systems have worked since. Sisko and O'Brien are taken to meet the rest of the group, including Alixus, who is Vinod's mother. Alixus calls their attention to how well the group has done without technology. She expresses pride for their community and confirms that, even if a rescue party arrives, she will never leave.

Back on the station, Kira and Dax notice that Sisko's Runabout, the Rio Grande, is not responding to their hails. Meanwhile, Sisko asks for any technological assistance that may help him restore contact with the ship, but Joseph explains that all such materials were thrown away when Alixus recommended they abandon their dependence on technology. Sisko and O'Brien are then asked to the bedside of a woman dying from the bite of a local insect. O'Brien suggests adapting their combadges to the energy of the duonetic field in order to make contact with the Rio Grande. To Sisko's shock, Alixus pulls him aside and tells him she will not allow any talk about technology.

Kira and Dax locate the Rio Grande -- flying aimlessly through space -- and set course for the ship in a Runabout. Meanwhile, Sisko and O'Brien join the others at work in the fields, where they discover one of the colonists has been imprisoned in a metal box for stealing a candle. They are shocked by this harsh method of "discipline", but Alixus defends her views. That night, one of the women, Cassandra, visits Sisko with the apparent intention of seducing him. Rebuffing her, he immediately confronts Alixus, who admits sending Cassandra to him. Suspicious, Sisko questions Alixus about how she conveniently managed to end up on a planet that so completely supports her philosophy of life without technology.

Sisko continues to work, but learns Alixus is rationing the water because the colonists failed to win him over. Suddenly, Alixus announces that the sick woman has died, and O'Brien was caught trying to make his equipment function. Because Sisko is O'Brien's commanding officer, she declares he must spend time in the metal box as punishment.

Later, a parched but defiant Sisko meets with Alixus, who promises to give him and the entire colony water if he will only adopt their ways. Sisko silently refuses, returning to his metal prison instead. A frustrated O'Brien searches the area, and finds a hidden box containing working technological equipment. He returns to the group with a now-functional phaser, releases Sisko, and reveals he has found the source of the artificially-created duonetic field. Realizing she's been caught, Alixus admits to creating the situation that has kept them there. Her people turn against her, now knowing the truth, but they ultimately elect to stay. Kira and Dax finally make contact with Sisko and O'Brien, and Alixus and Vinod transport to the Runabout with them, no longer welcome in the society they created.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Erick Weiss (Stephen)

Gail Strickland (Alixus)

Julia Nickson (Cassandra)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Buchman Silver (Vinod)

Steve Vinovich (Joseph)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Jeff King

Richard Manning

Story By : James Crocker

Jim Trombetta

Directed By : Corey Allen

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Shadowplay [DS9 #36]

Stardate 47603.3

In the Gamma Quadrant, Dax and Odo detect an unusual particle field on the surface of an unexplored planet. Transporting to the source, they find an alien village and some kind of reactor emitting the particle field. They are then taken prisoner by Colyus, Protector of an Yaderan colony which settled in a valley there. He explains that Dax and Odo's arrival coincides with the mysterious disappearances of twenty-two people. Odo and Dax are sympathetic to Colyus's plight and offer their help in solving the mystery. They meet Rurigan, an elderly man whose daughter is the most recent victim, and Odo questions Rurigan's young granddaughter, Taya, the last person to see her mother before she vanished.

The next day, Odo tries to establish a rapport with the shy Taya, and she opens up to him and talks about her life and her mother. Odo is surprised when she explains that the Yaderans never leave their valley, and reveals Rurigan thinks her mother will never return, but Odo vows to bring back the missing woman.

Odo learns from Rurigan that he is one of the founding members of the village, the oldest one remaining, and that he is dying. He also assures Odo that searching away from the valley for the missing people would be futile. Still, Odo is determined to investigate, and goes with Dax and Taya to the edge of the valley. As Dax and Odo pass some bushes, the Yaderan sensing device Dax is carrying disappears. Then Taya reaches past the bushes, but her arm disappears up to the elbow, then rematerializes as she pulls it back closer to her face.

After some investigation, Dax and Odo share their surprising findings with Colyus. The entire village, including all the people, is an elaborate holographic projection, created by the village reactor that generates the particle field. The reactor is breaking down, causing people to disappear. After the villagers see this for themselves, Colyus convinces them that -- real or not -- if they are to survive, Dax and Odo must be allowed to shut down the reactor and repair it before it experiences a complete failure. Dax proceeds, and the village vanishes, leaving Dax and Odo standing -- with a very real Rurigan.

Rurigan explains that when the Dominion took over Yadera Prime and destroyed his life, he came to this planet and used a holo-generator to recreate the world he had lost. Realizing his illusion may be forever gone, Rurigan reluctantly asks to be taken back to his homeworld. But Dax and Odo have a different view of the situation. They show Rurigan that, if the Yaderans are real enough for him to develop feelings, they are real enough to deserve a chance at survival. Dax and Rurigan repair the reactor, and the entire society reappears, including his missing daughter and the rest of the people who vanished.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Kenneth Mars (Colyus)

Kenneth Tobey (Rurigan)

Martin Cassidy (Male Villager)

Noley Thornton (Taya)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Trula M. Marcus (Female Villager)

Written By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Playing God [DS9 #37]

Stardate 47678.3

Arjin, a Trill initiate trying to qualify for joining with a symbiont, is nervous that he must study under Dax, having heard horror stories about the tough-as-nails Curzon and other hard-to-impress Dax hosts. However, when he meets Jadzia Dax in Quark's, it is he who is taken aback by her casual, lighthearted demeanor. Later, Dax and Arjin take a Runabout into the Gamma Quadrant, and she explains that he doesn't have to worry about impressing her. Suddenly, the Runabout gets snagged on a small mass of protoplasm in a subspace pocket -- an unidentifiable mass.

The crippled Runabout returns to the station with the matter still attached. While O'Brien prepares a containment chamber for the mass in the Science Lab, Dax takes Arjin to dinner, where she expresses worry that he only seems concerned with meeting other people's expectations, and observes that Arjin has few aspirations or goals beyond being joined. She later reveals to Sisko her reluctance in confronting Arjin about her impressions because Curzon Dax, who trained Jadzia, was hard on her -- to the point of giving her an unfavorable recommendation. Sisko insists that it is her job to be honest with Arjin in order to help him learn.

O'Brien discovers that Cardassian voles -- small, rodent-like creatures that have infested the station -- shorted out the containment field that held Dax's protoplasm, which is now glowing. While she and Arjin study it, Dax finally tells him her concerns, which causes Arjin to angrily leave the room, thinking the worst. Later, Dax reports that the matter is actually a rapidly-expanding proto-universe, which, as it grows, is displacing universe. Sisko reluctantly decides that their only option is to destroy it, until Dax finds indications of life within it.

Sisko is left with a tough dilemma -- deciding how to protect the station without destroying the matter and possibly murdering an entire civilization. While he ponders his choices, Dax locates Arjin and explains how the shy Jadzia made it through the program despite Curzon -- and finding a newfound inner strength in the process. As she urges Arjin to do the same, Sisko arrives with his decision -- he has opted to try and take the matter back through the wormhole. Dax invites Arjin to pilot the Runabout with her, and he agrees.

O'Brien creates the strongest containment field he can for the matter, but it begins to collapse once the Runabout encounters vertiron nodes in the wormhole. Dax orders Arjin -- an expert pilot -- to navigate through the veritable minefield of nodes, despite his reluctance. The field then collapses, leaving no margin for error, but Arjin succeeds in getting through the wormhole, returning the developing universe to its subspace pocket, and finally winning Dax's respect.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Chris Nelson Norris (Alien Man)

Geoffrey Blake (Arjin)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Richard Poe (Gul Evok)

Ron Taylor (Klingon Host)

Teleplay By : Jim Trombetta

Michael Piller

Story By : Jim Trombetta

Directed By : David Livingston

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Profit And Loss [DS9 #38]

Stardate 47701.5

Sisko and the Ops crew pull in a small, severely damaged Cardassian vessel containing three passengers -- Professor Natima Lang and her students, Hogue and Rekelen. Natima explains that their ship was damaged when they were caught in a meteor swarm, and Sisko says the trio can stay until the vessel is repaired. Meanwhile, Odo tries to confirm a rumor that Quark has obtained a small cloaking device. Quark begins to deny the accusations, but loses his train of thought when he suddenly sees Natima, who happens to be the former love of his life. Quark goes after Natima, hoping to pick up where they left off years before, but Natima insists she wants nothing to do with him. Their interaction is observed by Garak, the lone Cardassian on the station. When Natima sees him, she hurries her students out of the bar, desperate to leave the station immediately. Meanwhile, O'Brien, who has been working on Natima's ship, tells Sisko that it was really damaged by a Cardassian attack. Natima admits this is true, and that her students will be killed if they don't get to safety.

Natima explains that her students are leaders of the Cardassian underground movement which is fighting the military establishment to build a non-violent future for their people. Their views have made them fugitives, so Sisko agrees to hurry the repair work on their vessel. Soon afterward, the station is approached by a Cardassian warship which prepares to attack the station. As it does, Garak appears in Ops and tells Sisko they need to talk.

Garak says that the students are terrorists and urges Sisko to turn them over to the Cardassian government, but he refuses. Meanwhile, Quark, still hoping to get to Natima, tells her students he will give them the cloaking device for their escape only if they convince her to remain behind with him. But when Quark later arrives at Natima's quarters with the device, she tells him she no longer loves him and will not stay, then takes a phaser and reluctantly shoots him.

Quark is more surprised than hurt, and Natima, unable to deny her feelings any longer, admits she still loves him, but feels she cannot abandon her cause. Quark, however, finally convinces her otherwise. Unfortunately, no sooner does Natima agree to remain there than Odo arrives to arrest her. Sisko explains that the Bajoran government has agreed to a prisoner swap with Cardassia, and he is forced to abide by their decision. Meanwhile, Gul Toran arrives on the station and meets with Garak, who informed the Cardassian government about Natima and her students. Toran tells Garak this alone is not enough to end his exile, and that if he hopes to return to Cardassia, he must kill the fugitives.

Quark convinces Odo to release the prisoners, but as the trio prepares to leave, Garak shows up, ready to kill them all. Then Gul Toran arrives, sensing Garak's hesitancy, and decides to kill the prisoners himself. But Garak will not allow it, kills Toran, and lets the students go. Natima tells Quark that she must leave with them, and Quark does not stop her, knowing he will wait faithfully for the day when they can finally be together again.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Edward Wiley (Gul Toran)

Heidi Swedberg (Rekelen)

Mary Crosby (Natima Lang)

Michael Reilly Burke (Hogue)

Written By : Cindy Marcus

Flip Kobler

Directed By : Robert Wiemer

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Blood Oath [DS9 #39]

Stardate 47789.8

The relative calm of Deep Space Nine is shattered by the arrival of three aged Klingon warriors -- drunken, overweight Kor; warlike Koloth; and their leader, Kang. The three came to find Curzon Dax, and are surprised that he is no longer alive. Kor has no problem adjusting to Dax in her new, female form, while Koloth scoffs at the idea that she was once his old friend Curzon. However, Kang has the most trouble accepting Jadzia, because he has come with a mission. The group's greatest adversary, a man known as the Albino, has been located, and the foursome can now fulfill the blood oath they made decades ago to kill him.

Dax is unsure of whether or not she can go through with the oath that Curzon made. Kang reminds her that as a Trill, she has no obligation to fulfill what her symbiont promised. Still, Dax knows that a Klingon blood oath can never be broken, and confused, she seeks Kira's advice, telling her the story of how this began. After the Klingons were victorious over the Albino, he murdered the firstborn sons of Kor, Koloth, and Kang. The three took a blood oath of revenge, and Curzon Dax, as the godfather to Kang's slain son, took one as well. Compelled to keep that oath, Dax visits Koloth in a holosuite and engages in battle with him, successfully holding her own and winning his support. However, Kang still refuses to let Dax participate.

Dax meets with Kang and uses Curzon's deep understanding of the Klingon race to force him into changing his mind. However, while Kang agrees to let her go, Sisko, who has learned of Dax's plan from Kira, does not, and reminds her of her duty to Starfleet. Dax tells him that she will still go, and is ready to face the consequences when she returns -- if she returns.

The foursome travels to the Albino's world, and almost immediately, Dax and Kang clash over the best course of action -- Kang wants to march up and fight the Albino in full view of everyone, while Dax believes a more clandestine course of action would be more appropriate. Meeting privately, Kang admits to Dax that the Albino actually invited him, giving the aged warriors a chance to die with honor. Dax suggests it would be better to win with honor, and proposes a plan to increase their advantage. Kang, newly impressed, agrees to go along.

The group puts their counterattack into effect, surprising the Albino in his command post. The Klingons perform admirably despite their age, defeating the guards before Koloth is killed and Kor wounded. Kang is mortally wounded and falls to the ground, but Dax is then able to disarm and corner the Albino. Faced with the opportunity to kill him, she hesitates, but Kang is able to summon the last of his strength and deliver the death blow himself before dying. After bidding farewell to Kor, Dax returns to the station, a different person after her experience.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bill Bolender (The Albino)

Christopher Collins (Head Guard)

John Colicos (Kor)

Michael Ansara (Kang)

William Campbell (Koloth)

Written By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Maquis, Part 1 [DS9 #40]

Stardate 47802.3

The worst is feared when a Cardassian freighter, the Bok'Nor, explodes while departing the station. Dax determines it was no accident, since it appears an implosive device was placed aboard the ship. Worried how this will affect Federation colonies in the newly-established Demilitarized Zone, Lieutenant Commander Cal Hudson, an old friend of Sisko's who serves as Starfleet's attache to the colonies, is called in to help. He hints that the colonists, who, thanks to the treaty, are suddenly living in Cardassian territory, feel abandoned by the Federation.

Sisko returns to his quarters to find Gul Dukat waiting for him, insisting he is there to talk with Sisko privately, without the Cardassian government's knowledge. He says certain Federation members are responsible for the destruction of the Bok'Nor, and insists Sisko accompany him to the Volan Colonies in the Demilitarized Zone. Sisko, intrigued, agrees, and the two set off in a Runabout. When they reach the area, they encounter a Federation ship under attack by Cardassians -- a clear violation of the treaty. Surprised, Dukat orders his own people to stand down and threatens to fire, but another Federation ship arrives and destroys both Cardassian vessels. A war appears to be breaking out.

The two leaders join a meeting at one of the colonies, where Cal Hudson, his Cardassian counterpart Gul Evek, and a few colonists are present. Evek insists the colonists are engaging in organized terrorist activities, and tells Sisko he can prove this because they have the confession of the man who destroyed the Bok'Nor. He then shows the recorded confession of William Samuels, a colonist who Evek says was apprehended on Deep Space Nine. When Sisko asks to talk to Samuels, Evek reveals his body -- an apparent suicide -- which infuriates the colonists.

Later, Sisko wonders if Cardassian fears about organized terrorism are true, and while Hudson says he is aware of no such campaign, he also admits he wouldn't blame the colonists. Sisko and Dukat then return to the station, and Dukat admits he knew Samuels had been apprehended, but denies knowledge of his suspicious death. Soon afterward, O'Brien approaches Sisko with bad news -- the device that destroyed the Bok'Nor was a Federation device, apparently proving the colonists are responsible. Then, Gul Dukat is kidnapped from the station.

While the crew works to determine where the kidnappers have gone, they receive a transmission from the Demilitarized Zone, where a group called the Maquis is claiming to have abducted Dukat. Sisko, Kira, and Bashir follow the kidnappers to a stretch along the Cardassian border known as the Badlands, where they detect life on a large asteroid. They transport to the surface and are taken prisoner by a band of armed Federation colonists led by Cal Hudson.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Amanda Carlin (Kobb)

Bernie Casey (Calvin Hudson)

Bertila Damas (Sakonna)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Michael A. Krawic (William Samuels)

Michael Rose (Niles)

Richard Poe (Gul Evek)

Steven John Evans (Guard)

Tony Plana (Amaros)

Teleplay By : James Crocker

Story By : James Crocker

Jeri Taylor

Michael Piller

Rick Berman

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Maquis, Part 2 [DS9 #41]

Stardate 47805.1

Sisko, Kira, and Bashir are held in a Maquis camp, but Gul Dukat is not there. Cal Hudson then tells Sisko he is leaving Starfleet to work with the rebels, certain Cardassia is violating the Federation treaty by smuggling weapons into the Demilitarized Zone, and insisting he and the Maquis will do anything to stop them. Sisko offers to help his friend use more peaceful methods, but Hudson refuses, then stuns Sisko and his comrades in order to slip away. Back on Deep Space Nine, Sisko receives little help from Admiral Necheyev, who insists the treaty be upheld. Unwilling to give up on Hudson, Sisko does not report his friend's betrayal, then meets with Cardassian Legate Parn, who blames Dukat for the weapons smuggling. The encounter convinces Sisko that Cardassia is definitely smuggling weapons -- but not through Dukat.

The crew finds Gul Dukat and the Maquis hidden on a small planet, and Sisko, Bashir, and Odo take a Runabout to bring him back. A tense standoff ensues, and when one of the Maquis opens fire, Sisko is able to gain control, rescue Dukat, and take prisoners. However, Sisko leaves one Maquis member behind, asking him to tell Hudson that Starfleet knows nothing about his betrayal and he still has time to change his mind.

Upon their return to the station, Sisko tells Dukat that the Cardassians have turned against him. Not surprised, Dukat joins forces with Sisko, offering to help stop the smuggling if Sisko will help him stop the Maquis. Later, Quark, who has been arrested for helping sell weapons to the Maquis, reveals a list of what the group has. Dukat believes the Xepolites are transporting the weapons for the Cardassians, so they soon locate a Xepolite ship and prepare to board it.

Locked in Odo's holding cell with Sakonna, the Maquis' Vulcan liaison, Quark convinces her to reveal the rebels' next step -- a plan to attack a weapons depot hidden in a Cardassian civilian population center. Sisko tries to talk to the Maquis one last time, warning them that he will stop their plan. Hudson then arrives, and when Sisko tells him he will be able to stop the Cardassian weapons shipments, Hudson replies that he is determined to fight this war and win anyway, ultimately rejecting Sisko's offer to return to Starfleet.

Dukat learns that the targeted weapons depot is located in the Bryma Colony, then joins Sisko and the senior officers for one last stand against the imminent Maquis attack, taking three Runabouts to stop the group before it gets to the planet. When the Maquis ships finally appear, the initial skirmish results in damage on both sides, leaving only Sisko and Hudson in a final face-off. Sisko successfully stops his friend, then allows him to escape. Sisko returns to Deep Space Nine a hero, but wonders if he has really stopped a war, or merely delayed the inevitable.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Amanda Carlin (Kobb)

Bernie Casey (Calvin Hudson)

Bertila Damas (Sakonna)

John Schuck (Legate Parn)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Michael Bell (Drofo Awa)

Michael Rose (Niles)

Natalija Nogulich (Admiral Alynna Nechayev)

Tony Plana (Amaros)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Jeri Taylor

Michael Piller

Rick Berman

Directed By : Corey Allen

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The Wire [DS9 #42]

Stardate 47849.8

While having his weekly lunch with Bashir, Garak is suddenly overcome by extreme pain. It subsides just as quickly, but when the worried Bashir attempts to help him, Garak angrily refuses to go to the Infirmary and cuts short their meal. Later, Bashir is suspicious when he overhears Garak asking Quark to order a piece of merchandise for him. Bashir returns to work in the Infirmary, and soon gets a call from Quark asking for help in the bar. He arrives to find Garak, extremely drunk and obviously in pain. Bashir tries again to convince Garak to submit to an examination, but the Cardassian refuses -- until the pain causes him to collapse.

An examination reveals that Garak has a small implant in his brain, and Bashir believes Quark may know something he's not telling. He and Odo monitor Quark's transmissions that evening, and they hear him attempt to order a piece of Cardassian biotechnology. However, he is unable to obtain it since the piece is classified by the Obsidian Order -- the eyes and ears of the Cardassian Empire. Odo and Bashir conclude that the implant must be some sort of punishment device. Bashir leaves to confront Garak, and discovers that he has left the Infirmary.

Bashir barges into Garak's room, where he is injecting a powerful pain killer. Garak reveals he received the implant from the head of the Obsidian Order, Enabran Tain, when he was once a member, and it was designed to make him immune to pain if ever caught and tortured. Unfortunately, he has been using it to cope with the pain of his exile on Deep Space Nine, and now that he is addicted to it, the device is malfunctioning from constant use. Garak refuses Bashir's help, saying he deserves the pain for past misdeeds, including ordering a ship carrying his best friend, Elim, destroyed. Garak then loses consciousness.

Bashir turns off the implant and Garak wakes up, enraged now that his supply of pain-killing endorphins has been cut off. He rants and raves about Elim, this time saying the two of them freed Bajoran prisoners, which resulted in Elim's execution and his own exile. Garak then dismisses Bashir's words of friendship before collapsing again, near death. Bashir debates over reactivating the implant to prolong his life, but Garak wakes up and says he never wants the device turned on again. Bashir decides the only option remaining is to locate Enabran Tain.

After making the trip into Cardassian territory, Bashir finds Tain and realizes that the man has been monitoring his and Garak's every move. Tain is quickly convinced to give Bashir the information he needs to save Garak's life. As he is leaving, Bashir asks Tain what really happened to Elim, and Tain laughs and tells him that Elim is Garak's first name. Back at the station, Garak quickly recovers and resumes his weekly lunches with Bashir. Confused, Bashir asks him which of his stories of exile is true. Garak replies that they all are -- especially the lies.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Ann Gillespie (Nurse Jabara)

Jimmie F. Skaggs (Glenn Boheeka)

Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain)

Written By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Crossover [DS9 #43]

Stardate Unknown

After experiencing operational difficulties while traveling through the wormhole, Kira and Bashir find themselves in an alternate universe where the space station is populated by exact doubles of Garak and Odo, and is run by Kira's counterpart, Kira II. In this universe, they have no knowledge of the wormhole, and humans have no rights whatsoever. Because of this, Bashir is sentenced to manual labor, working under the sadistic, human-hating Odo II. Later, Kira II tells Kira about the last crossover, which occurred with Captain Kirk a century ago. That incident led to the formation of a powerful alliance between the Klingon and Cardassian empires in which Bajor is also a major player. Kira II tells Kira that she cannot allow Kira and Bashir to live, but Kira convinces her counterpart to spare them and let her try to find a way back.

Kira steals a moment with Bashir and tells him what she knows. Since a transporter accident caused the last crossover, he thinks they might be able to escape using another one, and tries to talk O'Brien's counterpart into helping him. Unfortunately, the beaten, put-upon Terran has little interest in risking the wrath of his superiors. Meanwhile, Kira almost succeeds in securing Quark II's help, but he is arrested by Garak, Kira II's aide, for helping Terrans escape the station.

Kira then meets Sisko's counterpart, who receives better treatment than the other Terrans because he runs missions for Kira II. Afterwards, Kira II reassures Kira that she has nothing to fear, and suggests they should become closer. Later, Garak II tells Kira that he intends to dispose of Kira II, and that he will let Kira and Bashir escape if she pretends to be Kira II, then resign and allow Garak II to take over. Garak II then reveals Bashir will be killed if she does not comply.

Kira hurries to Bashir and tells him they must find a way back to the Runabout and make their escape through the wormhole. She fills Sisko II in on Garak II's plan, hoping he will help out of loyalty to Kira II, but he is unmoved. That night, Garak II prepares to put his plan into effect at a lavish party thrown for Kira by Kira II. Meanwhile, Bashir is able to take advantage of an accident at the ore-processing plant where he labors, killing Odo II and escaping.

News of Bashir's escape soon reaches the party, while Bashir manages to locate O'Brien's counterpart, who decides to help this time. However, the two are caught and brought to the party to face Kira II. Despite Kira's pleas, Kira II sentences Bashir to death. When she turns to O'Brien II, he makes an impassioned speech, telling the assembled crowd what Bashir has revealed about a universe where Terrans have respect and dignity. His words move Sisko, who turns on Kira II and helps Kira and Bashir to escape. The two return to their universe, leaving Sisko and O'Brien's counterparts to fight for their rights in their own world.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Miles O'Brien)

Dennis Madalone (Marauder)

Jack R. Orend (Human)

John Cothran, Jr. (Telok)

Nana Visitor (Intendant Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Stephen Gevedon (Klingon #1)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Peter Allan Fields

Story By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Collaborator [DS9 #44]

Stardate Unknown

Bajor is about to elect a new spiritual leader, and Kira's lover, Vedek Bareil, is the leading candidate, having been Kai Opaka's personal choice to succeed her. After spending time with Kira on the station, Bareil prepares to return to Bajor, but the two of them first come across Vedek Winn, who is running against Bareil for Kai. Kira can barely contain her anger toward Winn, as she still blames her for an attempt made on Bareil's life. After this confrontation, Kubus, an older Bajoran, attempts to come onto the station unnoticed, but is spotted by another Bajoran, who recognizes him as a known Cardassian collaborator. As a crowd gathers, Odo arrives and arrests Kubus, while an inconspicuous Winn watches the entire scene.

From his cell, Kubus tells Odo and Kira that he wants to return to Bajor, where he can live out his last years, but Kira insists he remain in exile. Later, however, she learns that Vedek Winn has met privately with Kubus and now plans to take him back to Bajor. Kira stops her ship from leaving, then finds out that Winn has been investigating the Kendra Valley Massacre, in which forty-three Bajoran freedom fighters, including Kai Opaka's son, were killed by the Cardassians. A Bajoran monk, Prylar Bek, admitted to betraying the group's location before committing suicide. Winn then reveals to Kira that she has given Kubus sanctuary in exchange for information about the massacre--information that implicates Vedek Bareil as the collaborator who ordered Bek to reveal the location.

Winn offers Kira the chance to prove Bareil innocent before the accusations become public. Kira questions Kubus, who reveals Bek saw Bareil just after the massacre, then killed himself. Bareil later claims to Kira that he only counseled the troubled monk. Odo then makes a disturbing discovery. The communications records between Bek and the Vedek Assembly for the week leading up to the massacre have been sealed -- an act which only a Vedek, like Bareil, could perform.

Kira and Odo find Quark and convince him to bypass the seal for them. When he does, he finds that all transmission records have been erased. O'Brien attempts to learn who did this by searching for fragments of the responsible party's retinal scan and cross-referencing the data with the Assembly archives. Kira's worst fears are realized when O'Brien's search identifies Vedek Bareil.

Kira goes to Bajor and confronts Bareil with what she has learned, and he admits that Bek was ordered to reveal the location of the Kendra Valley resistance fighters to prevent the Cardassians from wiping out every village in the area in search of them -- a scenario in which more than a thousand Bajorans would have died instead of forty-three. Feeling betrayed, Kira is unable to forgive Bareil. Later, she reluctantly contacts Winn, who says that Bareil has withdrawn from the election. Certain that he is too honorable to cover up his own misdeeds, Kira investigates further. After Winn becomes the new Kai, Kira again finds Bareil and presents proof that he did not give Bek the order, then tells him that she has figured out the truth. All this time, Bareil was covering for the real collaborator -- Kai Opaka, who sacrificed her son to save the Bajoran villagers. Bareil kept Opaka's secret, but at the cost of handing the spiritual leadership of Bajor to Winn.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bert Remsen (Kubus Oke)

Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka)

Charles Parks (Eblan)

Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Tom Villard (Prylar Bek)

Teleplay By : Gary Holland

Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Gary Holland

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Tribunal [DS9 #45]

Stardate 47944.2

While leaving for a vacation with Keiko, O'Brien encounters Boone, a former crewmate from the Rutledge. The two exchange pleasantries and O'Brien hurries off, eager to start his trip. In his haste, O'Brien fails to notice that Boone has recorded his voice. Later, as he and Keiko head toward their destination in a Runabout, they are stopped by a Cardassian vessel. To Keiko's horror, Gul Evek beams aboard and arrests O'Brien, taking him back to Cardassia Prime without telling him what he has supposedly done.

O'Brien is "interrogated" by his captors until he meets Makbar, who will represent the state in the case against him. However, she refuses to tell O'Brien what charges he faces. Later, on the space station, Sisko is contacted by Makbar, who tells him that, as with all Cardassian trials, O'Brien's serves only a ceremonial function -- he has already been proven guilty and will be executed. Odo, who served the Cardassians during the occupation, volunteers to serve as O'Brien's Nestor, or advisor, then Odo and Keiko set off for Cardassia.

O'Brien meets Kovat, the lawyer assigned to him by Cardassia, but he is only interested in obtaining a confession, and O'Brien still has no idea what crime he has allegedly committed. Meanwhile, Sisko and his officers discover that several warheads have been smuggled off the station -- possibly to a group of Federation colonists-turned-terrorists known as the Maquis. Kira shows them that O'Brien's voice is on the security log requesting access to the weapons locker. Later, Odo arrives on Cardassia to advise O'Brien, and immediately questions him about the warheads, but O'Brien denies any knowledge of the weapons.

Back on the space station, Dax and Bashir determine that the security log recording of O'Brien's voice has probably been fabricated. When Kira arrives and tells them that O'Brien was seen talking to Boone just before the weapons were stolen, Sisko orders him brought in for questioning. Boone admits to nothing, even though he is promised protection from the Cardassians. They seem to be at a dead end, until a Maquis member secretly approaches Bashir and tells him that Boone is not one of them. At O'Brien's trial, both Makbar and Kovat continue to convince him into confessing, but the defendant remains firm. Odo attempts to introduce the evidence that will clear him, but the court refuses. Meanwhile, at the station, Sisko orders Boone to submit to a medical examination. Soon afterward, just as the Cardassian court prepares to move forward on the guilty verdict, Sisko escorts Boone into the courtroom, and Makbar suddenly announces that she will release O'Brien into Sisko's custody. As they head home, Sisko explains that Bashir discovered that Boone was really a Cardassian surgically altered to look like him. When Makbar saw him, she knew Sisko had the evidence needed to publicly embarrass Cardassia, so she let O'Brien go. O'Brien and Keiko express their relief, and Sisko sends them off on their well-deserved vacation.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Caroline Lagerfelt (Makbar)

Fritz Weaver (Kovat)

John Beck (Raymond Boone)

Julian Christopher (Cardassian Voice)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Richard Poe (Gul Evek)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Written By : Bill Dial

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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The Jem'Hadar [DS9 #46]

Stardate Unknown

Sisko's plans for father-son bonding are ruined when Jake invites Nog to accompany them on a trip to the Gamma Quadrant. Quark insists on coming to escort his nephew, and the not-so-happy foursome wind up camping out on a primitive, uninhabited planet. Quark and Sisko argue, sending an embarrassed Nog off into the woods, with Jake chasing after him. Then, a terrified alien woman runs out of the forest, telling Sisko and Quark that she is running from a group of alien soldiers called the Jem'Hadar, who then suddenly appear and take the trio prisoner.

Returning to camp to find Sisko and Quark gone, Jake and Nog set out in search of them. Meanwhile, Sisko, Quark, and the woman, Eris, are taken to a cave where they are imprisoned by a force field. Eris is unable to disable the field telekinetically because of a collar the Jem'Hadar have placed around her neck. She tells Sisko that the Jem'Hadar are soldiers of the Dominion, who rule the Gamma Quadrant, and is resigned to the fact that they are doomed. Sisko, however, is sure they can outsmart the four guards stationed to watch them, and decides to start by removing Eris's collar. While he works on it, Jake and Nog find the cave where Sisko and Quark are being held, but cannot get past the guards to save them.

Third Talak'talan, leader of the Jem'Hadar group, tells Sisko, Quark and Eris that the Dominion will no longer tolerate the presence of ships from the other side of the wormhole. Meanwhile, Jake and Nog return to the Runabout and try to beam Sisko and Quark aboard. When this fails, Jake realizes he'll have to get help, but can't disengage the ship's autopilot to escape orbit. Later, Talak'talan materializes on Deep Space Nine and tells the crew that Sisko is being detained by the Dominion, then transports away before he can be caught.

After several hours, Sisko is finally able to remove part of Eris's collar, and enlists Quark to pick the lock. Meanwhile, Jake is finally able to disengage the autopilot. Back at the station, Captain Keogh of the starship Odyssey arrives and informs the crew of his plans to rescue Sisko. Kira, Dax, Bashir, Odo, and O'Brien take off in two Runabouts, following the Odyssey through the wormhole and eventually finding Jake and Nog. O'Brien beams aboard their ship and promises to take them back to rescue Sisko and Quark.

Quark manages to remove Eris's collar, then she disengages the force field, and the three escape. Meanwhile, the Odyssey and the Runabouts are attacked, while O'Brien beams aboard Sisko, Quark, and Eris. One of the Jem'Hadar ships then flies directly into the Odyssey and destroys it in a suicide run. Back at the station, Quark discovers Eris's collar is a fake, and they deduce that she is a spy for the Dominion. But, before they can arrest her, she disappears -- leaving the crew with the realization that their dealings with this new enemy have only begun.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Alan Oppenheimer (Capt. Keogh)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Cress Williams (Talak'talan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Jace (1st Officer [Odyssey])

Molly Hagan (Eris)

Sandra Grando (2nd Officer [Odyssey])

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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The Search, Part 1 [DS9 #47]

Stardate 48212.4

Preparing for possible invasion by the Jem'Hadar, the soldiers of the Dominion, Kira determines that Deep Space Nine lacks the firepower to defend itself -- until Sisko arrives in an experimental vessel called the Defiant, a warship originally designed to fight the Borg. His plan is to travel with his officers into the Gamma Quadrant and locate the "Founders", the unseen leaders of the Dominion, with the purpose of demonstrating the Federation's peaceful intent. If this is impossible, the presence of the Defiant with all of its weaponry will show Sisko's determination to defend against an invasion. Along for the mission is T'Rul, a Romulan with a cloaking device, which will render the Defiant invisible from the Jem'Hadar during the search. Guarding the device is Lt. Commander Eddington of Starfleet Security, who has been ordered to assume Odo's duties. Realizing he is being relieved, an angry Odo resigns.

Meanwhile, Sisko coerces Quark into joining the mission because of his past dealings with the Karemma, a race that lives under Dominion rule. Odo also comes aboard the Defiant at the request of the Bajoran government, but shows to be more edgy than normal. After entering the Gamma Quadrant, T'Rul engages the cloaking device, allowing the Defiant to barely escape detection from two Jem'Hadar ships.

Ornithar, a Karemma official, is brought aboard the Defiant and reveals to Quark and Sisko that a race called the Vorta has ordered all communications for the Dominion directed to a relay station on Callinon Seven. Odo's curiosity draws him strangely toward stargates of the sector, specifically those of the Omarion Nebula. Quark then disembarks while the Defiant heads for the Callinon system. Once there, Dax and O'Brien transport to the unmanned facility. But just as Dax notices that most of the outgoing transmissions are being sent to specific coordinates, her communications to Sisko are cut off. With Jem'Hadar ships on the way, he reluctantly leaves the two behind and orders a course set for the coordinates.

Kira confronts Odo in his quarters to discuss his odd behavior. He confides to her about feeling a mysterious compulsion to travel to the Omarion Nebula -- and is convinced that he must go there immediately. Kira tries to make sense of this, but they are interrupted when the Defiant is attacked by three Jem'Hadar vessels.

The Defiant is pummeled by the onslaught, and is boarded by Jem'Hadar soldiers, who overwhelm the bridge crew. Kira and Odo defend themselves, but Kira is shot and falls unconscious. She awakens aboard a shuttlecraft with Odo, who has left the Defiant dead in space. His course -- for the Omarion Nebula...

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : John Fleck (Ornithar)
Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)
Martha Hackett (Subcmdr. T'Rul)
Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)
Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore
Story By : Ira Steven Behr
Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Directed By : Kim Friedman

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The Search, Part 2 [DS9 #48]

Stardate Unknown

Odo and Kira have landed on a lone planet in the Omarion Nebula, which they have discovered is Odo's homeworld. A Female Shapeshifter encourages him to begin the slow process of learning who he is, and discovering the bond they share, known as the "great link". Odo is pleased to be reunited with his people, but they don't like Kira because she is a "Solid" lifeform. Meanwhile, forced to abandon the Defiant during the Jem'Hadar attack days before, Sisko and Bashir are traveling alone in a shuttle when O'Brien and Dax, who have met the Founders, rescue them. Upon returning to the space station, Sisko learns that the Federation is negotiating a peace treaty with the Dominion, represented by one of the Founders, Borath.

When Sisko finds out that the Romulans have been excluded from the peace talks, he expresses his concern to Admiral Necheyev, but she dismisses his fears. On the other side of the wormhole, Kira is unable to contact Sisko because of interference from a hidden power source, while Odo struggles with his "lessons" at shapeshifting. Later, the Female Shapeshifter tells Odo that they came to this secret planet a long time ago, as a result of persecution at the hands of the Solids, then reveals he was sent as an infant to explore the galaxy, then return home.

While looking for Odo, Kira discovers a locked door - something for which shapeshifters would have no use. This arouses her curiosity. Back on the space station, a fight erupts between O'Brien and a Jem'Hadar soldier because the newcomers have been given free reign. Sisko then discovers that the Federation has signed the treaty, agreeing to give control of the Bajoran sector -- including the station and the wormhole -- to the Dominion. Over Sisko's objections, he and his crew will be reassigned.

A happy Odo tells Kira he has decided to remain with his people, but Kira asks him to help her get to the hidden power source before she departs. He is intrigued when Kira reveals it is behind the locked door she has found. Meanwhile, Jem'Hadar soldiers shoot Romulan officer T'Rul in cold blood, then attack an outraged Sisko. Deciding that matters have gotten out-of-hand, Sisko then bands with Garak, Dax, Bashir, and O'Brien on a suicide mission to steal a Runabout, collapse the wormhole, and keep the Dominion on its side of the galaxy forever.

Garak is killed while Sisko and the others escape. Once aboard the Runabout, they fire on the wormhole, collapsing it in a blinding explosion. Meanwhile, Odo unlocks the mysterious door, where he and Kira find Jem'Hadar soldiers waiting. The two are taken to an interrogation room where Sisko and the Defiant crew sit with their eyes closed, devices attached to their heads. Borath is there, revealing that he is really a Vorta, experimenting on the crew to determine how much they will sacrifice to avoid war with the Dominion. The Female Shapeshifter then arrives, disclosing that her people are the mysterious Founders. Saddened that his own race is responsible for so much death and misery, Odo demands that his friends be released, then chooses to return with them. Surprised that their experiences since the Defiant attack didn't really happen, Sisko and the crew head back to the

station. Knowing the truth about his people, Odo realizes now that, even though he may feel like an outsider, his place is with his friends.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Christopher Doyle (Jem'Hadar Officer)

Dennis Christopher (Borath)

Diaunte (Jem'Hadar Guard)

Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Subcmdr. T'Pol)

Natalija Nogulich (Admiral Alyssa Nechayev)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Tom Morga (Jem'Hadar Soldier)

William Frankfather (Shapeshifter)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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The House Of Quark [DS9 #49]

Stardate Unknown

With bar business especially slow, Rom complains to Quark that their only customer, a Klingon named Kozak, says he's out of money. Quark approaches Kozak, who responds by pulling a knife. But he is so inebriated that he trips and falls on the blade, killing himself. Quark is horrified, but when the bar is flooded with patrons flocking to see what happened, he recognizes a good business opportunity and takes credit for killing Kozak in self-defense. Thrilled with his newfound popularity, he ignores Odo's warning that Kozak's family might retaliate. Sure enough, D'Ghor, Kozak's brother, soon arrives and collars Quark.

A fearful Quark prepares to tell D'Ghor the truth, but learns that his life would be spared only if Kozak died honorably in battle. Thus sanctioned, Quark continues to revel in his role as a "slayer of Klingons" until Grilka, Kozak's widow, arrives and realizes the Ferengi is lying. She takes Quark to the Klingon home world against his will, where she explains that a provision in Klingon law grants consideration to a female left without a male heir after the accidental death of a spouse. This might allow her to lead her own House. But since Kozak instead died "in battle", the lack of a male heir would cause the House of Kozak to fall, and D'Ghor, who has been enemies with his brother's family for years, could take over. Unwilling to let that happen, Grilka conducts a ceremony where Quark winds up married to the widow.

Grilka brings Quark before the Klingon High Council and presents Quark as her husband, reminding the Council that, as Kozak's killer, Quark may be invited to take his place, and his wife. Much to the chagrin of D'Ghor, Council leader Gowron promises to consider her words, allowing the House of Kozak to be known as the House of Quark until he reaches a decision.

Grilka is not certain what to do next, until Quark volunteers to go over the financial records of the House. He discovers that D'Ghor has been systematically attacking Kozak's family's assets for years, weakening the House in order to prime it for a takeover. Together, Quark and Grilka present their findings to the High Council. But instead of conceding defeat, D'Ghor demands vengeance through personal combat, revealing that Quark lied about Kozak's death by bringing in Rom as a surprise witness.

With his life now on the line, Quark decides to run rather than face D'Ghor in battle. This means Grilka must return to Gowron without a husband, and with little chance of stopping D'Ghor from taking everything she has. Surprisingly, however, Quark arrives at the Council meeting armed to fight. As D'Ghor prepares to attack him, Quark suddenly tosses away his bat'leth sword, then reminds the Council that killing a defenseless Ferengi would be an execution instead of a honorable victory. An unmoved D'Ghor prepares to deliver the death blow anyway, but Gowron stops him, ashamed by his total lack of honor. Gowron then grants Grilka special dispensation to lead her House on her own. Quark is given a divorce, and he returns to Deep Space Nine a true hero in his brother Rom's eyes.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Carlos Carrasco (D'Ghor)

John Lendale Bennett (Kozak)

Joseph Ruskin (Tumek)

Mary Kay Adams (Grilka)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Tom Benko

Directed By : Les Landau

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Equilibrium [DS9 #50]

Stardate Unknown

While experimenting with a keyboard, the musically untrained Dax inexplicably plays a melody she seems to remember from somewhere, then suddenly develops a short temper toward her fellow crew members. She soon wanders onto the Promenade, where everyone mysteriously vanishes. A robed, masked figure stands above her, then a longer version of the melody begins to play. Dax is gripped with fear as the figure appears again, blocks her path, then removes the mask, only to reveal another. She then backs into Quark, at which point the Promenade is bustling with life again -- and the masked figure is gone.

Concerned about the hallucination, Dax has Bashir examine her. He discovers that her levels of isoboramine, a neurotransmitter that mediates synaptic functions between Jadzia and the Dax symbiont, are dangerously low. Aboard the Defiant, Sisko and Bashir go with Dax to the Trill homeworld, where the Symbiosis Commission's Dr. Renhol administers a drug to bring up Dax's

isoboramine levels. But Dax later has another hallucination in which two men from the Commission, dressed in uniforms dated about a hundred years earlier, attempt to capture her.

Dax meets with Timor, one of the Guardians, unjoined Trill dedicated to caring for symbionts. He says Jadzia is really experiencing memories from one of Dax's previous hosts. Later, the Defiant's computer identifies the mysterious music as a piece composed over eighty years before by a Trill named Joran Belar. When Dax is shown a picture of him, she suddenly experiences another hallucination in which the masked figure kills a Trill doctor and is revealed to be Joran. Dax then has a seizure and goes into neural shock.

Dr. Renhol says that if Dax's isoboramine levels don't improve in forty-eight hours, the Dax symbiont will have to be removed and Jadzia's life sacrificed. Desperate to save their friend, Sisko and Bashir turn to Timor, but he becomes nervous and evasive, leading them to believe he is hiding something. They access Joran's file, and find it has been purged. Sisko and Bashir then contact Joran's brother, Yolad, who says his sibling was killed after murdering the doctor who felt Joran was not suitable for being joined with a symbiont. Then, Yolad confides that he believes his brother actually was joined, despite claims in the official records to the contrary. Sisko and Bashir realize then that the symbiont was probably Dax.

Sisko and Bashir confront Dr. Renhol just as she is preparing to remove the Dax symbiont from Jadzia, then reveal that they have discovered the cover-up. Dax was once mistakenly joined with Joran, and this knowledge was blocked from Dax's memory -- but now the memory block is deteriorating. They also know that Joran's experience contradicts claims that only one out of a thousand people is suitable for joining. In reality, almost half the population can be joined, a fact that would cause chaos as everyone fought to possess the few prized symbionts. When Sisko and Bashir threaten to reveal this secret, Dr. Renhol allows them to try and save Jadzia. They return to Timor, who has Dax enter the pool of symbionts, where the memories of Joran are safely re-integrated with her other memories. She emerges ready to deal with this painful, secret past -- a whole new lifetime of thoughts.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Harvey Vernon (Yolad)

Jeff Magnus McBride (Joran Belar)

Lisa Banes (Dr. Renhol)

Nicholas Cascone (Timor)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Christopher Teague

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Second Skin [DS9 #51]

Stardate Unknown

Kira is surprised when she sees records indicating that she was incarcerated at Elemspur, a Cardassian prison, ten years ago. Certain she was never at the prison, Kira tracks down a man listed as her one surviving cellmate. The stranger claims to remember Kira, but she has no idea who he is and decides to learn the truth. Kira departs for Bajor, but is kidnapped, waking up on Cardassia, where an official named Entek tells her she has been brought home. Looking in a mirror, Kira is horrified to see that she now looks like a Cardassian.

Entek gently tells her she is Iliana Ghemor, a field operative of the Obsidian Order who volunteered for an undercover assignment on Bajor a decade ago. The Cardassians captured the real Kira, gave her memories and appearance to Iliana, then sent the replacement back to Bajor to infiltrate the resistance. Entek leaves, giving the disbelieving Kira a data rod containing a personal message Iliana recorded before she left. Soon afterward, Legate and Central Command member Tekeny Ghemor arrive, claiming he is her father and they are in his home. Kira dismisses him, and is surprised when he seems genuinely hurt that his daughter's suppressed memories haven't yet returned.

Back on Deep Space Nine, Garak reveals that Kira may be held by the Obsidian Order. Sisko decides to go to Cardassia and find her, forcing Garak to join him and Odo. On Cardassia, Ghemor tries desperately to jar Kira's memory of her life as his daughter, but she refuses to either believe him or trust his intentions. Entek attempts to interrogate Kira, saying they need information from Iliana's mission, but is frustrated that her memory is not resurfacing. Entek then shows her a younger Kira's dead body, which has been cryogenically preserved, looking just like it did in the prison record.

Kira believes the body to be a fake, but Entek then speaks of experiences she has never told another person. For the first time, Kira begins to doubt herself, but she doesn't give up and decides to escape, only to have Ghemor catch her. Later, Entek returns and begins to interrogate her yet again. An angry Ghemor comes in and dismisses Entek, invoking his status with the Central Command, then tells Kira that, even though it will break his heart, he will get her away from Cardassia.

As the final arrangements are made, Ghemor reveals that he is a dissident. This puts the pieces of the puzzle together for Kira. She realizes that Entek is not really after her, but is only using her resemblance to Ghemor's daughter to get him to betray the Central Command. Entek then enters with two Obsidian Order agents who surround Kira and Ghemor. But Sisko, Garak, and Odo appear and stop them, with Garak killing Entek in the process. Ghemor returns with Kira to Deep Space Nine, where tests prove she is Bajoran. Ghemor vows to find his real daughter, but also tells Kira that, until then, she is the closest thing to family he has.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Billy Burke (Ari)

Christopher Carroll (Gul Benil)

Cindy Katz (Yteppa)

Freyda Thomas (Alenis Grem)

Gregory Sierra (Entek)

Lawrence Pressman (Legate Ghemor)

Tony Papenfuss (Yeln)

Written By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Les Landau

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The Abandoned [DS9 #52]

Stardate 48214.5

A Boslic Captain talks Quark into purchasing the wreckage of a ship that crashed in the Gamma Quadrant. Unfortunately, he ends up with much more than he bargained for when he finds a newborn alien infant hidden inside. Quark brings the baby to the Infirmary, where the child's presence reminds Sisko of his teenaged son Jake's own infancy -- and Sisko's fatherly concern now

that Jake is dating Marta, a twenty-year-old Dabo girl. Bashir notices that the baby has a phenomenal metabolic rate, and the child develops so rapidly that he changes from an infant to what looks like an eight-year-old boy in a few hours.

While the boy is no more than two weeks old genetically, he is already able to speak. Bashir soon determines that his advanced skills are artificially implanted as the result of genetic engineering. The crew quickly sees what kind of alien he is when the boy matures again -- into a violent, teenaged Jem'Hadar.

Sisko plans to send the teenager to Starfleet Command for study, but Odo objects, knowing what it is like to live as a lab specimen. Despite the danger the Jem'Hadar poses, Odo wants to prove that he isn't just a programmed killing machine. He asks Sisko to let the boy stay, thinking he can control the alien since Jem'Hadar soldiers are bred to serve Odo's race of shapeshifters. Because the child's race is dangerous to the Federation, Sisko is reluctant, but he lets Odo work with the boy. Later, Marta joins Sisko and a nervous Jake for dinner. But, despite his initial thoughts, Sisko finds Marta to be very nice -- and learns some things about Jake in the process. Meanwhile, Odo talks to the alien, who shows his obedience, then expresses a desire to stay in Odo's quarters, which he allows.

Odo talks at length with the teenager, and learns that he wants to know more about the Jem'Hadar. But the boy's only desire seems to be for violence. Kira warns him that the child may be a lost cause -- if he was engineered to kill, Odo will not be able to change him. Odo tries to show the teenager that there is more to life than fighting, but a holosuite battle reveals that the bloodlust remains. Later, Sisko has word that Starfleet has sent a ship to pick up the young Jem'Hadar. But before Odo can leave to tell the boy, he suddenly appears in the room, pulls a phaser on Sisko, and announces that he refuses to go where they plan to send him.

The teenager demands a Runabout so he and Odo can go home to the Gamma Quadrant, then takes him through the corridors en route for the vessel. Much to Odo's disappointment, the boy reveals that he wants to be a Jem'Hadar. But when Sisko attempts to stop him from leaving, Odo intercedes, insisting on returning the teenager to his homeland. Knowing that the Jem'Hadar will either kill someone or be killed rather than go with Starfleet, Sisko agrees. Odo handles this final task and returns to the station, sadder but wiser for his experience.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bumper Robinson (Teenage Jem'Hadar)

Hassan Nicholas (Jem'Hadar Boy)

Jill Sayre (Mardah)

Leslie Bevis (Boslic Freighter Captain)

Matthew Kimbrough (Alien High Roller)

Written By : D. Thomas Maio

Steve Warnek

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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Civil Defense [DS9 #53]

Stardate Unknown

While working in the station's ore processing unit, O'Brien and Jake accidentally activate an automated Cardassian security program, which traps the pair and Sisko in the room. Throughout the station, monitors display an old message from Gul Dukat

warning of a Bajoran "worker revolt" in the unit. Dax tries to beam out the three, but the computer requests an access code, which the Cardassians never revealed when they abandoned the station years ago. Jake crawls through a pipe and opens the hatch to the ore chute, allowing Sisko and O'Brien to get out just as lethal neurocine gas is released. Dukat's image reappears, announcing that the "workers" have escaped, after which the doors to Ops all slam shut.

Sisko, O'Brien, and Jake are now trapped in an ore processing bay. A force field keeps Dax, Bashir, and Kira stuck in Ops, while another one holds Odo and Quark in the Security Office. Dax inadvertently activates the security program's second level, a program designed to release neurocine gas through most of the station in five minutes. Garak suddenly arrives at Ops, using his Cardassian access code -- which only works for him -- to enter through the force field. At his suggestion, Kira destroys the life support system, which stops the gas and gives them twelve hours to regain control before the oxygen is depleted. Unfortunately, Kira's phaser blast has activated the third phase of the program. Dukat's recorded message now declares that the station is programmed to self-destruct in two hours.

Garak tries to make the computer think he is Dukat, but ends up initiating level four of the program - a series of phaser blasts which forces everyone to take cover. Then, to everyone's surprise, Gul Dukat transports into Ops to taunt the officers. But he can't leave the station when he tries, then a recorded message from his old superior, Legate Kell, appears. Dukat won't be allowed to flee his post during the "revolt", states the message -- and his code won't stop the self-destruct.

They determine that the only option would be to reach a control junction and disengage the laser fusion initiator, but can't do anything while trapped in Ops. Meanwhile, Sisko, O'Brien, and Jake blast open the bay doors by detonating the unstable ore left inside, but are stopped from going far by more force fields. Back in Ops, Dax suggests creating a power surge to short out the force fields all over the station. The plan works, and Kira informs Sisko they have ten minutes before self-destruction. Sisko, O'Brien, and Jake have the only chance of reaching the control junction. Realizing they may not have time to disable the fusion initiator, Sisko decides instead to direct the explosion into the deflector shields. He crawls through a burning conduit, makes the adjustments, and as the destruct command is initiated, the shields absorb the blast and the station is saved.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Danny Goldring (Legate Kell)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Written By : Mike Krohn

Directed By : Reza Badiyi

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Meridian [DS9 #54]

Stardate 48423.2

While exploring the Gamma Quadrant in the Defiant, Sisko, Dax, Bashir, and O'Brien are shocked when a planet appears where none existed before. They are contacted by a woman named Seltin, who invites them to join her people on their world for a meal. During the feast, Seltin explains that the planet, Meridian, shifts between this dimension and another, where they exist as pure consciousness. When they return to this dimension, it is as if no time has passed for them even though decades have gone by in reality. Dax is intrigued by a Meridian named Deral, who explains to her that the periods when his planet exists in this

dimension are getting shorter -- this time, they will only be visible for twelve days, after which Meridian will shift back into its non-corporeal state for sixty years. Those intervals returning to Dax's dimension will soon be cut to a matter of minutes, after which the planet will become too unstable and simply cease to exist.

Sisko volunteers to help find a way to stabilize Meridian's dimensional shifts. Dax notices a possible anomaly in the sun's fusion cycle, and a probe is sent to investigate. While awaiting the readings, Dax and Deral take a long walk through Meridian's landscape, during which they give in to their growing attraction and kiss.

Dax soon discovers an imbalance in the sun's core is triggering the dimensional shifts. Unfortunately, while it is possible to equalize the time between shifts, it cannot be accomplished before the five days Meridian has left remaining in this dimension. Dax and Deral realize they will not see each other again until his planet returns in sixty years. Unwilling to lose her, Deral decides to leave Meridian and his people in order to go with Dax to the Alpha Quadrant.

Seltin is thrilled to hear that the next time Meridian returns to this dimension, it will remain for thirty years, allowing the group to have families and expand the settlement. But she is less than thrilled with Deral's announcement that he is leaving with Dax. He knows that the small society can't afford to lose a member, but remains determined to be with the woman he loves. Noticing Deral is torn, Dax presents an alternative -- having her molecular structure altered in order to survive the dimensional shift. Realizing it's the only way they can be together, Dax decides to do this so she can remain on Meridian with Deral.

As the shift of Meridian begins, Dax's presence interferes with the process, making the planet unable to completely enter the other dimension. Trapped, Dax is left unable to breathe, but is then beamed aboard the Defiant. Sisko informs her that Meridian shifted successfully after her disappearance, letting Dax know that Deral is alive, but lost from her life for the next sixty years.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brett Cullen (Deral)

Christine Healy (Seltin)

Jeffrey Combs (Tiron)

Mark Humphrey (Child)

Teleplay By : Mark Gehred-O'Connell

Story By : Evan Carlos Somers

Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Defiant [DS9 #55]

Stardate 48467.3

When Commander William Riker from the Enterprise visits the station, an intrigued Kira takes him on a tour, particularly of the Defiant. On the bridge of the docked ship, Kira uses her access code in order to show him more of the Defiant's operations. But as the ship springs to life, Riker suddenly stuns Kira with a phaser blast, then a man and a woman, Tamal and Kalita, transport aboard. Riker fakes an emergency on the warship and convinces Sisko to have it freed from the dock. The Defiant then engages warp drive and leaves the sector, at which point it is revealed that the man stealing the vessel is actually Thomas Riker, Wil Riker's duplicate, created as the result of a freak transporter accident nine years ago.

Sisko and Odo inform Gul Dukat that Thomas Riker -- who is believed to be a member of the Maquis, a terrorist group fighting against Cardassia -- has stolen the Defiant. They fear that Dukat's superiors at Cardassian Central Command will assume Starfleet wanted the Maquis to have the warship. This would give the Cardassians an excuse to launch a full-scale invasion into the Demilitarized zone between their territory and Federation space in order to find the Defiant. Seeing no other option, Sisko agrees to join forces with Dukat to help destroy the vessel. Meanwhile, Riker makes a rendezvous with a group of Maquis ships, then gives the order to head for the Cardassian border.

Sisko accompanies Gul Dukat to the Cardassian homeworld's War Room, where they meet Korinas, an observer from the Obsidian Order. Sisko reveals that the Defiant has a cloaking device, but admits the ship may be detectable with an anti-proton beam. Meanwhile, Riker uses a decoy vessel to lure away Cardassian warships, then slips into their territory. Kira then sets off an explosion on board, which disables the cloaking device and causes the Defiant to lose power.

The Defiant is repaired, and Riker reveals to Kira that he believes renegade Cardassians have a secret base in the Orias system where they are building an invasion force. His mission is to destroy that operation. In the War Room, Sisko realizes that the Orias system is the Defiant's destination and suggests that a warship be sent there, but Korinas objects, informing them that the sector is controlled by the Obsidian Order -- and any warship that enters will be destroyed.

The Defiant is located heading toward the Orias System and Dukat sends ten ships in pursuit. But he and Sisko are surprised when three more Cardassian warships suddenly appear in the sector, and they realize that the vessels belong to the Obsidian Order. On the Defiant, Riker engages in battle and finds himself at a considerable disadvantage. Then Sisko comes up with a plan. Since Dukat wants to know what the Obsidian Order is hiding, Sisko proposes that he allow the Defiant to safely return to Federation space in exchange for the information on the Orias system gathered in the Defiant's sensor logs after entering the area. Dukat accepts, provided the Cardassians also get Riker as a prisoner. Riker agrees and surrenders to Dukat's forces in order to save his friends on the Defiant, then prepares to spend the rest of his life in a Cardassian labor camp.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Jonathan Frakes (Thomas Riker)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Michael Canavan (Tamal)

Robert Kerbeck (Cardassian Soldier)

Shannon Cochran (Kalita)

Tricia O'Neil (Korinas)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Fascination [DS9 #56]

Stardate Unknown

The Bajoran Gratitude Festival, an annual celebration, is about to get underway, and both Kira and O'Brien await the arrival of their loves. But while Kira's encounter with Bareil is sweet, O'Brien's long-anticipated reunion with his wife Keiko is strained -- she is exhausted and their daughter, Molly, is sick. To make matters worse, Lwaxana Troi also arrives, and immediately seeks

out Odo, hoping for a romantic rendezvous, but he is uninterested. Similarly, Kira is too busy setting up for the festival to spend time with Bareil, and Keiko is too tired to enjoy her time with her husband. But at the opening festivities, Lwaxana experiences a brief headache, which Bareil and Jake seem to feel simultaneously.

As the festival gets underway, Bareil and Kira finally find some time to spend together, but are interrupted by Jake, who insists on speaking with Kira in private. Once Bareil leaves, Jake shocks Kira by saying he is in love with her. Bareil, meanwhile, wanders to Dax, and finds himself suddenly smitten with her. As all this happens, Lwaxana continues her futile pursuit of Odo, then has another brief headache near Dax, who appears to feel it also. O'Brien's romantic endeavors are also thwarted as Keiko says her research on Bajor will keep her there for another few months, then storms away from her angry and hurt husband.

O'Brien talks with Quark, where the proprietor treats him to a taste of the Ferengi philosophy on women, inadvertently showing O'Brien how much Keiko means to him. Meanwhile, Kira finds Bareil, and is hurt when he dismisses her as no more than a friend. Dax, while hiding from Bareil, has joined Sisko, and surprises her friend with the announcement that she is really in love with him.

Bashir's examination of Dax reveals nothing wrong, and she pretends it was all a joke until she and Sisko are alone again, at which point she kisses him. Meanwhile, O'Brien speaks to Keiko through her locked bedroom door, telling her he will resign to stay together, but Keiko says she needs to think about it. Later, Odo, Lwaxana, and Bashir see Kira on their way to Sisko's upcoming party, and Lwaxana feels another headache, at which Bashir and Kira react. The two of them then go to the Infirmary, where they immediately kiss passionately.

At the party, Sisko watches in horror as Dax chases him, Bareil chases Dax, Bareil hits Sisko, Dax slugs Bareil, Jake moons over Kira, and Kira and Bashir can't keep their hands off each other. Keiko arrives at the party in a stunning red dress, walks up to her husband and tells him not to resign, then kisses him. Quark shows up, then proclaims his undying love for Keiko. Luckily, Sisko and Odo notice that before Quark saw Keiko, Lwaxana had a headache, after which Quark seemed to feel the same headache. Bashir discovers that Lwaxana has Zanthi Fever, in which Betazoids experiencing a headache from the condition project their amorous feelings for someone onto those in close proximity. To Sisko's surprise, it only affects people who already have a pre-existing latent attraction. Bashir cures her and says everyone will be back to normal in a few days. But for Keiko and O'Brien, the effects of this Gratitude Festival are real.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Philip LaZebnik

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

James Crocker

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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Past Tense, Part 1 [DS9 #57]

Stardate 48481.2

En route to a symposium in San Francisco, Sisko, Dax, and Bashir are lost during transport to Earth from the Defiant. The trio materializes in San Francisco, but in the year 2024. Apprehended by a pair of policemen, Sisko and Bashir are taken to a "Sanctuary District" -- a gated area of the city where homeless, mentally ill, and unemployed people are locked away from the rest of society.

Separated from the others, Dax is found by a prominent businessman named Chris Brynner, who takes her to his office and helps her obtain the I.D. card necessary to exist in this society. Dax doesn't reveal where she comes from, but tells him that her friends are missing. Meanwhile, in the Sanctuary District, Sisko and Bashir are taken to a processing center, where no records of their existence are found. Sisko learns the date and realizes that they have arrived just days before a crucial event in history, the Bell Riots, which occurred in the area of the city where he and Bashir are now confined.

Sisko tells Bashir that residents in the District will take hostages, but a man named Gabriel Bell, after whom the riots were named, will sacrifice his life to save them. Hundreds of innocent people will be killed, but Sisko and Bashir can do nothing, or this pivotal moment in history, which led to sweeping social reforms, could be altered forever. Later, Sisko and Bashir are given ration cards to obtain meals and sent out to find a place to sleep among the abandoned buildings.

On the Defiant, Kira, Odo, and O'Brien realize their comrades were transported back in time, but cannot pinpoint the exact date, and have only a limited number of search attempts they can make. In the Sanctuary District, Sisko and Bashir meet Webb, a homeless but proud man who asks them to try and help the community, but they must refuse his request in order to avoid any contact that could change history. Later, Sisko and Bashir end up in a scuffle over Bashir's food card, during which a bystander who steps in to help is killed. Sisko is shocked to discover the dead man is Gabriel Bell.

When Kira attempts to contact Earth to discuss the situation, she learns that everything connected with Starfleet has vanished. Odo, O'Brien, and Kira realize their missing crewmates have altered history, and that the Defiant is all that remains of the Federation. Back in the past, Chris learns Sisko and Bashir are among the thousands of people inside the Sanctuary District. Meanwhile, Sisko and Bashir realize that they must step in to undo the damage to history resulting from Bell's death. They arrive at the processing center just as the residents take hostages. As the riots begin, Sisko joins the aggressors, identifying himself as Gabriel Bell.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Al Rodrigo (Bernardo)

Bill Smitrovich (Michael Webb)

Dick Miller (Vin)

Eric Stuart (Stairway Guard)

Frank Military (B.C.)

Henry Hayashi (Male Guest)

Jim Metzler (Chris Brynner)

John Lendale Bennett (Gabriel Bell)

Patty Holley (Female Guest)

Richard Lee Jackson (Danny Webb)

Tina Lifford (Lee)

Teleplay By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Reza Badiyi

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Past Tense, Part 2 [DS9 #58]

Stardate 48481.2

Sisko, posing as Gabriel Bell of the 21st century, takes charge of the hostage situation in the Processing Center as rioting begins within the Sanctuary District, and tells the angry residents that this is their chance to voice their grievances. Bashir reminds him that Bell is destined to die at the end of this turning point in Earth history. On the outside, Dax realizes that Sisko and Bashir are in danger and prepares to locate them. Meanwhile, Kira and O'Brien attempt transporting into different time periods to find their friends, with no success. Back in the center, Sisko convinces Webb, a decent family man, to act as their representative, but Webb is cut off from the computer interface terminal when he tries to communicate their plight. Then, police Detective Preston contacts Webb and asks to meet him.

Sisko joins Webb for the meeting, where they demand that all Sanctuary Districts be closed and the Federal Employment Act reinstated, and Preston agrees to present their demands to the Governor. Preston is later met by Chris and Dax, who can't convince the official to help them locate Sisko and Bashir. Determined, Dax waits until they aren't looking and slips away.

Kira and O'Brien transport once more into the past, but again choose the wrong time period. Meanwhile, as the riots continue, Preston offers to reduce the charges against Sisko and Webb if they release the hostages, but the two refuse to back down from their demands. Later, Dax is brought to the center, her combadge taken after having been captured upon entering the Sanctuary District.

Dax plays along with Sisko and Bashir, then tells them she can convince Chris to restore the group's computer access. After recovering her missing combadge, Dax slips back into the outside world. Soon, scores of residents are telling their stories to millions of people over the computer interface. Unfortunately, the Governor is unmoved, and tells Detective Preston to send in her troops.

Kira and O'Brien transport to the correct time period and soon locate Dax. Meanwhile, Sisko and Webb herd the hostages into a safe area of the center, just before a SWAT team bursts in, killing Webb and most of the others. One of the officers accidentally shoots at a hostage, but Sisko jumps in front of the man and takes a bullet to the shoulder. As the SWAT team leaves the center and National Guard personnel take control of the Sanctuary District, Sisko and Bashir are allowed to leave, and their I.D. cards are switched with those of two dead men. The former hostages promise to tell what really happened, and Sisko and Bashir return to the future, having restored history to its normal course.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Al Rodrigo (Bernardo)

Bill Smitrovich (Michael Webb)

Clint Howard (Grady)

Daniel Zacapa (Henry Garcia)

Deborah Van Valkenburgh (Detective Preston)

Dick Miller (Vin)

Frank Military (B.C.)

Jim Metzler (Chris Brynner)

Mitch David Carter (SWAT Leader)

Richard Lee Jackson (Danny Web)

Tina Lifford (Lee)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Rene Echevarria

Story By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Life Support [DS9 #59]

Stardate 48498.4

When a serious accident nearly destroys a Bajoran transport arriving at the space station, Kai Winn manages to escape basically unharmed, but Vedek Bareil is critically injured. As Bashir operates on him while Kira worries, Winn informs Sisko that they were en route to a secret meeting to initiate peace talks with the Cardassian Central Command, and reveals that Bareil is the driving force behind the discussions. Unfortunately, Bashir is unable to save Bareil. However, as the doctor prepares to perform an autopsy, he notices a faint indication of life. After hours of intense work on Bareil's brain, Bashir is able to revive the dead man.

Bashir says Bareil could be back on his feet in a few weeks. But Winn is anxious to resume talks right away, and since Bareil is also determined, Bashir agrees to let him advise Winn from his bed. However, Bareil's circulatory system begins to fail, and Bashir tells him that he must be placed in stasis for an undetermined period of time. Feeling the obligation to bring about peace between Bajor and Cardassia, Bareil insists that Bashir find another solution. The doctor suggests an experimental drug that will let Bareil function for a few days -- at the possible expense of his life. Against Bashir's judgment, Bareil tells him to try it.

Winn begins negotiations at the station, and it quickly becomes apparent that she is not comfortable in the role. Winn states to Sisko that, without Bareil, any hope of peace will die. Toward that end, she continues to ask him for advice, despite his obvious agony. Bashir then tells Bareil that the drug has already done irreversible damage to his organs. While artificial replacements can be inserted, Bashir recommends that Bareil go into stasis to avoid further damage, but he implores Bashir to do whatever is necessary to keep him going through the negotiations. The doctor turns to Winn, asking her to release Bareil from any more responsibility. But Winn is afraid to stand alone and refuses. However, when she returns to Bareil for another round of advice, his brain begins to fall.

The damage to the left side of Bareil's brain is irreversible, and Bashir grimly reports that he will not regain consciousness on his own. At the insistence of Kira and Winn, Bashir uses artificial brain implants to revive Bareil once again. Kira is by Bareil's side when he recovers from the surgery, and is devastated to discover that his feelings and emotions are basically gone. However, he retains the capacity to help Winn through the final negotiations, and the peace treaty is signed. But the other half of Bareil's brain soon begins to fail. Kira begs Bashir to save him with another artificial implant, but the doctor gently refuses, unwilling to reduce Bareil to a machine. Kira sadly accepts his words and asks to be left alone with the man she loves for the final hours of his life.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew Prine (Legate Turrel)

Ann Gillespie (Nurse Jabara)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Eva Loseth (Riska)

Kevin Carr (Bajoran)

Lark Voorhies (Leanne)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Christian Ford

Roger Soffer

Directed By : Reza Badiyi

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Heart Of Stone [DS9 #60]

Stardate 48521.5

While traveling in a Runabout, Kira and Odo learn that a Maquis ship has ambushed a Lissepian vessel. They pursue the attacking ship to a deserted moon, where it crashes. Kira and Odo land on the moon, which is virtually uninhabitable and rocked by seismic activity. They split up within a group of caverns where the fugitive may be hiding, but Kira soon summons Odo with a distress call. He hurries to her side to find a crystal formation growing around Kira's foot, trapping her.

The crystal, which Odo cannot break, rapidly grows to just above Kira's knee. Atmospheric interference makes it impossible for him to either free her with the Runabout's transporter or send a distress signal back to the station. Odo then returns to the caverns to hear the sound of phaser blasts. Kira says that she just exchanged shots with the Maquis fugitive, but both missed. This, however, is the least of her problems -- both her legs are now entirely covered in crystal.

Tremors shake the cavern while the crystal continues to grow around Kira. Odo brings in equipment to build a makeshift ultrasonic generator in an attempt to shatter the crystal. It has now grown to cover Kira's rib cage, making it difficult for her to breathe. Odo realizes that finding the right frequency might take longer than the few hours left before Kira is covered completely, but he is determined not to leave her stranded, and they betray just a bit of emotion toward each other. Then, suddenly, the cavern is shaken by a powerful tremor.

Odo morphs into a dome to shield Kira and the generator from the falling debris. But after trying every possible frequency, the crystal remains intact and grows to reach the middle of Kira's chest. Realizing there is nothing more Odo can do, Kira orders him to leave and save himself.

Odo refuses to go, despite Kira's reminder that if he stays, he will die along with her. But Odo says he cannot leave -- because he is in love with Kira. After a moment, Kira shocks Odo by replying that she is in love with him, too. The increasingly suspicious Odo remains virtually silent for an hour, while the crystal grows up to Kira's neck. But when Kira then admits she isn't really in love with him, Odo realizes that she would never risk their friendship by lying. He points a phaser at her and demands to know what happened to the real Kira. The woman and crystal then morphs into the female shapeshifter Odo met when he discovered his homeworld. Knowing Odo's feelings for Kira, she planned the entire scenario to trick Odo into believing Kira died, hoping this would prompt him to return home. Angry, Odo makes her reveal Kira's location, and he then rescues his friend. They then return to the station, with Odo's deepest feelings still a secret from Kira.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Destiny [DS9 #61]

Stardate 48543.2

In the wake of the peace treaty with Cardassia, Sisko is excited about working with two Cardassian scientists who are assigned to help deploy a subspace relay in the Gamma Quadrant -- a project which, if successful, will allow communication through the wormhole for the first time. But Vedek Yarka warns that an old Bajoran prophecy predicts destruction of the wormhole, as three "vipers" will return to their "nest" in the sky. He deduces that the scientists are the vipers and the station must be their nest. Still, there are only two Cardassians arriving, and Sisko believes the project is too important to abandon. Later, the Cardassian scientists, Ulani and Gilora, arrive, and immediately put the crew at ease with their friendly manner. However, when they announce that another scientist will soon be joining them, Kira is concerned, believing this is the third "viper" in the prophecy.

Yarka begs Kira to have Sisko send away the Cardassians, but she will not let her faith interfere with her duties. After Dejar, the third scientist, arrives at the station, Gilora and O'Brien prepare to receive the signal from the Gamma Quadrant, while Dejar and Ulani travel there with Sisko, Kira, and Dax on the *Defiant* in order to set up the relay. As soon as they arrive, the crew encounters a large rogue comet, which Kira sees as the "sword of stars" mentioned in the prophecy.

Kira tells Sisko she believes the prophecy is coming true, and that Sisko, as the Emissary of Bajoran lore, must make a decision just as it foretells. Sisko, however, has always been unwilling to accept that he actually is the Emissary. He then has Dax send the first transmission through the wormhole, but it fails. The modified signal instead triggers the wormhole to open violently and experience a brief, drastic increase in gravity, which alters the comet's course, causing it to head directly for the anomaly. If the comet enters it, the material in the core will make the wormhole collapse permanently -- which is apparently part of the prophecy.

Back at the station, O'Brien and Gilora modify the *Defiant*'s phasers in order to vaporize the entire comet at once. But when the ship returns to the Gamma Quadrant to implement the plan, the weapons relay malfunctions, causing the phasers to instead fire a standard burst, which splits the comet into three fragments -- all of which remain on course for the wormhole.

Gilora reveals that Dejar, who is a member of the Obsidian Order, sabotaged the phasers. Once Dejar is detained, Sisko and Kira board a shuttlepod and maneuver it between the comet fragments, generating a subspace field around the pieces as they travel through the wormhole. The pair is successful, as the fragments safely enter the Alpha Quadrant with just a minimum of the deadly material leaking into the wormhole. Amazingly, the material also forms a subspace filament which allows transmissions to come from the Gamma Quadrant. Kira realizes that the prophecy has come true -- the symbolism was just interpreted incorrectly. The "vipers" were actually the comet fragments, which permanently wedged open the "temple gates" of the wormhole. Sisko returns to the station with new respect for Bajoran prophecy, and for his own prophesized role in Bajor's fate.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Erick Avari (Vedek Yarka)

Jessica Hendra (Dejar)

Tracy Scoggins (Gilora)

Wendy Robie (Ulani)

Written By : David S. Cohen

Martin A. Winer

Directed By : Les Landau

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Prophet Motive [DS9 #62]

Stardate Unknown

Zek, the Ferengi Grand Nagus, pays a visit to Deep Space Nine and moves in to Quark's quarters, where he undertakes an important project. After displacing Quark from his home, the Nagus reveals that he has been rewriting the Rules of Acquisition. Overcome with excitement, Quark and his brother Rom rush to read the volume, thrilled to have a head start on what they think will be the path to unimaginable profit. But they are shocked to read the first rule: "If they want their money back... give it to them."

Quark and Rom read through the New Rules of Acquisition, which have been revised to reflect qualities of kindness instead of profit and greed. Amazingly, Zek is advising his people to change their ways. Quark is mortified, especially after he later discovers that Zek has established a Ferengi Benevolent Association -- and named Rom the senior administrator of the project.

Zek believes Rom can be molded into a new kind of Ferengi who operates "beyond greed." But Quark will have nothing of it -- he is convinced something is wrong with the Nagus. He is unsure what to do next, until Zek tells him about the gift he plans to present to the Bajoran people. Quark and Rom later sneak into the Nagus's shuttle to see the gift for themselves, and are astonished to find one of the missing orbs of the Bajoran prophets.

Against Quark's warning, Rom opens the box containing the orb. Quark is exposed to the sacred object, which shows him a vision in which the Grand Nagus reveals the New Rules of Acquisition were a gift. After recovering from the experience, Quark realizes the Rules are not a gift to the Ferengi people, but a gift to Zek from the aliens within the wormhole. Checking Zek's logs, Quark learns that he did visit the wormhole for a brief period, during which he could have communicated with the aliens. Quark surmises that he was hoping to use their ability to see through time to make profit, but something must have gone wrong. He decides the only way to help Zek is to take him back to the wormhole.

Inside the wormhole, Quark encounters the aliens, who explain that they were so bothered by their encounter with the materialistic Zek that they restored him to an earlier, less adversarial state of existence. They threaten to do the same to Quark, but he instead offers a bargain -- if they return Zek to his original state, they will never be bothered by another Ferengi. The aliens agree, Zek is back to normal, and the Ferengi way of life is saved.

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Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bennet Guillory (Medical Big Shot)

Juliana Donald (Emi)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Visionary [DS9 #63]

Stardate Unknown

A Romulan delegation arrives to study reports on the Dominion, a privilege granted in exchange for the use of a cloaking device aboard the Defiant. Meanwhile, O'Brien, at Quark's riding out a mild case of radiation poisoning from an accident, is suddenly transported to another part of the bar, where he sees himself having a conversation with Quark. He just as suddenly returns to where he was, then falls over in pain. Bashir blames the radiation and assures O'Brien that hallucinations are a normal side effect. But when O'Brien returns to the bar five hours later, he has the same conversation with Quark that he "hallucinated." Dax theorizes that O'Brien's exposure to radiation could have caused him to temporarily shift five hours forward in time. Then, O'Brien experiences another timeshift -- into the middle of a brawl in Quark's between the Romulans and some Klingons.

Bashir examines O'Brien in the present and determines that the timeshifts pose a serious threat to his life. Five hours later, O'Brien returns to Quark's to wait for the brawl, and the Klingons soon arrive and exchange blows with the Romulans. O'Brien timeshifts again, and this time sees himself in a corridor. He watches as his future self opens a wall panel and is killed by a blast from a hidden phaser.

After shifting back, O'Brien leads Sisko and Odo to the wall panel, but they find nothing. They assume that a weapon will soon be placed within it over the next five hours. While Bashir works to rid O'Brien's body of the residual radiation, Kira reports that she has moved the Romulans to the quarters adjacent to the wall panel. When Odo discovers that someone has put a surveillance device behind the panel, he suspects the Klingons are spying on the Romulans. O'Brien then shifts five hours into the future again -- and sees his dead body in the Infirmary.

In the future, Bashir reveals to O'Brien how the radiation killed him. When O'Brien shifts back, the doctor is able to use this knowledge to save him. Meanwhile, Dax locates the cause of the shifts, which is a quantum singularity orbiting the space station. It periodically affects the radiation in O'Brien's body and triggers the timeshifts. O'Brien then shifts again into the future and finds himself aboard a crowded Runabout in the midst of an emergency evacuation -- during which he watches as the station explodes and the wormhole collapses.

Hoping to learn how both the station and the wormhole are destroyed, O'Brien uses a device to flood himself with radiation in order to travel to the future again. Once there, he and his future self join forces, discovering that the quantum singularity is inside a cloaked Romulan Warbird, which becomes visible and attacks the station. While the timeshifting O'Brien becomes dangerously sick from the radiation, his future self is forced to take the device and return to the other's time period, where he tells Sisko what will happen. The commander deduces that the Romulans plan to eliminate the threat posed by the Dominion, making the station's destruction look like an accident from the wormhole collapse. Sisko expels the Romulans, and the future O'Brien must get used to living a few hours in his past.

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Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Annette Helde (Karina)

Bob Minor (Bo'rak)
Dennis Madalone (Atul)
Jack Shearer (Ruwon)
Ray Young (Morka)
Teleplay By : John Shirley
Story By : Ethan H. Calk
Directed By : Reza Badiyi

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Distant Voices [DS9 #64]

Stardate Unknown

An alien named Altovar approaches Bashir to obtain a restricted substance. The doctor refuses, prompting Altovar to later break into the Infirmary. Bashir arrives and tries to stop him, but the alien renders him unconscious with an electrical discharge. When Bashir recovers, he finds the temples of his hair graying, and the station dark and deserted. Just the most vital systems still function, and although he periodically hears strange whispering sounds, the only inhabitants found are Garak and a terrified Quark. Bashir and Garak split up in hopes of learning the fate of the others. Suddenly, his path is blocked by a forcefield, and he senses a presence coming toward him.

Thinking quickly, Bashir ducks inside a turbolift and narrowly escapes the pursuing Altovar. He exits to find Kira, O'Brien, Odo, and Dax engaged in a heated discussion. Bashir now appears to have aged twenty-five years, but the group is too busy debating each other to notice. The doctor realizes that the whispering, the crew's strange behavior, and the technical problems must be connected. O'Brien fixes the communications relay, and the group hears the same whispers. As the sounds become clearer, they prove to be the distant voices of the crew, stating that Bashir is in a telepathically-induced coma and will be dead in less than three hours. The doctor scans himself and discovers that he is indeed in a coma.

Bashir realizes that the rest of the group really isn't there -- this scenario is actually happening in his mind, which is represented by the station, and the others just embody different aspects of his personality -- fixing the station will bring Bashir out of his coma. Unfortunately, Dax is captured by the alien, and Bashir suddenly finds himself with Garak, who directs the doctor to Ops in order to repair the damage. On his way, Bashir sees Sisko, who represents the best aspects of the doctor's personality. But Altovar captures Sisko, then tells Bashir he will kill each part of his personality before finally letting him die.

While trying to get to Ops, Bashir, who appears about seventy-five now, finds Kira dead and Odo dying. He and O'Brien end up at Quark's, where the crowd is betting on how and when Bashir will die. Altovar appears, killing Quark, and Bashir starts to run away, but is terrified to discover he has broken his hip.

Bashir, now about 100 years old, is helped to Ops by Garak, who keeps encouraging him to give up. Bashir then realizes that Garak is actually Altovar. At this point the alien reveals his true form, but Bashir, having recovered some of his confidence, gains the upper hand. He returns to the Infirmary, realizing that this is the center of his world -- and, therefore, the place from which he should repair the damage. Immediately, he is able to restore the lights, trap Altovar in a forcefield, and disintegrate the alien. He then quickly regains consciousness, surrounded by his crewmates, who he prepares to tell of his bizarre experience.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)
Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)
Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Ann Gillespie (Nurse Jabara)

Nicole Forester (Dabo Girl)

Victor Rivers (Altovar)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Improbable Cause [DS9 #65]

Stardate Unknown

A peaceful afternoon is shattered when Garak's shop is destroyed by an explosion. Although the blast initially appears to be accidental, further investigation reveals that the explosion was, in fact, rigged to look like an accident. Sisko and Odo ask Garak who might want him dead, but the Cardassian is, as always, secretive. However, Odo learns that the blast was triggered by a sensor favored by Flaxian assassins, and realizes a Flaxian named Retaya arrived that morning.

Questioning Retaya reveals nothing, and Odo allows him to leave, then cancels Garak's security escort, hoping this will coerce Garak into sharing what he may know about the assassination attempt. Later, when Odo boards a Runabout to follow Retaya, Garak awaits him. Odo reluctantly agrees to let him go along as he follows the suspect. Unfortunately, they learn little about Retaya's motives -- his ship explodes just as he goes into warp.

An analysis reveals that the Romulans were behind the explosion. Odo surmises that they hired Retaya to kill Garak -- but why? Odo learns from an informant that the Romulans may be planning to invade Cardassia. He is also told that five former Obsidian Order operatives "coincidentally" died the day Garak's shop exploded. Odo shows Garak the list of dead men, then confronts him with the deduction that Garak blew up his own shop just to get Odo involved. Garak finally admits that he and the deceased were all associates of Enabran Tain, the past leader of the Obsidian Order. Realizing Tain might also be in danger, Garak attempts to contact him, and upon learning his former boss left mysteriously the day before, sets off with Odo to find him.

Garak instructs Odo to head for a planet near the Cardassian border where Tain has a safe house. Before they arrive, however, they are intercepted by a Romulan Warbird and captured. Inside the ship, they are brought before Tain, who shocks them with the news that he ordered the attempt on Garak's life.

Tain tells the pair that the Romulan Tal Shiar and the Obsidian Order have joined forces, preparing to take a fleet of Romulan and Cardassian warships into the Gamma Quadrant. Their mission is to destroy the Dominion by eliminating the Founders, after which Tain plans to resume his post as head of the Order. Hence, the reason why he ordered the deaths of Garak and anyone else with information that could be used against him. However, now that Garak is on board, Tain offers his protege a chance to work with him again. Despite Odo's warnings not to trust Tain, Garak says yes, leaving Odo to face the Romulans and an uncertain fate.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Carlos LaCamara (Retaya)

Darwyn Carson (Romulan)

Joseph Ruskin (Informant)

Julianna McCarthy (Mila)

Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : David R. Long

Robert Lederman

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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The Die Is Cast [DS9 #66]

Stardate Unknown

After rejoining his former Cardassian mentor, Enabran Tain, Garak helps him in a joint mission with the Obsidian Order and the Romulan Tal Shiar. Tain has masterminded a plan to destroy the Founders -- Odo's people, who rule the Dominion -- and their homeworld. Tain, along with Colonel Lovok of the Tal Shiar, leads a fleet of cloaked Romulan and Cardassian ships into the Gamma Quadrant, commanding them from their Romulan Warbird. Garak is told to question Odo, who is being held prisoner aboard Tain's ship. However, Odo says he knows none of his people's secrets. On the station, Sisko learns of Tain's mission, and is warned by Starfleet's Admiral Toddman to prepare for retaliatory attacks by the Jem'Hadar.

Fearing Odo is aboard one of the Romulan ships, Sisko and his officers, including Security Chief Eddington, defy a direct order from Toddman and take the Defiant into the Gamma Quadrant to search for Odo. Soon afterward, the ship suddenly and inexplicably decloaks, leaving them vulnerable to attack by the Jem'Hadar, the Dominion's soldiers. Meanwhile, as Tain, Garak, and Lovok head for the Founders' planet, Tain urges Garak to interrogate Odo and learn if his people have a secret defense system. Garak agrees, but finds himself conflicted.

On the Defiant, Eddington confesses to sabotaging the cloaking device, under orders from Toddman to prevent pursuit of Tain's fleet. Back at the Romulan ship, Garak interrogates Odo using a device that prevents him from changing his shape. Odo insists he is not hiding anything, but Garak persists, and Odo begins to literally dry up and fall apart. Unable to watch Odo's excruciating agony, Garak begs him to talk, and Odo reveals his secret -- he wants to rejoin his people. Shaken, Garak deactivates the device and lets Odo finally morph into liquid form.

Garak claims that Odo knows nothing, and Tain orders Odo killed. However, Lovok and Garak convince him to spare Odo for later Romulan study. The fleet then reaches the Founders' planet and opens fire, destroying part of the surface, but there is no change in the life form readings. Garak discovers their ships have been lured into a trap -- the planet is actually deserted. As he explains, their vessels are suddenly surrounded by one hundred fifty Jem'Hadar ships.

The Jem'Hadar attack, and Garak takes advantage of the chaos to escape and rescue Odo. Surprisingly, Lovok helps them get to their Runabout and reveals he is actually one of the Founders. His people learned of Tain's plan and encouraged it in order to bait the Obsidian Order and Tal Shiar into annihilation. Lovok tries to convince Odo to return home, but he refuses. Forced to leave behind Tain, Odo and Garak escape on their ship, and the Defiant rescues them from the Jem'Hadar assault. The Romulan/Cardassian fleet is destroyed as the crew returns to the Alpha Quadrant, barely escaping with their lives.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)

Leland Orser (Col. Lovok)

Leon Russom (Admiral Toddman)

Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain)

Wendy Schenker (Romulan Pilot)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Livingston

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Through The Looking Glass [DS9 #67]

Stardate Unknown

Sisko is abducted by a double of O'Brien, who takes him to the mirror universe that Kira and Bashir visited a year ago. This O'Brien explains that Sisko's counterpart, the leader of the Terran rebellion against the Klingon/Cardassian Alliance, has been killed. O'Brien wants Sisko to pose as his dead double and convince a Terran scientist with the Alliance to join the rebels. That scientist is Jennifer Sisko, the counterpart of Sisko's late wife. Since she is building a device that will betray the secret location of the rebels, Sisko must convince her to join them before she completes her work or the rebels will have to kill her. Unwilling to watch Jennifer die again, Sisko agrees to intervene. He meets the rebel counterparts of Bashir, Rom, Tuvok from the starship Voyager, and also Dax, who is Sisko's mistress in this universe. Only O'Brien knows that Sisko is an impostor.

Terok Nor, the mirror Deep Space Nine, is ruled by Kira for the Alliance. She tells Jennifer that the bloodshed against the Terrans will end once her device is completed. But later, Kira tortures Terran slaves in the ore processing center with the help of Garak, her chief aide. Then, Kira discovers that Sisko is still alive.

With communicators hidden under their skin, Sisko and O'Brien take a rebel ship to Terok Nor. They are immediately captured and taken to Kira, who sends O'Brien to ore processing with the slaves and takes Sisko to her quarters. Later, Sisko meets Jennifer, who despises him, and without revealing his true identity, apologizes for his past treatment of her, then says that he has come to rescue her.

Sisko tries to convince Jennifer that the Alliance is her real enemy, and plans to kill the rebels once they are found. Sensing he may be winning her confidence, Sisko signals O'Brien. In ore processing, O'Brien receives the signal and causes a malfunction that allows him and the Terrans to escape. Meanwhile, Jennifer agrees to leave with Sisko, they meet O'Brien, then head for a waiting ship.

Before they can escape, however, they are cornered by Kira and her troops. While Kira waits for Sisko to surrender, he slips away and herds his entire group into the ore processing center, where they seal themselves within. When Kira, Garak, and her soldiers finally force their way in, Sisko calmly tells her that he has activated the station's self-destruct sequence, which only he can stop. Kira reluctantly agrees to let Sisko, Jennifer, O'Brien, and the Terrans go free in order to halt the imminent destruction. Sisko and the others return to the rebel encampment, where Jennifer admits to realizing that he's not really her husband. She kisses him goodbye, and Sisko returns to his universe just a bit sadder.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Colm Meaney (Miles O'Brien)

Dennis Madalone (Marauder)

Felecia M. Bell (Jennifer Sisko)

John Patrick Hayden (Cardassian Overseer)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Nana Visitor (Intendant Kira Nerys)

Siddig El Fadil (Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Jadzia Dax)

Tim Russ (Tuvok)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Explorers [DS9 #68]

Stardate Unknown

Sisko returns from a trip to Bajor with the blueprint for an ancient space vessel that operates like a sailboat, using solar pressure for propulsion. According to legend, the Bajorans used these ships to explore their star system 800 years ago, even going as far as Cardassia. Sisko decides to build one himself to see if this was possible, and painstakingly recreates the vessel, determined to prove the design was spaceworthy. He hopes to have Jake join him on the adventure.

After initially declining his father's invitation, Jake reconsiders, and the two prepare to depart the station. Before they do, Gul Dukat warns Sisko against putting so much stock in a Bajoran "fairy tale" of ancient contact. Sisko feels Dukat is only interested in disproving the notion that the Bajorans, not the Cardassians, were the first people between the two races to develop interstellar travel.

The trip gets off to a smooth start, and both Sisko and Jake enjoy their time together. Jake seizes the moment to tell his father that he has been offered a writing fellowship in New Zealand, and Sisko is thrilled, yet distressed because those studies will take his son away from Deep Space Nine. But before they can discuss it, one of the ship's sails gives way, forcing them to struggle for control.

Sisko jettisons the sail, concerned about continuing. Jake reminds his father that the ancient Bajorans probably ran into similar problems and didn't give up. Convinced, Sisko decides to proceed on course. Jake then reveals that he plans to delay taking the fellowship for a year because of his concerns that Sisko hasn't had someone special in his life since his wife's death. Then, without warning, their ship is caught in an eddy of light that inexplicably takes it to warp speed.

After the ship is thrown free of the invisible current, Sisko discovers he has no idea where they are, and fears the eddy, composed of faster-than-light tachyons, has carried their vessel light years away. Suddenly, Gul Dukat informs the two that they have entered Cardassian space. As Sisko and Jake realize they just proved the same thing could have happened 800 years ago, Dukat reluctantly congratulates them on recreating the journey of ancient Bajoran explorers who did successfully reach Cardassia then, and welcomes the two with a stellar fireworks display.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bari Hochwald (Dr. Elizabeth Lense)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Family Business [DS9 #69]

Stardate Unknown

In Quark's, an agent named Brunt from the Ferengi Commerce Authority -- their version of the IRS -- serves Quark with a Writ of Accountability for improper supervision of a family member. Quark and Rom's mother, Ishka, is charged with earning a profit -- an illegal activity for Ferengi women. As the family's eldest male, Quark is held responsible. He and Rom return to their homeworld, Ferenginar, where Quark must convince Ishka to confess, as required by Ferengi law.

The brothers arrive at their childhood home with Brunt, but Quark is not comfortable with seeing his mother again. They are surprised to find Ishka wearing clothes, which is also illegal for Ferengi women. Brunt tells Quark he has three days to get his mother to sign a confession, then leaves. Later, Ishka confirms over dinner that she broke Ferengi law by investing a portion of her monthly stipend from Quark, earning a meager three bars of latinum in the process. Still, she refuses to confess, which angers her oldest son.

In her room, Ishka reveals to Rom that she will not admit to being wrong -- this is a matter of pride, and proof that she is just as capable of earning profit as a man. But Quark discovers that Ishka has actually been conducting business transactions under dozens of aliases all over the Ferengi Alliance, making much more than just three bars of latinum. Even if Quark sells everything he owns, he will be unable to pay back what his mother has earned. Quite simply, he's ruined.

Quark confronts Ishka, who accuses him of being jealous of her financial acumen -- just like his deceased father. With that, an infuriated Quark decides to turn in Ishka to the F.C.A. Rom tries to stop him, but the conversation deteriorates into a brawl, after which Ishka declares that if Quark insists on reporting her secret transactions, then she won't stand in his way.

In the Tower of Commerce, Quark waits outside Brunt's office when Rom suddenly rushes in with the news that Ishka will split her profits with Quark, fifty-fifty. Seeing the entire affair in a different light, Quark hurries home to accept Ishka's offer. But when he arrives, Quark learns Rom made up the story, lying to both of them to force a conversation between the two. Alone with Quark Ishka tells him that, since he is her son, she will sign the confession and give back the money. Later, she pays her reparations to Brunt, and a relieved Quark says his goodbyes and leaves. Now alone with Rom, Ishka reveals that she outsmarted Quark and the Ferengi government yet again - by giving up only a third of her profits.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrea Martin (Ishka [Moogie])

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Mel Green (Secretary)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Shakaar [DS9 #70]

Stardate Unknown

When the First Minister of the Bajoran Provisional Government dies, Kai Winn is appointed to his duties and about to be formally elected. Later, Winn approaches Kira with a special request. A group of farmers in Kira's home province refuse to return some soil reclamators that Winn needs for Bajor's recovery efforts in Rakantha Province. Their leader, Shakaar, also led Kira's resistance cell during the occupation, so Winn wants Kira to convince him to return the property. Kira is reluctant to go up against a friend, but agrees to do it for the good of Bajor.

Kira returns home and finds Shakaar, who calmly tells his side of the story: he only received the reclamators two months before, after a three-year wait, and was told that he and fellow farmers Furel and Lupaza would have their use for a year. But when Winn took over, they were ordered to return them immediately. Since the Rakantha project is geared toward farming products for export, while Shakaar's farmers are trying to feed their people, he sees his project as far more important. Kira encourages him to meet with Winn, hoping they can compromise.

Kira tells Winn that she has arranged a meeting, to which she agrees. Later, as Kira briefs Shakaar for the discussion, two security officers arrive to arrest him. Infuriated that Winn lied, Kira helps subdue the officers and escapes with Shakaar.

Now fugitives, Shakaar, Kira, and their comrades hide in the mountains where they once eluded the Cardassians. Weeks later, as Bajoran troops close in, Shakaar's exhausted group realizes there is no option but to stop running and fight. Reluctantly, he and Kira lead them into a canyon to set up an ambush.

Hiding in the canyon, Shakaar and Kira watch as the Bajoran troops enter their trap. But as they see the faces of their "enemies," the realization hits that they will be shooting former comrades-in-arms. Unwilling to do this, Kira and Shakaar drop their weapons and, after a brief conversation with the leader, Lenaris, a cease-fire is called. Later, Lenaris takes Kira and Shakaar to Winn's office, where Shakaar informs her that he has decided to enter the election for First Minister. Realizing a competitive election with the popular Shakaar will expose how Winn's actions brought Bajor to the brink of civil war, Winn decides to step down from the race.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Diane Salinger (Lupaza)

Duncan Regehr (Shakaar)

Harry Hutchinson (Trooper)

John Kenton Shull (Security Officer)

Jon Doman (Col. Lenaris Holem)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Sherman Howard (Syvar)

William Lucking (Furel)

Written By : Gordon Dawson

Directed By : Jonathan West

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Facets [DS9 #71]

Stardate Unknown

Jadzia Dax prepares for her zhian'tara, the Trill Rite of Closure. During the ritual, Jadzia will meet Dax's previous hosts, which will be accomplished by transferring the memories of each into someone's body. Sisko, Kira, Bashir, Odo, Quark, O'Brien, and Leeta agree to participate, and a Guardian performs the ceremony. Kira undergoes the transference first, becoming Lela, Dax's initial host.

The Guardian leaves Jadzia alone with Lela, who exhibits several traits Dax has inherited. So do subsequent hosts O'Brien/Tobin and Leeta/Emony. Quark experiences some discomfort hosting a female entity, Audrid, while Bashir/Torias regrets that an accident ended his life too soon. Jadzia then prepares for her most difficult meeting--with Joran, who once committed murder. Sisko has volunteered to host his memories, and the transference is conducted inside a holding cell.

Sisko/Joran berates Jadzia, telling her she is not worthy of the Dax symbiont, then tricks her into lowering the forcefield and attempts to choke her. But Jadzia overpowers him with a few Klingon-style blows, bringing Sisko back. Later, she admits to Sisko that she may have put off her zhian'tara because she is afraid of not measuring up to the other hosts. Jadzia is still haunted by the time Curzon forced her out of the Initiate program. Did he feel she just wasn't good enough?

Odo has volunteered to host Curzon, and when the transfer occurs, he literally morphs into a combination of himself and the old man. Odo/Curzon is thrilled to see Sisko. When Jadzia joins them in Quark's, Sisko leaves, knowing she needs to speak with Odo/Curzon about her feelings of insecurity. But he says nothing to make her feel better, only that he felt sorry for her. Jadzia replies that when Curzon's memories are restored to her, she fears that without his respect, she won't respect herself. Odo/Curzon happily answers that she won't have that problem -- Curzon and Odo love being joined, and have agreed that Curzon should stay in Odo's body permanently.

With Jadzia in danger of losing a part of herself, Sisko offers to talk to Odo/Curzon. Instead, she works up the courage to face him herself and demands that her memories be returned. Odo/Curzon initially refuses. But Jadzia stands up for herself, and uncovers the surprising fact that Curzon forced her out of the program because he was in love with her. She tells Curzon that she loves him too, and that they can be joined forever through Dax if he returns to her body. This convinces Odo and Curzon to separate, and Curzon's memories return to Jadzia, finally giving her the self-confidence she needs.

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Avery Brooks (Cmdr. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Jefrey Alan Chandler (Guardian)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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The Adversary [DS9 #72]

Stardate 48959.1

During a party celebrating Sisko's promotion to Captain, Admiral Krajensky takes him aside and quietly reveals that there has been a coup on the Tzenkethi homeworld that could threaten Federation colonists. Sisko and his crew are to take the Defiant and Krajensky to this sector. Soon after departing, they receive a distress signal from a colonist indicating that Barisa Prime is under attack from the Tzenkethi. The signal then goes dead -- the colony has apparently been destroyed.

The crew sets course for Barisa Prime, but when Sisko tries to notify Starfleet Command, power fluctuations in the ship's communications circuitry prevent it. O'Brien and Dax go to work on the problem, and discover strange alien devices attached to almost every critical system throughout the ship. They determine that there is a saboteur aboard. Dax scans each member of the crew, and when she gets to Krajensky, he suddenly morphs into a Changeling and escapes.

The Changeling takes control of the Defiant, activating the cloaking device and arming the ship's weaponry. Sisko realizes that the visit from Krajensky, the coup, and the transmission from Barisa Prime were all faked -- the Dominion is hoping to start a war between the Federation and the Tzenkethi. With the Defiant primed for battle and within seven hours of the Tzenkethi border, this looks likely if the Changeling is not located and stopped. Later, Dax is found unconscious in the engine room, forcing O'Brien to try to regain control of the ship without her. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Sisko decides that if this cannot be accomplished before they cross the border, he will be forced to destroy the Defiant.

Since the Changeling can take the form of any crew member, the officers are paired off for the search. Later, Sisko, Odo, Kira, a Bolian officer, and Eddington are separated from their partners, and each is suspicious that another is the Changeling. Odo remarks that the bleeding Sisko cannot be, because his blood would have reverted to a gelatinous state when leaving the body. Bashir draws blood from everyone, and when Eddington's seems to morph into orange goo, he is taken into custody. However, another Bashir is found, revealing that the duplicate is the Changeling. He escapes again as the ship enters Tzenkethi space.

With twelve minutes left before the ship's attack program will activate, Sisko initiates the auto-destruct sequence. O'Brien begins a last-ditch effort to access the sabotaged systems when two Odos appear. The Changeling then assumes his true form and attacks. During their fight, he takes a fatal fall into the warp core. But before dying, he whispers something to Odo. Regaining control of the Defiant, Sisko cancels the auto-destruct program. But the crisis isn't over. Odo later reveals to Sisko the Changeling's last words: "You're too late. We're everywhere."

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Siddig El Fadil (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Jeff Austin (Bolian)

Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)

Lawrence Pressman (Ambassador Krajensky)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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The Way Of The Warrior, Part 1 [DS9 #73]

Stardate 49011.4

A fleet of Klingon ships is stationed around Deep Space Nine, and the Promenade is swarming with Klingons. However, the warriors aren't their usual antagonistic selves. General Martok, who leads the force, tells Sisko they have come to help the Federation fight the Dominion. Sisko finds this odd, since the Federation neither requested nor expected help. Garak and Odo then have a run-in with Drex, a young Klingon, who later attacks Garak for no apparent reason.

When a freighter is stopped by a Klingon Bird-of-Prey, Sisko confronts its commander, Kaybok. Under orders from the Klingon High Council to assist the Federation alliance, he insists the freighter must be inspected for Changelings. But Sisko, aboard the Defiant, forces him to let the vessel pass. Martok later has Kaybok killed for not carrying out his orders. Since Martok will not explain their motives, Sisko summons Lieutenant Commander Worf, formerly of the U.S.S. Enterprise, hoping the Klingon officer can determine their plans.

Worf starts a fight with Drex, Martok's son, in order to get the general's attention, but Martok won't reveal why the Klingons are on Deep Space Nine. Worf's allies are equally closed-mouthed, but he soon learns the truth from a Klingon officer indebted to his family. Realizing he is betraying his own people, Worf reluctantly informs Sisko that the Klingons are planning a massive invasion of Cardassia. Apparently, a coup on that world has left a civilian regime in power, one which the Klingons insist is backed by the Dominion. But, with no proof to support this belief, Martok is asked by Sisko to call off the invasion. However, the Klingon general instead leads his fleet on a course into Cardassian space.

The Federation orders Sisko to remain neutral until word is heard from the Klingon leader, Gowron, who Worf believes is using the Dominion takeover idea as an excuse to reclaim their race's warrior heritage. Garak is allowed to learn about the dire situation, after which he tips off Gul Dukat on their homeworld, allowing the Cardassians a chance to defend themselves. The Federation condemns the invasion, at which point the Klingon Empire withdraws from their peace treaty. Gowron then comes to Deep Space Nine and offers Worf the chance to redeem himself by joining his people in the assault on Cardassia.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Christopher Darga (Cmdr. Kaybok)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Obi Ndefo (Drex)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

William Dennis Hunt (Huraga)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Way Of The Warrior, Part 2 [DS9 #74]

Stardate 49011.4

Torn between his duty and his people, Worf declines, prompting Gowron to excommunicate Worf's entire family. Worf then attempts to resign from Starfleet, but Sisko refuses to accept his resignation at this critical time. Sisko decides it's time to speak with Dukat, now part of the new government, and tells him that he will help escort the ruling council out of the war zone, even though, as Worf points out, he might actually be helping the Dominion. Sisko, Worf, Dax, and Bashir take the Defiant to a rendezvous point, where Dukat's ship is under heavy fire. The Defiant decloaks and prepares to attack the Klingons, ending two decades of peace.

While engaged in battle with the Klingon vessels, Sisko and his officers beam aboard the Cardassians, losing the Defiant's cloaking device in the process. They head back to the station with two Klingon ships in pursuit, while Bashir tests the blood of the council members to make sure they aren't Changelings. When they finally reach Deep Space Nine, several dozen Klingon ships arrive ready to attack.

Sisko prepares the station for the imminent onslaught. Martok demands for him to surrender the council members, but is told that the Cardassians are not Changelings. However, Gowron says that this doesn't matter because the Alpha Quadrant will be safer with Klingons in control of Cardassia. Sisko refuses his demands and warns Gowron that several weapons upgrades have been made to the station. Gowron dismisses the threat and the Klingons attack.

Deep Space Nine opens fire, inflicting heavy damage on the Klingon fleet, but Gowron doesn't give up, and Klingon boarding parties begin to overrun the station, fighting in Ops and on the Promenade. The attackers are contained, then several Starfleet ships appear on the scanners. Sisko points out to Gowron that splitting the Federation, the Klingons, and the Cardassians is probably just what the Dominion wants. Gowron sees the logic and opts to stand down, but tells Sisko that he will not forgive or forget what has happened. Afterward, Sisko convinces Worf to remain as his new Strategic Operations Officer. But Dax interrupts the celebration with some grim news. The Klingons are refusing to give up the Cardassian colonies they've seized, meaning they are there to stay.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Patricia Tallman (Weapons Officer)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Visitor [DS9 #75]

Stardate Unknown

Decades into the future, an elderly Jake Sisko is visited at his New Orleans home by a young, aspiring author named Melanie, who is curious to know why he stopped writing at forty. Jake reveals how he lost his father, Benjamin Sisko, when just eighteen years old. The younger Sisko had gone along on the *Defiant* to witness a rare inversion of the wormhole that happens just once every fifty years. During the trip, Sisko was hit by a bolt of energy from the malfunctioning warp core, after which he dematerialized, eventually given up for dead by his anguished crew.

Months later, Sisko appeared in his son's room briefly, then vanished. The incident was dismissed as a nightmare until, after a few more months passed, Jake again saw his father. This time, he was able to touch him, and immediately summoned help. Sisko was taken to the Infirmary, where the officers realized his temporal signature had been altered during the warp core accident. But before they could save him, he dematerialized again, while his son watched helplessly.

For the next few months, Dax and O'Brien tried to locate Sisko, but were soon forced to abandon the station to the Klingons. Jake returned to Earth, became a writer, got married, and started to put the past behind him. Then, while Jake was in his mid-thirties, his father appeared in his home. This time, Jake was overcome with guilt, upset over doing nothing to help his father for all those years. So when Sisko dematerialized yet again, Jake became obsessed with getting him back. He abandoned his writing to study subspace mechanics, losing his wife in the process. But, after many years, Jake was prepared for his one chance to recreate the accident -- the wormhole was scheduled to invert again. Reunited with a much older *Defiant* crew, led by Captain Nog, Jake returned to the scene of the accident, and wound up with Sisko in a subspace limbo. Unfortunately, the plan didn't work, and Jake was only able to spend a few moments with his father, who begged Jake to make a life for himself before it was too late.

The aged Jake finishes his account by presenting the departing Melanie with a collection of stories he's written to fulfill his father's wishes. He then reveals that Sisko is scheduled to appear -- and Jake has finally learned how to save him. If he dies while his father is with him, the "cord" which has been pulling Sisko through time with his son will snap, springing Sisko back to the moment of the accident. Sisko arrives, stunned to learn that Jake has poisoned himself. But Jake tells his father that he wants another chance to go through life with his dad. He dies, and Sisko is suddenly back on the *Defiant* at the fateful instant. This time, he ducks before the bolt from the warp core strikes, avoiding the accident, and giving him a second chance at life with his son.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Galyn Gorg (Korena)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Rachel Robinson (Melanie)

Tony Todd (Old Jake Sisko)

Written By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : David Livingston

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Hippocratic Oath [DS9 #76]

Stardate 49066.5

Returning from a mission in the Gamma Quadrant, Bashir and O'Brien respond to what they believe is a ship in trouble on a remote planet. Instead, a plasma field causes them to crash-land on the surface, where they become prisoners of Jem'Hadar soldiers. They intend to kill the pair, but when they learn Bashir is a doctor, the leader, Goran'Agar, orders the men taken to a holding area.

Goran'Agar soon takes Bashir to a makeshift lab where he must carry out scientific research -- or die. Goran'Agar explains that he has been mysteriously cured of his addiction to Ketracel-white, the drug the Dominion genetically-engineered the Jem'Hadar to require for survival. Goran'Agar wants Bashir to find the cure so that his soldiers can escape the Dominion's tyranny -- a task he must complete before their drug supply runs out in five days. Bashir requests O'Brien's assistance, and they work on a device to help them escape, pretending it is actually part of Bashir's research. But a soldier named Arak'Taral becomes suspicious and activates the device, injuring Meso'Clan, another Jem'Hadar. Arak'Taral grabs O'Brien and threatens to kill him, but Goran'Agar orders him spared.

Having decided to stop living by the Dominion's brutal rules, Goran'Agar also spares Meso'Clan, who would have been otherwise killed by the uninjured soldiers. Bashir is excited by this show of compassion, and later tells O'Brien that he believes they should help Goran'Agar. If they can free the Jem'Hadar from their Dominion leash, he reasons, this could reduce the Dominion threat to the Alpha Quadrant. O'Brien doesn't share Bashir's sentiments -- the Jem'Hadar are bred to kill. He flatly refuses to help, so the doctor pulls rank and orders him. Instead, O'Brien engineers his own escape into the planet's dense jungle.

Goran'Agar orders Arak'Taral to bring back O'Brien alive. But when the order is refused, the Jem'Hadar commander realizes his men will no longer obey him. Bashir suggests that Goran'Agar find O'Brien first, promising in return to stay and continue working. While O'Brien is being hunted, Bashir makes progress and soon is onto a discovery that could lead to a cure. At that moment, O'Brien walks in, ready to help Bashir escape, but is shocked when the doctor refuses to go.

Certain the Jem'Hadar will kill Bashir even if he finds the cure, O'Brien destroys the experiment. Goran'Agar sees the damage and sadly allows them to leave, saying he will kill his soldiers in combat rather than subject them to the pain of dying without the drug. Bashir and O'Brien return to the station, each disagreeing with the actions of the other, but at least coming to an understanding.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Jerry Roberts (Meso'clan)

Marshall Teague (Temo'zuma)

Michael H. Bailous (Jem'Hadar #1)

Roderick Garr (Regana Tosh)

Scott MacDonald (Goran'agar)

Stephen Davies (Arak'taral)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Lisa Klink

Nicholas Corea

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Indiscretion [DS9 #77]

Stardate Unknown

A Bajoran smuggler tells Kira he has recovered a piece of metal that might be from the Ravinok, a Cardassian ship that disappeared six years ago with a group of Bajoran prisoners. A good friend of Kira's was among those lost, and she makes immediate plans to investigate, but learns a Cardassian representative wants to accompany her. Kira reluctantly agrees, then discovers that the representative is her nemesis, Dukat. The two take a Runabout, meet the smuggler, and authenticate the metal fragment, which was found in the Dozaria system. They then land on a desert planet in that system and encounter the wreckage of the Ravinok.

Kira and Dukat notice twelve graves near the site, but since several more people were on the ship, they realize some survivors may still be alive. First, however, Dukat opens the graves in order to identify bodies, and is overcome with grief when he finds the remains of a Bajoran woman who was his mistress. Kira's surprise turns to hope when it turns out that her friend was not among the dead. They soon set off on foot, scanning the planet for survivors. While setting up camp, Dukat reveals that he had a daughter with his mistress, Tora Ziyal, a girl who is one of the possible survivors. Unfortunately, if he finds her alive, he'll have to kill her.

Kira tells Dukat she won't allow him to kill Ziyal. But he insists that if her existence is revealed, he'll lose his wife, his family, and his unstable position in Cardassian government. Soon, Kira and Dukat discover a mining operation of Bajoran and Cardassian prisoners, supervised by members of a race known as the Breen. Dukat sees his half-Cardassian, half-Bajoran daughter among the prisoners.

Kira and Dukat, disguised as Breen, overcome the guards and round up the prisoners. Kira is crushed to learn that her friend died two years earlier, but Dukat is only interested in finding his daughter. When more Breen guards attack, Dukat escapes from Kira's gaze and runs off after Ziyal. When he finds her, she instantly recognizes her father, thrilled to see him despite the fact that he is aiming a phaser rifle at her. Kira arrives and tries to stop him, and the little girl realizes what is happening. Still, Ziyal refuses to run, telling her father she'd rather die if she can't go with him. She hugs him affectionately, and Dukat, shaken with emotion, decides to take Ziyal home -- even if it costs him everything he has.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Cyia Batten (Ziyal)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Roy Brocksmith (Razka)

Thomas Prisco (Heler)

Teleplay By : Nicholas Corea

Story By : Jack Trevino

Toni Marberry

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Rejoined [DS9 #78]

Stardate 49195.5

Sisko summons Dax to his office with some serious news. A group of Trill scientists, led by Dr. Lenara Kahn, will be using the *Defiant* to conduct experiments. Lenara is a joined Trill who, while her symbiont was joined to a previous host body, was married to one of Dax's former male hosts, Torias. Dax shows some concern, since Trill society expressly forbids relationships with lovers from past lives. The penalty for "reassociation" is exile from the Trill homeworld and the eventual death of the symbiont when the current host dies. However, Dax decides to make the best of it, believing she can control any feelings she may still have for her former wife, and even chooses to attend a dinner reception for the scientists. There, the two women meet at the buffet table and share a laugh. Despite the casual tone of their conversation, however, an attraction begins to develop between the two.

The Trill team -- Lenara, her brother Bejal, and Dr. Pren -- begins work on the experiment to create an artificial wormhole. As science officer, Dax is involved, which keeps her near Lenara. The women can't resist the urge to talk about the past, so Dax invites her to dinner, with Bashir as chaperone. That night, he politely listens as Dax and Lenara talk about old times and their lives since the marriage of their previous hosts. It's almost a relief for Bashir when he is summoned to the Infirmary, leaving the former spouses alone. Feeling more at ease, Dax takes hold of Lenara's hand, which Pren happens to quietly notice.

When work resumes on the *Defiant*, the closeness between Dax and Lenara is obvious, reaching a crescendo when the two women hug after the first phase of the experiment proves successful. Soon after, Bejal confronts his sister on the station, and she insists that nothing is going on between the two. Lenara later visits Dax's quarters to tell her what happened. There, the two give in to the building passion between them and kiss. Lenara then forces herself to leave, and Dax remains to struggle with her emotions.

The next day, Dax turns to Sisko for advice. He pushes her to fight the attraction to Lenara out of duty to ensure the continuation of the Dax symbiont. But Dax, realizing that she loves Lenara, is unsure. Later, on the *Defiant*, the scientists proceed with the second phase of the experiment when their artificial wormhole collapses in a blast of energy which slams into the ship. Lenara is knocked unconscious in the engine room, separated from the others by a roaring plasma fire. Dax risks her life to save Lenara -- and the two women realize that they never want to lose each other again.

Afterward, Dax checks on Lenara in her quarters, and the scientist worries about her failed experiment and the extra work she knows she'll have to put into it. Dax seizes the moment and invites Lenara to stay at the station -- with her. Lenara, however, cannot bring herself to take that final step, painfully refusing to break their society's rules. Dax desperately asks her to stay, but Lenara leaves, preserving Dax's life -- and breaking her heart.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : James Noah (Dr. Hanor Pren)

Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)

Susanna Thompson (Dr. Lenara Kahn)

Tim Ryan (Dr. Bejal Otner)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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Little Green Men [DS9 #79]

Stardate Unknown

Quark is excited to receive a shuttle his cousin Gaila has owed him for ten years, and decides to use it to fly Nog to Starfleet Academy on Earth -- while doing a little smuggling on the side. But, just as the shuttle enters Earth's system, Rom is unable to take the ship out of warp, and realizes that the spiteful Gaila designed the ship to malfunction. Luckily, Rom figures out how to stop the ship and make an emergency landing. However, when the three travelers wake up after the crash, they find themselves in an examining room -- in July 1947 at Roswell, New Mexico.

Outside the room, a team of United States military and science personnel has assembled, including General Denning, Captain Wainwright, Professor Carlson, Nurse Garland, two M.P.s, and a German shepherd. The group observes the Ferengi trio, who they believe to be Martians, then enter the room and attempt to communicate. Unfortunately, none of the three can either understand or talk back, since their universal translators were damaged in the crash. Realizing, however, that these are primitive humans, Quark smells profit. While Carlson and Garland observe the aliens, Rom manages to convey to the nurse that he wants her hairpin, then uses it to work on the translators. Garland then summons the others -- Quark is speaking English, and he has a business proposition for them!

Quark explains the translator to his stunned hosts, then offers to sell them advanced technology. However, the suspicious General Denning demands that Quark tell him why they are really on Earth. Quark insists they have come to do business, if not with the Americans, then with the Russians. Later, when the three are alone again, Quark watches with surprise when the dog suddenly morphs into Odo, who stowed away on the shuttle to catch Quark smuggling. Odo tells the group where their ship is hidden, but Quark doesn't want to leave. He's sure he can manipulate the primitive humans and become Earth's ruler, caring nothing about how he would alter history as a result. But Quark's thoughts of conquest are put on hold when he, Rom, and Nog are forcefully taken to an interrogation room.

Quark is repeatedly injected with truth serum, but it doesn't work on the Ferengi. Nog then steps in and claims they are the first of an invasion fleet that has come to take over Earth. He gets Captain Wainwright to untie him and uses the opportunity to deck his captor. Carlson and Garland, not pleased with the treatment of the aliens, step in to help them escape and return to their ship. When General Denning tries to stop them, Odo appears to save the day, and the group takes off. They use an atom bomb test blast to help send the ship back to their present, and are able to drop off Nog at Starfleet Academy after all.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Charles Napier (General Denning)

Conor O'Farrell (Professor Jeff Carlson)

James G. MacDonald (Capt. Wainwright)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Megan Gallagher (Nurse Garland)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Jack Trevino

Toni Marberry

Directed By : James L. Conway

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Starship Down [DS9 #80]

Stardate 49263.5

Sisko and his officers take the *Defiant* to a remote system in the Gamma Quadrant for a trade discussion with the Karemman representative, Hanok. During the talks, two approaching Jem'Hadar warships are detected. The enemy vessels target the Karemman ship, which flees into the gaseous, volatile atmosphere of a nearby planet. Sisko enters the dangerous area in pursuit, and the *Defiant* is blinded and buffeted by high turbulence. They employ an echo-location technique to find the other ships. But the pulse gives them away to the Jem'Hadar, who attack and cripple the *Defiant*. Dax goes below to help get the engines on-line, but a hull breach develops, endangering her and others on that deck.

After evacuating Sickbay, Bashir notices Dax trying to escape. Just then, the forcefield that protects her collapses, allowing the deadly atmosphere to enter. Sisko orders Bashir to seal off the area, but just as he does, the doctor steps inside to rescue Dax and drags her into the turbolift, trapping both of them. Meanwhile, on the Bridge, the engines come to life, indicating that Dax was successful. O'Brien arms two atmospheric probes with quantum torpedoes and the crew resumes its search for the Karemman vessel. However, a Jem'Hadar ship finds the *Defiant* and opens fire, damaging it severely before the *Defiant* destroys it.

The Bridge is on emergency power only, while Sisko is seriously injured. Kira discovers that he has a concussion, meaning she must keep him from losing consciousness or risk having him slip into a coma. In the turbolift, Dax and Bashir have only limited air remaining; while, in the Mess Hall, Quark is trapped with Hanok. Worf makes it from the Bridge to the Engine Room, where O'Brien and his engineers are working to restore the ship's systems. Then, the echo-location scanner picks up torpedoes heading for the *Defiant*. The ship manages to elude one, but the other embeds itself into the Mess Hall bulkhead -- still primed to detonate -- and surprising Quark and Hanok.

Quark and Hanok realize they must work together to diffuse the torpedo before it blows. Meanwhile, the engineers come up with a new plan to fire phasers through the Deflector Array -- which will only be good for one shot. And as Sisko slowly slips out of consciousness, Kira risks killing him by injecting a stimulant.

In the Mess Hall, Quark and Hanok manage to remove the torpedo casing and deactivate the warhead. On the Bridge, Sisko awakens, indicating to Kira that she did the right thing. In Engineering, O'Brien locates the Jem'Hadar ship, which is lured to a decoy using the remaining atmospheric probe. Worf's team destroys the enemy ship with the Deflector Array and rescues the Karemman crew. Bashir and Dax are freed, and the repaired *Defiant* returns to Deep Space Nine.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : F.J. Rio (Muniz)

James Cromwell (Hanok)

Jay Baker (Stevens)

Sara Mornell (Carson)

Written By : David Mack

John J. Ordovery

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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The Sword Of Kahless [DS9 #81]

Stardate Unknown

Worf prepares to accompany Dax and Kor, a legendary Klingon warrior, on a mission to recover the Sword of Kahless, the mythical, millennium-old weapon of the Klingon Empire's first leader -- an artifact missing for centuries. When the drunken Kor finally retires to his quarters after first speaking with Worf, he is attacked by a Lethean, who reads his mind, then erases the incident from Kor's mind. The next day, Sisko -- hoping to restore Federation/Klingon relations -- allows them the use of a Runabout for travel to the Gamma Quadrant world where the Sword is believed to be located. Upon arrival, the three get into a deserted, protected chamber, but find that all the artifacts hidden there have been removed.

Kor is crestfallen. But Worf, unwilling to give up, discovers another hidden chamber, where they finally find the Sword of Kahless. They prepare to depart, but are met by Toral, a Klingon enemy of Worf's, with four soldiers and the Lethean. A fierce battle for the Sword ensues, and while Worf is wounded, the three manage to escape with it into a cave-tunnel and trap their adversaries in the chamber. Once free, they discover that contact with their Runabout has been blocked -- they'll have to make their way to the surface on foot for a chance to transport off the planet.

As they travel, Kor begins to feel contempt for Worf, dismissing him as "too human." Worf also becomes less-than-enamored with Kor, especially when Kor hints that he will not present the Sword to the emperor as planned -- he will use it to unite the Klingons himself! Later, Worf decides that it is his destiny, not Kor's, to possess the Sword and lead his people.

The seemingly-endless journey takes the three of them to an abyss, where Kor slips and loses his footing, but still holds the Sword. Worf saves Kor by grabbing the other end. Straining, he tries to convince Kor into letting go and landing on a dangerously small ledge, but Kor refuses. Finally, Dax has to intervene and help pull up Kor. Tired of their fighting for possession, she insists on holding the Sword for the remainder of the trip, even while she sleeps.

Dax is awakened by the sound of Worf and Kor, ready to fight to the death. Suddenly, Toral, the other Klingon warriors, and the Lethean attack, but the three are able to defeat them, Kor wielding the Sword -- which seems to make him invincible. Then, Worf and Kor turn on each other, and Worf is on the verge of killing Kor when Dax stuns each of them with her phaser, then transports the three of them back to the Runabout. Later, onboard, Worf and Kor realize that the Sword turned the two against each other, and will probably divide the Klingon people as well. Because of this, they transport the Sword into space, hopefully not to be found for at least another millennium, when the Klingons may be ready for it.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : John Colicos (Kor)

Rick Pasqualone (Toral)

Tom Morga (Soto)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Story By : Richard Danus

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Our Man Bashir [DS9 #82]

Stardate Unknown

Bashir is enjoying a holosuite program that casts him as a super suave, 1960s Earth secret agent when Garak intrudes on his fantasy, convincing the doctor to let him stay. At the same time, Sisko, Kira, Dax, Worf, and O'Brien transport from a Runabout just before sabotage causes it to explode, but the force of the blast blows out the Transporter during Eddington's rescue attempt. He is able to store their patterns with an emergency computer override -- but where?

Kira suddenly appears in Bashir's program as Anastasia, a Russian spy -- and is completely oblivious to her true identity as Kira. Concerned, Bashir contacts Ops, and Eddington tells him about the accident. Realizing this is where the physical patterns of the officers are now stored, he tells Bashir to keep the program going, since ending it could end his crewmates' lives. Playing along, Bashir asks Kira to explain their assignment, and she tells him about a string of artificial earthquakes and the disappearance of Professor Honey Bare, whose photograph looks just like Dax. Bashir and Garak are even more surprised, however, when O'Brien appears as Falcon, the program's hired assassin, and pulls a gun on them.

The three overpower O'Brien and his two henchmen, then Kira prepares to kill him. But Bashir stops her, realizing that she would be killing the real O'Brien's body instead of a program. Traveling to Paris, Bashir poses as a noted scientist, believing a Dr. Noah may be behind the disappearance of Professor Bare. Bashir, Garak, and Kira meet up with Worf, who is now Duchamps, Dr. Noah's assistant. He knocks the three unconscious, and they wind up at Dr. Noah's headquarters on the slope of Mt. Everest. There, they meet Noah, who is actually Sisko.

Sisko explains his diabolical plan to destroy the planet by creating artificial quakes that will release lava from the Earth's core. As it shrinks, oceans will flood everything but Mt. Everest, where Noah will start a new society there on his "island." The scientist helping Noah is Professor Bare/Dax, who appears to be assisting voluntarily. After explaining his plan, Sisko reveals that O'Brien is also working for him, and that he knows Bashir is really a secret agent. They then take Bashir and Garak to a cave, where they are handcuffed to a laser which in five minutes will drill a hole into the ground, releasing a pool of lava into the cave and killing them.

Luckily, Dax lets her attraction to Bashir get the better of her and rescues him just in time. Garak then tries to end the program, but Bashir shoots him, proving he is serious. They return to the control room, where Bashir pretends to want to join Sisko's side, then actually deploys his deadly device and destroys the world. Unsure what to do, Sisko prepares to shoot Bashir anyway, but suddenly dematerializes along with the rest of the trapped physical patterns, which are finally reunited with their neural patterns on the Defiant's transporter pad. Only Garak and Bashir remain in the program. Like true secret agents, they actually saved the day.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)

Marci Brickhouse (Mona Luvsitt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Melissa Young (Caprice)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Robert Gillan

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Homefront [DS9 #83]

Stardate 49170.6

An explosion at a Federation/Romulan diplomatic conference on Earth has killed twenty-seven people. Most disturbing is evidence that the bomb was set by a Changeling -- meaning the Dominion has reached Earth. Sisko and Odo are summoned to San Francisco to advise Admiral Leyton, the head of Starfleet Operations, on the Dominion. Once there, Leyton informs them that, effective immediately, Sisko will be in charge of Starfleet Security on Earth.

A trip to Earth also means a visit home for Sisko and his son, Jake. They head to the New Orleans restaurant owned and operated by Sisko's father, Joseph. Later, Sisko and Leyton meet with Federation President Jaresh-Inyo, who balks at Sisko's ideas for increasing security. But when Sisko's briefcase suddenly morphs into Odo, Jaresh-Inyo sees the seriousness of the Dominion threat, and agrees to allow Sisko to implement blood screening measures on Starfleet officers and high-ranking Federation officials.

On the grounds of Starfleet Headquarters, Odo encounters Leyton and his executive officer, Commander Benteen. During their conversation, Odo suddenly grabs Leyton's hand, which then dissolves into gelatinous goo. Revealed to be a Changeling, the duplicate morphs into a bird and flies away. The real Leyton is extremely upset by this news, but his discussion with Sisko is interrupted by an urgent call from Jake -- Joseph has been arrested.

Sisko returns to New Orleans, where his father has refused to submit to the blood testing now required of all relatives of Starfleet members. Joseph angrily retreats to his restaurant kitchen to chop vegetables, but cuts his finger. Sisko can't help checking the knife to make sure the blood doesn't become Changeling goo. That night, Earth's entire power-relay system goes off-line. When Leyton blames sabotage, Sisko surmises the Changelings have left Earth defenseless.

Sisko and Leyton use the systems of an orbiting starship to transport to the President's office, and convince him to declare a State of Emergency on Earth. Armed Starfleet troops are quickly mobilized across the planet. Sisko prepares his homeworld for war with the Dominion.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko)

Dylan Chalfy (Head Officer)

Herschel Sparber (President Jaresh-Inyo)

Robert Foxworth (Admiral Leyton)

Susan Gibney (Cmdr. Erika Benteen)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : David Livingston

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Paradise Lost [DS9 #84]

Stardate Unknown

When Dominion sabotage is blamed for a planetwide power outage, Starfleet stations troops all over Earth to prepare for an invasion. However, Sisko is suspicious when he learns that the Red Squad, an elite group of Starfleet Academy cadets, was demobilized shortly after the State of Emergency was declared. By pretending to know about the mission, he tricks a Red Squad member into revealing that his group was ordered to create the power outage. Sisko fears Admiral Leyton is planning to overthrow the Federation government and replace it with military rule.

Federation President Jaresh-Inyo is unconvinced, but he agrees to force Leyton and his troops to stand down if Sisko brings him proof. Later, Leyton confronts him and tries to convince Sisko that martial law is the only way to deal with the Dominion threat. But Sisko refuses to participate in what amounts to treason against the Federation, so Leyton relieves him of his duties running Starfleet Security and orders him back to Deep Space Nine. On the grounds of Starfleet Headquarters that night, Sisko is approached by a Changeling in the form of O'Brien, who reveals that he is one of four Changelings on Earth. Their plan: use fear and paranoia to their advantage against the humans.

Sisko sends a message to Deep Space Nine and sets a plan in motion, then returns to his former office with Odo, who breaks into Leyton's classified Starfleet files. They surmise that Leyton's coup is scheduled to take place the day before the President's upcoming speech. Armed with new information, Sisko pays a visit to Jaresh-Inyo's office, where Leyton, Commander Benteen, and four security guards are waiting for him. They force Sisko to give them a blood sample in front of the President, and his blood promptly morphs into Changeling goo.

With Sisko in a holding cell, Leyton admits that he faked the blood test and tells Sisko he'll be set free after the coup. But after Leyton leaves, Odo helps Sisko escape and tells him the Defiant is headed for Earth. Sisko soon confronts Leyton with a phaser and demands his resignation -- Lieutenant Arriaga, in custody on the Defiant, has admitted to helping Leyton make it look like a cloaked Dominion fleet was entering the Alpha Quadrant. Leyton responds that he has sent the Lakota to stop the Defiant, telling the Lakota crew that the Defiant is manned by Changelings.

The Lakota attacks the Defiant, and, realizing they have no choice, Worf orders his crew to fight back. In the heat of the battle, Leyton gives Benteen, who is commanding the Lakota, orders to destroy the Defiant -- not just disable it. Uncomfortable with killing fellow officers, she instead shuts down her weapons and allows the Defiant to proceed to Earth. His most loyal officer having deserted him, Leyton realizes he has lost and removes his admiral's pips. With order restored on Earth, Sisko determines to not let fear conquer his homeworld for the Dominion.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Bobby C. King (Security Chief)

Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko)

David Drew Gallagher (Riley Shepard)

Herschel Sparber (President Jaresh-Inyo)

Mina Badie (Security Officer)

Robert Foxworth (Admiral Leyton)

Rudolph Willrich (Academy Commandant)

Susan Gibney (Cmdr. Erika Benteen)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Reza Badiyi

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Crossfire [DS9 #85]

Stardate Unknown

First Minister Shakaar arrives at Deep Space Nine to negotiate for Bajor's early admittance into the Federation. The Dignitary creates quite a stir around the station -- especially with Kira, a friend since she worked for him in the Resistance. Soon after his arrival, Odo learns that "The True Way," a Cardassian extremist group is planning to assassinate Shakaar. Security is beefed up throughout the station, and Odo personally shadows him. But when Shakaar takes a leisurely stroll with Kira, Odo's hidden affection for her leaves him with an uncomfortable feeling.

After a tough round of negotiations, Shakaar asks Odo to accompany him back to his quarters. Once there, Shakaar awkwardly admits that he's falling in love with Kira, and wonders if Kira has any similar thoughts about him. Since Odo's own feelings for Kira go beyond mere friendship, he realizes that he now has a rival for her affections.

At their weekly security meeting, Kira is distracted, which concerns Odo. She begs off early to give Shakaar a tour of the station, and Odo has to follow them as part of his security duties. He sees the two grow closer and almost kiss before remembering they're not exactly alone. Soon after, the three enter the turbolift, and Worf announces over the com that they must be re-routed. Odo asks Worf to verify his security code before control is transferred -- just as Shakaar makes a dinner date with Kira. Distracted, Odo releases the turbolift before verifying Worf's code, and the turbolift suddenly goes into freefall.

Thinking quickly, Odo is able to morph into metal rods and stops the turbolift, saving their lives. Afterwards, he admits to Sisko with embarrassment that he allowed the saboteur to act by turning over control of the turbolift without verification. Realizing that he has to do something, Odo heads for Kira's quarters and guards reveal that Shakaar has been inside with her since returning from dinner -- three hours ago. Odo relieves a guard and stands outside her door until morning, when Shakaar finally departs. She happily tells Odo of her developing relationship with Shakaar, after which Odo leaves, only to discover that Worf has apprehended the saboteur without his help. Hurt and frustrated, Odo returns to his quarters and in an uncharacteristic fit of rage, demolishes everything.

Disturbed by the noise, Quark comes to Odo's quarters and is surprised by what he sees. He tells Odo that he has to resolve his feelings for Kira one way or another in order to regain control of his life. Odo returns to Kira's quarters and tells her he wants to stop their weekly meetings. She's puzzled, but doesn't push him, and Odo forces himself to get his mind back on his job -- and nothing else.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Bruce Wright (Sarish)

Charles Tentindo (Jimenez)

Duncan Regehr (Shakaar)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Les Landau

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Return To Grace [DS9 #86]

Stardate Unknown

At First Minister Shakaar's request Kira prepares to travel to a Cardassian Outpost to share Bajoran intelligence about the Klingon Empire. She is surprised to discover their her old nemesis, Dukat has been demoted from his powerful position and is now commander of a freighter that will take her to the outpost. Dukat reveals that he is in this situation because he brought Tora Ziyal his daughter by his Bajoran mistress, back to Cardassia, a move which will destroy his life and career. Ziyal and her father are now outcasts, and the freighter is their home. Upon arrival at the conference site, Kira and Dukat find that Klingons have attacked the outpost and all the Cardassian and Bajoran diplomats are dead.

The Klingon Bird of Prey responsible for the attack immediately detects Dukat's ship, but he is both humiliated and angry when the ship ignores his vessel, even after the freighter's feeble attempts at intervening. After the Bird of Prey leaves the area, Kira suggests they adapt the outpost's more powerful weapons for use on the freighter before the Klingon ship.

As they work to install the outpost's disruptor on the freighter, Dukat tells Kira that stopping the Klingon ship will allow him to regain his standing in the Cardassian Empire. Later Kira gives Ziyal some crude military training, beginning to bond with the young woman. Soon Kira and Dukat deduce that the Bird of Prey's next target will be a remote world where the Cardassians have a secret weapons research installation. Once in orbit, the freighter sends out a false signal to mislead the Klingon ship into believing it has a valuable cargo, hoping to lure the Bird of Prey into firing range. It works and the Klingons soon appear.

As expected, the Klingons lock a tractor beam on the freighter, giving Dukat the opportunity to fire his disruptor blast. Crippling the Klingon ship, Kira and Dukat commandeer it and transport its crew onto the freighter, while beaming their own crew to the Klingon ship, after which Dukat destroys the freighter, killing the Klingons. He reports his capture of the Klingon ship -- and the valuable information it contains -- to his government, but is shocked to learn that the Cardassians want to reach a diplomatic solution instead of seeking retaliation. Disgusted by his peoples' change of heart, Dukat vows to fight the Klingon Empire alone.

Dukat asks Kira to join him, reminding her that after Cardassia, Bajor will probably be the next target of the Klingons. But she realizes that the life of a soldier is no longer for her. She also knows it's no life for Ziyal, and takes the young woman back to Deep Space Nine with her to live until Dukat's war is over.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

Cyia Batten (Ziyal)

John K. Shull (K'Temang)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Story By : Tom Benko

Directed By : Jonathan West

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Sons Of Mogh [DS9 #87]

Stardate 49556.2

Worf's brother Kurn arrives unexpectedly and asks Worf to kill him. He explains that since Worf sided with the Federation against the Klingon Empire, Kurn and his family are outcasts on the homeworld. Having lost everything, he can only regain his honor through the Mauk-to'Vor, a death ritual which only Worf can perform. Worf reluctantly decides to carry out his brother's wish and fatally stabs Kurn, but Dax and Odo burst in just in time to transport Kurn to the Infirmary.

Luckily, Kurn survives, albeit unhappily. Meanwhile, Sisko grows suspicious of Klingon "Military Exercises" witnessed by Kira and O'Brien outside Bajoran space and orders them to investigate. Later, Worf, hoping to give Kurn a purpose on the station, convinces Odo to make him a deputy on his security force.

Kurn takes the job, and initially performs well. Meanwhile on the Defiant, Kira and O'Brien encounter a damaged Klingon ship in the area of the exercises, and the injured crew is forced to request a tow back to Deep Space Nine. Later Worf finds Kurn again in the Infirmary, and discovers that his brother allowed himself to be attacked, hoping to die this way. Odo refuses to work with a man carrying a death wish and fires Kurn. Miserable, Kurn says that his life is in Worf's hands.

While investigating the explosion that disabled the Klingon ship, Worf realizes that it was laying a minefield of cloaked explosives to cut off the Bajoran system from the rest of the Federation -- a precursor to war. In order to disable the mines, they need the coordinates. Worf and Kurn have their features and DNA signatures temporarily altered and make their way onto the disabled ship. They soon find the deployment plan for the mines, but a Klingon officer suddenly walks in on them.

Kurn kills the intruder, which shocks Worf until Kurn reveals the Klingon had a knife and was preparing to kill him. But Kurn's act only sinks him deeper into depression as he realizes his dishonor is complete. With this in mind, Worf makes the ultimate sacrifice. He has Kurn's features altered once again and has his memory erased, allowing Kurn to start life over again with a new identity. Kurn has regained his place in Klingon society -- but Worf has lost his only remaining link to that society forever.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Dell Yount (Tilikia)

Elliot Woods (Klingon Officer)

Robert DoQui (Noggra)

Tony Todd (Kurn)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Livingston

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Bar Association [DS9 #88]

Stardate Unknown

After suffering for weeks with an ear infection without a day off, Rom finally collapses in Quark's bar and is taken to the Infirmary. Bashir is outraged that Quark refuses to give any employees sick leave and casually suggests that Rom form a union. When Rom returns to work, Quark announces that he is cutting the salaries of his employees to compensate for declining profits. Angered at this mistreatment and inspired by Bashir's words, Rom calls a secret meeting of Quark's waiters and Dabo girls and announces that he wants to start a union.

While some of the Ferengi employees are initially fearful about angering the Ferengi Commerce Authority, Rom says that they have little to lose, and the union is formed. He makes up a list of demands -- increased pay, shorter hours, paid sick leave -- and

presents them to Quark, who simply laughs them off. But Rom has the last laugh when he tells his brother that the new union is now on strike.

Rom pays customers to stay out of Quark's -- a tactic that seems to be paying off, because the bar is practically deserted. On Sisko's orders, Odo refuses to disperse the strikers -- even when Worf, O'Brien and Bashir wind up in a brawl. However, Sisko does threaten to collect Quark's back rent if he doesn't settle, so Quark offers Rom a bribe to stop the strike. Rom refuses -- but Quark's problems may be solved anyway. Liquidator Brunt from the F.C.A. has arrived, and promises Quark he will put a stop to the strike by any means necessary.

Brunt crashes a union meeting and threatens the Ferengi workers if they don't return to Quark's. However, Rom inspires his troops once again, and they rededicate themselves to the strike. Later Quark tries to talk Rom into giving up, worried about what the F.C.A. will do to his brother, but Rom holds firm. Things only get worse when Brunt has his Nausicaan thugs beat up Quark as an example.

In the Infirmary, a wounded Quark offers to secretly honor the demands of the strikers as long as Rom disbands the union and pretends that Quark has won, to which Rom agrees. Once everyone returns to work at their new, higher salaries, Rom announces that he has quit to work for the station as a repair technician -- having proven to himself that he can really survive on his own, without Quark's "help".

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Emilio Borelli (Frool)

Jason Marsden (Grimp)

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Barbara J. Lee

Jenifer A. Lee

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Accession [DS9 #89]

Stardate Unknown

A centuries old Bajoran vessel mysteriously exits the wormhole, and its passenger, a legendary Bajoran named Akorem Laan, is immediately beamed to the Infirmary. Shocked to learn that more than 200 years have passed since he left Bajor, he tells Sisko and Kira that he had an accident in space and was saved by the Bajoran Prophets, which led him to believe that they have chosen him to be the Emissary. Sisko, who was never comfortable with the assumption that he was Emissary, steps aside to let Akorem assume the revered position. Soon afterward, Akorem makes his first public address, telling the crowd that the prophets chose

him to return Bajor to the old ways -- including strict adherence to a caste system that restricts people to specific "D'jarra," or occupations.

Sisko is disturbed, since caste-based discrimination goes against the Federation Charter, which will cause Bajor to be excluded from the membership, but Akorem is convinced he is following the wishes of the Prophets. That evening, Sisko is so troubled, he has a nightmare and is unable to get back to sleep. He goes for a walk on the Promenade and encounters a vision of Kai Opaka, who warns Sisko that he does not know himself.

Bashir tells Sisko that he experienced an "Orb Shadow" -- a phenomenon encountered by people who've been exposed to the Bajoran orbs, but which only occurs if the advice the Prophets tried to give has been ignored. Later, Sisko reveals to Kira that he believes he has failed in his mission to bring Bajor into the Federation. Kira assures him that it isn't his fault, but complicates his dilemma by telling him she plans to resign her post to follow her D'jarra and become an artist.

Sisko's contemplative mood is interrupted when Odo summons him to the Promenade -- a Bajoran monk has died. Vedek Porta states that he is responsible, saying he pushed the man to his death because he refused to resign, even though his family's D'jarra is "unclean". Appalled, Sisko requests another meeting with Akorem and admits that giving up his position as Emissary was a mistake, then reveals that he is forced to challenge Akorem's claim. Since they have no other way of proving which is the real Emissary, Sisko suggests that the two of them go to the wormhole and ask the Prophets.

In the wormhole, the aliens within reveal that Akorem was sent into the future for Sisko -- the true Emissary. At Sisko's suggestion, the aliens return the dejected Akorem to his own time, to live out his life without any memory of the future. Sisko is finally convinced that he is the Emissary and ready to handle the responsibility.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka)

David Carpenter (Onara)

Grace Zandarski (Latara)

Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Laura Jane Salvato (Gia)

Richard Libertini (Akorem Laan)

Robert Symonds (Vedek Porta)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Written By : Jane Espenson

Directed By : Les Landau

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Rules Of Engagement [DS9 #90]

Stardate 49665.3

While under Klingon attack, Worf ordered for the Defiant to fire on a vessel that decloaked in front of it, apparently unaware that it was a Klingon transport until too late. While Admiral T'Lara oversees the hearing, Ch'Pok, the Klingon Advocate, accuses Worf of negligence brought on by his inherent bloodlust. Sisko, Worf's defense counsel, counters that this was a tragic, unavoidable

accident. Later, Dax is called to the stand, where she is forced to reveal that the day before the attack, Worf fought a simulated Holosuite battle in which he ordered the destruction of a town filled with Klingon civilians.

Other witnesses are called to help determine Worf's state of mind. Sisko says that he was confident putting Worf in charge of what was supposed to be a humanitarian mission delivering aid to a Cardassian colony. But Quark reveals that Worf told him before leaving that he hoped the Klingons attacked -- ostensibly so that he could retaliate.

Odo investigates the history of the dead Klingon transport captain, but learns nothing incriminating. Later, Kira is questioned about the events leading up to the battle and states that she believes Worf was correct in giving the order to fire. But, when O'Brien is questioned, he is forced to reveal that, had he been in command, he would have acted differently. Later, Ch'Pok suggests that Sisko concede before Worf takes the stand, promising to spare Worf's life. Sisko refuses.

On the stand, Worf says he still believes firing on the transport was the only option under the circumstances. But when Ch'Pok questions, he infuriates Worf by suggesting he destroyed a ship of innocent people to prove himself a true Klingon. Angered, Worf attacks Ch'Pok, proving that, contrary to what he has said, he would knowingly attack an unarmed opponent. Satisfied, Ch'Pok rests his case.

Just when Worf appears to be doomed, Sisko presents new information to T'Lara and Ch'Pok. Apparently, every passenger Worf supposedly killed was also aboard a vessel that crashed a few months earlier -- but all "miraculously" survived the accident, only to "coincidentally" die months later on the transport. Sisko forces Ch'Pok to admit that the entire affair could have been staged to discredit Worf. Afterward, Sisko chastises Worf for an attitude that puts winning over innocent lives, then concedes Worf was lucky and softens the blow by expressing his belief that Worf will make a fine Captain someday.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Christopher Michael (Helm Officer)

Deborah Strang (T'Lara)

Ron Canada (Ch'Pok)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Hard Time [DS9 #91]

Stardate Unknown

A shaken O'Brien returns to Deep Space 9 after his mind has been altered to make him believe that he spent the last two decades in prison. Accused of espionage by the Argrathi, he was given the painful memories of a 20-year incarceration -- the alien race's time- and money-saving alternative to constructing jails -- and released before his fellow officers could arrive to stop the punishment. Although the process took only a few hours, the effect on O'Brien is clearly devastating, and while he's told what he went through was not real, the memories are too vivid to be dismissed. While Bashir explores how to erase those memories, O'Brien must see a counselor to help him handle the intense psychological effects.

Bashir determines that, since O'Brien was subjected to a time-compressed interactive simulation of the prison experience, it feels like he really lived those 20 years. Only erasing O'Brien's mind can eliminate the memories. Since this isn't an option, O'Brien is forced to tough it out, and he tries to throw himself back into his work and life with his daughter and pregnant wife. But he can't escape the memories of his imaginary ordeal and of Ee'char, his cellmate and only friend.

As time goes by, O'Brien's nerves begin to fray. He imagines seeing Ee'char around the station, although he knows the alien wasn't real -- and even hallucinates a conversation with him while sitting in Quark's. Worse, he begins snapping at others, including Bashir, Quark and Odo.

Having learned about his behavior, Sisko relieves O'Brien of duty and orders him to resume counseling sessions immediately. Angry, O'Brien confronts Bashir for informing Sisko. Just then, Ee'char appears to O'Brien and encourages him to let Bashir help, but O'Brien storms back to his quarters instead, where he snaps at his daughter Molly and almost hits her. Upset that he could have harmed his child, O'Brien goes to the Cargo Bay, takes out a phaser, and prepares to shoot himself.

Bashir arrives just as O'Brien is about to pull the trigger and engages him in conversation, causing O'Brien to finally reveal the source of his pain. While in prison, he killed Ee'char, whom he believed was hoarding food from him. O'Brien sees the experience as proof that his humanity is gone, making him a potential danger to family and friends. But Bashir reminds him that this memory is part of his cruel punishment at the hands of the Argrathi, and if he gives in to these feelings, they win. This provides O'Brien the strength to face his ordeal, and with the help of his counselor and some medication, he is soon on the road to recovery.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Craig Wasson (Ee'char)

F.J. Rio (Muniz)

Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Margot Rose (Rinn)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Daniel Keys Moran

Lynn Barker

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Shattered Mirror [DS9 #92]

Stardate Unknown

Jake can hardly believe his eyes when his father introduces him to a woman who looks, talks and acts exactly like his late mother, Jennifer. She and Sisko reveal that this is Jennifer -- at least, her double from a mirror universe which Sisko once visited, where she was married to his now-dead counterpart. Sisko leaves the two of them alone for awhile. But when he returns, Jennifer and

Jake are nowhere to be found. All that remains is a small device, which Sisko realizes is used for transport to the mirror universe. He activates it and appears on Terok Nor, the other universe's Deep Space 9, where he meets O'Brien's rebel counterpart and announces he is taking Jake home. Pointing weapons at Sisko, O'Brien replies that neither he nor Jake is going anywhere.

O'Brien tells Sisko they need his help in their fight against the tyrannical Alliance forces. The rebel group built its own Defiant, but is having trouble making the powerful warship operational, and the Alliance is due to attack Terok Nor in four days. Sisko asks to see Jake, who tells his father he came to be with Jennifer. Angry, Sisko takes Jennifer to task for using his son, but still agrees to help. Elsewhere, leading a fleet of Klingon and Cardassian ships, the Alliance Regent, Worf's counterpart, lashes out at Garak's counterpart for losing Terok Nor to the rebels. Garak swears his loyalty as they prepare to take back the station.

Sisko meets up with the counterpart for Kira, once Terok Nor's leader but now a prisoner of the rebels. Meanwhile, Worf learns about the Defiant's construction and increases the fleet's speed to the station. Back on Terok Nor, Jake grows more fond of Jennifer, despite Sisko's concerns, and Jennifer reveals to Sisko that she can't stop thinking of Jake as the son she'll never have. Their moment is interrupted by news that the Alliance fleet is less than eight hours away.

Needing another plan, Sisko asks Kira for help, reminding her that Worf and the Alliance probably blame her for the loss of Terok Nor. Kira tells Sisko that Alliance ships have targeting systems that are easily fooled, information he uses to create a diversion while finishing work on the Defiant. Jennifer assists him and talks about her deepening bond with Jake, then decides to return the child to Deep Space 9 and out of harm's way. The Defiant now ready, Sisko volunteers to lead its rebel crew in battle. Meanwhile, Jennifer prepares to send Jake home. But the pair encounters the evil Kira, who has now escaped and trains her weapon on them.

Kira plans to take Jennifer as a hostage in order to get back into the Regent's good graces -- then prepares to fire on Jake. But Jennifer jumps into the line of fire, struck to the ground by the blast. Learning the truth about Jake and Jennifer's connection, Kira spares his life -- but promises to collect on this debt later. Back on the Defiant, Sisko, O'Brien and the rebel crew force Worf and the Alliance to retreat after a fierce battle. Sisko returns to Terok Nor, but arrives to find Jake at Jennifer's deathbed. She summons the strength to wish him goodbye, then dies, leaving father and son to deal with her loss a second painful time.

Crew : Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Alexander Siddig (Julian Bashir)

Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Carlos Carrasco (Klingon Officer)

Colm Meaney (Miles O'Brien)

Dennis Madalone (Terran Guard)

Felecia M. Bell (Jennifer Sisko)

James Black (Klingon Helmsman)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Michael Dorn (Regent Worf)

Nana Visitor (Intendant Kira Nerys)

Terry Farrell (Jadzia Dax)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Muse [DS9 #93]

Stardate Unknown

Lwaxana Troi pays a visit to Odo's office with the surprising news that she is pregnant. She is thrilled to be having a baby boy, but her Tavnian husband insists she adhere to the custom of giving him their son to raise alone until the child is 16. Unwilling to give away the baby, Lwaxana decides to give birth to him on Deep Space Nine. Meanwhile, a mysterious alien woman named Onaya arrives on the station, telling Jake that she can help him with his writing.

Lwaxana finagles an invitation to Odo's quarters, and while Odo is initially uncomfortable-she once had a romantic interest in him-he starts to warm up to Lwaxana and even feels her belly as her baby kicks. Meanwhile, Jake opts out of a trip with his father and shows up at Onaya's quarters. She encourages him to write on paper, something he has never done before, and touches him as he works. Amazingly, Jake's thoughts flow more freely than ever before, and he is clearly excited by what is happening. What he fails to notice, however, is that Onaya is somehow drawing energy from him as he writes.

Lwaxana and Odo continue to bond until her husband Jeyal arrives on the station. Odo tells him that he plans to marry Lwaxana, which will cause her union with Jeyal to be automatically annulled and give Odo claim to her child. He tells Lwaxana of the plan-they will marry in a legal Tavnian ceremony, she will have the baby, and after a few months, they will get an annulment of their own. But Lwaxana informs Odo that in order for the marriage to be valid, he must convince Jeyal that he truly loves her. Meanwhile, back in Onaya's quarters, Jake continues to write, unaware that Onaya is literally sucking the life out of him.

The officers assemble for Odo and Lwaxana's wedding, where he surprises everyone by revealing true, heartfelt feelings for her. Even Jeyal is unable to deny his sincerity, so the two are married and Jeyal leaves the station. Jake, meanwhile, is still writing, drained and exhausted but determined. Onaya, who can't absorb any more of his energy at the moment, insists he rest. He reluctantly agrees, but passes out while heading for his quarters. Bashir tells Sisko, who has just returned, that something has been stimulating Jake's cerebral cortex to the point of near-synaptic collapse. But soon after they leave the unconscious Jake, Onaya appears and takes him away.

Using traces of Onaya's energy as a lead, Sisko sets off to find his son, while Jake, near collapse resumes his writing while Onaya absorbs energy. Suddenly, Sisko bursts in to their hiding place, phaser in hand. Onaya tells Sisko that she gave countless legendary creators their inspiration-and immortality-at the cost of their lives. Sisko tries to stop her from leaving, but she transforms into an energy being and disappears. Meanwhile, Lwaxana informs Odo that she is also leaving to have her baby on her homeworld. Odo is surprised and disappointed, but understands. Later, Sisko reads Jake's unfinished manuscript and is clearly impressed. Jake worries to his father that Onaya deserves the credit, but Sisko reminds him that the words and ideas were his own-she only used her power to draw them out. All Jake needs to do is find that power within himself.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)

Meg Foster (Onaya)

Michael Ansara (Jeyal)

Patricia Tallman (Nurse Tagano)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Majel Barrett Roddenbery

Rene Echevarria

Directed By : David Livingston

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For The Cause [DS9 #94]

Stardate Unknown

With the conflict between the Klingons and the Cardassians taking its toll, a shipment of desperately needed replicators destined for Cardassia is set to pass through Deep Space Nine. Odo and Lieutenant Commander Eddington of Starfleet Security recommend heightened measures to deter both the Klingons and the terrorist group known as the Maquis, then reveal some troubling news—they believe there is a Maquis smuggler aboard the station, and they have shreds of evidence that the smuggler is Kasidy Yates, Sisko's romantic interest. After hearing the basis for their suspicions, Sisko gives the go-ahead to find a reason to search her ship.

When Kasidy tries to leave for her next delivery, Odo insists on making an emergency health inspection of her ship. Upset that the inspection will make her miss her rendezvous, Kasidy appeals to Sisko, who grants her permission to leave. However, he has the Defiant follow Kasidy and observe her actions. Suspicions are confirmed when her ship meets a Maquis vessel in the Badlands.

Back at the station, Eddington and Worf brief Sisko on their findings. When Kasidy returns, Sisko is clearly uncomfortable. Later, when Odo and Eddington recommend following Kasidy's ship to its next rendezvous and arresting all parties involved, Sisko is forced to agree—and chooses to command the Defiant, leaving behind Eddington to wait for the replicators. Sisko makes a last-ditch effort to stop Kasidy, suggesting she let her first officer handle the delivery instead. Kasidy tells him she has to honor her commitment, then leaves.

On the Defiant, Sisko follows Kasidy's vessel in the Badlands, but no Maquis ship arrives to meet her. After waiting for several hours for a rendezvous to happen, Odo suspects that this may all be a ruse to lure Sisko away from the station. They beam aboard Kasidy's ship and Sisko demands to know why he has been baited, but she reveals that her orders were only to meet a Maquis ship—which has still not arrived. Meanwhile, back at the station, Eddington pulls a phaser on Kira, knocks her unconscious, then takes control of Deep Space Nine.

Realizing the truth, Sisko hurries back to the station, but he's too late. A Vulcan freighter has already taken the replicators, and Eddington, a Maquis spy, has gone with it—leaving Sisko coldly determined to see the traitor court-martialed someday. However, when Kasidy returns to Deep Space Nine to turn herself in for her crimes, Sisko is much warmer. Kasidy admits her love for him, and Sisko promises to wait for her if she goes to prison.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

John Prosky (Brathaw)

Kenneth Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Steven Vincent Leigh (Lt. Reese)

Tracy Middendorf (Ziyal)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Mark Gehred-O'Connell

Directed By : James L. Conway

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To The Death [DS9 #95]

Stardate 49904.2

When a Jem'Hadar strike force attacks the station, Sisko takes Worf, Dax, Odo, and O'Brien with the Defiant and pursues them into the Gamma Quadrant. The crew comes upon a disabled Jem'Hadar warship emitting a distress signal, and transports aboard the survivors, six Jem'Hadar and Weyoun, their Vorta master. Weyoun reveals that they were attacked by the same Jem'Hadar who surprised Deep Space Nine. He then tells Sisko privately that the attackers are Jem'Hadar renegades who have turned against the Dominion and are trying to restore an ancient alien Gateway—a sophisticated Transporter that would give them the power to go anywhere instantaneously. This could give them the potential to take over the Gamma Quadrant and the Federation. Sisko agrees to join Weyoun and destroy the Gateway, which is located on the surface of a remote planet.

The officers are surprised to learn that they will be working with Weyoun and the six Jem'Hadar. Sisko also tells them that the Jem'Hadar don't know about the Gateway—they think they are only out to stop the disloyal renegades. Later, Sisko establishes order by insisting that the Jem'Hadar Omet'iklan, hints that things will change after their assignment is completed, they form an uneasy alliance.

Omet'iklan tells Sisko that the only way this troops will respect Sisko's crew is to fight alongside them on the planet, then suggests they work in mixed teams, only Weyoun refuses. But when Omet'iklan reveals that his men already know about the Gateway's existence, Sisko agrees, and the Jem'Hadar and Defiant crews begin working together. Their alliance is tested, however, when a Jem'Hadar named Toman'torax attacks Worf. After helping Sisko break up the fight, Omet'iklan kills his man in a display of Jem'Hadar discipline. Sisko refuses to do the same with Worf, however, and Omet'iklan promises to kill Sisko when the mission is over.

Worf learns of Omet'iklan's intentions, and warns the captain against joining the away mission on the planet. Sisko insists on going, however, and promises to watch his back. The Defiant soon arrives at the planet. When the teams transport to the surface, however, they learn that their phasers and combadges have been rendered unusable by the energy from the Gateway—just as a team of renegade Jem'Hadar materializes before them and attacks.

A bloody battle ensues, but all the key players on Sisko's team manage to survive this initial confrontation. The group makes its way to the Gateway chamber, engaging in hand-to-hand combat all the way. While weaving through the corridors, Sisko saves Omet'iklan's life, much to the Jem'Hadar's surprise. The entire group then escapes the chamber moments before O'Brien's explosive device destroys the Gateway, which allows their weapons to function again. Omet'iklan turns his phaser on Weyoun—killing him for questioning his group's loyalty—but spares Sisko's life. The Jem'Hadar then separate from the Defiant crew with the grim reminder that the next time they do battle, it will be on opposite sides.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brian Thompson (Toman'torax)

Clarence Williams III (Omet'iklan)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Scott Haven (Virak'kara)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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The Quickening [DS9 #96]

Stardate Unknown

While traveling in the Gamma Quadrant, Kira, Dax and Bashir respond to an automated distress call from a planet that the Jem'Hadar destroyed 200 years ago. The attackers contaminated the inhabitants with a terminal disease that is passed on from generation to generation. The Blight, as the malady is known, causes blue lesions all over the faces of sufferers. When the afflicted near death -- a period called "the quickening" -- the welts become red and inflamed while the disease grows very painful. Bashir and Dax transport to the planet's surface, where they encounter a woman and take her to a hospital. But they soon discover that Trevean, the hospital's "healer," is in reality a man who poisons those who are quickening in order to end their suffering. Bashir wants to help save them, but Trevean insists that there is no cure.

However, a woman named Ekorja privately seeks Bashir's help -- she is pregnant, and afraid she will not live to have her baby. Bashir and Dax decide to stay and try to find a cure, while Kira leaves in the runabout so the Jem'Hadar -- hopefully -- won't detect their presence. Bashir then begins studying the disease. With Ekorja as a volunteer, he isolates the virus, but since she is in the dormant phase, he cannot complete his research. However, few people in the quickening stage are willing to help him -- even if it means they could be saved. Bashir fixes a boy's broken arm to prove that his healing powers are advanced. However, Trevean tells him that his people have been fooled before, and that no one has yet found a cure. Finally, Epran, a man in the quickening stage, volunteers, and a few days later, Bashir has a makeshift infirmary full of patients, all in a similar condition.

He injects everyone with doses of what he believes may be a cure. After a little while, however, Epran suddenly gets dramatically worse. Bashir discovers the virus is mutating. Realizing the electromagnetic fields from his medical instruments are responsible, he frantically shuts down everything, but it's too late -- all the patients die horrible, painful deaths. Trevean shows up to put the sufferers out of their misery, while Bashir reflects on his failure. Later, he runs into Ekorja, who has entered the quickening phase. Realizing she will probably die before her child is born, Bashir gains new resolve, then chooses to stay on the planet while Kira and Dax return to the Alpha Quadrant.

After drawing Ekorja's blood, Bashir is disappointed to discover that her body has not one trace of the antigen he had given her. Knowing Ekorja will not survive to see her baby born naturally, Bashir decides to induce labor in two weeks. Ekorja's suffering worsens, and Trevean eventually goes to see her, offering to help her and the unborn child die. But Ekorja chooses to give her baby a chance to live, and Trevean wishes her well. Finally, the child is born, and Ekorja lives just long enough to see a miracle. While the antigen did not work on her, her baby is born without lesions -- meaning he doesn't have the Blight, and that the fetuses of pregnant women can be vaccinated against it. While Ekorja's generation will die, their children will survive, and her people's suffering will finally end.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Allan Echevarria (Patient)

Dylan Haggerty (Epran)

Ellen Wheeler (Ekorja)

Heide Margolis (Norva)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Lisa Moncure (Latia)

Loren Lester (Attendant)

Michael Sarrazin (Trevean)

Written By : Naren Shankar

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Body Parts [DS9 #97]

Stardate Unknown

Quark returns from a visit to Ferenginar with the distressing news that he has Dorek Syndrome, an extremely rare disease that should end his life within a week. Since a Ferengi must pay off his debts before he dies, Quark decides to put up his remains for bidding on the Ferengi Futures Exchange to earn the needed latinum. Meanwhile, Bashir, Kira and the pregnant Keiko O'Brien return to the station after a serious accident. But when O'Brien visits the infirmary to check on his wife, he discovers that Kira is now carrying the unborn child.

O'Brien and Keiko slowly absorb the news that Kira will have to take their child to term. In the meantime, Quark is depressed by the lack of bidding for his remains. Then, a huge anonymous bid of 500 bars of latinum is placed, which he immediately accepts, happy to die a winner. But Quark soon gets a message from his doctor-he does not have Dorek Syndrome after all. Quark quickly sets about undoing all his debt-settling work and preparing for a long life. But that night, he gets a surprise visit from Brunt, the feared Ferengi Liquidator, who informs Quark that he purchased his remains-and he intends to collect, no matter what.

Quark tells Brunt that the diagnosis was a mistake. But Brunt insists that Quark honor his contract and surrender his body parts within six days-period. The only way for Quark to save his own life is to break the contract, an appalling option to him, and one which will render him a pariah in Ferengi society. Realizing he has no choice but to die, Quark tries recruiting Garak to perform the deed.

Rom is horrified by his brother's decision, but Quark insists that a true Ferengi has no other choice. Garak is more than willing to kill Quark, and the pair begins exploring several options in a holosuite. Quark decides that he wants his death to come as a painless, bloodless surprise. Garak assures him that he can pull this off, and Quark realizes that he has just signed his own death warrant. That night, he nervously enters his quarters, and within moments, he arrives at the Ferengi version of the afterlife-the Divine Treasury. Apparently, Garak was true to his word-Quark didn't feel a thing.

After much thought, Kira moves in with the O'Briens so that their unborn child can be close to them. Back in the Treasury, Quark meets Gint, the First Grand Nagus, who looks strangely like his brother, Rom, and reveals that this is actually a dream. He urges Quark to break the contract with Brunt, stating that the Ferengi Rules of Acquisition are only guideposts. Then Brunt appears to remind Quark of the consequences involved with not honoring the contract-including poverty and exile from Ferenginar. Quark awakens from the dream, realizing what he must do. He finds Brunt at the bar and returns the 500 bars of latinum, plus interest. Brunt seizes Quark's assets, leaving him with nothing but the empty bar. But later, Sisko, Bashir, Dax, Odo, and many others step in to help, filling up the bar again and letting Quark know he still has the most valuable asset of all-friends.

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom / Gint)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Story By : Louis P. DeSantis

Robert J. Bolivar

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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Broken Link [DS9 #98]

Stardate 49962.4

Odo is rushed to the Infirmary when he suddenly collapses. After a thorough examination, Bashir determines that Odo is losing the ability to maintain his solid form, but it is unclear as to why. Despite his protests, Bashir gives the patient strict orders to remain under observation since movement could bring on another attack. Odo reluctantly consents, until Kira brings him the day's criminal activities report to take his mind off his troubles. He sees a suspicious notation, leaves the Infirmary to investigate, and promptly collapses into a puddle of goo.

His condition worsening, Odo realizes there is only one place he can find help-with his people, the Founders. Sisko, O'Brien, Worf, Bashir, Dax, and Garak take him into the Gamma Quadrant on the Defiant to find his mysterious homeworld. Soon, the Defiant, is intercepted by a squadron of Jem'Hadar warships.

Three Jem'Hadar warriors and the Female Shapeshifter who confronted Odo in the past materialize on the bridge. She has come for him, stating that only returning to this homeworld's Great Link can help him, and takes over the ship's navigation controls to keep secret their destination. She then meets with Odo and is able to stabilize his condition temporarily by linking with him. He then realizes that the Founders caused his illness to force him to return. As the only Changeling to kill another of his kind, Odo has been brought back to be judged by his own people.

The Female Shapeshifter explains that Odo must rejoin the Great Link, not only to be cured of his illness, but in order to allow his people to determine whether his actions were justified, and what punishment should be given. Sisko and the others try to develop a plan to protect Odo, but he tells them that he wants to be judged. Upon arrival at the homeworld, Sisko and Bashir transport to the surface with Odo and the Female Shapeshifter, then watch helplessly as the Changelings disappear into the sea of goo that is Odo's people-joined in the Great Link.

On the Defiant, Worf catches Garak attempting to fire the ship's weapons on the planet, refusing to help him commit genocide on the Founders and kill Sisko, Bashir, and Odo in the process. Later, Odo is expelled from the Great Link-as a human. The Female Shapeshifter explains that this is their punishment, but left Odo's face as it was to remind him of what he lost. Soon after returning to the station, a message from Gowron, leader of the Klingon Empire, is received. As the crew watches what borders on a declaration of war against the Federation, Odo reaches a startling realization. Gowron is not a Klingon at all. He is a Changeling.

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew Hawkes (Amat'igan)

Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Jill Jacobson (Chalon Aroya)

Leslie Bevis (Boslic Freighter Captain)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Teleplay By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : George A. Brozak

Directed By : Les Landau

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Apocalypse Rising [DS9 #99]

Stardate Unknown

When Sisko approaches Starfleet Command with Odo's suspicion that Gowron, the Klingon leader, is really one of Odo's people -- a Changeling impersonating Gowron -- he is instructed to expose the Changeling. Sisko is given four emitters that, when set up and activated around the Gowron impersonator, will force him to revert to his gelatinous state. The challenge is getting into Klingon territory while the warrior race is at war with the Federation -- not to mention getting four individuals close enough to Gowron to expose him. Bashir solves this problem by surgically altering Sisko, Odo, and O'Brien to look like Klingons, while slightly altering Worf's appearance so he won't be recognized.

The foursome is taken into enemy territory on Gul Dukat's Klingon Bird-of-Prey, while Worf drills the group on Klingon behavior. Dukat also creates Klingon identities for the team and adds them to the list of candidates for the Order of the Bat'leth -- an honor that will be bestowed by Gowron himself. The men plan to use their emitters on Gowron during the ceremony. Dukat's ship arrives at their destination, where he leaves Sisko, Odo, O'Brien, and Worf on their own.

The Klingons arrive at the Hall of Warriors, where the Ceremony of Commendation has begun. Sisko and the others blend in as best as they can until General Martok -- Gowron's right-hand man -- arrives, meaning Gowron won't be far behind. They hurry to set up their emitters, but Martok seemingly recognizes O'Brien, who is able to fool Martok into believing they fought side-by-side in battle. No sooner is O'Brien in the clear than a drunken Klingon bumps into Odo, causing him to drop his emitter. Another Klingon picks it up, demanding to know what it is. Worf hurries over and pretends the emitter is prize from the battle. This is enough to send the away the Klingon, just as Gowron enters the hall. Odo Attempts to again set up his emitter, but a young Klingon has taken the designated spot. Acting every bit the warrior, Odo makes him move and finally accomplishes his task. Sisko is about to trigger the emitters when his name is called to accept his award. After he does, Sisko steps off the platform and prepares to finally activate the emitters. At that moment, he is knocked to the floor. Martok has recognized him and throws Sisko and the others into a cell.

In private, Martok admits to Sisko that he that he also suspects Gowron has been replaced by a Changeling. Since the emitters have been destroyed, he says Gowron must be killed in order to prove his identity, and leads the four back into the hall. But when Worf attacks Gowron, the Klingon leader insists on fighting one-on-one -- behavior typical of a real Klingon. Martok wonders aloud why Sisko doesn't just shoot Gowron, and Odo realizes he has no concept of honor -- meaning he must be the real Changeling -- and exposes Martok. Everyone fires their weapons at Martok, who promptly turns into goo. Gowron realizes that the Founders misled Odo into thinking he was a spy so that the Federation would eliminate him and allow Martok to take control. But Gowron is still doubtful the war will end, since Klingons never turn back from battle. Still, he agrees to call a temporary cease-fire, and sees that Sisko and the others are delivered safely back to Deep Space Nine.

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

Ivor Bartels (Young Klingon)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

John Lendale Bennett (Towering Klingon)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Robert Budsaka (Burly Klingon)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Robert Zachar (Head Guard)

Tony Epper (Drunken Klingon)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Ship [DS9 #100]

Stardate 50049.3

While exploring a Gamma Quadrant world, Sisko, Dax, Worf, O'Brien, and Muniz -- one of O'Brien's men -- watch as a Jem'Hadar warship crashes into the planet's surface. The ship survives the impact, and Sisko's group finds a way into the alien craft. Once inside, they determine that all aboard are dead, and Sisko -- realizes the tactical advantage that could be gained -- decides to get the ship back to Deep Space nine for study. He sends for the U.S.S. Defiant to haul the vessel with its tractor beam, while O'Brien and Muniz try to get the ship's systems on line. However, their work stops when another Jem'Hadar warship appears and destroys their orbiting Runabout, killing all of Sisko's crewmembers still aboard.

Sisko and the others on the surface flee inside the Jem'Hadar ship for cover. Muniz is wounded, but all make it inside alive. They prepare for the Jem'Hadar soldiers to transport inside and kill them, but no one comes. Instead, a Vorta -- the alien race that the Jem'Hadar serves -- named Kilana makes contact and requests a meeting with Sisko outside. Kilana asks him to relinquish the ship, but he refuses. While they talk, a Jem'Hadar soldier secretly materializes aboard the vessel.

On the ship, the crew spots a sensor device that wasn't there when they arrived. They then see the Jem'Hadar soldier, and the invader is killed after a brief fight. Since the Jem'Hadar won't attack the vessel, the crew realizes there must be something onboard they want. Meanwhile, Muniz's condition worsens -- the bleeding won't stop. O'Brien realizes he is dying. Later, Kilana requests another meeting and offers Sisko the ship in exchange for what she really wants -- the item hidden aboard. Sisko refuses, not believing Kilana will really let him take the vessel. Kilana doesn't trust Sisko to bring her the item, so she won't tell him what it is. She then dematerializes, and huge explosions begin rocking the ship. The explosions continue, and Muniz grows weaker. Finally, O'Brien is able to restore main power, giving Sisko hope that they may be able to fly the vessel. They strap Muniz to the bulkhead and attempt to make their move. Unfortunately, an imminent core breach forces Sisko to cut power. O'Brien unstraps Muniz, only to make the horrible realization that his friend is dead. Then, suddenly, Dax notices liquid dripping to the floor. They look up, and see a Changeling.

The Creature tries to attack Sisko and Dax, but it cannot hold its shape. They realize it is dying -- and that this is what the Vorta wants. The Jem'Hadar couldn't attack the ship and risk killing a Founder. As the creature dies, it emits a high-pitched humming sound. Then the sound stops -- along with the explosions outside the ship. Kilana then materializes in front of Sisko. They realize that their mistrust has cost two lives -- if she had told Sisko about the Founder, he would have let her take the creature before it died. If Sisko had trusted Kilana to come aboard and get what she wanted, he could have taken the ship before Muniz died. He is left to ponder the cost of their mistrust as the U.S.S. Defiant arrives to tow the Jem'Hadar vessel.

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Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : F.J. Rio (Muniz)
Hilary Shepard (Hoya)
Kaitlin Hopkins (Kilana)
Teleplay By : Hans Beimler
Story By : Pam Wigginton
Rick Cason
Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Looking For par'Mach In All The Wrong Places [DS9 #101]

Stardate Unknown

While having a drink with Dax, Worf is taken by the sight of Grilka, a Klingon woman, as she enters the station with Tumek and her guard, Thopok. Worf falls instantly in love, and watches, horrified, as Grilka kisses Quark. Grilka is Quark's ex-wife, thanks to a complicated marriage of convenience. Undaunted, Worf decides to pursue Grilka, and tries to capture her attention at Quark's. He is crushed when Tumek says that, since Worf is dishonored among Klingons, Grilka can never mate with him. Tumek then adds insult to injury by commenting that Worf's human upbringing shows he knows nothing about how to pursue a Klingon woman.

Later, Quark asks Worf and Dax for help. Grilka has invited him to dinner in her quarters, and he has no idea what to do. Despite his feelings for Grilka, Worf offers some courtship pointers and the evening is a huge success. Quark thanks Worf enthusiastically for his help, commenting that Worf seems to have the key to Grilka's heart. Quark asks Worf to help him win Grilka and, seeing it as a chance to prove he knows plenty about Klingon women, Worf agrees.

In a Holosuite, Worf and Dax help Quark act out a Klingon battle scene, which bores Quark until he learns that the fight culminates with the male and female warrior joining in mad, passionate love. Later that night, after he and Grilka have apparently acted out the ritual on their own, Grilka and Quark share a romantic drink. Watching them outrages Thopok, and he challenges Quark to fight to the death.

Quark's situation is hopeless -- if he doesn't fight, he loses Grilka. If he does, he loses his life. But Dax has an idea. Worf uses a virtual control device to move Quark's body, effectively fighting for him. With the plan ready, Dax questions Worf about his attraction to Grilka and hints that he should pursue someone more attainable. Worf, however, is clueless to Dax's advances. Later, the battle begins, and with Worf hidden in a Holosuite controlling Quark's every move, the Ferengi performs admirably -- at least until Worf accidentally damages the virtual control device. Quark is left defenseless in the middle of the battle of his life.

Quark stops the fight and, realizing he must come up with a solution, stalls. Pretending that Ferengi tradition demands that he make a lengthy speech about his beloved, he begins talking about Grilka, while Worf and Dax rush to fix the virtual control device. They are successful, and the fight is on again -- Quark quickly knocks Thopok to the floor. But instead of killing his opponent, Worf has Quark deliver his sword to Grilka, allowing her to discharge Thopok while letting him retain his honor. Now alone, Quark and Grilka fall all over each other passionately. Elsewhere, alone with Dax, Worf finally succumbs to her advances, realizing that his ideal woman may have been in front of him all along.

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : Joseph Ruskin (Tumek)
Mary Kay Adams (Grilka)
Phil Morris (Thopok)
Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)
Written By : Ronald D. Moore
Directed By : Andrew J. Robinson

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...Nor The Battle To The Strong [DS9 #102]

Stardate Unknown

Writing a profile on Dr. Bashir, Jake Sisko is traveling with him in a Runabout when they get a distress call from a Federation colony under attack by Klingons. Sure that watching a doctor treating battle casualties will make for an interesting story, Jake convinces Bashir that they must go, despite concern over taking the eighteen-year-old Sisko to a battleground. Once they arrive, Jake is stunned by the sight of scores of wounded and dying people. But before Jake can process what he has seen, he and Bashir are asked to lend a hand to the overburdened medical team.

Jake is put to work moving patients, and winds up exhausted and bloodied. Unfortunately, the team won't have much time for rest -- the Klingons are supposedly regrouping and preparing to attack again. Jake hears that the Klingons will probably capture the settlement in two days, and he can barely hide his concern. Suddenly, the power goes out -- the Klingons have disabled the reactor. With life-support knocked off-line, the patients are in grave danger. Bashir remembers the portable generator on the Runabout, and he and Jake set off to get it, but when explosions rip into the ground around them, Jake panics and runs away.

Fleeing aimlessly, Jake is mistaken for a Klingon by a dying soldier, who knocks him down with his rifle butt. Jake wants to get help for the man, thinking this will somehow change what he has done. Sadly, the soldier is too far gone, and Jake can only stay with him until he dies. Then he runs again.

Sisko heads toward the imperiled settlement in the Defiant, but is days away from reaching the planet. Meanwhile, Jake returns to the cavern where the medical team is based, and, since no one saw him run away, pretends he was knocked out by the explosions. Bashir is angry at himself for putting Jake in danger, which only makes Jake feel worse. Talk of the imminent Klingon invasion only adds to it -- and Jake angrily snaps at the gallows humor employed by the rest of the group as they await their fate. Bashir calls him outside to talk, but Jake is too ashamed of himself to admit to Bashir the truth about what happened, and refuses to talk at all.

While Jake is sleeping, the Klingon force finally attacks. The medical team prepares to evacuate everyone through a long tunnel. The petrified Jake hides alone as explosions rock the compound. A guard defending the tunnel entry is shot and killed -- and two Klingons begin to fire at Jake. In a panic, he grabs a weapon and starts firing wildly in the direction of the Klingons, closing the entrance of the cave in an avalanche of debris, some of which collapses on him. Later, Jake awakens to see Sisko and Bashir, who tell him that his actions stopped the Klingons and saved the patients. Jake, however, refuses to let himself off the hook. Instead of writing the article about Bashir, he writes about his own behavior during the heat of battle, admitting that the line between courage and cowardice is thinner than he thought.

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Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew Kavovit (Kirby)

Danny Goldring (Burke)

Elle Alexander (Female Guard)

Greg Christopher Smith (Male Guard)

Jeb Brown (Ensign)

Karen Austin (Dr. Kalandra)

Lisa Lord (Nurse)

Mark Holton (Bolian)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Brice R. Parker

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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The Assignment [DS9 #103]

Stardate Unknown

Meeting Keiko upon her return from Bajor, O'Brien is shocked when his wife says, in her own voice, that she is really an entity that has taken possession of Keiko's body and is holding her hostage. She states O'Brien must reconfigure some communication and sensor relays on the station or Keiko will be killed, and sends Keiko into a convulsion to prove her point. Seeing no other alternative and assured no one will be harmed, O'Brien reluctantly agrees to the entity's demands.

Since he must pretend everything is normal, O'Brien attends the birthday party Keiko planned for him. The entity fools their friends, so no one suspects anything. The next morning, she orders him to recalibrate and sequence the impulse response filters in the subspace communication emitters. O'Brien isn't sure this complicated assignment won't hurt the station, and decides to go to Captain Sisko. As he walks toward the captain on the Promenade, he suddenly hears his wife call him, and looks up to see Keiko, her eyes filled with tears, leaning over the railing on the upper level. Before his horrified eyes, she plummets to the Promenade.

Keiko was lucky -- she was left with no permanent injuries. O'Brien hurries in to see her, and winds up speaking to the entity still inside her. It warns him again to not tell Sisko, and says he has thirteen hours to complete his task. With no idea how he will finish in time by himself, O'Brien swears Rom to secrecy and puts him to work on the project. At three that morning, a worried Dax approaches O'Brien. She inadvertently discovered O'Brien's alterations and is led to the conclusion that there is a saboteur. Sisko calls an emergency meeting, where O'Brien must pretend to know nothing. Keiko interrupts the meeting and reminds O'Brien that he is running out of time. When Odo brings in Rom for questioning, O'Brien uses the opportunity to finish his work. But Rom refuses to speak to anyone but O'Brien -- alone. This forces O'Brien back to Security. Rom secretly tells O'Brien he has done as he's been told and hasn't revealed anything. He only has one question. Why are they recalibrating the deflector in order to kill the aliens within the wormhole?

The question brings it all together for O'Brien. Their recalibrations will focus a beam at the wormhole that, while harmless to humanoids, will be deadly to the aliens inside it. Rom reminds O'Brien that these aliens are the Bajoran Prophets, and is told that, according to Bajoran legend, Pah-wraiths are the enemies of those Prophets. Keiko visited the mythical home of the Pah-wraiths

during her trip to Bajor -- and it is apparently one of them who is using her body. O'Brien finishes his job, but is confronted by the suspicious Odo. Unable to lose any more time, O'Brien knocks him out, then arranges to meet the Keiko entity in a Runabout. They take off and target the center of the wormhole. Sisko orders O'Brien back, but he activates the beam. Instead of firing into the wormhole, however, the beam blasts the Runabout. Keiko is hit with a massive shock and falls to the ground. However, she awakens free of the Pah-wraith. Having saved his wife, O'Brien then returns to the station ready to explain his bizarre behavior to Sisko and the crew.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Patrick B. Egan (Jiyar)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Rosie Malek-Yonan (Tekoa)

Teleplay By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Story By : David R. Long

Robert Lederman

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Trials And Tribble-ations [DS9 #104]

Stardate 4523.7

The Defiant is returning from Cardassian space with the Bajoran Orb of Time. A Klingon named Arne Darvin, surgically altered to look human, has come aboard as a passenger. He uses the Orb to send the Defiant more than one hundred years into the past -- near the original U.S.S. Enterprise as it orbited Deep Space Station K-7. Records reveal Darvin was a spy then, and that he was caught having poisoned a shipment of grain on the station. Darvin is out to change history, possibly by killing Captain James T. Kirk, who originally exposed him as the spy.

While Sisko, Dax, Bashir, and O'Brien dress in period uniforms and search the Enterprise for Darvin, Odo and Worf, disguised as civilians, do the same on the station. Soon they are interacting -- albeit as little as possible -- with Starfleet legends from a century ago. Odo, at the station's bar, watches as Lt. Uhura has her first encounter with a furry, cooing, adorable little creature known as a Tribble. The Enterprise goes to red alert -- a Klingon ship is approaching the station! But they only want shore leave. Later, in the K-7 bar, Bashir and O'Brien join Worf and Odo, and are swept into a brawl between the Klingons and Enterprise crew members, including Mr. Scott and Ensign Chekov. Odo and Worf spot Darvin during the fight, just as Bashir and O'Brien are taken by Enterprise security personnel.

Bashir and O'Brien are questioned by Captain Kirk himself, then soon notice that the Enterprise is littered with Tribbles. Meanwhile, Worf and Odo materialize on board the Defiant with Darvin. He reveals that he planted a bomb in one of the Tribbles, set to kill Kirk within the hour. Sisko and Dax go to the Enterprise Bridge and scan the starship, but find no explosive. That leaves a manual scan aboard K-7, but there are over a million Tribbles involved. Realizing the bomb is in the storage compartments, Sisko and Dax enter the bin where the poisoned grain is stored, and see that the Tribbles have eaten it all and died. They scan the compartment -- while Kirk opens the outside door and is hit by a stream of falling Tribbles. Luckily, Sisko finds the explosive Tribble before it finds Kirk and has the Defiant beam it into space, where it detonates harmlessly. The timeline continues uninterrupted, allowing Kirk to expose Darvin as before.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Charles S. Chun (Engineer)

Charlie Brill (Arne Darvin)

David Gerrold (Security Guard)

David L. Ross (Guard)

DeForest Kelley (Dr. Leonard H. McCoy)

Deirdre L. Imershein (Lt. Watley)

Guy Raymond (Trader)

Jack Blessing (Dulmar)

James Doohan (Lt. Cmdr. Montgomery Scott)

James W. Jansen (Lucsly)

Leonard Nimoy (Cmdr. Spock)

Leslie Ackerman (Waitress)

Michael Pataki (Korax)

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura)

Paul Baxley (Ensign Freeman)

Stanley Adams (Cyrano Jones)

Walter Koenig (Ensign Pavel A. Chekov)

Whit Bissell (Mr. Lurry)

William Schallert (Nilz Baris)

William Shatner (Capt. James T. Kirk)

Original Written By : David Gerrold

Original Directed By : Joseph Pevney

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Jonathan West

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Let He Who Is Without Sin... [DS9 #105]

Stardate Unknown

Worf's relationship with Dax hits a rough spot, and he plans to discuss his feelings during their vacation on Risa. But things go from bad to worse when they -- along with Bashir, Quark, and Leeta -- arrive on the beautiful, climate controlled "Pleasure Planet." Worf learns that the Temtibi Lagoon's "social director," Arandis, is the former lover of Curzon Dax. Pascal Fullerton - Chairman of the New Essentialists Movement, a group bent on "restoring the moral and cultural traditions of the Federation" -- approaches Worf. Fullerton's goal is to shut down Risa.

Worf immerses himself in New Essentialist literature and attends the group's rally. Fullerton makes a speech warning that Risa's focus on pleasure is just one example of how the Federation's citizens have become soft and weak - traits which will render them defenseless if an enemy attacks. Later that night, a group of Essentialists storm the Risian Solarium, armed with phaser rifles.

Worf realizes that the attack is just a stunt to convince the Risian vacationers that they are vulnerable. That evening, Worf accuses Dax of not taking their relationship seriously. The next day, Worf sees Dax with Arandis, assumes the worst, and is overcome with jealousy. He goes to Fullerton's chambers and announces he knows how to drive the guests from Risa.

Soon afterwards, a powerful storm rocks Risa, putting an end to the resort's outdoor activities. Arandis realizes that rain indicates a problem with the planetary weather grid. Fullerton and Worf arrive and reveal that Worf has rigged a tricorder to sabotage the grid. Risa will experience its normal rainy climate for the next few days.

A furious Dax accuses Worf of destroying Risa because he does not trust her. He reluctantly reveals that his restrained attitude results from a childhood incident when he accidentally killed a human boy while having fun. Dax begins to understand, but the moment is shattered when a powerful earthquake shakes Risa. They rush to Fullerton's headquarters and Worf takes back the doctored tricorder, ending the shaking. He then reminds Fullerton that trust is also a traditional Federation value. After the weather grid restores the resort's pleasant climate, Worf is ready to enjoy what's left of their vacation, now that he has learned to trust Dax.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Blair Valk (Risian Woman)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Frank Kopyc (Bolian Aide)

Monte Markham (Pascal Fullerton)

Vanessa Williams (Arandis)

Zora DeHortler (Risian Woman)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Things Past [DS9 #106]

Stardate Unknown

Sisko, Odo, Dax, and Garak are found unconscious in their Runabout. While Bashir attempts to revive their bodies in the present, Sisko and the others wake up on Terok Nor -- the station's previous name -- during the Cardassian occupation of Bajor. They look normal to each other, but everyone else sees them as Bajorans. Odo, who was once Terok Nor's Chief of Security, seems particularly agitated and anxious. They spot Odo's predecessor, Thrax, which indicates that they have gone back in time at least nine years. Two soldiers then haul away Dax.

While Dax learns she has been selected to be Dukat's "friend," Garak scans the group to determine their identities. Sisko is a Bajoran named Ishan Chaye. Garak is Jillur Gueta. He then scans Odo, who supplies his own name -- Timor Landi. Odo awkwardly explains that Timor, Ishan, and Jillur were falsely accused of trying to assassinate Gul Dukat on the Promenade -- and were publicly executed there.

They realize that this is actually seven years ago, and Odo had taken over for Thrax as Security Chief. Since they must get off the station before their pending execution, Sisko contacts the Bajoran Resistance. However, the attempt on Dukat's life occurs before they leave, and Sisko, Odo, and Garak are arrested.

In a cell, Odo tries to convince Thrax to investigate further, but he refuses. Dax escapes from Dukat, frees her friends and leads them toward Dukat's shuttle. Thrax blocks their path and a fight ensues where he is revealed to be a Changeling. The group moves on toward the airlock, but as they enter, they suddenly find themselves back in the cell, where a soldier tells them they will be executed in two hours.

Sisko realizes everything leads back to Odo. Thrax and Odo appear on the Promenade, watching as Sisko, Dax, and Garak are about to be executed. Odo exclaims that he won't let this happen again. The scene changes, leaving Odo alone with his friends. Further down the Promenade, they see the execution, with Odo wearing Thrax's uniform looking dispassionately. A horrified Odo admits that he -- not Thrax -- allowed the innocent Bajorans to die. Odo then wakes up in Deep Space Nine's Infirmary. Bashir tells him that a plasma storm the Runabout encountered caused Odo's mind to lock his friends into a version of the Great Link. Odo realizes that his guilt forced him to relive the incident and face his failure.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Brenan Baird (Soldier)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Kurtwood Smith (Thrax)

Louahn Lowe (Okala)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Victor Bevine (Belar)

Written By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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The Ascent [DS9 #107]

Stardate Unknown

Odo is dispatched to escort Quark to a Federation Grand Jury hearing, an eight-day journey away. Halfway to their destination, Quark hears a strange buzzing noise. When he and Odo investigate, they find a bomb aboard the Runabout.

They contain the explosion in a Transporter beam, but the Runabout is still severely damaged. Forced to crash-land on a frozen, desolate planet, Odo and Quark learn that they lost their communications system, their replicator, and most of their rations in the explosion. They are left with a horrifying choice -- starve to death or freeze to death -- when Quark has an idea. Taking the Runabout's subspace transmitter, he suggests they haul the heavy piece of equipment up an enormous mountain, where the atmosphere may be thin enough to send a signal for help.

Sharing one set of cold-weather gear between them, they make their way toward the mountain, bickering all the way. Quark is ready to give up when Odo encourages him with an estimate of six hours before reaching the top of the mountain. But Odo is wrong. As they clear the trees, they come to the edge of a steep cliff overlooking a deep valley. The mountain is actually days away.

With no other choice, Quark and Odo make their way down into the valley toward the mountain. The pair argues throughout the journey, even as they finally begin to climb the mountain. Words soon escalate into a shoving match, and they wind up sliding down the mountainside. While Quark is unhurt, Odo's leg is broken.

Quark tries to drag Odo up the mountain, but is soon proves to be too much work for him. Odo insists that Quark leave him behind and continue alone to the top, but Quark, exhausted and hungry, is ready to give up. After Odo tries to take the transmitter himself, broken leg and all, Quark is shamed into resuming his attempt. But when night falls, Odo is still alone, assuming that Quark failed to reach his goal and died. As Odo prepares to do the same, he is suddenly transported off the mountain. He finds himself on the U.S.S. Defiant -- where Bashir, Dax, and Worf inform him that Quark indeed made it to the top and was able to signal for help. The longtime adversaries return to Deep Space Nine with an uncomfortable new aspect to their relationship -- the fact that Quark saved Odo's Life.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Rapture [DS9 #108]

Stardate Unknown

When Sisko see a painting depicting B'hala, Bajor's legendary lost city, is returned by the Cardassians, Sisko is inspired to search for the famed site. The painting depicts an obelisk that, according to legend, marked the city's coordinates in the universe. Sisko studies the visible markings, then recreates the obelisk in the Hologuite to try to determine what the hidden markings might be. After working until three in the morning, he tries to save his work, but the Hologuite system shorts and knocks him unconscious. In the infirmary, Bashir tells Sisko his brain has been overloaded, and his senses will be enhanced for a few days. The doctor lets him go, but warns him to return if he experiences any side effects. That night, during dinner, Sisko absentmindedly cuts his fruit into a series of shapes, then realizes that they are missing marking from the obelisk. He returns to the Hologuite, but

is interrupted by a call from Admiral Whatley -- Bajor has been accepted into the Federation, and the ceremony will be held on Deep Space Nine.

Back in the Holosuite, Sisko has a vision that he is in B'hala. During the vision, he briefly understands all of Bajor's history and can see its future. Afterwards, he continues to study the obelisk, and just as he determines where B'hala should be located, Kasidy Yates, his old girlfriend, returns from prison. He invites her to accompany him to Bajor immediately, and, thrilled to be accepted back into his life, she agrees. On Bajor, Sisko is stricken with a painful headache. He ignores it, and soon finds the lost city of B'hala.

The Bajorans regard Sisko's discovery as a miracle and, for the skeptics, confirmation that he is the Emissary. Admiral Whatley, however, is more concerned that Sisko devote his energy to Bajor's admission into the Federation. He visits Sisko at the site on Bajor and asks him to come home. Sisko begs for more time, sensing that the lost city holds answers to some important questions. Reluctantly, the Admiral agrees -- provided Sisko submit to a physical when he returns. When Sisko gets home, he seems to have psychic powers. Unfortunately, his headaches are getting worse.

Bashir determines that Sisko's headaches are life-threatening and asks to operate immediately. Sisko refuses, unwilling to put a stop to the visions. Jake and Kasidy are crushed, but Sisko is determined to see his visions through. He asks Kai Winn to help him consult the Orb of Prophecy, and while he sits with the powerful orb, the ceremony admitting Bajor to the Federation is put on hold. An angry Admiral Whatley finally begins the ceremony without Sisko, and the captain suddenly appears, weak and in obvious pain. He warns the assembled that if Bajor joins the Federation now, it will be destroyed.

Sisko is then rushed to the infirmary, where Bashir grimly reports that he must operate immediately to save his life. Since Sisko himself refused the operation, Jake, as the next-of-kin, must decide his father's fate. Unwilling to let his father die, Jake goes against Sisko's wishes and okays the operation. Sisko awakens to anguish at the loss of his visions. However, he was able to convince the Bajorans to put their admission to the Federation on hold. Kasidy gently reminds him that while he has lost something very important to him, what he saved -- his life with his son -- is even more precious.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Ernest Perry, Jr. (Admiral Whatley)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Story By : L.J. Strom

Directed By : Jonathan West

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The Darkness And The Light [DS9 #109]

Stardate 50416.2

Kira is shocked and saddened when Latha Mabrin, a fellow member of the Shakaar Resistance Cell-turned Vedek, is murdered during ceremony. Her shock turns to fear, however, when she receives a recorded message moments after learning of the murder. Her message consists of a picture of Latha appearing on the computer screen, and a scrambled voice saying simply, "that's

one." Odo is unable to trace the message, which Kira interprets as a threat to all the former members of the Shakaar Resistance Cell. Kira makes arrangements to transport her onto a Runabout returning to the station. But something goes wrong during the transport, and Fala is killed.

An investigation reveals the Fala was killed by a tiny detonator programmed to scramble the Transporter beam. A message from the scrambled voice saying "that's two" is soon delivered on a PADD. Later, while working on the case in Odo's office, Kira receives a "that's three" message displaying the face of Mobara, another member of the Shakaar. Immediately, they begin efforts to contact him, hoping to stop his murder. Kira returns to her room in O'Brien's quarters to rest, but is jolted by a loud crash outside her door.

Phaser drawn, Kira creeps into the living room, ready to face the assassin. Instead, she comes face to face with Furel and Lupaza, two more members of the Shakaar who have come to help her. Thinking her bodyguard was the killer, they attacked him -- causing the noise Kira heard. Furel and Lupaza volunteer to hunt down the assassin for Kira. She prefers to handle her problem within the boundaries of the law, but allows Furel and Lupaza to stay with her in the O'Brien quarters to "protect" her and the O'Briens' unborn child. Later, the grim, but not unexpected, news of Mobara's death arrives. During a staff meeting, Odo surmises that whoever is doing the killing most likely has a vendetta against Kira -- and that she is also a likely target. Nog, Dax and Kira work with the scrambled voice, hoping it will provide a clue, but the voice used in the messages turns out to belong to Kira. Their work is interrupted by news that there has been an explosion in the O'Brien quarters. O'Brien was not home at the time, but Furel and Lupaza are dead.

Odo tells Kira that he has compiled a list of possible suspects with the skills, opportunity and motive for these attacks. He refuses to give Kira the list, afraid the very pregnant woman will head off in search of the killer on her own. Kira pretends to have no intention to leave the station, but the moment Odo leaves, she transports into his office, steals the file and shuts down Odo's computer so she can't be followed. Then she takes off in a Runabout. After eliminating several suspects, she arrives at the home of Silaran Prin. Almost instantly, she is placed in a restraining field and told she will die.

Silaran, who was severely disfigured in a Resistance bombing, is punishing those involved -- especially Kira, who was the ringleader. He points out that he has not killed indiscriminately like Kira. The bombing in which he was injured killed civilians, women and children. He tells Kira that he will spare her baby, but kill her, and prepares to operate. Kira warns him that this will kill the baby, which is not Bajoran, but human, meaning it has special needs. Silaran is unmoved. Thinking quickly, Kira begs for a sedative, realizing that the herbs she has taken for her pregnancy have rendered most sedatives ineffective. She pretends to fall asleep, then lunges at Silaran, attacking and killing him. Sisko, Bashir and Odo arrive to rescue her, but Silaran is already dead, and Kira, shaken and sobered by her experience, only wants to go home.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Christian Conrad (Brilgar)

Diane Salinger (Lupaza)

Jennifer Savidge (Trentin Fara)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Matt Roe (Latha Mabrin)

Randy Ogelsby (Silaran Prin)

Scott McElroy (Guard)

William Lucking (Furel)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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The Begotten [DS9 #110]

Stardate Unknown

The station is buzzing with the news that Kira has finally gone into labor. But Odo is surprisingly uninterested, having his own "baby" to deal with. The former Changeling has purchased an ailing infant Changeling from Quark, and, after Dr. Bashir heals the creature, begins the task of trying to teach his "child" to shapeshift. He is clearly displeased when Dr. Mora, the Bajoran scientist who "raised" Odo, arrives on the station to help.

Dr. Mora and Odo immediately clash over how to best raise the Changeling. Odo, still angry at the invasive methods Dr. Mora employed with him, hopes to reach the infant through encouragement. Mora, however, insists on probing and measuring the little creature, to Odo's horror and disgust. Unfortunately, Odo makes little progress using his own methods, and Mora is quick to point this out. Odo refuses to even consider the doctor's expertise until Sisko informs him that Starfleet Command wants Odo to establish communication with the Changeling as soon as possible - or lose the infant to Starfleet. Unwilling to give his "baby" up, Odo has no choice but to listen to his old nemesis.

Using Dr. Mora's equipment, Odo employs electric shocks - the same methods Mora used to teach him to shapeshift, to prod the Changeling into holding several basic forms. As he experiences his first success, Odo tries to resist bonding with Mora, who, when he taught Odo, experienced the same sense of pride Odo now feels. However, they are both amazed when the creature forms a face with eyes, and uses them to peer at Odo.

The moment brings Odo and Mora together - especially when Mora admits to Odo that his caring seems to have helped him form a connection with the baby. Mora's support helps Odo to finally forgive him and actually thank him for helping him to become more than a simple lump of organic material. He invites Dr. Mora to celebrate their success with a glass of champagne, and Mora happily accepts. Odo winds up at Quark's, where he offers his heartfelt thanks to the Ferengi for changing his life. Unfortunately, the happy mood is shattered when Odo receives word that the little creature is dying.

Desperate, Odo begs Dr. Bashir to save his "child," but there is nothing that can be done. Odo then takes the goo into his hands and begs the little creature not to die. It does anyway, but as a final "gift" to its mentor, the infant Changeling merges into Odo and restores his shapeshifting abilities.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Duncan Regehr (Shakaar)

James Sloyan (Dr. Mora Pol)

Peggy Roeder (Y'Pora)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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For The Uniform [DS9 #111]

Stardate 50485.2

Sisko encounters Michael Eddington, his former Starfleet Security Chief, who betrayed him and joined the Maquis. Obsessed with capturing the traitor, Sisko pursues him in the Defiant. But when Sisko gives the order to fire, the Defiant experiences a massive computer failure - caused by Eddington. He leaves Sisko angry and humiliated, and facing a long trip home.

The Defiant is towed back to Deep Space Nine, and O'Brien begins the massive job of bringing the ship back on-line. Adding insult to injury, Sisko learns that Captain Sanders of the Malinche has been assigned to apprehend Eddington since Starfleet feels Sisko hasn't himself been able to do the job in the past eight months. But when he learns that Eddington attacked Cardassian colonies in the DMZ with a biogenic weapon, Sisko sees his chance. Despite the fact that the Defiant is not ready, he prepares to take his ship back into space.

The ship lurches out of the station and soon encounters Eddington again, who taunts Sisko. The captain realizes too late that he was baited to false coordinates. As the crew sets off to find Eddington's real location, a distress call is received from Malinche - Maquis forces ambushed and disabled the starship.

Sisko determines Eddington's next planetary target, but is too late to stop him from releasing his biogenic weapon into the atmosphere. The Defiant chases after Eddington's fleeing ship, but he cripples a transport vessel evacuating Cardassian civilians, forcing Sisko to break off his pursuit and rescue the helpless Cardassians.

Stumped as to how to get Eddington, Sisko realizes that the renegade sees himself as a noble hero and Sisko as a villain. In order to stop Eddington, Sisko decides he must do something truly villainous. He prepares to poison the atmosphere of the Maquis colony in retaliation and reveals his sinister plan to all. Eddington is prepared to call his bluff. Amazingly, Sisko orders the deadly torpedoes launched, and the Maquis scramble to evacuate. Sisko says that he is prepared to eliminate every Maquis colony in the DMZ, and Eddington, realizing Sisko is serious, does the "heroic" gesture of offering himself in exchange. Eddington is captured, and Sisko's vendetta is finally over.

Crew : Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Eric Pierpoint (Capt. Sanders)

Kenneth Marshall (Michael Eddington)

Written By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Victor Lobl

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In Purgatory's Shadow [DS9 #112]

Stardate Unknown

When the station picks up a mysterious coded message from inside the Gamma Quadrant that appears to be Cardassian, Garak is asked to analyze it. He reports that the message is insignificant, but is later caught trying to sneak off the station in a Runabout. He then admits that the message is some sort of distress call from his mentor Enabran Tain, the former head of the Obsidian Order. Garak convinces Sisko to allow him to travel to the Gamma Quadrant to search for Tain, but Sisko sends Worf along as a "chaperone."

Garak and Worf bicker consistently and find nothing. Finally, Worf announces that they can go no further and takes the ship out of warp, explaining that the source of Tain's signal is deep in Dominion space. Garak, however, is unwilling to give up, and pushes Worf to travel through the nebula to avoid detection. Worf reluctantly agrees, and almost immediately upon entering the nebula, they wind up in the midst of the Jem'Hadar fleet.

Worf realizes that the entire fleet can only be assembled for one reason -- they intend to invade the Alpha Quadrant. He immediately sends a warning message to the station, but is not confident it will get through. Moments later, four Jem'Hadar soldiers

materialize on the ship and take Worf and Garak prisoner. Back on Deep Space Nine, the crew is able to decipher enough of Worf's signal to realize the Dominion is coming. Sisko sends Kira to find Worf and Garak, but they are already imprisoned in a Dominion detention center, where they are told they will remain until they die.

Inside the camp, Worf meets Martok, the Klingon general who was replaced by a Changeling. Martok leads Worf and Garak to Tain, himself a prisoner, who is dying. Instead of being thankful to Garak for coming, Tain chastises him for allowing himself to be taken prisoner. Meanwhile, Kira returns with grim news that at least 50 Dominion ships are headed their way. With reinforcements at least two days away and only Gul Dukat on hand to help out, Sisko sees only one choice -- sealing the wormhole. If Worf and Garak don't escape in 36 hours, they will be trapped. Meanwhile, Worf and Garak are introduced to another prisoner: Bashir... meaning the Bashir at the station is a Changeling.

On the station, the Bashir Changeling begins making himself useful to Dax and O'Brien while they work out the technology that will seal the wormhole. In the internment camp, Garak meets with Tain again, desperate for a kind word from his mentor before the old man passes on. When Tain makes Garak promise to escape as a final request, Garak makes a request in return -- that Tain acknowledge him as his son. He does, and father and illegitimate child share a memory before Tain dies peacefully. His mission complete, Garak is ready to find a way out. But he may be too late. On Deep Space Nine, the crew shoots a particle beam at the wormhole, intending to close it. However, something goes wrong. The wormhole remains open, and the Jem'Hadar fleet begins pouring through.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Carrie Stauber (Romulan)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Horan (Ikat'ika)

Jim Palladino (Jem'Hadar Guard)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Melanie Smith (Ziyal)

Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain)

Written By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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By Inferno's Light [DS9 #113]

Stardate 50564.2

As the station prepares for a Dominion attack, the enemy fleet coming through the wormhole suddenly turns toward Cardassian space. Gul Dukat breaks formation and follows, apparently bent on taking on the enemy himself. The Deep Space Nine crew worries for his safety, until he reveals that he has spearheaded negotiations resulting in Cardassia's agreement to join the Dominion -- with Dukat as Cardassia's leader. In the Dominion Internment Center, Worf, Martok, Bashir and Garak mastermind an

escape plan that will require Garak to spend hours in a tiny crawlspace reconfiguring a transmitter to beam them back to their runabout.

In the Internment Center, Worf is forced to fight Jem'Hadar soldiers to prepare them for their battle against the Klingons. While Worf fights, Garak works on the transmitter, as other prisoners stand guard. On Deep Space Nine, Sisko convinces Klingon Chancellor Gowron to reinstate their treaty with the Federation in order to fight the Dominion and Cardassians together. Meanwhile, the Changeling impersonating Bashir slips away and into a runabout.

Worf continues his battles with various Jem'Hadar soldiers, but while he keeps winning, he keeps getting weaker. Bashir warns him to stop, but Worf is determined to fight to the death, impressing General Martok with his deep sense of Klingon honor. Garak, who suffers from intense claustrophobia, panics in the crawlspace and must be rescued. Meanwhile, Dukat offers to spare the station if the Federation agrees to join the Dominion. Sisko refuses, and Dukat warns him that Deep Space Nine will be a target.

In the Internment Center, Garak regains his bearings and re-enters the crawlspace to finish his job. While Worf struggles through a fight with the head of the Jem'Hadar guards, a group of soldiers arrives at the prisoners' barracks looking for Garak. On Deep Space Nine, the combined Federation and Klingon forces prepare to take on the Dominion. Even the Romulans arrive to help. No one sees Bashir take off alone in a runabout -- just as the Dominion fleet prepares to enter Bajoran space.

Back at the Internment Center, the Jem'Hadar guards discover Garak's crawlspace and head inside. The prisoners kill them, saving their chances of escape. Meanwhile, Worf, near death, insists on continuing the fight, even when Martok tells him to stop. Impressed, his opponents yield, and the Vorta in charge orders both combatants killed. But Worf dematerializes and appears on their runabout with the rest of the prisoners -- Garak was successful. The real Bashir sends a message to Deep Space Nine revealing the Bashir they have been dealing with is a saboteur. They locate the Bashir Changeling on the runabout, heading straight for the sun with a trilitium explosive, which if it explodes in the sun, will destroy the station and the entire combined fleet. Kira and Dax take off after him and destroy the runabout just in time. Sisko tells his fleet of unlikely allies that no attack is imminent -- at least not today.

Later, Garak, Worf, Martok and the real Bashir return, and Martok is made commander of the Klingon forces on Deep Space Nine. But there is no time to celebrate. Gul Dukat sends a message to Sisko indicating that the battle for the Alpha Quadrant has just begun.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Barry Wiggins (Jem'Hadar Officer)

Carrie Stauber (Romulan)

Don Fischer (Jem'Hadar Guard)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Horan (Ikat'ika)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Melanie Smith (Ziyal)

Ray Buktenica (Deyos)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Les Landau

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Doctor Bashir, I Presume? [DS9 #114]

Stardate Unknown

Bashir is chosen as the model for the new version of Starfleet's holographic doctor program. He is informed by Doctor Lewis Zimmerman, the scientist in charge of the project. As part of the process, Zimmerman must learn everything he can about Bashir, from childhood quirks to his interpersonal relationships, a procedure that includes interviews with Bashir's family, friends and co-workers. Uncomfortable with this, Bashir requests that Zimmerman refrain from speaking with his parents.

Zimmerman begins the task of interviewing the crew, taking note of all of their feelings, good and bad, about Bashir. The next day, Bashir is horrified when two unexpected visitors arrive -- his parents.

Bashir is clearly uncomfortable with his mother and father, and clearly upset when they tell him they have come in response to Zimmerman's request. Later, Bashir attempts to prepare his parents for their interview, especially concerned that they keep a certain childhood secret -- one that, if revealed, could destroy his career.

Bashir's parents later tell their son that they won't divulge the fact that he was genetically enhanced as a child--not realizing they are talking to his holographic version while O'Brien and Zimmerman witness the exchange. Since genetic engineering is illegal, Zimmerman's pending report could cause Bashir to be immediately expelled from Starfleet once the truth comes out. Because of this, Bashir sees no alternative other than to resign before that report is filed.

Angry and defeated, Bashir confronts his parents and tells them his intentions. But when he goes to Sisko, Bashir finds that a solution has already been worked out with Starfleet. His father, Richard, will spend two years in a minimum security prison, in return for letting his son retain his Starfleet commission. Bashir reluctantly but gratefully accepts his father's sacrifice and bids his parents farewell, saddened by the turn of events, but happy that he and his father may be rewarded with a stronger relationship.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brian George (Richard Bashir)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Fadwa El Guindi (Amsha Bashir)

J. Patrick McCormack (Admiral Bennett)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Robert Picardo (Dr. Lewis Zimmerman)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Jimmy Diggs

Directed By : David Livingston

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A Simple Investigation [DS9 #115]

Stardate Unknown

In Quark's, Odo meets a beautiful woman named Arissa and is impressed by her powers of observation. Later, he is surprised when the same woman is arrested for trying to break into the station's computer. Odo questions her about the man she was waiting for in Quark's -- an Idanian named Tauvid Rem. Arissa tells Odo Tauvid has information about the daughter she gave up fifteen years before. Odo takes her to Tauvid's quarters, where they discover he has been killed.

Soon afterward, Odo catches Arissa retrieving a datacrystal Tauvid hid. She admits to Odo that she doesn't really have a daughter, and tells him that she came to meet with Tauvid because she wants to escape working for the Orion Syndicate -- a notorious criminal organization. Her boss, a man named Draim, probably had Tauvid killed to keep her from getting the unknown information contained in the crystal.

Odo hides Arissa in his quarters as he begins an investigation, while Dax and O'Brien attempt to access the heavily protected datacrystal. Arissa tells Odo how she began to work for Draim, only to want out when she learned the deadly consequences her assignments meant for others. Odo encourages her to testify against Draim and take back her life. That night, he returns to his quarters, where the two of them give in to their growing attraction to each other.

After spending a passionate night with Odo, Arissa sends a message to Draim proposing an exchange -- the crystal for her life. Draim agrees, but instructs his hit men, Traidy and Sorm, to kill her after the crystal is retrieved. Meanwhile, an Idanian official arrives, informing Odo that Arissa is not who she appears to be, but actually an Idanian agent given a new identity in order to infiltrate Draim's organization. Even Arissa does not know this, since her memory has been erased. The crystal contains all of her real memories. The Idanian asks to be taken to Arissa, and Odo quickly complies -- only to find both the woman and the crystal missing.

Arissa prepares to give Traidy the Crystal in exchange for her life. But just as he and Sorm try to ambush her, Odo and the Idanian save Arissa. Later, her memories and true appearance are restored. She and Odo then meet one last, painful time, after which Arissa returns to her married life -- and Odo is left brokenhearted.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brant Cotton (Idanian #1)

Dey Young (Arissa)

John Durbin (Traidy)

Nicholas Worth (Sorm)

Randy Mulkey (Idanian #2)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : John Kretchmer

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Business As Usual [DS9 #116]

Stardate Unknown

Quark's cousin Gaila arrives at the station with a business proposition. He offers a piece of his weapon-selling business to Quark -- which would pay off all of Quark's debts within a month. But the best part is Quark will technically not be breaking the law. Instead, he will be in charge of "hospitality," showing customers a good time and allowing them to test harmless replicas of their offerings in his holosuites. Once Quark agrees, Gaila introduces him to his associate, Hagath, who takes to Quark immediately, but warns the Ferengi never to cross him. Soon, the trio is in business, and Quark is making more latinum than he ever imagined.

Odo learns of Quark's activities and arrests his nemesis. But the Bajorans have him released because Hagath and Gaila gave them arms during the Cardassian resistance. Later, Quark is present when Hagath fires Farrakk, an associate who has been performing substandard work. Quark is shocked when Gaila later reveals that Hagath had him killed, reminding Quark that he must never go against his new boss.

The pressure builds when the Regent of Palamar, a very important client, arrives to do business with Hagath, but Quark impresses Hagath with his preparations. The Regent requests weapons to kill millions, and while Gaila and Hagath immediately begin to determine what will do the job most effectively, Quark is horrified. He later confides this to Gaila, who reminds his cousin of the money to be made, not to mention the fact that Hagath will kill him if he blows this deal.

Quark, having been alienated by Sisko, Dax and everyone else because of his arms dealings, lets his conscience get the better of him and realizes that he must do something. He decides that he has to stop Hagath, even if he must sacrifice his own life in order to save millions of others.

Having delayed the transaction with the Regent, Quark brings General Nassuc, the Regent's enemy, to the station, also to buy arms -- and supposedly to double their profits. In actuality, however, Quark arranges for Nassuc to "accidentally" encounter the Regent -- and disappears before the fireworks begin. Gaila and Hagath flee with Nassuc in pursuit, and the Regent is killed. Quark has escaped with his life -- and all of his debts paid.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Eric Cadora (Customer)

Josh Pais (Gaila)

Lawrence Tierney (Regent of Palamar)

Steven Berkoff (Hagath)

Tim Halligan (Farrakk)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Siddig El Fadil

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Ties Of Blood And Water [DS9 #117]

Stardate 50712.5

Kira meets Tekeny Ghemor, a known Cardassian dissident, hoping he will lead the opposition to the Cardassian/Dominion Alliance. Ghemor reveals he hasn't long to live but he may still be able to help Kira's cause with a Cardassian ritual in which the dying reveal secrets to their family to use against their enemies. Since Ghemor apparently has no living relatives, he asks Kira, who the Cardassians once kidnapped and surgically altered to look like his long-lost child, to be his "daughter" one last time. Sisko points out that this is an incredible opportunity to learn Cardassian secrets. Kira reluctantly agrees to the task.

Kira sets up at Ghemor's deathbed, where they begin. Ghemor struggles against agonizing pain to share his secrets, and Kira struggles with memories of her own father, Taban, and his death by the Cardassians years before. Meanwhile, Gul Dukat arrives via Jem'Hadar battleship, demanding Ghemor's return.

Dukat and his Dominion cohorts board the station and go to Ghemor, who refuses to leave with them, even when Dukat tempts him with a reunion with his real missing daughter, Iliana. Later, Dukat tells Kira that Ghemor is not the man she thinks he is -- he participated in a notorious massacre at a Bajoran monastery, and proves it by handing her Ghemor's military file.

Returning to Ghemor, Kira angrily confronts him and, despite his apologies, leaves him to die alone. Odo reminds Kira that Ghemor was only 19 at the time of the massacre, then suggests Kira might really be upset about something else. Kira again recalls when her father was dying, and remembers leaving to fight with his attackers instead of staying by his side as he wished. Bashir interrupts her with news that Ghemor will be dead within the hour.

Kira refuses to go to Ghemor's side, then again thinks back to the past, and remembers returning from battle to learn that her father died calling her name. The memory is too much -- Kira goes back to Ghemor's bedside and takes his hand, finally able to help him die in peace. As a final gesture, she takes Ghemor's body to Bajor and buries him next to her father.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Lawrence Pressman (Ghemor)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Rick Schatz (Medic)

Thomas Kopache (Taban)

William Lucking (Furel)

Teleplay By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Story By : Edmund Newton

Robbin L. Slocum

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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Ferengi Love Songs [DS9 #118]

Stardate Unknown

Depressed over his lot in life -- especially being blacklisted by the Ferengi Commerce Authority -- Quark goes to his homeworld of Ferenginar for some comfort from his mother, Ishka. The free-thinking Ishka is sympathetic, but clearly uneasy over his declaration that he will be "living" with her for an unspecified period of time. Quark soon learns the reason behind her uncertainty.

When he enters his old bedroom, he finds Grand Nagus Zek -- the Ferengi leader -- hiding in the closet! It turns out that Ishka and Zek are in love.

Zek demands Quark keep their affair a secret, and Quark agrees, thrilled that his mother is now the beloved of the most powerful man on his homeworld. But when Quark hints that he would like Zek to reinstate his revoked business license, Zek refuses, reminding Quark that it is up to the F.C.A. Quark returns to his room, where Liquidator Brunt, the F.C.A. agent who revoked his license, confront him.

Brunt offers to give Quark a new business license if he breaks up Zek and Ishka. Quark agrees, and soon places doubts in Zek's head about Ishka's motives. The plan works -- his mother is left heartbroken. Quark feigns sympathy, then contacts Brunt, who keeps his word and gives him the business license.

Zek offers Quark the position of First Clerk. Quark happily accepts -- then discovers the Nagus is not the profit-making whiz he once was. By day's end, the Ferengi market exchange has experienced a drastic slide due to the Nagus's failing memory. A stunned Quark returns home, where Ishka reveals that she had been helping Zek. Quark realizes that his mother was more than Zek's lover -- she was the power behind the throne. Ishka, in turn, realizes that Quark turned Zek against her, and may have destroyed the Ferengi economy in the process.

Quark encounters Brunt, who reveals that the entire plan was a set-up designed to help him become the new Grand Nagus. Quark is free to return to Deep Space Nine, but feels too guilty over what he has inadvertently done. The next day, Quark saves Zek by supplying him with enough brilliant advice to turn around the economic situation, but then reveals that the advice actually came from Ishka. After Quark admits to breaking them up, Zek and Ishka happily reunite.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Cecily Adams (Ishka [Moogie])

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Hamilton Camp (Leck)

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Soldiers Of The Empire [DS9 #119]

Stardate Unknown

General Martok receives orders from the Klingon High Council to search for a Klingon vessel, the B'Moth, missing near the Cardassian border. The mission will be Martok's first since he escaped from a Dominion prison. Assigned a Klingon ship, the Rotarran, to command, he gets permission to take along Worf as his First Officer, while Dax joins them as the ship's Science

Officer. They board their vessel and begin the search, only to discover that their crew is hardly the group of proud Klingon warriors they expected. Instead, it is an embittered ensemble whose morale has been destroyed by a series of punishing losses at the hands of the Jem'Hadar.

Martok expresses his concern to Worf, who replies that the best way to restore morale is with a victory. Martok agrees, but wants to proceed cautiously. Meanwhile, Dax is disturbed by the self-loathing among the crew. She is clearly worried when Worf alerts them to a Jem'Hadar ship located dead ahead.

The enemy vessel, unaware of the cloaked Klingon ship, begins to move away. But Martok refuses to attack, ordering the crew to return to its original course. Dax later warns Worf that Martok's actions have contributed significantly to the morale problem aboard. Her feelings prove correct when members of the crew, unable to take out their frustrations on their enemies, turn against each other.

The crippled B'Moth is found just within Cardassian space, but Martok fears the Jem'Hadar left it behind as a trap. When Martok refuses to let the crew enter Cardassian territory to rescue the survivors, Worf realizes Martok is paralyzed by fear of the Jem'Hadar. Reluctantly, he decides to challenge Martok for control of the ship, even if, according to Klingon protocol, he must kill him.

Worf gives the order to rescue the B'Moth survivors, and challenges Martok. The two begin a life-and-death knife fight for control. The crew's spirits are heightened by their bloodlust. Worf sees that Martok's fear is gone and allows him to win the fight, sustaining a nasty wound just as a Jem'Hadar ship approaches. The revitalized crew, led by Martok, defeats the enemy vessel and rescues the B'Moth survivors, returning to Deep Space Nine as victors for the first time. Martok is forever grateful to Worf for reminding him of his duty as a Klingon warrior.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

David Graf (Leskit)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Rick Worthy (Koman)

Sandra Nelson (Tavana)

Scott Leva (Ortikan)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Children Of Time [DS9 #120]

Stardate 50814.2

In the Gamma Quadrant, Dax insists on investigating a planet surrounded by an energy barrier. But the barrier cripples the Defiant and causes Kira to be ""duplicated"" for a moment -- she will die without eventual medical attention back on Deep Space Nine. A colony lives on the planet, and the leader, Miranda O'Brien, reveals that in two days, when the Defiant departs, the barrier will cause the ship to crash on the planet -- 200 years in the past. Stranded for life, the crew will found this colony. The planet, Gaia, is populated by their descendants! Sisko realizes that this foreknowledge will allow his crew to now avoid that crash, but by altering history, the colony will cease to exist. However, Dax's descendant, Yedrin, has a plan to duplicate the Defiant when it

reenters the barrier, allowing the original crew to return home while the duplicate crew can fulfill its destiny by crashing on the planet.

Odo's older self is still alive after 200 years, and looks more human. He reveals to a stunned Kira that he has always been in love with her. Meanwhile, Dax learns Yedrin's real plan is to recreate the crash, ensuring that his people do survive.

Yedrin admits that, as the current host of the Dax symbiont, he feels responsible to protect the society Jadzia's judgment error helped to create. Sisko sympathizes, but will not sacrifice Kira's life or ask his crew to leave behind their own lives just to guarantee the continued existence of their descendants. However, Kira feels they can't run away from their destiny -- even if that means she has to die.

Sisko is still unwilling to passively let history repeat itself. He and his sad crew join their descendants for a planting ritual on what will be their final day of existence. O'Brien becomes deeply moved by their plight. Unable to bear the thought of them vanishing, he and the others realize they can't let these people die.

The older Odo tries to convince Kira to not sacrifice herself, but Sisko's people prepare to recreate the crash and face their destiny. However, at the crucial moment, the Defiant veers off course -- someone changed the flight plan. They safely exit the barrier, and their descendants vanish as if they never existed. Later, the "real" Odo reveals to Kira that it was the older Odo who sabotaged the ship -- sacrificing the colony just to give Kira and his younger self a chance at love. After this shocking revelation, the old friends wonder where their relationship will go next.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brian Evaret Chandler (Brot)

Daivida Williams (Lisa)

Doren Fein (Molly O'Brien)

Gary Frank (Yedrin)

Jennifer S. Parsons (Miranda O'Brien)

Jesse Littlejohn (Gabriel)

Marybeth Massett (Parell)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Ethan H. Calk

Gary Holland

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Blaze Of Glory [DS9 #121]

Stardate Unknown

A secret message is intercepted and delivered to Sisko. The few Maquis terrorists who have not been wiped out by the Dominion have initiated a massive retaliatory strike against Cardassia, launching a series of missiles due to arrive in eleven days. Now that Cardassia is under Dominion protection, an all-out war is likely unless the undetectable missiles are stopped. Seeing no

alternative, Sisko goes to Michael Eddington, the former Starfleet officer-turned-Maquis leader, now in prison. Eddington refuses to tell Sisko how to stop the missiles, so Sisko takes the handcuffed Eddington to compel him to help.

Approaching the area where the secret Maquis launch site is hidden, Sisko forces Eddington to avoid two pursuing Jem'Hadar warships. Eddington tells Sisko that he will direct him to the secret location -- the only place where the missiles can be deactivated. Afterward, however, he intends to kill Sisko.

The Jem'Hadar warships return, forcing Eddington to try a different, more dangerous plan -- risking Sisko's life. But it works, although Sisko is injured -- and angered -- in the process. They soon arrive at Athos Four, a tiny, fog-bound planet where the launch site is hidden. Landing on the planet, they head for the location -- only to come face to face with two Jem-Hadar soldiers

Sisko and Eddington kill the soldiers, but realize the place will soon be crawling with them. They finally reach the command center and enter the building. Sisko is surprised to find a dozen Maquis prisoners, including the woman who sent the original message announcing the missile launch. Eddington introduces the woman, Rebecca, as his wife.

Eddington reveals to Sisko that there are no missiles at all -- Rebecca sent the message to let Eddington know they had safely escaped the Dominion and arrived at Athos Four. Eddington knew he would need Sisko's help to evacuate them, and tricked him in order to reach the location. Unfortunately, the Jem'Hadar found the site first. Sisko is angry but relieved. He and Eddington fight off the Jem'Hadar while directing the prisoners toward the Runabout, but Eddington is shot. Forcing Sisko and the others to escape without him, Eddington is killed while valiantly battling the soldiers.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Gretchen German (Rebecca Eddington)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Kenneth Marshall (Michael Eddington)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Empok Nor [DS9 #122]

Stardate Unknown

With Deep Space Nine in disrepair, O'Brien is unable to replicate the Cardassian materials he needs to fix it. He assembles a team of engineers and leads a salvage mission to Empok Nor, an abandoned Cardassian space station, bringing along Garak to foil any security measures. They soon enter the eerie, deserted station and begin to work. Garak is disturbed to find two stasis tubes have recently been activated, each large enough to contain a Cardassian adult. Meanwhile, Nog, sent back to the Runabout, is shocked to see the ship drift away and explode.

The two Cardassian occupants of the stasis tubes are apparently on the loose. O'Brien and the group must modify some of Empok Nor's systems to send out a distress signal -- forcing the team to split up and make themselves more vulnerable. The Cardassians soon locate two of O'Brien's crewmembers and kill them.

Garak decides to track down the Cardassians. Killing one of them, he returns to the group and reports that the dead Cardassian was under the influence of a drug designed to make him aggressive. O'Brien speculates that the drug made the two uncontrollable, forcing their former comrades to leave them behind in the stasis tubes. The wary group returns to work in teams, but two of them are soon attacked. Garak eliminates the remaining Cardassian just after one of the two crewmembers is killed. Then Garak turns to the surviving man, Amaro, and stabs him viciously.

With his dying breath, Amaro tells O'Brien that Garak stabbed him. Grimly, O'Brien realizes that Garak has also been exposed to the drug. Left alone with Nog, they must find and stop Garak, even if it means killing him. But Garak soon captures Nog and challenges O'Brien to save him.

O'Brien is forced to take on Garak, man-to-man. Both initially bring weapons, but discard them and begin the battle, with the bound Nog watching helplessly. O'Brien is soon overpowered, and it looks as if he will lose the fight and his life. But a simple tap to his com-badge makes him the winner -- the signal triggers a phaser he has rigged to explode, knocking Garak unconscious. He survives the explosion, however, much to O'Brien's relief. The drug is removed from Garak's system and Deep Space Nine is repaired.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Andy Milder (Boq'ta)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Jeffrey King (Amaro)

Marjean Holden (Stolzoff)

Tom Hodges (Pechetti)

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Hans Beimler

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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In The Cards [DS9 #123]

Stardate 50929.4

As the Dominion threat to the Alpha Quadrant intensifies, Jake notices Sisko growing increasingly depressed. Hearing that Quark plans to auction off a collection of antiquities that includes a vintage Willie Mays baseball card, he decides obtaining the card for his father is the perfect way to life his spirits. Jake persuades Nog to use his life savings to bid on the collection, but a man named Dr. Giger outbids them, taking the card and crushing Jake's hopes.

Jake and Nog approach Dr. Giger with an offer to buy the card, but he refuses. However, after researching their backgrounds Giger offers to trade them the card for various pieces of equipment and medical supplies. Upon Nog's insistence, Giger reveals

he needs the items to develop a machine that will deliver eternal life by "entertaining" cells -- preventing them from dying of boredom. Jake's determination to get the card leads them to agree to Giger's terms.

Meanwhile, Kai Winn meets with Dominion representative Weyoun on the station to discuss the Dominion's wish to sign a non-aggression treaty with Bajor. Sisko feels strongly that this would be an unwise move and convinces Winn to stall the proceedings. Later, Jake and Nog return to Giger's quarters with the last of the items he requested, only to find that Giger and his equipment are gone.

After learning that Odo has no record of Giger being on the station, Jake and Nog spot Kai Winn on the Promenade, talking with a man who bid against them at the auction. Jake assumes they kidnapped Giger and confronts the Kai. This lands him and Nog in Sisko's office where, determined to keep the baseball card is secret, Jake tells his father they were drunk. Sisko confines them to quarters, but on their way they are suddenly transported to a Jem'Hadar interrogation room.

Jake and Nog explain their quest to obtain the baseball card from Giger, who is being held captive, but Weyoun believes they are plotting against him. Desperate, Jake makes up a story about working for Starfleet Intelligence. The tale is so preposterous Weyoun decides he believes the first story. In fact, he is actually interested in Giger's work! Weyoun lets the boys take the baseball card, which, as Jake predicted, succeeds in improving his father's mood.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Brian Markinson (Giger)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Scott J. Neal

Truly Barr Clark

Directed By : Michael Dorn

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Call To Arms [DS9 #124]

Stardate 50975.4

As another convoy of Jem'Hadar ships emerges from the wormhole toward Cardassia, Sisko and his officers face the grim realization that the Dominion is taking over the Alpha Quadrant. When Starfleet Command notifies Sisko that he must stop further Dominion reinforcements from reaching Cardassia, he decides to mine the entrance to the wormhole -- a move that will likely lead to war.

Dax, Rom, and O'Brien hatch a plan to fill the wormhole entrance with self-replicating mines, but the entire minefield must be in place before it can be activated. This means the plan is likely to be detected, and the Defiant attacked, before the minefield is ready. When Sisko reveals that Starfleet cannot send reinforcements, the crew realizes the station may be lost. Shortly after Dax

and O'Brian set off to deploy the minefield, Weyoun, the Dominion representative, arrives with a warning that they will take over the station unless Sisko removes the mines.

Refusing to back down, Sisko alerts the crew to the Dominion's impending attack. He asks General Martok to patrol the border and informs Kira he will endorse the non-aggression pact the Dominion proposed to Bajor, hopefully ensuring the planet's survival. After hurriedly marrying Rom and Leeta, Sisko is notified by Martok that the Dominion force should arrive within the hour.

The station is evacuated while Sisko, his officers, and a few others remain behind. As the battle begins, they fight the Jem'Hadar from the station while Martok and his troops protect the Defiant, allowing Dax and O'Brian time to finish the minefield. With the Dominion continuing to bear down, Sisko orders all remaining Starfleet personnel to evacuate.

Sisko addresses Kira, Odo, Quark, Rom, Morn, and the few others who will remain behind, promising the fight until he can return to the station. He also reveals that while they were keeping the Dominion occupied, the rest of the Federation fleet was destroying Dominion shipyards in Cardassian space. Preparing for a rendezvous with a Federation task force and a final battle with the Dominion, Sisko joins his crew and departs in the Defiant. Unfortunately he must leave without Jake, who secretly arranged to remain behind and report on the imminent events. Back on Deep Space Nine, Kira, Odo, and their remaining comrades disable the station before surrendering their home to Gul Dukat and the Dominion.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

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Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Melanie Smith (Ziyal)

Written By : Ira Steven Behr

Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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A Time To Stand [DS9 #125]

Stardate Unknown

Several months into their war against the Dominion/Cardassian alliance, the Federation is fighting a losing battle. Having long ago abandoned Deep Space Nine, Sisko and his crew have been taking on the enemy from the U.S.S. Defiant. But they grow more and more demoralized as fleets of promised reinforcements are demolished. Reacting to the heavy losses, Federation Admiral Ross informs Sisko that he is no longer in command of the U.S.S. Defiant.

Ross soon reveals that the crew's new mission is to destroy the main Alpha Quadrant storage facility of ketracel-white, the drug to which the Jem'Hadar are genetically addicted. Without it, they will die. Ross reveals that he has a secret weapon to help them infiltrate Cardassian territory--a Jem'Hadar attack ship Sisko captured the year before.

The crew soon embarks in the alien vessel. Unfortunately, the headsets used for piloting are painful for humans, and Sisko struggles with intense headaches. Suggesting Cardassian physiology may be more compatible, Garak volunteers to wear the headset, further proving his loyalty to Sisko. Meanwhile, Nog delivers some bad news- a Federation ship, the Centaur, is firing on them.

Unable to identify themselves, Sisko suggests heading into Cardassian space in hopes that the Centaur will not follow. When the Federation captain doesn't give up, Sisko orders O'Brien to fire at his weapons array. The Centaur turns back toward Federation space, and the crew soon realizes why- three Jem'Hadar warships are approaching. Luckily, the enemy passes them without incident. Sisko discovers from where the ships came- the asteroid where the ketracel-white is stored. O'Brien sends down empty canisters to be "filled," with a bomb hidden inside one of them. Just as they prepare to leave, the facility raises its safety net, trapping the ship.

Sisko realizes that the explosion will disable net before it hits them, meaning they have a chance to outrun the blast. They prepare to leave when the explosion hits early! The crew is able to ride the "wave" to safety, and the facility is successfully destroyed. However, the ship has been left without warp drive - and more than seventeen years from the nearest Federation Starbase.

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Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Rocks And Shoals [DS9 #126]

Stardate 51096.2

Traveling in a crippled Jem'Hadar warship, Sisko and his crew enter an uncharted nebula. They crash in the ocean of a desolate planet, and Dax is seriously wounded. Bashir stabilizes Dax's condition, after which the group takes shelter in a cave. Later, while Garak and Nog are searching for food and water, they are captured by Jem'Hadar soldiers who also crashed on the barren world.

Garak and Nog are taken to Keevan, the badly wounded Vorta leader of the stranded Jem'Hadar. When Garak reveals there is a doctor in their group, Keevan orders his soldiers, led by Remata'Klan, to locate the Starfleet unit without engaging them in battle. Meanwhile, Sisko and the crew try to locate their missing comrades. They are spotted by the Jem'Hadar who, ignoring Keevan's instructions, open fire.

Remata'Klan frantically orders his soldiers to lower their weapons. The Jem'hadar retreat, and Keevan gives Remata'Klan a new mission. Soon afterward, he arrives at the Starfleet camp and reveals to Sisko that Garak and Nog are being held as prisoners. Keevan wants to trade them for Sisko and Bashir, and after Remata'Klan gives his word that no one will be harmed, Sisko agrees.

Sisko and Bashir soon learn that they were summoned to save Keevan's life. Once the Vorta's condition improves, he reveals that his Jem'Hadar group has been marooned. Unfortunately, he has only one vial of ketracel-white, the drug used to control the Jem'Hadar, left to give them. The soldiers are already suffering from withdrawal, and once the drug is completely gone, they will go insane and kill everyone. To stop this, he will order his troops to attack the Starfleet base camp- but will provide Sisko with their plans. This will enable the Jem'Hadar to be ambushed and killed, Keevan to surrender and O'Brien to repair Keevan's communication system. Sisko is disgusted that Keevan will turn against his men to save himself, but sees no other choice.

At dawn, Remata'Klan and his men are trapped by the Starfleet crew, but Sisko offers to help the group escape. Remata'Klan refuses to surrender, explaining that as a Jem'Hadar he has no choice but to follow Keevan's command. Sadly, Sisko orders his crew to proceed, and the Jem'Hadar troops are massacred. The communication equipment is repaired, and Worf answers their call for help.

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Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Christopher Shea (Keevan)

Joseph Fuqua (Ensign Gordon)

Lilyan Chauvin (Vedek Yassim)

Paul S. Eckstein (Limara'son)

Phil Morris (Remata'klan)

Sarah MacDonnell (Lt. Neeley)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Sons And Daughters [DS9 #127]

Stardate Unknown

While the war between the Federation and the Dominion continues, Klingon General Martok docks his ship to take on reinforcements. Worf is shocked to see that one of the new recruits is his estranged son, Alexander. Worf reveals that he sent Alexander to live with his foster parents on Earth years before, after the boy showed no interest in becoming a warrior. Martok encourages Worf to mend fences with his son, but the attempt soon deteriorates.

In the mess hall, Alexander engages in a fight with Ch'Targh, a grizzled Klingon veteran. Worf, seeing that the boy is losing badly, stops them. Angry and humiliated, Alexander tells his father that he had no right in interfere. Ch'Targh echoes the young Klingon's feelings, reminding Worf that he won't be able to come to his sons aid when he is fighting the Jem'Hadar.

Later, the bridge crew responds to an appaarent Jem'Hadar attack. When the expected torpedoes never hit, Worf realizes Alexander simply forgot to erase a battle simulation program from the sensor display. The others laugh about the incident, actually welcoming Alexander into their ranks. Worf, however, is angry and embarrassed that his son is the ship's fool.

Determined to make a warrior out of Alexander, Worf spars with him using a variety of Klingon weapons. The boy's skills are lacking, and the practice session turns into an angry confrontation. Later, Martok informs Alexander that he is being transferred off the ship at Worf's request. Devastated, Alexander confronts his father and accuses him of trying to get rid of him, just like when he was a boy. Worf is stung by the truth of these words, but has no time to mull over them -- the ship has come under Jem'Hadar attack.

When Alexander's sensor panel is destroyed during the battle, he and Ch'Targh volunteer for the deadly task of sealing a plasma leak. Realizing he may never see his son again, Worf is filled with emotion. Luckily, the Jem'Hadar ships are destroyed, and Alexander and Ch'Targh successfully complete their task. Worf apologies for the past and promises to teach Alexander to be a warrior if he will teach him to be a father. To make their reunion complete, he and Martok formally welcome Alexander into the House of Martok.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

Gabrielle Union (N'Garen)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Mark Worden (Alexander Rozhenko)

Melanie Smith (Ziyal)

Sam Zeller (Ch'Targh)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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Behind The Lines [DS9 #128]

Stardate 51145.3

Admiral Ross at Starbase 375 uncovers a major reason for the Dominion's dominance -- a sensor array monitoring all activity across five sectors. Sisko soon formulates a risky plan to disable it. Back on Terok Nor -- the Cardassian name for Deep Space Nine -- Kira and her "resistance cell" of Jake, Rom and Odo work to foster ill will between the Cardassians and the Dominion. When Odo speaks out against her latest scheme, Kira begins to question his loyalty.

Later, Admiral Ross promotes Sisko, removing him from the Defiant. Dax, now in command of the ship, will run the mission without him. Meanwhile, Odo is surprised to encounter on the station the Female shapeshifter who once took away his changeling abilities. She tells Odo that he has been forgiven for killing one of his people, and, playing on the pain of his unrequited love for Kira, persuades him to link physically merge with her.

When Kira learns of this, she asks Odo not to link with the Female Shapeshifter again, which he promises. Later, Quark barges in on Kira's secret meeting with Jake, Rom and Odo. He learned that Damar, Gul Dukat's second-in-command, has figured out how to use the station's deflector array to deactivate Rom's self replicating minefield -- the one thing that stands between the station and hordes of Jem'Hadar troops waiting on the other side of the wormhole.

Based on information Quark provided, Kira devises a plan to disable the deflector array. Odo will run a security diagnostic, giving Kira and Rom a five-minute window to sabotage the equipment before being detected. But the next morning, while Kira and Rom prepare for their mission. Odo again links with the Female Shapeshifter, ignoring his promise to Kira. When Kira goes to the Security Office, she finds it empty, and Odo doesn't respond to her calls.

Kira hurries to call Rom, but she's too late, and Rom is arrested. Furious, Kira barges into Odo's quarters and is shocked when he serenely admits that he did indeed rejoin the link. Suddenly, for the first time ever, Kira and Odo are on opposite sides, and she regards her longtime friend as an enemy. But all is not lost. Light years away, the Defiant returns to Starbase 375 intact, and Sisko wistfully witnesses the celebration of Dax's first successful mission.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

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Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Favor The Bold [DS9 #129]

Stardate Unknown

The Federation continues to lose the war with the Dominion/Cardassian Alliance - and morale is sinking fast. Realizing that the Federation needs a major victory, Sisko launches a plan to retake Deep Space Nine, using a task force comprised of ships throughout the Starfleet. Meanwhile, Odo continues to struggle with reconciling his thoughts for the Female Shapeshifter and remaining loyal to his friends, especially Kira. Despite his mixed feelings, he cannot resist linking - joining physically - with the fellow Changeling.

Rom is sentenced to execution for interfering in Dominion efforts to destroy the minefield barricading Jem'Hadar reinforcements on the other side of the wormhole. When Quark promises his brother he will find a way to free him, Rom tells him it is more important that he destroy the beam being used to take down the minefield. Kira asks Ziyal to convince her father, Gul Dukat, to release Rom, but Dukat turns his daughter down. Meanwhile, Quark learns that the minefield will be destroyed within a week, allowing thousands of Dominion troops to come through the wormhole and flood the Alpha Quadrant.

Quark and Kira realize they must warn Starfleet, so Jake smuggles out an encrypted message to his father. Sisko receives it and realizes he must begin his mission immediately, although needed reinforcements are days away from arrival.

Tracking the movements of the Federation fleet, Dukat and Weyoun realize something big is being planned. However, Dukat is more concerned about reconciling with Ziyal. He sends Damar, his second-in-command, to convince her to speak with him, but Damar, who dislikes Ziyal, is rough with the girl. Kira witnesses this and angrily attacks Damar, nearly killing him. Meanwhile, Sisko returns to the Defiant to personally lead the task force for his pivotal mission.

Dukat realizes the Federation troops are headed for the space station but is confident they won't have a chance once the minefield comes down. A bruised Damar asks Dukat for permission to arrest Kira, but Dukat only cares about what transpired between Damar and Ziyal. Odo has a disturbing conversation with the Female Shapeshifter, but when he later tries to talk to Kira, she refuses to accept his apology. Meanwhile, Sisko and his troops - headed for a wall of over one thousand Dominion ships - face what appears to be a suicide mission.

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Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Andrew Palmer (Jem'Hadar Soldier)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Bart McCarthy (Admiral Coburn)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Ericka Klein (Admiral Sitak)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Melanie Smith (Ziyal)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

William Wellman, Jr. (Bajoran Officer)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Sacrifice Of Angels [DS9 #130]

Stardate Unknown

With Sisko in command of the Defiant, the Federation fleet reaches the Dominion line of ships standing between it and Deep Space Nine. Sisko orders his troops to target only the Cardassian vessels, hoping to provoke them into breaking formation. On the space station, Damar - Gul Dukat's aide - is concerned that Kira, Jake, and Leeta might try to sabotage their plans again, so Dukat orders them held for questioning. The minefield that barricades the wormhole will be destroyed in hours, allowing thousands of waiting Dominion ships to invade the Alpha Quadrant and defeat the Federation.

Although Dukat catches on to Sisko's plan, he lets his enemy through with hopes of toying with him later. Knowing it's a trap, Sisko insists on staying his course. Meanwhile, Odo is upset when he learns that Kira has been arrested.

The battle rages on, and the Defiant is the only ship to get through the Dominion line, with the help of Worf's Klingon reinforcements. On the station, Quark and Ziyal break out Rom, Kira, Jake and Leeta from prison. As Odo joins forces with his former comrades, Rom and Kira hurry to cut off power to the weapons array which will detonate the minefield, but are too late. Grimly, Sisko exercises his only remaining option and takes the Defiant into the wormhole.

Inside the wormhole, the entire Dominion fleet - and certain destruction - awaits the single ship. Suddenly, the wormhole aliens communicate with Sisko -they do not want him to die. Sisko pleads with them to save the Bajorans, who created an entire religion around them. He is then abruptly returned to the Defiant, but the enormous Dominion fleet still approaches.

Sisko gives the order to fire, but the ships are hit with a series of energy jolts and mysteriously disappear. Dukat is shocked when the Defiant emerges from the wormhole - alone. As Sisko opens fire in the station, Damar learns two hundred more Federation ships are headed their way. The Dominion troops are all ordered to retreat to Cardassia, and Dukat asks his daughter to accompany him, but Ziyal refuses. She reveals that she helped Kira and the others escape from the holding cell, but she tells Dukat that she loves him just before Damar kills her. Devastated, Dukat remains - a shell of his former self - while the others evacuate and Sisko and the crew joyfully return home, achieving a major victory in the ongoing war.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

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Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Casey Biggs (Damar)
Chase Masterson (Leeta)
Darin Cooper (Cardassian Officer)
J.G. Hertzler (Martok)
Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Max Grodenchik (Rom)
Melanie Smith (Ziyal)
Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)
Written By : Hans Beimler
Ira Steven Behr
Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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You Are Cordially Invited [DS9 #131]

Stardate 51247.5

With war still raging throughout the galaxy, and life returning to normal on Deep Space Nine, Worf and Dax resume planning their long-awaited wedding. Since Dax will be joining Worf's surrogate family, the House of Martok, she agrees to endure the traditional evaluation by the mistress of the house, Martok's wife, Sirella. Confident that she will be liked and accepted, Dax is surprised when she learns that as a non-Klingon she will almost certainly fail to gain Sirella's favor.

Learning that Sirella disapproves of Dax, Worf asks Martok to intervene. Martok refuses to get involved, but agrees to participate in Kal'Hyah, the traditional Klingon "bachelor party." Sisko, O'Brien, Bashir, and Alexander -- Worf's son -- eagerly join them, but are disappointed when they learn that the "party" is light on fun and heavy on fasting, bloodletting, and other uniquely Klingon forms of torture.

Meanwhile, Dax endures her own form of Klingon torture as she struggles to please Sirella. When she is asked to recite the history of the House of Martok, Dax gleefully reveals her discovery that Sirella has no imperial blood, and is in fact descended from a concubine. Naturally, Sirella is infuriated.

Ready for a little fun, Dax throws herself a pre-wedding party. In the midst of the drinking and debauchery, Sirella demands that Dax join her for a ritual. When Dax tells her to leave, Sirella threatens to cancel the wedding. The confrontation ends with Sirella declaring Dax an enemy. The next morning, Worf informs Dax that Sirella has forbidden her to join the House of Martok. He asks her to beg Sirella's forgiveness, but Dax refuses to endure that humiliation just so Worf can have a Klingon ceremony. Angrily, both Worf and Dax call off the wedding.

Martok convinces Worf to apologize to Dax, but she refuses to change her mind. Determined to see the lovers wed, Sisko goes to see Dax herself. She describes the indignities to which she has been subjected, reminding Sisko that, as Curzon Dax, she was Federation Ambassador to the Klingon Empire! Sisko gently points out that Sirella only sees her as a young woman who wants to marry into her family. He states that Dax knew what she was getting into when she agreed to marry Worf, and that she must honor the traditions of his people. Warmed by her deep love for Worf, Dax follows Sisko's advice, and she and Worf are married -- with Sirella's blessing.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Mark Worden (Alexander Rozhenko)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Shannon Cochran (Sirella)

Sidney Liufau (Lt. Atoa)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Livingston

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Resurrection [DS9 #132]

Stardate Unknown

When a stranger beams aboard the station and takes Kira hostage, she is shocked to see that he looks exactly like her dead love, Vedek Bareil. He reveals that he is Bareil -- the alternate universe version -- and is running from the evil Alliance of his universe. Even though he attacks her, Kira refuses to press charges after he is captured. Sisko is concerned that she is letting his resemblance to her late lover influence her actions, but agrees to allow Bareil to remain on the station.

When Kira informs him that her Bareil was a religious leader, Bareil laughs at the idea, telling Kira that his life as a thief is far from spiritual. But later, he joins Kira at services and attempts to learn more about the Bajoran faith in his "new" universe. Impressed, Kira invites him to join her for dinner with Worf and Dax. The evening is a huge success, and Bareil ends up spending the night with Kira.

The next morning, Bareil is exposed to the Bajoran Orb of Prophecy and Change, an experience which is both powerful and exhausting. Kira understands and sends him off for some rest. No sooner does he enter his quarters than the Intendant -- the alternate universe double of Kira -- appears and kisses him.

The Intendant presses Bareil about his feelings for Major Kira. He tells her that he thinks Kira is wonderful, but she reminds him that, as a thief, he is not worthy of her. She also reminds him of his purpose -- to steal the orb and gain the power to unite the Bajoran people in a war against the Alliance. Later, Quark remarks to Kira that her friend has a tendency to spend hours at the Bajoran temple. While she reminds him that Bareil is in the midst of a religious experience, Quark points out that he could also be planning to rob the place.

That night, Bareil attempts to steal the orb, but finds Kira waiting for him. The Intendant arrives, announcing that they are wired for transport home. Kira warns Bareil against giving the Intendant the sacred object and reminds him of the power of his orb experience. Amazingly, her words reach him. He stuns the Intendant with a phaser blast and reveals to Kira that when he looked into the orb, he saw the two of them together with a family on Bajor. Unfortunately, he still feels unworthy of Kira. Leaving the orb behind, he departs the station with the Intendant, sure he can convince her to forgive him.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)
Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)
Cast : John Towey (Vedek Ossan)
Nana Visitor (Intendant Kira Nerys)
Philip Anglim (Bareil)
Scott Stozier (Security Guard)
Written By : Michael Taylor
Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Statistical Probabilities [DS9 #133]

Stardate Unknown

With the secret of his genetically-engineered past out in the open, Bashir is asked to work with a group of others like him. Aggressive Jack, sensual Lauren, giddy Patrick, and shy Sarina are highly intelligent -- but equally dysfunctional -- and have spent their lives in an institution. It is hoped that Bashir can help them assimilate into "normal" society, and while he is initially put off by their antisocial behavior, Bashir is excited by the prospect of helping them succeed.

When Gul Damar, the new head of the Cardassian government, announces that Cardassia and the Dominion want to open peace talks with the Federation, Jack, Patrick, and Lauren put together the story of how Damar came to power -- just by watching his speech. Bashir asks Sisko for a transcript of the upcoming talks so that his charges can analyze the proceedings.

Damar and the Dominion's Weyoun appear ready to concede territories, but Bashir's group spots a problem. They determine that the enemy alliance is not mentioning a star system which contains the raw materials for ketracel-white, the drug used to control the Jem'Hadar, because they want it for themselves. Bashir presents this information, along with a dizzying array of further predictions, to Sisko. When he sees that the projected outcomes are all backed up with equations, Sisko informs Starfleet Command of the group's talents. Starfleet responds by giving them access to classified information on its battle readiness.

The savants determine that the Federation will lose the war, with casualties in the hundreds of billions. Bashir takes this grim news to Sisko, advising that the Federation surrender. Naturally, Sisko refuses, and without his endorsement, Starfleet rejects Bashir's recommendation. Hearing this news, the group decides to give the Dominion leaders information that will help them take control of the Alpha Quadrant. While the plan will save lives, Bashir refuses to participate, forcing Jack to incapacitate him.

The group arranges a meeting with Weyoun and Damar, and Sarina is left behind to guard Bashir. After convincing her to free him, Bashir alerts Odo to the impending meeting, and the plan is foiled. The savants are sent back to the institution, and Bashir takes comfort in the fact that if they couldn't foretell Sarina's defection, perhaps their predictions of doom for the Federation may also be wrong.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

Faith C. Salie (Sarina)
Hilary Shepard Turner (Lauren)
Jeannetta Arnette (Dr. Loews)
Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Michael Keenan (Patrick)
Tim Ransom (Jack)
Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria
Story By : Pam Pietroforte
Directed By : Anson Williams

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The Magnificent Ferengi [DS9 #134]

Stardate Unknown

The Grand Nagus calls with news that Quark's mother, Ishka, has been captured by the Dominion. He enlists Quark to rescue her, offering a substantial reward if he succeeds. Quark persuades Rom to join the mission to save their mother, telling him that they will lie about the reward in order to keep most for themselves. The two then recruit Nog for his Starfleet expertise, while fellow Ferengis Leck, Gaila, and Brunt form the rest of the team.

While running battle simulations in the Holosuites, Quark realizes they have no hope of taking back Ishka by force. Rom suggests doing what Ferengis do best -- making a deal. With Sisko's blessing, Quark obtains the release of a Vorta, Keevan, from prison, and makes a deal with the Dominion to exchange him for Ishka. The team heads to Empok Nor, a deserted Cardassian space station, to make the exchange, but Keevan warns them that the Dominion intends to kill him, and will no doubt kill the Ferengi team as well.

At the station, Gaila falls asleep while he is supposed to be guarding their prisoner, and Keevan escapes. Luckily, Quark had Rom disable the ship's engines in anticipation of such a problem, so the group is able to apprehend Keevan. When they return to their base camp, dozens of Jem'Hadar soldiers are waiting for them.

Quark meets with Yelgrun, the Vorta who is holding Ishka prisoner. Yelgrun asks for Keevan, but instead of making the exchange, Quark responds with a list of demands designed to ensure his group's -- and his mother's -- safety. After some initial reservations, Yelgrun gives in, and he and Quark agree to exchange prisoners in a half hour. Quark goes back to complete the final preparations, but Rom accidentally reveals to the rest of the group that he and Quark are withholding some of the reward money. A fight ensues, and Keevan -- their bargaining chip -- is mistakenly killed.

Unwilling to leave without Ishka, Nog engineers a desperate solution -- wiring Keevan with neural stimulators so it will look as if he's still alive. When the sides exchange their prisoners, sending each to walk toward the other group, Yelgrun immediately senses something is wrong. However, by the time he calls for his guards to attack, the rest of the Ferengi team arrives and kills them. The group heads back to Deep Space Nine with Yelgrun as their prisoner, Ishka free, and Quark a hero.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Cecily Adams (Ishka [Moogie])

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Christopher Shea (Keevan)

Hamilton Camp (Leck)

Iggy Pop (Yelgrun)

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Josh Pais (Gaila)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Chip Chalmers

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Waltz [DS9 #135]

Stardate 51408.6

En route to Gul Dukat's war crimes investigation, Sisko meets with the former Cardassian leader, now a prisoner. Dukat, who suffered a nervous breakdown over the death of his daughter, assures Sisko that he has recovered. Suddenly, the starship transporting them is destroyed by Cardassian troops. Sisko is seriously injured, but Dukat escapes with him to a nearby planet and tends to his wounds. When Sisko regains consciousness, Dukat informs him that they are stranded and he is sending out a distress signal.

Unbeknownst to Sisko, Dukat hallucinates encounters with Weyoun and Damar, who advise him to kill the Starfleet Captain. Dukat reveals that he intends to -- after Sisko shows him the respect he deserves. While Dukat 'talks' with his colleagues, Sisko notices that the communications system is, in fact, not sending out a signal. When Dukat returns, Sisko tests him by asking him to check the system. He does, telling Sisko the unit is working fine.

Meanwhile, Worf searches for Sisko in the Defiant, but has limited time before he must leave to escort a convoy of Federation ships. Sisko adjusts the com system while Dukat is out, but must stop when he returns and 'play along' while Dukat defends his treatment of the Bajorans. When Dukat starts 'arguing' with Kira, Sisko realizes something is very wrong. He pretends to agree with Dukat, and the ruse almost works until Dukat notices that the distress signal is now on-line. He destroys the com system and attacks the defenseless Sisko.

On the Defiant, Worf runs out of time and must leave to escort the convoy, but continues searching a bit longer. Meanwhile, Dukat continues to push Sisko for his approval. Bruised and battered after Dukat's attack, Sisko invites him to talk about his experience with the Bajorans. While Dukat screams about wanting to kill them all, Sisko knocks him out with a metal bar and, despite his weakened condition, escapes to the shuttle.

Dukat recovers and follows Sisko outside, tackling him to prevent his escape. But when Sisko challenges his enemy to kill him, Dukat instead leaves Sisko behind and takes off in the shuttle, vowing to destroy Bajor. The Defiant crew then picks up Dukat's signal and finds Sisko. Dukat, however, escapes, leaving Sisko grimly aware of the battle over Bajor that is sure to come.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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Who Mourns For Morn? [DS9 #136]

Stardate Unknown

The crew is shocked to learn that Morn has been killed in an ion storm. True to form, Quark sees an opportunity for profit and throws a memorial party at his bar. Sisko interrupts with surprising news -- Morn has left Quark his entire estate. Although Morn's financial records indicate that he was broke, Quark searches Morn's quarters for hidden assets. Instead, he finds Morn's ex-wife, Larell, who tells Quark about Morn's hidden retirement fund of a thousand bars of latinum.

Quark offers Larell ten percent to keep her out of his hair, but he is unable to find the loot. He returns to his quarters to find two alien brothers, Krit and Nahsk. Claiming to be Morn's business associates, they tell Quark that Morn owes them all of the latinum. Quark tries to bargain when Nahsk smashes one of Morn's paintings over Quark's head. The two parties finally agree to a figure of fifty percent, and the brothers leave. Moments later, Quark discovers a storage locker claim slip woven into what's left of the painting.

Quark opens the locker, but finds only one bar of latinum inscribed with a message that the rest is in a bank. He hurries home to send for the rest of his inheritance, but another stranger, Hain, emerges from the shadows.

Claiming to be a security officer from Morn's home planet, Hain explains that Morn is a prince, and that his latinum is the property of the royal family! When he learns Larell is on the station, he offers Quark a reward for her capture. Later, Quark finds Larell waiting for him in his quarters. Krit and Nahsk soon show up, followed by Hain. Quark learns that their stories are all lies -- the four of them robbed a bank with Morn, who ran off with all of the money. With the statute of limitations now expired, they came to collect, and now that Quark has sent for the latinum, they no longer need him.

Quark reminds the group that he must be there to take the delivery, so they agree to split the money five ways. However, the "partners" try to double cross each other, and Quark runs for cover until Odo arrives to arrest the four thieves. He excitedly examines the latinum, only to discover that the bars are worthless gold. Resigned to his fate, Quark returns to the bar to find Morn, alive and well. He faked his own death, leaving Quark to get the others out of the way. Morn then reveals where he really hid the latinum -- he regurgitates 100 bars worth as a reward for Quark, making the whole experience a worthwhile one after all.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brad Greenquist (Krit)

Bridget Ann White (Larell)

Cyril O'Reilly (Nahsk)

Gregory Itzin (Hain)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Written By : Mark Gehred-O'Connell

Directed By : Victor Lobl

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Far Beyond The Stars [DS9 #137]

Stardate Unknown

After a friend's ship is destroyed and Sisko considers leaving Starfleet, he begins having visions of his crew as 1950s Americans. Bashir's examination reveals unusual synaptic patterns, but before Sisko can discuss treatment, he finds himself in 1953 New York City as Benny Russell, a writer for a science-fiction magazine. Fellow staffers resemble O'Brien, Kira, Bashir, Dax, and Quark in human form, and their editor, Pabst, looks like a human Odo. Writing assignments are given as illustrations, and each writer creates a story to fit their drawing. Benny's illustration is a crude version of Deep Space Nine.

Benny writes of Captain Benjamin Sisko and his space station, Deep Space Nine. He shows the story to his girlfriend, Cassie (Kasidy Yates) and to the others at work. While everyone is impressed, Pabst refuses to publish it, telling Sisko that his readers will not accept a Negro man as the head of a space station.

That night, Benny encounters a preacher (Joseph Sisko) who urges him to "write the words." He pens another story starring Ben Sisko, forgetting all about his date with Cassie. Later, she arrives at Benny's apartment and coaxes him to dance with her. Suddenly, he is Sisko again, dancing with Kasidy on the station. Back as Benny, he tells Cassie he fears he is becoming Captain Sisko.

Benny returns to work determined to see his stories published. Albert (O'Brien) suggests making the first story a dream, and Pabst agrees that a young Negro man's vision of a better future is acceptable. That night, Benny's celebration with Cassie turns ugly. First, the preacher warns him of trouble ahead. Then, after two malicious police officers (Dukat and Weyoun) kill a Negro teenager (Jake Sisko), they turn on Benny and beat him mercilessly.

Weeks later, the day Benny's story is to be published, Pabst breaks the news that the magazine's owner refused to distribute the issue -- and that Benny has been fired. Devastated and at the breaking point, Benny tearfully declares that Ben Sisko and his future are real and cannot be destroyed. He is taken away in an ambulance, where he finds the preacher comforting him, then he wakes up on Deep Space Nine as Sisko again. Told he was unconscious only a few minutes, his brain readings have now returned to normal. Encouraged by his dream and its message, Sisko decides to stay with Starfleet and Deep Space Nine.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Alexander Siddig (Jules)

Armin Shimerman (Herbert Ross)

Aron Eisenberg (Newspaper Vendor)

Avery Brooks (Bennie Russell)

Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko / Preacher)

Cirroc Lofton (Jimmy)

Colm Meaney (Albert)

J.G. Hertzler (Roy Ritterhof)

Jeffrey Combs (Capt. Mulkahey)

Marc Alaimo (Detective Ryan)

Michael Dorn (Willie)

Nana Visitor (Kay Hunter)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates / Cassie)

Rene Auberjonois (Douglas Pabst)

Terry Farrell (Darlene Kirsky)

Teleplay By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Story By : Marc Scott Zicree

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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One Little Ship [DS9 #138]

Stardate 51474.2

In order to investigate a rare subspace phenomenon, Dax, O'Brien, and Bashir board the Runabout, U.S.S. Rubicon, that is shrunk to four inches long. They are assured this effect will be reversed once they leave the anomaly. Suddenly, the Defiant, tethered to the tiny Runabout, is attacked and Sisko and the others are overtaken by the Jem'Hadar. The miniature Runabout and its crew survives, but they exit the anomaly through a different route -- without returning to normal size.

The Runabout cannot enter the anomaly again without help, so Dax, O'Brien, and Bashir pilot their vessel inside the U.S.S. Defiant. Meanwhile, the Jem'Hadar, unable to restore warp drive to the captured ship, force Sisko and his crew to guide them through the mechanical repairs. When the Jem'Hadar leader, First Kudak'Etan, sends away his Vorta's attack ship with assurance that the warp drive will soon be operational, Sisko seizes the opportunity to hatch a plan to retake the Defiant.

The Runabout crew members find themselves in the Engine Room, where they realize the Jem'Hadar have overtaken the ship. Sisko, Worf, Kira, and Nog work at the controls, trying to appear as if they are repairing the warp drive while they secretly retrace each other's steps. Dax sees that Sisko is trying to retake control of the ship from the operations console, but his plan cannot work unless Dax and her crew can pilot the Runabout to the Bridge and help them from there.

They reach the Bridge, but are unable to release the command codes to transfer control to Sisko. O'Brien and Bashir leave the ship to do the job manually, with Dax beaming down oxygen molecules for them to breathe. Unaware of their crewmates' presence onboard, and feeling the time pressure bearing down, Kira continues to stall while Sisko infects the warp drive with a virus.

O'Brien and Bashir release the codes and are beamed back to the Runabout. Just as Nog realizes that command functions have been transferred to Engineering, Kudak'Etan catches on to the crew's act. He prepares to put the ship in warp drive, not knowing about the computer virus. Just then, the Runabout arrives, surprising the unsuspecting Jem'Hadar, and the "full-sized" crewmembers gain the upper hand. After disabling the virus, Sisko floods the ship with poison gas, subduing the remaining Jem'Hadar. The Defiant is liberated thanks to their tiny crewmates, who are soon returned to the anomaly and their normal size.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Christian Zimmerman (Third Lamat'ukan)

Fritz Sperberg (Second Ixtana'rax)

Leland Crooke (Gelnon)

Scott Thompson Baker (First Kudak'etan)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Honor Among Thieves [DS9 #139]

Stardate Unknown

Starfleet Intelligence recruits Chief O'Brien to infiltrate the Orion Syndicate, the Alpha Quadrant's leading organized crime ring, to find a Starfleet informant. Posing as a handyman, he makes contact with a trio from the Syndicate by repairing a piece of their equipment. After researching O'Brien's fake background, Bilby, the leader of the trio, decides to bring him into his circle of associates.

O'Brien fixes some faulty rifles Bilby procured for Raimus, his superior in the Syndicate. Bilby is so impressed by O'Brien's skills and honesty that he bonds with his new acquaintance, telling him about his beloved family. After Bilby reveals the identity of the informant, he takes O'Brien to meet Raimus. At the meeting, O'Brien is surprised to see that Bilby's boss is accompanied by a Vorta. Later, when he tells his Starfleet contact, Chadwick, O'Brien's assignment is extended so that he may learn why the Dominion is involved with the Syndicate.

Proving himself as a valued member of the team, O'Brien helps his new associates rob a bank. The more time he spends with Bilby, the more he worries about the man and what will happen to him when his assignment ends. O'Brien expresses his concerns to Chadwick, who assures him that Bilby will be safest in a Federation prison -- provided Starfleet gets him before the Syndicate. But O'Brien is still troubled by the idea of betraying his friend.

Raimus and the Vorta want Bilby and his team to execute the Klingon ambassador to Farius -- using Klingon rifles to make it look as if the dignitary was killed by fellow countrymen. The Dominion hopes this will lead to the end of the Klingon alliance with the Federation. As Chadwick prepares to warn the ambassador, O'Brien realizes that the Klingons will kill Bilby and his men, so he hurries to Bilby's apartment to stop him.

O'Brien tells Bilby that he is working for Starfleet, and reveals the pending Klingon ambush. At first, Bilby refuses to believe O'Brien, but once he does, he insists on continuing with the mission, feeling it is the only way to protect his wife and children from Syndicate retribution for his mistake in trusting O'Brien. Knowing he will be killed, Bilby asks O'Brien to care for his cat, and the two men part for the last time. O'Brien returns to Deep Space Nine saddened that he has sent a friend to his death.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Brad Blaisdell (Yint)

Carlos Carrasco (Krole)

John Chandler (Flith)

Joseph Culp (Raimus)

Leland Crooke (Gelson)

Michael Harney (Chadwick)

Nick Tate (Bilby)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Philip Kim

Directed By : Allan Eastman

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Change Of Heart [DS9 #140]

Stardate 51597.2

When Dax and Worf are sent to the Badlands to meet with a Cardassian double-agent, they receive an encrypted subspace transmission from Lasaran, the operative. He has information about where the Founders are located in the Alpha Quadrant, but before he will reveal anything, he wants Dax and Worf to help him defect. In three days, he plans to walk into the jungle on the planet Soukara. Since Dax and Worf will be unable to beam him off the planet, they are to rendezvous with him in the jungle. Seeing no alternative, they agree to the plan.

Dax and Worf head immediately for the Soukara system, successfully landing the Runabout in the middle of the jungle. They have just under two days to reach the rendezvous point, and although this is about twenty kilometers away, they will have to penetrate the Dominion's sensors and get past their patrols.

Reconfiguring their tricorders to mask their lifesigns, Dax and Worf are able to begin their trek through the jungle. They hike the entire day, finally stopping to make camp after night falls. Despite the difficulty of the journey, it is almost like a honeymoon for the newlyweds, who enjoy talking and joking together. However, they soon realize they are in the path of a Jem'Hadar patrol.

With no way to escape, they quickly formulate a plan of attack. They manage to kill all three Jem'Hadar, but Dax is shot with a disruptor that leaves an anti-coagulant in her wound -- meaning the bleeding cannot be stopped. With the help of painkillers and regular plasma transfusions, they continue their trek, but Dax's injuries impede their progress, and eventually she loses the ability to walk.

Worf realizes that Dax's only hope for survival is surgery. Since they cannot abandon their mission, Dax and Worf both decide Worf must keep going, leaving Dax behind to die. The newlyweds share a kiss goodbye, and Worf heads off into the jungle. But as he gets farther and farther away, Worf realizes he cannot complete the mission. Instead, he rushes back to the now-unconscious Dax, reaching her just in time to save her life. Back on Deep Space Nine, he learns she will recover, but their mission is a complete loss -- Lasaran has been killed. Sisko informs Worf that, as captain, he must tell Worf he made the wrong choice, but as a man and a husband, he probably would have done the same thing.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Todd Waring (Lasaran)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Livingston

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Wrongs Darker Than Death Or Night [DS9 #141]

Stardate Unknown

On her late mother Meru's birthday, Kira receives a transmission from Gul Dukat in which he tells her that Meru, who supposedly died when Kira was three, was actually his lover for many years and left her family to be with him. When Kira's investigation fails to prove Dukat false, she asks Sisko, as the Emissary, to permit her to consult the Bajoran Orb of Time. He agrees, and Kira finds herself in the past, at a refugee center where she comes face to face with her long-lost family, who does not realize her true identity.

Kira and Meru are taken from the camp to become "comfort women" for Cardassian troops. The sight of her mother being torn from her children is painful for Kira, and she vows to help her return to her family. The women are taken to the Terok Nor space station, where, despite her sadness, Meru is overwhelmed by the bounty of food and other comforts. Later, she is singled out for special attention by Gul Dukat, the Prefect of the station.

Meru confesses to Kira that she has what she always dreamed of -- enough to eat, beautiful clothes -- but at the cost of her family. Later, Kira learns that her mother has become Dukat's mistress. When Kira confronts a guard and demands to see Meru, she is thrown out into the station's Bajoran ghetto.

Kira befriends a Bajoran named Halb, who asks her to help attack the Cardassians, but she is suddenly summoned to meet with Meru. When her mother begins singing Dukat's praises, it is too much for Kira to bear. She angrily reminds Meru that Dukat is not only responsible for killing innocent Bajorans, but also for separating her from her family. Meru explains that Dukat has promised to provide her husband and children with food and medical supplies. Kira accuses Meru of becoming a collaborator and storms out, hatching a plan with Halb to smuggle a bomb into Dukat's quarters. The blast will kill her mother, but Kira no longer cares.

Pretending to have had a change of heart, Kira returns to Dukat's quarters to apologize to Meru, then secretly hides the bomb. She is preparing to leave when Dukat gives Meru a recorded message from Kira's father. He thanks his wife for what she has done, telling her that she has saved their lives. Kira realizes that if her father could forgive her mother, she must forgive her also. She warns Dukat and Meru about the bomb, and they escape just before it detonates. Kira returns to the station with the painful knowledge that Dukat's story is true.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : David Bowe (Basso)

John Marzilli (Scavenger)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Leslie Hope (Kira Meru)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Marc Marosi (Gul)

Thomas Kopache (Kira Taban)

Tim deZarn (Halb)

Wayne Grace (Legate)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Jonathan West

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Inquisition [DS9 #142]

Stardate Unknown

Internal Affairs Officer Sloan arrives on the station, announcing that there has been a possible security breach. He believes an officer may be passing information to the Dominion and promptly confines the senior staff to quarters. Later, Sloan summons Bashir for a brief interview, which appears to go well. Back in his room, however, the doctor learns that O'Brien was interrogated for two hours -- about him. Just then, Bashir is taken to a second meeting with Sloan.

Sloan questions Bashir about his time as a Dominion prisoner and picks apart the story of his incarceration and escape. He tells the doctor that because of his superior, genetically engineered mind, the Dominion may be using him as a spy without his conscious knowledge. Bashir doesn't buy the story, and Sloan angrily drags him to a holding cell.

When Sisko sits in on the next interrogation, Sloan reminds him that Bashir recently advised on surrendering to the Dominion, and that he lied about being genetically engineered. In a private meeting, Sisko asks Bashir if Sloan's theory is medically possible, and Bashir realizes that Sisko doubts his innocence. Later that night, Sloan arrives in Bashir's cell to take him to a starbase for further questioning, but the doctor is suddenly transported onto a Cardassian ship.

He is welcomed by Weyoun, who asserts that Bashir was indeed "broken" by the Dominion. Since he has no memory of being a spy, Bashir decides that Weyoun and Sloan must be working together to concoct the story. Just then, the Defiant attacks, and Kira and Worf take him back to their ship. As his fellow officers unite against him, Bashir notices something is wrong -- O'Brien suffered a recent shoulder injury but shows no symptoms. Suddenly, everything fades away. He was in a Federation holographic simulation. Now, he faces the real Sloan.

Sloan explains that he works for a secret division of Starfleet Intelligence -- Section Thirty-One -- that eliminates dangers to the Federation without answering to anyone. They secretly took Bashir from the station and put him through a series of tests, which he passed. Bashir is horrified when Sloan invites him to join their group, then turns him down. Later, when he tells his story to Sisko, who thought the doctor was at a medical conference, Bashir gets an unwelcome assignment. Sisko surmises that Sloan will not give up hope of recruiting Bashir, and that when he returns, Bashir must join the secret unit -- as a spy for the captain.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Benjamin Brown (Kagan)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Samantha Mudd (Chandler)

William Sadler (Sloan)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Michael Dorn

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In The Pale Moonlight [DS9 #143]

Stardate 51721.3

Going over casualty lists, Sisko realizes there is only one hope of winning the war -- the Romulans, who signed a non-aggression pact with the Dominion, must be convinced to join the Federation/Klingon Alliance. Sure that the Dominion will eventually

invade Romulus anyway, Sisko recruits Garak to discreetly obtain evidence from Cardassia that will bring the Romulans into the war.

Sisko soon learns that several Cardassians expressed a willingness to help Garak, but all were killed within one day of speaking with him. Undaunted, Garak suggests that he and Sisko manufacture false evidence of an impending Dominion attack on Romulus, then call a secret meeting with a Romulan senator scheduled to be in the sector and present it to him. Frustration with the war convinces Sisko to agree, and when Garak recruits a condemned prisoner named Tolar to create the crucial evidence, the scheme begins.

Garak locates the Cardassian data rod necessary for the forgery, but Sisko must reluctantly trade a rare and dangerous compound for it. Then he, Garak, and Tolar get to work, creating a recording of a holographic meeting in which Weyoun, the Dominion leader, and Cardassia's Damar discuss plans to invade Romulus. Soon afterward, Senator Vreenak arrives.

Vreenak is condescending, sure that the Federation is about to fall to the Dominion. But when Sisko tells him the Dominion is planning to invade Romulus, Vreenak's mood changes. Sisko takes him to a secured holosuite and shows him the recording of the "meeting," after which Vreenak asks to examine the data rod. He later faces Sisko and announces that the rod is a fake.

A furious Vreenak leaves the station, vowing to expose Sisko to the entire Alpha Quadrant. Instead, the Romulan's shuttle explodes, killing him and damaging the forged data rod. An investigation points to the Dominion, but while the rest of his crew is ecstatic, Sisko is infuriated. He confronts Garak, who admits he suspected the rod might not pass inspection and placed a bomb on Vreenak's shuttle to guarantee the plan worked. Sure enough, it does -- the Romulan Empire formally declares war against the Dominion. Sisko is upset to have lied and cheated, but with a possible victory finally in sight, he decides it's a feeling with which he can live.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Howard Shangraw (Tolar)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Stephen McHattie (Senator Vreenak)

Teleplay By : Michael Taylor

Story By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Victor Lobl

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His Way [DS9 #144]

Stardate Unknown

Bashir shows off his new Holosuite program, a 1960s Vegas singer named Vic Fontaine who performs in a lounge full of martini-swilling customers. While Vic is only a hologram, he is extremely perceptive and immediately senses Odo's unrequited love for Kira. Soon afterward, Kira leaves for Bajor to visit her ex-lover Shakaar -- a move which clearly upsets Odo. He "borrows" Bashir's program and asks Vic for a little romantic advice.

After turning Odo into a tuxedo-clad piano player, Vic invites a pair of beautiful holo-showgirls into the picture. They cozy up to Odo, but he has trouble mustering up feelings for anyone but Kira. Vic reminds him that the best way to feel comfortable with Kira is to practice with these other women. After a week of Odo visiting the Hologuette, Vic introduces his pupil to Lola, a sexy holographic chanteuse who looks exactly like Kira.

At first, Odo manages to flirt quite successfully with Lola, but as he is about to kiss her, he breaks away. Odo tells Vic that he is unable to forget that Lola is just a hologram because she doesn't act like Kira. A few days later, Kira returns to the station, and Odo can barely speak to her. Deciding to play matchmaker, Vic interrupts Kira's visit to a Hologuette and tells her he's aware about Odo's feelings. Then, he insists she return that night for a special dinner with Odo.

Vic tricks Odo into attending the dinner by telling him he has perfected a Kira hologram. The evening is beautiful -- Kira and Odo are dressed to the nines, and Vic serves them an elegant meal. They chat about the irony of spending their "first date" in a Hologuette and even dance while Vic croons a period standard. However, as Kira talks about leaving the Hologuette, Odo reveals that he thinks she is actually a hologram. When Vic sheepishly informs Odo that he has been dancing with the real Kira, Odo is embarrassed and abruptly leaves.

Believing he has blown his last chance with the woman he loves, Odo is surprised when Kira approaches him on the Promenade and insists that he meet her for dinner that night. The two argue heatedly, their passions exploding when Odo finally grabs Kira and kisses her in full view of everyone. A few days later, Odo visits Vic in the Hologuette to deliver thanks for bringing him and Kira, now a couple, together.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Cyndi Pass (Ginger)

Debi A. Monahan (Melissa)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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The Reckoning [DS9 #145]

Stardate Unknown

Sisko is called to Bajor when an ancient tablet addressing the Emissary is discovered. Seeing it launches Sisko into a vision, during which the Prophets tell him "the Reckoning" must begin. Since no one knows exactly what this means, Sisko takes the tablet back to Deep Space Nine for Dax to translate. Kai Winn arrives on the station and pushes Sisko to return it, but he refuses, convinced he is doing the will of the Prophets.

Soon afterward, the wormhole begins opening and closing. When the Kai informs Sisko that Bajor is suffering floods and tornadoes and accuses him of angering the Prophets, Sisko agrees to return the tablet on the next morning's transport. Later that night, Sisko examines the tablet one final time. He instinctively smashes it on the ground, releasing a strange vortex of violent energy.

Sisko tells Winn he believes he has done what the Prophets wanted him to do. While privately moved, she refuses to acknowledge Sisko's faith in her gods and continues to blame him for the destruction affecting Bajor. In the midst of Winn's ranting, Sisko is

called to the Promenade, where Kira is ablaze with bluish energy. He realizes that she is no longer Kira, but a Prophet announcing it is time for the Reckoning.

The Kira/Prophet reveals she is to fight an epic battle with an Evil One, a Pah-wraith banished from Bajor's celestial temple. Winn is thrilled -- according to prophecy, the defeat of the Evil One will usher in Bajor's Golden Age. Feeling he has no choice but to allow the battle, Sisko orders the station evacuated. Dax and Bashir rig a panel with radiation that will force the Prophet to leave Kira's body, but Sisko insists the showdown proceed without interference. He stands by his decision even when the Pah-wraith takes over the body of his son, Jake.

Sisko watches helplessly as both Jake and Kira are wracked by the conflict. Dax suggests using the radiation, but Sisko refuses, believing that the Prophets will protect his son. When the Kai sneaks away and triggers the radiation, she ends the battle before one of the combatants is defeated. Later, Kira escorts her off the station and is shocked to hear the religious leader praising herself for saving Deep Space Nine. Kira answers her with a conviction she has never known before, telling Winn she has defied the Prophets so completely that even they may not know what it means for Bajor.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : James Greene (Koral)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Teleplay By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Story By : Gabrielle Stanton

Harry M. Werksman

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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Valiant [DS9 #146]

Stardate 51825.4

En route to Ferenginar, Jake and Nog are attacked by a Jem'Hadar vessel. When they are suddenly beamed aboard the U.S.S. Valiant, a Defiant-class warship, Nog recognizes the crew of young adults as Red Squad, an elite corps of Starfleet cadets. The 22-year-old captain, Tim Watters, explains that his crew, originally on a training mission, became trapped in Dominion space when the war broke out. All of the regular officers were killed, but before he died, the captain ordered Watters to assume command. With Starfleet unaware of the situation, Watters is trying to complete the Valiant's mission to gather data on a new Dominion battleship. Caught up in Watters's fervor, Nog agrees to join the crew as Chief Engineer.

While Nog and Watters hit it off, the captain is less enamored of Jake, the only civilian on the ship. When a member of his crew, Chief Collins, becomes homesick after speaking with Jake, Watters calls the young Sisko into his office and warns him to stay away from her.

Nog successfully completes his first assignment, which is to adjust the Valiant's warp capabilities, by making the same modifications he once saw O'Brien make to the Defiant. He proudly tells Jake of his accomplishment, but his friend is upset that Nog joined the Squad so quickly. Their conversation is suddenly interrupted when the ship goes to Red Alert -- the target is in sight.

The crew carries out their mission without being detected, but Watters rallies them to now attempt to destroy the enemy ship. Although Jake says that the plan is too risky, Watters only has to remind the group that they're Red Squad -- capable of doing anything -- and the room erupts in cheers. Even Nog gives the plan his support. Later, Jake confronts his friend over what he believes is a suicide mission and reveals that he has spoken with Collins against orders. Watters, secretly watching on a monitor, has Jake arrested and sent to the Brig.

The battle begins, and the Valiant sustains heavy damage. When the torpedo specially rigged to destroy the Dominion ship doesn't work, the enemy retaliates by unleashing an all-out attack. Soon, Nog and Collins are the only two left standing. After freeing Jake from the Brig, the three manage to flee in an escape pod moments before the Valiant explodes. The Defiant picks up the three survivors, and Nog, shaken by the experience, resigns from Red Squad.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Ashley Brianne McDonogh (Chief Dorian Collins)

Courtney Peldon (Cmdr. Karen Farris)

David Drew Gallagher (Lt. Riley Aldrin Shepard)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Paul Popowich (Capt. Tim Watters)

Scott Hamm (Parton)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Profit And Lace [DS9 #147]

Stardate Unknown

Grand Nagus Zek and Ishka, Quark and Rom's mother, arrive on the station to announce that, thanks to his relationship with the proudly feminist Ishka, Zek has added a new amendment to the Ferengi Bill of Opportunities giving females equal rights. Unfortunately, this has plunged the entire Ferengi society into chaos, Zek has been deposed as Grand Nagus, and Liquidator Brunt is now Acting Grand Nagus -- a position that will become permanent in three days. Sure that Ishka's amazing business sense will win them over, Zek invites the commissioners of the Ferengi Commerce Authority to the station, but cola magnate Nilva is the only one who agrees to a meeting.

Brunt arrives on the station and threatens to liquidate Quark and Zek. This prompts Quark to angrily confront his mother, who has a heart attack. While Bashir assures everyone she will survive, Ishka will be unable to meet with Nilva -- leaving Zek without a Ferengi female to prove gender equality is a good idea. With no other choice, Quark allows Bashir to temporarily turn him into a female.

The procedure transforms Quark into a lovely female they call Lumba, and thanks to the hormones, an emotional wreck. Between crying jags, he studies his mother's notes and practices walking and talking like a female. When Nilva arrives a day early, Zek enlists Nog to distract the commissioner.

Nilva insists on seeing Zek immediately. On the way, he and Nog run into Brunt, who spills the beans about Ishka's condition. Nog leads Nilva to Rom's quarters, promising him a meeting with Zek's other female advisor, Lumba. Instantly smitten, Nilva decides to take Lumba to dinner. Quark is charming, easily convincing the commissioner that equal rights for females will expand the Ferengi economy. Unfortunately, he is so charming that Nilva invites him back to his quarters.

While Quark desperately fends off Nilva's romantic advances, Brunt suddenly bursts in to tell Nilva that Lumba is actually a male. Quark slips out of his dress, and his hormone-enhanced body convinces his suitor that he is all woman. Nilva promises to do everything he can to ensure Zek remains Grand Nagus, and Quark, having gained new insight into the female psyche, wins back his now-recovered mother's love.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Cecily Adams (Ishka [Moogie])

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Henry Gibson (Nilva)

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Sylvian Cecile (Uri'Lash)

Symba Smith (Aluura)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Alexander Siddig

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Time's Orphan [DS9 #148]

Stardate Unknown

O'Brien is reunited with his wife, Keiko, and their two children. But during a celebratory picnic on a nearby planet, eight-year-old Molly falls into a vortex of swirling energy. When the rest of the crew arrives to help, they determine Molly slipped through a time portal that sent her back 300 years, to a time when the planet was uninhabited. They reactivate the portal and transport her out, but their calculations are off by a decade. When Molly materializes on the transporter pad, she is an eighteen-year-old woman.

Since she has been without human contact for ten years, Molly is like a wild animal, terrified of her parents and unable to speak. At Bashir's suggestion, a cargo bay is transformed with a tree, grass, and some boulders. There, the O'Briens begin the painful process of regaining their daughter's trust. When Keiko presents her with her favorite doll, Molly smiles for the first time.

Molly continues to make progress and learns to follow simple commands. She soon utters her first word - "Home" -- and Keiko and O'Brien excitedly take her back to their quarters. When she shows them a photo taken at the picnic site, they realize Molly

regards that planet as her home. Desperate to make his daughter happy, O'Brien recreates the spot in a holosuite. The plan works until the O'Briens must relinquish the suite to other customers. Scared by the hubbub of Quark's bar, Molly panics and stabs a customer with a broken bottle.

Sisko and Odo sadly inform O'Brien that Federation officials want Molly committed to a special care center. Knowing that forcing her to stay inside a confined facility over a long period of time will kill her, O'Brien plans to steal a Runabout and take Molly to her planet. Once there, he will send her back through the time portal so no one will be able to find her. Although they will never see her again, O'Brien and Keiko know this is their only chance to save their daughter. However, they are caught before they can leave the station.

Odo comes to the scene and allows the O'Briens to proceed. They return to the planet, where they tearfully send Molly back through the vortex with her favorite doll. When Molly arrives, she recognizes her eight-year-old self hiding behind a boulder. Little Molly is frightened, but her older counterpart gives her the doll and sends her through the portal to be reunited with her family.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)

Michelle Krusiec (Molly O'Brien [Aged 18])

Randy James (Security)

Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)

Shaun Bienenek (Deputy)

Teleplay By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Story By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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The Sound Of Her Voice [DS9 #149]

Stardate 51948.3

Onboard the Defiant, Sisko and the crew pick up a distress signal and the voice of Captain Lisa Cusak, whose escape pod has crashed on a remote planet following the destruction of her ship. Although two-way communication has not been established, Lisa transmits her voice constantly as the crew begins the six-day trip to rescue her. O'Brien listens to the sometimes-amusing monologue and is surprised when she -- having overheard a conversation between him and Kasidy Yates -- suddenly speaks to him. Both realize contact has been established, and Lisa finally knows she will be rescued.

The stranded captain reveals she has been giving herself triox injections to compensate for the excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, but there is not enough to last until the Defiant arrives. Dr. Bashir advises lowering her dosage, hoping her body will be strengthened enough to help her survive. In the meantime, the crew members agree to take shifts talking to Lisa to keep her alert.

Proving to be as good a listener as she is a talker, Lisa has a great sense of humor and a refreshingly positive attitude. She advises Sisko on his romantic problems, helps O'Brien cope with his anger over the war, and even gets Bashir to forget about his work

and loosen up. When Lisa runs out of triox, Bashir realizes she cannot survive more than two days -- and the Defiant is still three days away.

Determined to save his new friend, Sisko gives the risky order to deplete the phaser reserves and use the extra power to increase the ship's speed. They reach the planet's orbit just as Lisa loses consciousness, but there is more bad news -- the planet is surrounded by an energy barrier the Defiant cannot penetrate.

Sisko, O'Brien, and Bashir put their lives on the line to break through the barrier in a shuttle pod. They are able to reach the planet's surface and locate the crash site, but when they enter the cave where Lisa has taken shelter, they find a skeleton -- Lisa has been dead for over three years. O'Brien surmises that the energy barrier must have time-shifted the radio signals, enabling the captain to contact the Defiant crew three years in the future and their messages to travel back to the past. Although Lisa was dead all along, the crew members feel the loss and take her back to Deep Space Nine for an Irish wake among friends.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Debra Wilson (Capt. Lisa Cusak)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Pam Pietroforte

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Tears Of The Prophets [DS9 #150]

Stardate Unknown

Starfleet Command decides to take the offensive in the war against the Dominion, and Sisko is chosen to lead the invasion of Cardassia. The first target is the Chin'toka System, picked for its diminished defenses. Unfortunately, the crew is unaware that the Cardassian/Dominion Alliance has secretly deployed hundreds of orbital weapon platforms to protect the system, and that Gul Dukat has returned claiming he has the key to destroying Sisko and the Federation.

Sisko and Klingon General Martok meet with Romulan Senator Letant and convince his people to join the invasion force. Later, the Bajoran Prophets -- the mysterious aliens who reside in the wormhole -- appear to Sisko in a vision and advise him not to go to Cardassia.

Sisko requests permission to heed the Prophets' warning, but Admiral Ross orders him to choose once and for all between his roles as the Bajoran Emissary and a Starfleet Captain. Sisko decides to proceed with leading the invasion, leaving Dax in charge of the station. Meanwhile, Dukat reveals his plan is to drive the godlike Prophets from the wormhole. Releasing an energy vortex from a Bajoran wooden figurine, his body is taken over by an evil Pah-wraith.

The invasion force reaches Cardassian space just before the defensive system becomes operational. Discovering all of the platforms are using the same power source, the crew tries to locate it. Back on the station, Dukat, possessed by the Pah-wraith, materializes in the Bajoran shrine and injures Dax critically, then destroys the sacred orb. The wormhole implodes and, at that instant, Sisko staggers back with the uneasy feeling that the Prophets are reaching out to him.

The power source is destroyed, disabling the weapon platforms and allowing Sisko's forces to invade Cardassian soil. However, their celebration is cut short by an urgent message from the station. They return, and although Dr. Bashir was able to save the Dax symbiont, Jadzia dies. Sisko, seeing that the wormhole has closed and all of the orbs have gone dark, fears that the Prophets have abandoned Bajor. Believing he has failed as both Emissary and Captain, Sisko decides he needs time to think about how to make things right. He takes a leave of absence from Deep Space Nine, returning with Jake to Earth.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Major Kira Nerys)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Terry Farrell (Lt. Cmdr. Jadzia Dax)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Bob Kirsh (Glinn)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

David Birney (Letant)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Michelle Horn (Saghi)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Image In The Sand [DS9 #151]

Stardate Unknown

Three months after a possessed Gul Dukat killed Jadzia Dax and sealed the wormhole, life on Deep Space Nine has changed. Kira, the acting commander, is upset when Admiral Ross informs her that the Romulans will set up a station office, while Sisko has retreated to Earth to contemplate a way of contacting the Bajoran Prophets -- the aliens who reside within the wormhole. When the vision of a woman's face, buried in the sand, appears to Sisko, he sketches her, and Jake recognizes her from one of his grandfather's photos.

Meanwhile, at the station, Kira meets Cretak, the Romulan Senator, and agrees to let her set up a hospital on an uninhabited Bajoran moon to care for wounded Romulan soldiers. Back on Earth, Sisko asks his father about the woman in the photo, but Joseph, upset, refuses to identify her. Sisko persists and Joseph acquiesces: the woman was his wife, and Sisko's mother.

Joseph explains that the woman, Sarah, left him when Sisko was a baby and later died. Because Sisko's stepmother raised him as her own, Joseph never revealed the truth. He gives Sisko a locket that once belonged to Sarah, and Sisko finds upon it an ancient

Bajoran inscription that reads "The Orb of the Emissary." This causes him to wonder if another Bajoran orb exists, which would allow access to the Prophets.

Sisko realizes he must go to the planet Tyree, the setting of his original vision. But while preparing, he is stabbed by a Bajoran who is determined to stop Sisko's quest. Back on Deep Space Nine, Odo shows Kira data indicating that the Romulans are arming the Bajoran moon with plasma torpedoes. Kira demands that Cretak remove the torpedoes -- or she will.

Meanwhile, a healed Sisko explains to Jake and Joseph that his attacker was a member of a cult that worships the Pah-wraiths -- the enemies of Bajor's Prophets. Joseph realizes that if the attacker knew of Sisko's discovery, the Pah-wraiths must know as well, and Sisko could be in grave danger. He and Jake decide to accompany Sisko to Tyree. But just as the three generations of Siskos are about to leave, a young female Trill arrives at the restaurant. She is Ezri -- the new host of the Dax symbiont.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Ensign Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Johnny Moran (Bajoran Man)

Megan Cole (Cretak)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Les Landau

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Shadows And Symbols [DS9 #152]

Stardate 52152.6

Sisko meets Ezri, the new host of the Dax symbiont, before departing Earth for the planet Tyree with his father, Joseph, and son Jake. Ezri wishes to accompany them on their search for Bajor's mythical Orb of the Emissary, which Sisko has been led to believe exists. Back at the station, Kira prepares a blockade to stop the Romulans, who have placed weapons on a Bajoran moon. On a Klingon ship, Worf, O'Brien, Bashir, and Quark embark on a mission of their own: to destroy a Dominion shipyard, thus securing a place for the spirit of Worf's dead wife Jadzia in the sacred Klingon afterlife of Sto-vo-kor.

Sisko and his crew arrive on Tyree. Guided by his visions, they begin a long trek across the vast desert terrain. Eventually, Sisko stops and digs on a seeming whim, while his father, son, and Ezri can only watch.

Kira sets her blockade with old Bajoran ships, and four Romulan Warbirds approach, just hours away; while Worf and his companions prepare to face their own danger in Jadzia's name. On Tyree, Sisko's digging uncovers an Orb ark, but dangerous visions cause him to hesitate from exposing the Orb within.

Back on the Klingon ship, Worf, having reached the star system where the shipyard is located, masterminds a plan in which his vessel will fly toward the sun and trigger a plasma ejection that will destroy the Dominion facility and illuminate the gates of Sto-vo-kor for Jadzia. Meanwhile, Sisko's visions force him to inexplicably and hastily bury the ark containing the Orb without opening it.

Worf and his comrades manage to execute their plan and demolish the shipyard -- a victory that finally allows for Jadzia's entrance into Sto-vo-kor. At the same time, Kira successfully causes the Romulans to back down. On Tyree, Ezri forces Sisko to open the ark. But when he does, an energy vortex is unleashed which opens the wormhole and expels from it the Pah-wraiths -- the enemies of the Prophets -- who sealed the anomaly. His mission successful, Sisko encounters what appears to be his dead mother Sarah. After commending him, she reveals that she is one of the wormhole aliens, who took over the real Sarah's body years ago to ensure Sisko's birth and the fulfillment of his destiny.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Ensign Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko)

Casey Biggs (Damar / Wykoff)

Cuauhtemoc Sanchez (Bajoran Crewman)

Deborah Lacey (Sarah)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)

Lori Lively (Siana)

Megan Cole (Cretak)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Afterimage [DS9 #153]

Stardate Unknown

In addition to coping with the memories of her "past lives," Ezri Dax must deal with the range of reactions her presence generates. Kira awkwardly tries to make conversation; Sisko is happy to have his old friend back; Quark flirts with her; and Worf, pained by the memory of his dead wife Jadzia, which Ezri's presence provokes, makes it clear he wants nothing to do with her. Elsewhere, Garak inexplicably collapses and is rushed to Bashir's care.

Worf's obvious discomfort around Ezri is one of the reasons she tells Sisko she plans to leave the station and resume her duties as a starship's assistant counselor. Seizing the opportunity, Sisko implores her to counsel Garak, who is incapacitated by a series of claustrophobic attacks. Knowing Starfleet needs Garak's expertise at decoding Cardassian military transmissions, Ezri agrees to help.

While Ezri works to get to the root of Garak's problems, Worf becomes irritated with Bashir when he sees the doctor socializing with her. Sisko offers Ezri a position as Deep Space Nine's counselor. She'd like to accept, but thinks her continued presence would make Worf too uncomfortable.

Ezri's fears are realized when a jealous Worf warns Bashir and Quark to stay away from her. Meanwhile, Garak's emotional troubles come to a head when he insults Ezri's professional skills, and argues that she's too confused about her own identity to help anyone else. Ezri is devastated by Garak's tirade, which confirms all her worst fears about herself.

Shaken by her confrontation with Garak, Ezri resolves to resign from Starfleet. But on the eve of her departure, she helps Garak realize that his decoding work has made him feel like a traitor to the Cardassian people, and he subconsciously "escaped" the task by bringing on the debilitating attacks. Garak accepts that the Dominion must be stopped, and agrees to resume the decoding. After O'Brien helps Worf see that treating Ezri badly is a dishonor to Jadzia's memory, Worf urges Ezri not to leave the station on his account. She agrees to stay, and is rewarded with a promotion to Lieutenant.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Ensign Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Les Landau

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Take Me Out To The Hologuete [DS9 #154]

Stardate Unknown

Vulcan Captain Solok brings his starship to Deep Space Nine for repairs made necessary from combat skirmishes. Convinced his all-Vulcan crew is the finest in the fleet, he challenges former classmate and longtime rival Sisko to a baseball game in the Hologuete. With only two weeks to whip his team into shape, Sisko vows he's going to beat Solok -- even though Jake is the only other person residing on the station who has ever played baseball.

The training sessions are grueling. Sisko's team is plagued by injuries and inexperience. When one such injury sidelines O'Brien, Sisko makes him a coach, then pulls some strings to enlist his traveling girlfriend Kasidy Yates -- who knows how to play -- as a replacement. Unfortunately, Sisko has neither the time nor the patience to train his weaker players, and in a fit of frustration, he throws a well-meaning but inept Rom off the team.

Rom's abrupt dismissal nearly causes Sisko's squad to quit in protest, but Rom insists they continue on without him. Privately, Sisko confides in Kasidy the real reason why he's taking Solok's challenge so seriously. He recounts how Solok once humiliated him publicly when they were both in Starfleet Academy. Ever since, Solok has always gloated about Vulcan superiority in all things, and now Sisko can't bear the thought of Solok beating him at his own game.

Game day arrives. The teams gather in the Hologuete. The first Vulcan who steps up to bat slams a home run -- and the game goes downhill from there. By the top of the fifth inning, Sisko's team is losing to Solok's, 7-0. Just when things couldn't get any worse, Sisko gets thrown out by Odo, who's umpiring the game.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Rom's son Nog manages to make it to third base. The crew is down 10-0 and they'd desperately like to score a run. Realizing that Rom's feelings are more important than winning, Sisko arranges to put the Ferengi into the game. Rom accidentally hits a perfect bunt, which brings Nog home and unleashes a joyous celebration -- so joyous it stops the game and disturbs Solok. Later, celebrating at Quark's, Sisko and his ebullient crew toast the triumph of team spirit over Vulcan "superiority."

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Gregory Wagrowski (Capt. Solok)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Chip Chalmers

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Chrysalis [DS9 #155]

Stardate Unknown

A group of genetically enhanced humans, once under Bashir's care, escape from their medical facility home in the hopes that the doctor -- who himself was genetically engineered as a child -- can cure their friend Sarina. Her enhancements left her in a catatonic state, and Bashir attempts an untried procedure on her brain that initially appears to have no effect. However, a few days later, Sarina speaks for the first time.

Now cured, Sarina delights in all that she sees and hears. She's deeply grateful to Bashir for helping her, and he's moved by the sight of Sarina blossoming before his eyes. Overnight, she has gone from a state of silence to one of bliss. In some ways, it's overwhelming to Sarina, who confides that she's afraid to sleep out of fear that she could wake up the way she once was.

Hoping to expand Sarina's social circle beyond the dysfunctional friends who brought her to the station, Bashir takes her out to Quark's, where she charms the doctor and everyone around her. Later, Bashir acknowledges that Sarina no longer belongs in the medical facility to which her friends must soon return, and smitten with her, he kisses Sarina tenderly.

Bashir tells O'Brien that Sarina is the woman of his dreams. For years, he has longed to meet a genetically engineered person, like himself, who is able to live a normal life. O'Brien is concerned that things are moving too quickly, but Bashir won't hear of it. He asks Sarina to go away with him for a week. Becoming more and more overwhelmed by the sudden changes in her life, she nevertheless agrees. Yet when she stands him up for dinner, Bashir is stunned to find Sarina in her quarters, reverted to her original unresponsive state.

When he can't determine why Sarina has relapsed, Bashir asks her genetically enhanced friends for help. They inform him that Sarina can still talk -- but for some reason she's afraid. Eventually, Sarina confesses the truth behind her fear -- she cannot be the woman Bashir wants. He realizes that in his loneliness, he pushed her into something for which she wasn't ready. Knowing he must let her discover life on her own, Bashir bids Sarina a reluctant farewell.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Faith C. Salie (Sarina)

Hilary Shepard Turner (Lauren)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Michael Keenan (Patrick)

Randy James (Officer)

Tim Ransom (Jack)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Jonathan West

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Treachery, Faith And The Great River [DS9 #156]

Stardate Unknown

Odo is lured to a secret meeting site, where he finds himself face to face with Weyoun, the Vorta leader of the enemy Dominion. Weyoun announces that he's decided to defect and, in exchange for asylum, he promises to provide valuable information that could help the Federation win the war. After the two board Odo's Runabout, the ship is hailed by the Cardassians. Odo is shocked when the monitor displays Weyoun standing beside Damar.

The Weyoun Odo has taken aboard the Runabout is actually a clone known as WV-Six, while the "real" Weyoun -- the seventh clone -- is still loyal to the Dominion cause. When WV-Six defies Weyoun's order to activate his termination implant, and Odo refuses to turn him over, Damar and Weyoun vow to destroy the Federation ship. But WV-Six doubts the verity of Weyoun's threat -- for Odo is a Founder, the race worshipped by the Vorta. Nonetheless, Damar summons the Jem'Hadar, and they besiege the Federation craft with gunfire.

WV-Six informs Odo of the attacking ship's weakness, and Odo destroys it. While awaiting the enemy's next move, WV-Six explains why his people worship Odo's race: the Founders transformed WV-Six's ape-like ancestors into powerful beings. Odo responds by pointing out that the Founders are also responsible for a war that has killed millions. WV-Six reveals a stunning fact: the Founders are dying from a sickness that is spreading rapidly through their ranks.

Weyoun explains that because Odo left his people long ago, he is the only Changeling not infected by the virulent disease. WV-Six expresses his hope that Odo will use the opportunity to build a new, more peaceful Dominion. After Odo hides the Runabout inside a frozen comet, four more Jem'Hadar ships attack and blast their way through the icy field.

Odo tries to outrace the ships, but the Runabout is subjected to constant pounding. To call off the attackers and save Odo, WV-Six contacts Weyoun and Damar, then activates the termination implant. Before WV-Six dies, he asks for, and receives, Odo's reluctant blessing. Back at the space station, Odo worries about the future: though his people are dying, they are still the enemy. Regardless of the war's winner, Odo is destined to lose.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Teleplay By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Story By : Philip Kim

Directed By : Steve Posey

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Once More Unto The Breach [DS9 #157]

Stardate Unknown

Worf is surprised to be paid a visit by Kor, an aging Klingon war hero. Kor admits that his ambition has earned him countless enemies, and that consequently he has been unable to secure the command of a ship. Worf promises to find him a military command, and approaches General Martok with the request -- which is angrily refused. Martok explains that years earlier Kor had denied Martok officer status because he was descended from a common house. Undaunted, Worf appoints Kor as a third officer on the Ch'Tang, Martok's flagship, where he is treated with awe by the crew -- much to Martok's chagrin.

Back at the space station, Quark overhears Ezri talking to Kira, and mistakenly believes Ezri wants to reunite with Worf. Meanwhile, the animosity between Martok and Kor intensifies as the crew of the Ch'Tang leads a group of Klingon ships on an attack of Trelka Five.

In the heat of the battle, both Martok and Worf are knocked unconscious. Kor immediately takes command of the ship. Unfortunately, the aging Klingon becomes delusional, believing he's fighting a battle from the past, and nearly destroys the Ch'Tang. Martok regains consciousness in time to save his ships, and orders Kor off the Bridge.

At the station, Jake urges Quark to tell Ezri that Worf is not the man for her, while Worf, on the ship, confronts Kor over his erratic behavior. He informs Kor that he's no longer up to the challenge of active duty, and removes him from the personnel roster. Although Martok and his officers taunt Kor, Martok admits that he finds no joy in Kor's downfall -- however, there's no time to contemplate the sad turn of events when ten Jem'Hadar warships begin pursuing the Klingon vessels.

Knowing that their only hope for escape is to engage the warships in battle using a single Klingon ship as a decoy, Worf prepares to lead an attack that will mean certain death for him. Martok's aide Darok overhears the plan, and relays it to Kor, who intercepts Worf on his way to battle, then tranquilizes him with a hypospray. Kor beams himself aboard the designated ship, where he dies a warrior's death in a fierce battle which inspires the respect of Martok and his crew. For his part, Quark is delighted when he learns that Ezri has no interest in reuniting with Worf after all.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Blake Lindsley (Synon)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

John Colicos (Kor)

Nancy Youngblut (Kolana)

Neil Vipond (Darok)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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The Siege Of AR-558 [DS9 #158]

Stardate Unknown

While making a supply run to the front lines, on the barren planet AR-558, Sisko encounters Starfleet troops that have been decimated during their five-month occupation of the largest Dominion communications array in the sector. If they can figure out how it works, Starfleet will be able to tap into Dominion transmissions. In addition to daily skirmishes with the enemy, the shell-shocked forces are constantly threatened by "Houdinis" -- anti-personnel mines that "hide" in subspace, then explode without warning. Determined to help commanding officer Nadia Larkin and her troops, Sisko stuns his crew by announcing that they're staying at the site indefinitely.

The situation is grim. Jem'Hadar forces send in holographic soldiers, which draw Starfleet fire, to determine troop strength without risking casualties. Sisko decides to take action. He orders Ezri and Larkin's chief engineer Kellin to devise a way of exposing the invisible Houdinis, and against Quark's wishes, sends Nog, Larkin and a battle-hardened soldier named Reese on a scouting patrol to pinpoint the enemy's location.

Nog is instrumental in discovering the Jem'Hadar camp, where troops outnumber Sisko's forces by three to one. But while heading back to report their findings, Larkin is killed by an enemy phaser bolt and Nog is struck down. Reese rushes the injured Ferengi back to base camp, where Quark later angrily informs Sisko that Nog will lose his leg.

While Nog recuperates at a makeshift infirmary, Ezri and Kellin are able to materialize the Houdinis. Rather than disarm the mines, Sisko has them relocated to the ravine through which the enemy must pass to reach the outpost. The first wave of Jem'Hadar soldiers is destroyed when they try to attack, but soon, a swarm of enemy warriors invades the site.

As the Jem'Hadar charge continues, Starfleet troops engage in hand-to-hand combat to defend their position: Kellin dies while saving Ezri's life; Quark kills a soldier who bursts into Nog's room; and Sisko rescues Bashir from a nearly fatal attack. Later, when the battle is over and fresh reinforcements arrive, allowing Reese and the other survivors to leave, Sisko reflects on the human toll that's been paid to retain control of the outpost, and on the importance of never forgetting the soldiers who have died.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Annette Helde (Lt. Nadia Larkin)

Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Bill Mumy (Kellin)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Patrick Kilpatrick (Reese)

Raymond Cruz (Vargas)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Covenant [DS9 #159]

Stardate Unknown

Vedek Fala, a Bajoran monk and Kira's former teacher, pays her an unexpected visit. He gives Kira a crystal which transports her to Empok Nor, where, to her horror, she is met by her old enemy Dukat -- a Cardassian who oversaw the occupation of Bajor. He is now the leader of a Bajoran religious faction which worships the Pah-wraiths -- the corporeal enemies of Bajor's prophets. Dukat wants Kira to join his followers on the abandoned Cardassian space station.

Although Kira is suspicious of Dukat's motives, Pah-wraith convert Fala tries to convince her that the Cardassian has changed. While being held against her will, Kira meets Dukat followers Mika and Benyan, a Bajoran couple who were granted his permission to have the first baby on Empok Nor. The community's devotion to Dukat becomes clear when Kira takes aim at him with a stolen phaser, and residents shield him with their bodies, then knock her unconscious.

When Kira regains consciousness, she confronts Dukat about his long affair with her mother during the Bajoran occupation, and is stunned when he expresses regret. Their conversation is cut short by word that Mika is in labor. To everyone's surprise, Mika's baby is half-Bajoran and half-Cardassian. Dukat proclaims that the infant is a miraculous, living symbol of his covenant with the Bajoran people, though Kira is certain Dukat fathered the child.

While Kira questions Fala and Benyan about the baby's paternity, Dukat meets with Mika, who fears she won't be able to keep the explosive secret that they slept together. Desperate to cover his tracks, Dukat sets up an "accident" which nearly claims Mika's life. Kira saves her, and in front of Dukat's followers, accuses him of impregnating Mika. In response, Dukat announces that the Pah-wraiths want the group to join them -- by committing mass suicide.

Kira is locked in a room while Dukat proceeds to the temple, where his followers are ready to ingest poisonous capsules. Kira escapes, interrupts the deadly ceremony and exposes Dukat as a fraud who never intended to kill himself. After Dukat flees, a disillusioned Fala takes a fatal capsule, and the Defiant arrives to rescue Kira and the other remaining followers.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Jason Leland Adams (Benyan)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Mark Piatelli (Brin)

Maureen Flannigan (Mika)

Miriam Flynn (Midwife)

Norman Parker (Vedek Fala)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : John Kretchmer

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It's Only A Paper Moon [DS9 #160]

Stardate Unknown

After losing his leg in battle, a somber Nog returns to the space station to recuperate. The crew try their best to cheer him up, but the young ensign is struggling, both emotionally and physically, to cope with his disability, even though his new biosynthetic leg works perfectly. After pushing away those who try the most diligently to help, Nog decides to take his medical leave in the Hologuite world of 1962 Las Vegas lounge singer Vic Fontaine.

Although Rom is skeptical of his son's decision, Ezri supports Nog's desire to escape for a period. Ezri briefs the holographic Vic on Nog's condition, and explains that although Nog seems to depend on a cane, the problem is purely psychological. That evening, Nog is upset to find Jake and his date Kesha in Vic's lounge. Nog's sensitivity about his handicap erupts in an angry outburst, and he punches Jake. In response, Vic throws Nog out of his club.

A chastened Nog apologizes to Vic and offers to straighten out the singer's tangled financial affairs. Later, Ezri comes looking for Nog to discuss the incident, and to persuade him to leave the illusory world of the Hologuite. Nog refuses, and threatens to resign his commission if Ezri tries to force him out. What's more, Nog announces his plan to expand Vic's "business" by building a new casino.

While observing Nog from a discreet distance, Ezri notices that he's no longer limping, nor does he need to use a cane. He's even upbeat when Rom and Leeta visit him at the club. Ezri congratulates Vic on Nog's progress, but intimates that it's time for Nog to come back to reality. Vic picks up Ezri's cue and tells Nog to leave. When he protests, Vic abruptly ends the program.

At first, Nog tries to reactivate the Hologuite, but O'Brien informs him that Vic controls the program. Vic reappears, and despite Nog's reluctance to leave the safety of Vic's virtual world, the singer convinces Nog that he must. Later, Nog visits Vic to thank him for his help, and to surprise Fontaine with the news that his uncle Quark has agreed to keep Vic and his Hologuite club running around the clock -- in essence, giving the lounge singer a "real" life.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)
Max Grodenchik (Rom)
Tami-Adrian George (Kesha)
Teleplay By : Ronald D. Moore
Story By : David Mack
John J. Ordovery
Directed By : Anson Williams

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Prodigal Daughter [DS9 #161]

Stardate Unknown

Sisko is furious when he learns O'Brien has vanished while on a secret trip to New Sydney, where he was searching for the widow of a criminal named Bilby, whom he befriended while undercover. Because Ezri's family owns a mining operation in the system, Sisko asks her to help find O'Brien. Ezri returns home, where she's reunited with her domineering mother, Yanas Tigan -- a shrewd businesswoman -- and her brothers Norvo and Janel, who work for the business.

Ezri's visit allows her to catch up with Norvo, a sensitive artist unsuited for the mines and ruled by his mother's iron hand. Ezri's heated criticism of Yanas' tyrannical treatment of Norvo is cut short by the arrival of O'Brien, who's been rescued by the local police from a run-in with the Orion Syndicate, of which Bilby was an operative. He announces that he found Morica Bilby -- dead.

O'Brien contends that Bilby's wife was killed by the Syndicate, a theory dismissed by a police lieutenant who insists that the criminals would never murder the widow of one of their own. Later, a self-described "commodities broker" named Bokar sees O'Brien in the mines and warns Janel that O'Brien's life will be in danger if he doesn't leave immediately.

Sensing Bokar may be a member of the Syndicate, O'Brien acquires Ezri's permission to check the mining company's financial records. He's stunned to learn that Morica Bilby was on the Tigan payroll at the time of her death -- a fact which links the Syndicate to Ezri's family. O'Brien informs a disbelieving Ezri that someone close to her may be involved in Morica's murder.

Ezri orders O'Brien to withhold his findings from the police until she speaks with her family. Confronted with the truth, Janel admits that Morica was on the payroll as a favor to Bokar and the Syndicate, which bailed the mining company out of a financial crisis, but he denies killing Morica. Angered that her son struck such a corrupt deal behind her back, Yanas doubts his innocence. To everyone's surprise, Norvo confesses, saying he took action after Morica tried to extort more money from the family. As a result, Norvo is sentenced to 30 years in prison, while Yanas is left wondering what role she played in his downfall.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Clayton Landey (Fuchida)

John Paragon (Bokar)

Kevin Rahm (Norvo)

Leigh Taylor-Young (Yanas)

Mikael Salazar (Janel)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Victor Lobl

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The Emperor's New Cloak [DS9 #162]

Stardate Unknown

Grand Negus Zek, the ruler of the Ferengi empire and paramour to Quark and Rom's mother, disappears while on a business trip to the Alternate Universe. Ezri's counterpart from that universe delivers word that Zek is a prisoner of the evil Alliance and will be killed unless Quark can secure a cloaking device, which renders a ship invisible. Quark and Rom steal one from a Klingon vessel, then accompany Ezri back to the Alternate Universe to retrieve Zek.

Once there, Rom, Ezri and Quark are held captive by Bashir and O'Brien's Alternate Universe doubles, who are rebels in the resistance movement against the Alliance. The two intercept the cloaking device before it falls into the hands of the enemy, but later, an Alternate Universe Ferengi named Brunt retrieves the device and frees Quark and his fellow captives.

Quark, Ezri, Rom and Brunt bring the cloaking device to the Alliance leader -- Worf's counterpart -- who rules from his Klingon flagship. With possession of the device, the Alliance will soon be able to crush the rebellion. Unfortunately, Worf, known in this universe by the title of Regent, not only refuses to turn Zek over in exchange for the coveted mechanism, he throws Quark and Rom into Zek's prison cell. The mercenary Ezri has betrayed them.

Brunt tries to convince Ezri to lobby the Intendent, Kira's mirror universe double, for Quark and Rom's release. The Intendent then kills Brunt, branding him a traitor. Rom is called in to activate the cloaking device, and Ezri hints that compliance is the key to Quark and Rom's survival. Yet as soon as the device is operational, the Regent orders his enforcer Garak to kill the prisoners.

Meanwhile, with Bashir and O'Brien in pursuit of Rom and Quark, the Regent orders an attack on the rebels' ship, which the cloaked Klingon vessel has been trailing. But once the assault begins, Worf's ship loses power: Rom sabotaged its primary systems when he activated the cloaking device. Following her conscience, Ezri prevents Garak from killing Quark and Rom, while O'Brien and Bashir force the Regent to surrender. Although Ezri allows the Intendent to escape, Quark and Rom are assured a safe return home with Zek.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Alexander Siddig (Julian Bashir)

Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

Colm Meaney (Miles O'Brien)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Michael Dorn (Regent Worf)

Nana Visitor (Intendant Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Ezri Tigan)

Peter C. Antoniou (Helmsman)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Field Of Fire [DS9 #163]

Stardate Unknown

A young lieutenant named Ilario is found dead in his quarters. An investigation reveals he was shot by a TR-116 rifle, a weapon developed but never mass-produced by Starfleet. Meanwhile, Ezri confronts one of Dax's previous incarnations in a dream: Joran, a self-professed murderer, urges Ezri to channel his disturbing memories and enable him to assist her in apprehending Ilario's killer. When Ezri awakens, she learns that a second murder has occurred.

The latest victim is a science officer who was also fatally shot by a bullet from a TR-116. Sisko enlists Ezri's aid in tracking the sniper, who seems to be targeting officers. Desperate to end the killing spree, Ezri summons Joran in the hope that he can help her understand the murderer's mind and thereby stop him.

Ezri finds it disturbing to work with Joran, a remorseless predator who exhorts her to tap into her killer instincts. Joran directs Ezri to the slain officers' quarters to search for clues which could provide insight into the killer's psychology, but she finds nothing suspicious. Later, in Quark's, Ezri sees an officer being pursued by Security. Assuming he's the murderer, the angry Ezri knocks him to the ground and raises a knife to stab him, but Odo disarms her.

Shaken by the realization that she almost killed a man -- who turns out to be unrelated to the slayings -- Ezri is then rocked by the news that a third officer has been murdered. Ezri and Joran investigate the latest victim's room, and Ezri uncovers the link between them all: each is laughing in photos displayed in their own respective quarters. She surmises that the killer is probably a Vulcan who was traumatized by an extreme personal loss which exacerbated his or her natural distaste for those who show such emotions as laughter. Later, Joran spots a Vulcan science officer and coolly informs Ezri that he is the killer.

Ezri identifies the Vulcan as Chu'lak, and learns he recently survived a devastating massacre by the Jem'Hadar. Spurred on by Joran, Ezri shoots Chu'lak after he takes aim at her with a TR-116. The wounded Vulcan confesses to the murders, but rather than finish him off as Joran urges, Ezri summons medical aid. With the case closed, Ezri reburies Joran's memories within her, knowing she must remain vigilant about her submerged violent instincts.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Art Chudabala (Lt. Ilario)

Leigh J. McCloskey (Joran Dax)

Marty Rackham (Lt. Chu'lak)

Written By : Robert Hewitt Wolfe

Directed By : Tony Dow

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Chimera [DS9 #164]

Stardate Unknown

Odo returns from a conference with an unexpected guest: a Changeling who tracked and boarded his Runabout. Odo recognizes him as one of "the hundred" shapeshifters who were, like himself, sent out as infants into the galaxy to learn about other species.

Back at the station, Sisko warily releases the visitor to Odo's custody. The Changeling, known as Laas, queries Odo about their unique species -- with which Laas has made no contact since his infancy -- and "the Link," a Changeling ritual that allows shapeshifters to meld with one another and thereby form a single, sentient collective entity.

After Odo informs Kira that he has linked with Laas, Kira, worried that Laas may be a Founder intending to lure Odo back to the Dominion ranks, asks to meet him. Odo introduces Laas to Kira, Bashir, Ezri and O'Brien. Unfortunately, Laas mistrusts humanoids, insisting to Odo that, in all of his prior encounters, they have been intolerant of shapeshifters, and he consequently treats the four with blatant hostility. Privately, Laas urges Odo to join him in seeking out "the hundred" to form a new Link that will allow them to live freely as Changelings.

When Odo recounts the conversation with Kira, she's troubled by the fact that Odo didn't refuse Laas' offer outright, though Odo assures her he's happy, and decides he will stay. Later, after being harassed for changing form in public, Laas argues heatedly with a pair of Klingons who brutally attack him. Angered and defensive, Laas fatally stabs one of them.

Odo learns that the Klingons plan to prosecute Laas for the murder. He suspects the case is driven by anti-Changeling prejudice, and protests that Laas will never get a fair trial. When Odo visits Laas in his holding cell, the Changeling taunts Odo by claiming that he is accepted by his friends only because he has assumed their form. Talking with Kira, Odo admits that he sometimes wonders what it might be like to live among his own people. Wanting Odo to be happy, Kira allows Laas to escape from his cell.

While Sisko orders a massive search for the fugitive, Kira tells Odo where he can find Laas. Odo goes to Laas' hiding place, but to the Changeling's dismay, Odo explains that he's not going with him because he loves Kira. Laas departs alone to continue his search, and Odo returns to Kira's waiting arms.

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Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Garman Hertzler (Laas)

Joel Goodness (Bajoran Deputy)

John Eric Bentley (Klingon)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Steve Posey

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Badda-Bing, Badda-Bang [DS9 #165]

Stardate Unknown

While relaxing in Vic's Las Vegas holosuite lounge, O'Brien and Bashir are surprised by the arrival of mobster Frankie Eyes, who announces that he's bought Vic's hotel. After Frankie fires Vic, the crew learns that Frankie was written into the holosuite program by Vic's designer. Upset by Frankie's treatment of Vic, and by the knowledge that the lounge's atmosphere will now change, the crew decides it must rid the program of Frankie. But to accomplish this task, they realize, he must be eliminated in a way that is period-specific to Fontaine's era: 1962. The task takes on greater urgency when Vic is beaten up.

Vic reveals that he was assaulted by Frankie's bodyguard Cicci. Eager to discover Frankie's weak spot, Odo and Kira go undercover in the casino to do some research. Frankie takes a liking to Kira, and while the two flirt, Odo learns that Frankie works for crime boss Carl Zeemo, who expects to receive from Frankie a large skim of the hotel's huge daily profits. The crew hatches a plan to rob the casino, hoping it will cause Zeemo to "bump off" Frankie in retaliation.

The plot is set in motion when the crew infiltrates the casino staff, and Vic convinces Frankie to let him bring his high rolling contacts into the casino -- who, unbeknownst to Frankie, are Starfleet officers! Meanwhile, Sisko resents Kasidy's participation in the plan, admitting he hasn't visited Vic's because of how blacks were treated in Las Vegas in the 1960s. She urges him to reconsider, citing as reason the comfort she and Jake have both felt in the lounge, and soon Sisko agrees to play a pivotal role as a big-money gambler.

Vic walks the crew through their complex plan, to be executed the following night while Zeemo is in town, and which allows them only six minutes to pull off the heist. Though all crew members are well-prepared for their roles, the actual evening presents several glitches to the plan -- most notably when Nog discovers that the lock on the safe is of a different make than expected. While he struggles to crack the lock, Zeemo arrives early to pick up his cash.

Noticing Zeemo's premature entrance, Vic does his best to stall him, while the other crew members fabricate enough stories and distractions to allow a successful Nog and Odo to slip away with the cash. After Zeemo discovers an empty safe, his thugs lead Frankie and Cicci out of the casino -- leaving Vic to his cherished role as lounge owner and the crew to theirs as satisfied patrons.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrea Robinson (Blonde)

Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Bobby Reilly (Countman)

Chip Mayer (Guard)

Jacqueline Case (Dancer)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

James Wellington (AI)

Kelly Cooper (Dancer)

Kelly Sheerin (Dancer)

Marc Lawrence (Mr. Carl Zeemo)

Michelle Johnston (Dancer)

Michelle Rudy (Dancer)

Mike Starr (Tony Cicci)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Robert Miano (Frankie Eyes)

Sammy Micco (Croupier)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Inter Arma Enim Silent Leges [DS9 #166]

Stardate Unknown

On the eve of Dr. Bashir's departure for a conference on the Romulan homeworld, he's visited by Sloan, the director of Section Thirty-one, a secret and unsanctioned extremist entity within Starfleet Intelligence. Sloan asks a reluctant Bashir to gather information on the Romulan leadership. Bashir reports the request to Sisko, who worries that although Starfleet Command has officially condemned Section Thirty-one, someone in its membership may actually be protecting the group. After consulting with Admiral Ross, Sisko advises Bashir to play along with Sloan in order to determine Sloan's motivations.

En route to the conference, Bashir and Ross run into Sloan, who is posing under an assumed identity. Later, Sloan gives Bashir the job of diagnosing whether or not Koval, a key Romulan who opposes the Federation Alliance, is suffering from a degenerative disorder. Sloan hopes to use that knowledge to block Koval's assignment to the Romulans' powerful Continuing Committee.

Shortly after arriving on Romulus, Bashir meets Koval. When Sloan queries Bashir about Koval's health, it becomes clear to Bashir and Ross that Sloan plans to assassinate Koval by accelerating his illness. Ross vows to arrest Sloan to prevent the deadly plot from moving forward, but to Bashir's dismay, Ross is apparently felled by an aneurysm before detaining Sloan.

With Ross incapacitated, Bashir shares his suspicions about Sloan's intent to assassinate Koval with Senator Cretak, and presses her to access top secret documents from Koval's database to help thwart the murder. Meanwhile, a wary Koval turns the tables on Bashir by luring him into an interrogation, where he uses painful, but ineffective, tactics to ascertain for whom the doctor is working.

Bashir is brought before the Continuing Committee, where he learns that Cretak was arrested for trying to tap into Koval's database. What's more, Bashir is led to believe that Section Thirty-one is nothing more than an elaborate cover for Sloan's personal desire to avenge the death of his mentor. But after Sloan is vaporized by Koval while trying to escape, Bashir confronts Ross. The admiral admits that Koval is a Romulan "mole" working for the Federation and that Sloan is still alive -- and still running Section Thirty-one, which "officially" doesn't exist.

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Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Adrienne Barbeau (Cretak)

Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Cynthia Graham (Wheeler)

Hal Landon, Jr. (Neral)

Joe Reynolds (Hickam)

John Fleck (Koval)

William Sadler (Sloan)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : David Livingston

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Penumbra [DS9 #167]

Stardate 52576.2

As Sisko revels in the purchase of Bajoran land, where he hopes to finally build his dream house, word reaches the station that Worf is missing in action after a fierce battle with the Dominion. Due to strategic concerns, Sisko calls off the search party before Worf can be found. Overcome by memories of Jadzia's life with Worf, Ezri steals a runabout and goes in search of Worf herself.

Sisko orders Ezri to return, but she refuses -- and instead traces a possible route Worf may have taken in his escape pod. That evening, Sisko shows Kasidy a model of his dream home and asks her to marry him. She joyously accepts. Meanwhile, Ezri locates Worf's pod and beams him aboard.

At Dominion headquarters, the rapidly deteriorating Female Shapeshifter makes it clear to Weyoun that she expects him to find a cure for the disease plaguing her people. Aboard the station, Jake is honored when Sisko asks him to be his best man. Traveling in the runabout, Ezri's strained attempts to converse with Worf are interrupted by an attack from the Jem'Hadar. Forced to abandon ship, they beam safely down to a planet in the Goralis system, but neglect to pack the equipment necessary for alerting the station to their location.

Sisko and Kasidy discover that their plans for a simple wedding may go awry because the Bajorans expect the captain, whom they consider their Emissary, to hold a lavish ceremony. Meanwhile, Dukat unexpectedly appears in Damar's quarters on Cardassia to request a favor. After several days stranded alone on Goralis, Worf and Ezri's conflicting emotions culminate in a passionate encounter. Later, they're confronted by two Breen soldiers, who open fire with their phaser rifles, blasting the two -- who fall to the ground unconscious.

Worf and Ezri awake in a cell aboard a Breen ship, unsure of why they've been taken prisoner. In the meantime, Dukat, now surgically altered to look like a Bajoran, plots his next move. Back at the station, Sisko is summoned by the Sarah Prophet, who warns him that he must not marry Kasidy. After Sisko protests, she ominously announces that his greatest trial is about to begin.

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Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

Deborah Lacey (Sarah)

Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)

Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Michelle Horn (Saghi)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Rene Echevarria

Directed By : Steve Posey

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Til Death Do Us Part [DS9 #168]

Stardate Unknown

Kai Winn arrives at the station to "assist" Sisko with his wedding, and he admits the Prophets warned he would face a great trial in his future. Later, Winn has a long-awaited vision from the Prophets, who reveal that a "Guide" will soon visit her; the Prophets hope that, together, the two will lead Bajor's Restoration. Shortly before Sisko tells Kasidy that they must call off their wedding, Dukat, surgically altered to look like a Bajoran, appears on the Promenade.

Devastated by the break-up, Kasidy prepares to leave the station. Winn offers her regrets to Sisko, but happily reveals that the Prophets spoke to her in a vision. Meanwhile, Ezri and Worf are still being held captive by Breen soldiers, who drag Worf out of his cell. Posing as a simple farmer named Anjohl, Dukat calls on Winn, and convinces her that he is the Guide the Prophets promised.

Sisko confides in Kira about why he can't marry Kasidy, and she supports his decision to follow the will of the Prophets. Meanwhile, Weyoun and the Female Shapeshifter, who still suffers from the disease that is killing her people, travel on a Jem'Hadar battleship to a rendezvous point. Worf is returned to his cell after being tortured by Breen interrogators, who take away Ezri.

Kai Winn dines with Dukat, and is pleased when Dukat makes it clear that he doesn't understand why Sisko has been chosen as their Emissary. She's also astonished when Anjohl "reveals" that she had a hand in saving his life during the Cardassian occupation of Bajor; this news only further validates Winn's belief that the two are part of the Prophets' greater plan. Later, Dukat goes to Winn's quarters to report a sign from the Prophets, then they kiss.

Unwilling to lose the woman he loves, Sisko defies the Prophets and again proposes to Kasidy -- who makes him promise he won't change his mind this time. The Sarah Prophet warns Sisko that, should he proceed with the marriage, he will know only sorrow -- but he marries Kasidy in a hasty ceremony anyway. As the Jem'Hadar ship speeds toward its destination, Breen soldiers are transported with Worf and Ezri to the Jem'Hadar bridge. They are shocked when Weyoun announces the birth of an alliance between the Dominion and the Breen.

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Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Deborah Lacey (Sarah)

James Otis (Solbor)

Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat [Anjohl])

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Strange Bedfellows [DS9 #169]

Stardate Unknown

Worf and Ezri are beamed aboard a Jem'Hadar ship, where the Female Shapeshifter and Thot Gor, the respective leaders of the new Dominion-Breen alliance, prepare to sign a treaty designed to destroy the Federation and end the war. However, Damar objects to signing it because of concessions, made to Thot Gor, which could harm Cardassia. Meanwhile, Kai Winn and Dukat seal their bond by pledging to restore Bajor -- even if the Emissary stands in their way.

Kasidy has difficulty adjusting to her new role as the Emissary's wife, and is frustrated when Sisko asks her to preside over a special blessing ceremony. On Cardassia, Ezri and Worf learn that Weyoun and Damar plan to put them to death. Enraged, after being taunted with the possibility that Ezri may harbor feelings for Bashir, Worf kills Weyoun. Back at the station, Winn has a disturbing vision of the evil Pah-wraiths -- the enemies of her people's Prophets.

Already skeptical of the new alliance, Damar is uncomfortable when the new Weyoun clone allows Thot Gor classified access, while elsewhere, Worf and Ezri break out of their cell, but are quickly apprehended. On Deep Space Nine, Kasidy discusses her situation with Kira, and Bashir leads O'Brien to believe he's attracted to Ezri. In Winn's quarters, she angrily orders Dukat to leave after he urges her to turn away from the Prophets and worship the Pah-wraiths.

Eager to prove her loyalty to the Prophets, Winn summons Kira, who advises her to step down. Back on Cardassia, a devastating battle for Cardassian troops leaves Damar feeling betrayed by the alliance. Later, on the eve of their execution, Ezri asks Worf if he loves her, but he evades the question.

To Sisko's delight, Kasidy agrees to preside over the special ceremony. O'Brien gets Bashir to admit he cares for Ezri, while Worf confesses he doesn't love Ezri as he loved Jadzia. Ezri, however, realizes she has feelings for Bashir. But as they're led to the execution chamber, Damar shocks them by arranging an escape route and imploring the two to tell the Federation they have an ally on Cardassia. On the station, the balance of power shifts yet again when Kai Winn, convinced she's been abandoned by the Prophets, tells Dukat she's ready to walk the path of the Pah-wraiths -- and the two villains vow to overcome all foes.

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Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Cast : Casey Biggs (Damar)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Otis (Solbor)

Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat [Anjohl])

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Rene Auberjonois (Pah-Wraith [Odo])

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Rene Auberjonois

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The Changing Face Of Evil [DS9 #170]

Stardate Unknown

The crew's relief at Worf and Ezri's safe return is tempered by reports that the Breen have attacked Starfleet Headquarters on Earth. While Dominion and Breen commanders exult in their sneak attack, their supposed ally -- Cardassian leader Damar -- secretly plots to free his homeland from Dominion occupation. Meanwhile, on Bajor, Dukat tells Kai Winn she must release the Pah-wraiths -- the non-corporeal enemies of her people's gods -- from the planet's fire caves by reading the ancient forbidden text of the Kosst Amojan.

Ezri and Worf discuss Ezri's attraction to Bashir, and she wrestles with telling Bashir how she feels. Ignoring the warnings of her assistant Solbor, Winn opens the Kosst Amojan, and is surprised to find blank pages inside. Dukat thinks it's a trick, but Winn believes the words are just hidden and she must determine how to reveal them.

At Quark's, Bashir asks Ezri why she's been avoiding him since her return, but he's called away before Ezri can confess her feelings. A short time later, Sisko receives word that the Breen have launched a counteroffensive against the Federation's lone foothold in Dominion territory: the Chin'toka System.

Sisko and his crew depart on the Defiant to rendezvous with Federation ships in the Chin'toka System. Winn is upset that she still hasn't found the answers she needs in the sacred texts, while in Damar's quarters, he makes final preparations for the Cardassian offensive. The Female Shapeshifter and Weyoun head to the Chin'toka System to observe the Breen-Federation showdown.

During a fierce battle with the Breen, the crew is forced to abandon ship. Although they escape unharmed, the Federation loses its Cardassian foothold -- and the Defiant is destroyed. Back on Bajor, Winn murders Solbor after he exposes Dukat's true identity and their devotion to the Pah-wraiths. When drops of Solbor's blood fall on the pages of the Kosst Amojan and reveal Bajoran writing, Dukat urges Winn to seize the power the Pah-wraiths are offering her. The crew monitors a transmission by Damar, who announces that Cardassian rebels have attacked Dominion outposts. Sisko knows that the Federation must help Damar, who could be the key to saving the Alpha Quadrant.

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Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)

John Vickery (Gul Rusot)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat [Anjohl])

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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When It Rains... [DS9 #171]

Stardate Unknown

Eager to aid Damar's rebel movement on his homeworld against the Dominion, Sisko orders Kira to put her antipathy for the Cardassian aside and train his staff in resistance tactics. Bashir asks Odo to assist in his medical project by donating the Changeling-equivalent of a skin sample. On Bajor, Kai Winn studies the forbidden text of the Kosst Amojan to learn how to release the evil Pah-wraiths. Hoping to ease Cardassian sentiment against the Bajoran Kira, Sisko gives her a Starfleet commission and uniform.

Damar and his Cardassian assistant Gul Rusot await Kira's arrival, realizing she has the skills they need to prevail. General Martok prepares to be inducted into the Klingon Order of Kahless by Chancellor Gowron. Bashir and Ezri meet, but he incorrectly assumes she loves Worf. Studying Odo's sample leads Bashir to conclude that Odo is infected with the deadly Founders' disease.

Although shaken by Bashir's findings, Odo insists he and Kira proceed with the Cardassian mission. In Kai Winn's office, Dukat is blinded when he sneaks a look at the Kosst Amojan. Hoping to find a cure, Bashir unsuccessfully tries to get Odo's medical records from Starfleet Medical. Following Martok's induction, Gowron betrays him by overtaking his command of the Klingon forces.

At the rebel outpost, Damar's staff bristles at some of Odo and Kira's strategic advice. With Sisko's help, Bashir secures Odo's medical file, only to realize it's fake. To their horror, O'Brien and Bashir theorize Odo's records were altered by Section Thirty-one, an insurrectionary group within Starfleet, which doesn't want Bashir to cure the disease. Later, one of Damar's officers tries to provoke Kira by reminding her of Odo's past "collaboration" with the enemy, while privately, Odo notes the first signs of the deadly disease taking hold.

Kai Winn puts the blind Dukat on the streets as punishment for defying the Pah-wraiths. Martok is shocked when Gowron, hoping to restore the glory of the Klingon Empire, selfishly proposes sending far-outnumbered Klingon troops into Dominion territory. Bashir suspects Section Thirty-one created the virus and infected Odo as a carrier in a genocidal plot. With O'Brien's help, Bashir vows to discover the cure he feels certain Section Thirty-one has in its possession.

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Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Colby French (Ensign Weldon)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

John Vickery (Gul Rusot)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat [Anjohl])

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Scott Burkholder (Hilliard)

Stephen Yoakam (Velal)

Vaughn Armstrong (Seskal)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Story By : Rene Echevarria

Spike Steingasser

Directed By : Michael Dorn

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Tacking Into The Wind [DS9 #172]

Stardate Unknown

While Kira reviews tactical plans with the Cardassian Resistance leaders, Odo returns from a mission, weakened by the disease that's ravaging his race. At the station, Bashir works through the night, trying to find a cure for Odo, while Sisko reproves Chancellor Gowron for reckless attacks which left General Martok injured. Back at rebel headquarters, Kira, eager to discover why the Federation's Klingon ships aren't damaged by Breen-Dominion technology, proposes stealing the enemy's weaponry so that the Federation can engineer a countermeasure.

Meanwhile, as Martok undergoes surgery, Worf tells Sisko of a plan for dealing with Gowron's self-serving offensives. At rebel headquarters, Rusot tries to provoke leader Kira, who was once an enemy, by claiming that her tactics are motivated by a desire to kill Cardassians rather than to conquer the Dominion. Later, the Cardassian Garak advises Kira to kill Rusot before he kills her.

Back at the station, Worf urges the recovering General Martok to challenge Gowron before he ruins the Klingon Empire -- but Martok refuses to defy the ruler of his people. En route to secure the Breen weapon, the Cardassian Resistance leader Damar learns that his family was killed by the Dominion.

At Quark's, Worf confesses to Ezri that he was wrong for asking Martok to revolt against Gowron; but Ezri disagrees, contending that corruption among the Klingon leadership could prove fatal to the Empire. Damar, Rusot, and Garak escort Kira, posing as a prisoner, onto a Jem'Hadar ship which contains the Breen technology. Morphing into the Female Shapeshifter, Odo helps them overtake the vessel, but their plans for a quick getaway are slowed when they learn that the energy-dampening weapon is still being installed.

Kira refuses to leave without the weapon. At the station, O'Brien and Bashir hatch a plot against Section Thirty-one, which might lure an operative who holds Odo's cure. Back on the Jem'Hadar bridge, Damar kills a defiant Rusot. Fully united, Kira, Garak and Damar depart with the Breen weapon. In the Klingon war room, Worf denounces Gowron's corrupt leadership and, in a fierce battle, kills Gowron and declares Martok the rightful leader of the Empire. At Quark's, Ezri and Worf toast the truly honorable Chancellor Martok.

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Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

J. Paul Boehmer (Vornar)

Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)

John Vickery (Gul Rusot)

Kitty Swink (Luaran)

Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Extreme Measures [DS9 #173]

Stardate 52645.7

When Kira brings a terminally ill Odo back to the station for medical treatment, he orders her to leave him and return to help the Cardassian Resistance. Later, O'Brien and Bashir inform Sisko of their plan to lure a Section Thirty-one operative, who may hold the cure to Odo's disease, to the station. The scheme works when Sloan, the director of the unsanctioned Starfleet extremist organization that infected Odo -- as part of a genocidal plot against his people -- arrives. But when Bashir places a Romulan mind probe on the agent, who refuses to give information regarding a cure, Sloan attempts suicide in the science lab by activating a neuro-depolarizing device in his brain.

Although Bashir manages to stabilize Sloan, he has suffered severe brain damage and the doctor expects him to die within an hour. Refusing to give up, Bashir masterminds a device that will allow him to link his mind to Sloan's and discern the cure. O'Brien, worried that Bashir will be incapable of returning from the mind-link, insists on joining him.

Inside Sloan's brain, O'Brien and Bashir meet Sloan's wife, who hands Sloan a recorded file which supposedly contains the cure. But when Sloan offers it to Bashir, a phaser bolt hits him in the back; the shot has been fired by a second Sloan, who vanishes with the file, leaving O'Brien and Bashir alone in Sloan's mind.

In the science lab, Sisko and Ezri discover the unconscious bodies of O'Brien, Bashir and Sloan, while, inside Sloan's brain, O'Brien and Bashir seek a way out -- but before they can escape, the two men are confronted by another Section Thirty-one operative, who injures them with phaser fire. Intent on escaping death, the two men appear to regain consciousness. Back at the science lab, Bashir insists they must reenter Sloan's brain -- but the agent dies.

Soon, Bashir and O'Brien realize that Sloan's mind is playing tricks on them: they're not in the science lab after all; they're still inside his brain. Knowing the clock is running out, they search Sloan's mind for clues and, finally, find the information they desperately want. The two escape just before Sloan really dies -- and deliver to a grateful Odo the hypospray which saves his life.

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Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Jacqueline Schultz (Jessica)

Kate Asner (Nurse Bandee)

Tom Holleron (Operative)

William Sadler (Sloan)

Written By : Bradley Thompson

David Weddle

Directed By : Steve Posey

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The Dogs Of War [DS9 #174]

Stardate 52861.3

While Sisko takes command of a new ship named in honor of the Defiant, Kira, Garak and Damar barely escape a Dominion ambush on Cardassia and are forced into hiding. Quark receives a static-filled message from Grand Nagus Zek, the Ferengi leader, that he's being named Zek's successor. Now cured of the deadly Changeling virus, Odo is outraged to learn that he was infected by Section Thirty-one -- an unsanctioned extremist organization within the Federation -- but promises Sisko he won't take matters into his own hands.

Over lunch, Bashir and Ezri confess their mutual attraction, but decide to remain friends. On Cardassia, Weyoun publicly announces that Damar and his collaborators were killed shortly after arriving on the planet. Although Damar is still very much alive, he, Kira, and Garak are stunned by the news that Dominion forces have eliminated all eighteen rebel bases of the Resistance.

To Quark's horror, he learns that Ferenginar has instituted democratic changes -- which he's determined to reverse. Back on Cardassia, Kira realizes that Damar's "death" has catapulted him to legendary status, and urges him to openly rally the Cardassian people against the Dominion. Meanwhile, the Female Shapeshifter devises a strategic retreat of Dominion forces to Cardassian space.

At the station, Quark agrees to sell his bar to Rom, and vows he'll reject his new position unless Zek lets Quark rule in the traditional Ferengi way. In the meantime, Garak slips into enemy Jem'Hadar barracks; on his way out, he's detained by guards. Kira and Damar watch from a distance, alarmed, because a bomb which Garak planted inside is set to detonate at any moment.

The trio overpowers the guards moments before the bomb explodes, and Damar galvanizes a crowd gathered near the scene. At the station, Bashir and Ezri share a passionate kiss; to everyone's surprise, Zek taps Rom as the new Grand Nagus. Sisko, Admiral Ross, and Chancellor Martok discuss the Dominion withdrawal and agree to attack the enemy at its new defense perimeter within Cardassian territory. Later, Kasidy tells Sisko that she's pregnant, and he silently shares her concern that the Prophets may react negatively to the blessed event.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Casey Biggs (Damar)

Cathy DeBuono (M'Pella)

Cecily Adams (Ishka [Moogie])

Chase Masterson (Leeta)

David B. Levinson (Broik)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

Jeffery Combs (Weyoun / Brunt)

Juliana McCarthy (Mila)

Leroy D. Brazile (Lonar)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Max Grodenchik (Rom)

Mel Johnson, Jr. (Legate Broca)

Paul S. Eckstein (Jem'Hadar)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Stephen Yoakam (Velal)

Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)

Vaughn Armstrong (Seskal)

Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)

Teleplay By : Rene Echevarria

Ronald D. Moore

Story By : Peter Allan Fields

Directed By : Avery Brooks

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What You Leave Behind, Part 1 [DS9 #175]

Stardate Unknown

Monitoring events from their basement hideout, Kira, Damar and Garak are horrified when Weyoun announces that, as punishment for every act of sabotage committed by rebel forces, one Cardassian city will be leveled. Reacting to the decree, Kira decides they must attack Dominion headquarters. Entering Cardassian space aboard the *Defiant*, Sisko prepares his crew to engage the Dominion-Cardassian-Breen fleet in battle.

As the Federation forces strike, the *Defiant* is rocked by enemy fire. Back on Cardassia, Jem'Hadar soldiers burst into Damar's hideout. Suffering heavy losses in space, Sisko, Admiral Ross and Chancellor Martok strategically realign their attack. Meanwhile, word of Damar's capture reaches the Female Shapeshifter, who orders Weyoun to have Damar, Kira and Garak executed.

Before the order can be carried out, Cardassian soldiers revolt and rescue the rebel trio. Meanwhile, in the heat of battle, the *Defiant* crew is elated when Cardassian ships switch sides and attack the Dominion fleet. In retaliation, the Female Shapeshifter orders the complete extermination of the Cardassian race -- and a Dominion retreat to Cardassia Prime. Emboldened by the Cardassian about-face, Sisko, Ross and Martok decide to press forward in an attempt to end the war once and for all. On Bajor, Winn chants from the Kosst Amojan, brings the Fire Caves to life, and attempts to release the Pah-wraiths.

Back on Cardassia, Kira, Damar and Garak plot their invasion of Dominion headquarters. In the Fire Caves, Winn vows her allegiance to the Pah-wraiths, while on the battlefield, the *Defiant* leads the combined Federation, Klingon, Romulan and Cardassian fleet. Later, the Resistance group enters the Dominion stronghold; although Damar is killed by Jem'Hadar guards, Kira, Garak and a Cardassian soldier overtake the Dominion Briefing Room. Kira orders the female Shapeshifter to surrender, but she refuses; soon thereafter, the defiant Weyoun is killed by Garak.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)
Rene Auberjonois (Odo)
Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)
Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)
Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)
Casey Biggs (Damar)
Christopher Halsted (Jem'Hadar)
Cyndi Pass (Ginger)
Deborah Lacey (Sarah)
Greg Ellis (Ekoor)
Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)
J.G. Hertzler (Martok)
James Darren (Vic Fontaine)
Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)
Judi Durand (Cardassian Computer Voice)
Julianna McCarthy (Mila)
Kevin Scott Allen (Jem'Hadar)
Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)
Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Mel Johnson, Jr. (Legate Broca)
Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)
Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)
Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)
Written By : Hans Beimler
Ira Steven Behr
Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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What You Leave Behind, Part 2 [DS9 #176]

Stardate Unknown

When Kira alerts Sisko to the situation on Cardassia, Odo asks to meet with the Female Shapeshifter. In the Fire Caves, Winn poisons Dukat with a glass of wine -- and presents his body as a religious sacrifice to the Pah-wraiths. Hoping to commune with the Female Shapeshifter, Odo links with her and heals the Shapeshifter of the disease that has ravaged their people. Transformed by the experience, she orders a cease-fire. Eager to cure the rest of the ailing Shapeshifters, Odo informs a deeply saddened Kira that he is returning to his homeworld.

With the signing of surrender documents, the war officially ends. Later, Worf agrees to become the Federation Ambassador to Kronos and O'Brien announces that he's returning to Earth to teach. The crew holds a farewell party for Worf, O'Brien and Odo. Meanwhile, the Pah-wraiths bring Dukat, as a Cardassian, back to life in the Fire caves, and Sisko abruptly leaves the party -- after a vision from the Sarah Prophet -- to visit the site. Sisko confronts Dukat, and Winn is sacrificed to the Pah-wraiths; Sisko tackles Dukat and, along with the text of the evil Kosst Amojan, they plunge into the fiery abyss. Sisko "awakes" in a great

vision: the Sarah Prophet assures him that he has completed his task by returning the Pah-wraiths to the Fire Caves; she then informs Sisko that he must now join the Prophets.

Back on the space station, Kasidy has a vision of Sisko in which he explains his reason for remaining with the Prophets -- and he promises to return someday. In the meantime, Jake grapples with his father's departure; Bashir and O'Brien bid a fond farewell; Ezri says goodbye to Worf; and Kira leaves Odo on the Changeling planet where a sea of ailing Shapeshifters awaits his curative link. At Deep Space Nine, Kira takes command of the Captain's chair, Ezri and Bashir plan their future, and, despite her own feelings of loss, Kira reaches out to comfort a fatherless Jake.

Crew : Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Avery Brooks (Capt. Benjamin Sisko)

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)

Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)

Michael Dorn (Lt. Cmdr. Worf)

Nana Visitor (Col. Kira Nerys)

Nicole deBoer (Lt. Ezri Dax)

Rene Auberjonois (Odo)

Cast : Andrew J. Robinson (Garak)

Aron Eisenberg (Ensign Nog)

Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)

Deborah Lacey (Sarah)

Greg Ellis (Ekoor)

J.G. Hertzler (Martok)

James Darren (Vic Fontaine)

Jeffery Combs (Weyoun)

Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)

Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)

Penny Johnson (Kasidy Yates)

Salome Jens (Shapeshifter)

Written By : Hans Beimler

Ira Steven Behr

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Caretaker, Part 1 [VOY #1]

Stardate 48315.6

In the late 24th century, a renegade group known as the Maquis operate outside the law to right what they see as Federation injustices. After infiltrating a Maquis cell to apprise Starfleet of the group's activities, Lieutenant Tuvok, along with the crew of a ship commanded by the Maquis captain Chakotay, disappear in an area of space known as the Badlands. Tuvok's commanding officer, Captain Janeway, leads a mission to find the Vulcan lieutenant, enlisting the aid of Starfleet prisoner Tom Paris, a former Maquis member, to guide her ship, Voyager, through the Badlands.

Considered a traitor by most of Voyager's crew, Paris strikes up a friendship with Ensign Harry Kim, a naive young Starfleet Academy grad. Kim learns that Paris was drummed out of Starfleet after his piloting error caused the deaths of three officers. The outcast joined the ranks of the Maquis, but was soon arrested by Federation authorities.

After reaching the Badlands, Voyager encounters an inexplicable phenomenon that sends the ship hurtling to the Delta Quadrant, located 70,000 light years from home. The catapult effect kills a number of crewmembers, including the Chief Medical Officer, who is replaced by an emergency medical hologram (EMH) that attends to the wounded. But the EMH has barely begun his work when the entire crew of Voyager is transported to what appears to be a pastoral farm, populated by friendly humans. But it's only an illusion; the farm is actually the interior of the Array, a huge space station, and the residents are holograms. The crew is imprisoned within a strange laboratory facility, alongside the missing Maquis.

After being subjected to a painful examination, the crews of Voyager and the Maquis vessel are returned to their respective ships, docked outside the Array. But two crewpersons are missing: Harry Kim and B'Elanna Torres, the half-Klingon, half-human engineer from the Maquis vessel. Returning to the "farm," Janeway confronts the only remaining inhabitant, an old man playing a banjo. But the man cares nothing about their dilemma and offers them no information about the missing officers.

Noting that the Array is sending energy pulses toward the fifth planet of a neighboring system, Janeway sets course in that direction. Far beneath the surface of that planet, an ailing Kim and Torres regain consciousness in a medical facility. But what they're doing there -- and why -- they have yet to discover.

Crew : Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alicia Coppola (Lt. Stadi)

Angela Paton (Aunt Adah Reh)

Armin Shimerman (Quark)

Basil Langton (Caretaker)

Bruce French (Ocampa Doctor)

Jeff McCarthy (Human Doctor)

Jennifer Parsons (Ocampa Nurse)

Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Keely Sims (Farmer's Daughter)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Richard Poe (Gul Evек)

Scott Jaeck (Lt. Cmdr. Cavit)

Scott MacDonald (Ensign Rollins)

Stan Ivar (Mark)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Jeri Taylor

Story By : Rick Berman

Michael Piller

Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Caretaker, Part 2 [VOY #2]

Stardate 48315.6

En route to the fifth planet of a neighboring system, Voyager's crew encounters Neelix, a Talaxian scavenger. He explains that the Array has been bringing ships into the region for many months. Neelix guesses that "the Caretaker," who controls the Array, may have sent the missing crewmembers to the Ocampa, a race that lives two miles below the surface of the fifth planet. Neelix volunteers to be their guide and they accept.

Meanwhile, Kim and Torres are being cared for in the Ocampa medical facility. Although they now live in a subterranean society, the Ocampa inhabited the planet's surface until it was struck by an environmental disaster 500 years ago. Since that time, they have lived underground, with all their needs provided by the man they refer to as the Caretaker.

Beaming down to the planet's surface, Neelix introduces Janeway to the Kazon, a savage alien species that has taken possession of the arid Ocampan world. Janeway asks Jabin, the Kazon leader, if he can help them, but he refuses.

Neelix is hoping Jabin will trade Kes, an Ocampan woman he is holding captive, for some of Voyager's precious water. But the Kazon are more interested in obtaining all of Voyager's technology -- forcibly. When Jabin tries to take the crew hostage, Neelix helps them escape and beam back to the ship, along with Kes.

Kim and Torres persuade an Ocampan nurse to show them a route that could lead to the surface. On Voyager, Kes agrees to lead Janeway and the others through the tunnels to her underground city to search for the pair.

As the Array increases the rate of the energy pulses that power the city, Kim and Torres begin their journey, narrowly missing the search party from Voyager. Tuvok theorizes that the increased activity of the Array may indicate that the Caretaker is dying; he is clearly attempting to give them a surplus of power that will sustain the Ocampa after he is gone.

The search is complicated by a new turn of events. The Array is now firing a weapon at the planet to seal up all of the energy conduits, the tunnels that provide the only access to the city. This will protect the Ocampan, but prevent the others from escaping. Splitting up, Paris, Neelix and Kes find Kim and Torres, and send them up to Voyager. Then Paris and Neelix go back for Janeway, Tuvok and Chakotay. Chakotay's skepticism towards Paris' loyalty is erased when Paris saves his life.

Returning to the Array, Janeway again encounters the old man, whom she realizes is the Caretaker. He explains that he was bringing beings from across the galaxy to the Array in the hopes of finding a compatible species with which he could procreate, thus providing the Ocampa with someone to care for them after he dies. But no species has been a match so far.

Janeway tries to convince the Caretaker to send Voyager and the Maquis ship back home, but he refuses. Apparently, the Caretaker wants to destroy the Array so that it won't fall into the invading Kazon's hands. But he dies before he can carry out his plan, and Janeway is left to decide whether to use the Array to get home -- which would leave it intact for the Kazon -- or to destroy it and save the Ocampa. She chooses what seems to be the only moral option and makes a mortal enemy of the Kazon.

With Chakotay's ship destroyed in the battle with the Kazon, Janeway asks the Maquis to become part of Voyager's crew. She also allows Neelix and Kes to stay aboard. With Chakotay her First Officer, Tom Paris reinstated as a Starfleet lieutenant, and Torres and Kim cured by the Emergency Medical Hologram, Janeway and her new crew set course for the long trip home, 70,000 light-years away.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Basil Langton (Caretaker)

Bruce French (Ocampa Doctor)

David Selburg (Toscat)

Eric David Johnson (Daggin)

Gavan O'Herlihy (Jabin)

Jennifer Parsons (Ocampa Nurse)

Scott MacDonald (Ensign Rollins)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Jeri Taylor

Story By : Rick Berman

Michael Piller

Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Parallax [VOY #3]

Stardate 48439.7

Torres is reprimanded by Chakotay after she ends a dispute in engineering by breaking the nose of a Starfleet officer named Carey. But despite her volatile nature, Chakotay has faith in the Klingon woman's skills, and he recommends Torres to Janeway for the position of Chief Engineer. Janeway is surprised, but before she can consider the recommendation, Voyager is jolted as it enters a region of spatial distortions. A short time later, it comes upon a ship that is trapped in the event horizon of a quantum singularity: the powerful energy field surrounding a collapsed star.

While the engineering staff tries to figure out a way to help the other ship, Janeway questions the capability of Chakotay's Maquis officers. Still, she agrees to consider Torres for the engineering slot.

Realizing that Voyager doesn't have enough power to rescue the ship on its own, the crew heads away from the singularity to get help, but before long they find themselves heading back toward the same collapsed star. Again Voyager moves away, and again the ship finds itself back where it started.

As tensions rise between Maquis and Starfleet crewmembers, Torres works with Carey to figure out what's happening. Noting the peculiar effects of the singularity on Voyager's holographic doctor, Torres comes up with an idea that may allow them to contact the crew of the trapped ship, which, in turn, may provide clues to their own predicament. Torres' plan works, but when they finally hear from the other ship, they discover that it's Voyager itself! They've been looking at a distorted reflection of themselves and it's Voyager itself that's trapped in the singularity. But how do they get out?

Before long, Torres discovers that another ship which appears to be caught in the reflective distortion is actually a mirror image of Voyager. She realizes that the ship must return to the "tear" in the singularity where they entered, and exit before the star collapses, forever trapping them inside. Using a dekyon beam fired from a shuttlecraft piloted by Janeway and Torres, they force the opening wide enough for Voyager to escape. Because of her tempered initiative and creative approach to saving the ship, Torres is given the Chief Engineer's post, and Lt. Carey is among the first to congratulate her.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Justin Williams (Jarvin)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Jim Trombetta

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Time And Again [VOY #4]

Stardate 48498.7

During the night shift, as Paris presses Kim to join him on a double date, the ship is shaken by a huge shockwave. Investigating its origins, the crew finds a nearby planet where a cataclysmic explosion recently wiped out all life. Beaming down, the Away Team discovers that the detonation has actually fractured subspace. But before they can react to this dangerous revelation, Paris and Janeway find themselves transported back in time to the day before the explosion.

While the crew tries to figure out how to retrieve the missing officers, Janeway orders Paris not to warn the residents of the planet about the approaching disaster, since that would violate the Federation's Prime Directive. Seeking their own way back to Voyager, the pair head for a polaric ion power station, the site of the future explosion. There, they inadvertently become caught up in a clash between the authorities and a group of protesters who later accuse them of being government infiltrators. Disbelieving Janeway's claim that they are about to trigger a major accident, they continue to move forward with their plan to sabotage the power station.

In the meantime, a troubled Kes reveals that her latent Ocampan psychic abilities seem to have been sensitized by the accident. She accompanies the Away Team as they attempt to track Janeway and Chakotay's movements being made in the past.

The protesters force Janeway and Paris to accompany them to the plant, where they shoot their way in. Paris is wounded during the scuffle, but Janeway leaves him to follow the protesters, hoping to stop the devastating explosion.

On Kes' recommendation, Chakotay's crew goes to the flashpoint of the blast and uses a polaric beam to "cut through" subspace and find the missing crewmembers. When Janeway sees their polaric beam, she realizes that it wasn't the protesters who caused the accident -- it was the Away Team's attempt to rescue her! Janeway uses her phaser to blunt the impact of the beam. At the instant she succeeds in sealing the opening, time is "reset," and the crew finds itself back on Voyager, a few seconds before the shockwave first hit the ship. None the wiser for their experience, Paris urges Kim to join him on a double date, and Kes finds herself strangely relieved that a nearby planet is teeming with life.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Brady Bluhm (Latika)

Jerry Spicer (Guard)

Joel Polis (Terla)

Nicolas Surovy (Makull)

Ryan MacDonald (Shopkeeper)

Steve Vaught (Officer)

Teleplay By : David Kemper

Michael Piller

Story By : David Kemper

Directed By : Les Landau

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Phage [VOY #5]

Stardate 48532.4

During an Away Team survey of a planetoid that seems to be rich in raw dilithium, Neelix is attacked and left for dead. The other members of the team find him and beam him up to Sickbay, where the Doctor reports that the Talaxian's lungs have been removed. With no other alternatives, the Doctor fits Neelix with a set of holographic lungs. They'll keep him alive, but require him to remain confined in an isotropic restraint in Sickbay for the rest of his life.

Janeway leads an Away Team back to the planetoid, where they discover a medical lab filled with harvested organs. Unfortunately, Neelix's lungs are not among them. Minutes later, an alien ship speeds away from the planet, with Voyager hot in pursuit.

In Sickbay, a despondent Neelix is having difficulty adjusting to his situation, but he urges Kes to still go on with her life regardless. Voyager's Emergency Medical Hologram, still serving as the starship's only doctor, admits to Kes that he's having difficulty adjusting to the demands of being a full-time physician. Kes' intelligent, soothing advice makes the Doctor think that the Ocampan might make a good medical assistant.

When confronted, the aliens admit that they stole Neelix's lungs, but defend their actions by recounting the battle that their species -- the Vidiian -- have fought for years against the "Phage," a gruesome disease that destroys their genetic codes and cellular structure. Unable to defeat the Phage, they have learned to survive by scavenging organs from healthier species to replace their own diseased tissues. Unfortunately, Neelix's lungs have already been transplanted into one of the Vidiian's bodies. Unwilling to sentence the Vidiian to death to regain Neelix's chance for life, Janeway reluctantly releases the scavengers.

Grateful to the Captain for sparing them, the Vidiian offer to help Neelix with their superior medical technology. With their assistance, Kes is able to donate one of her lungs to Neelix, allowing him to live a normal life. After the successful procedure, the Doctor tells Kes that Janeway has granted permission for the Ocampan to begin training as a medical assistant.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Cully Fredricksen (Dereth)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Stephen B. Rappaport (Motura)
Teleplay By : Skye Dent
Brannon Braga
Story By : Timothy De Haas
Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Cloud [VOY #6]

Stardate 48546.2

Eager to raise the morale of the crew, Janeway jumps at the change to explore a nebula emitting a high level of omicron particles, which might prove useful for the ship's energy reserves. But shortly after Voyager enters the cloud-like formation, it encounters an energy barrier that brings the ship to a dead stop. Breaking through, the ship continues its penetration of the nebula's inner reaches, only to be bombarded by peculiar globules that attach themselves to the hull. With the globules beginning to drain the starship's energy reserves, Janeway orders the crew to leave the nebula, but this time they can't get past the energy barrier until they blast their way out with a photon torpedo.

The excitement over, Paris invites Kim to tag along for some rest and recreation in Sandrine's, a holodeck recreation of a French bar that Paris frequented in his Academy days. In the meantime, Torres spends her time analyzing one of the globules that attached itself to the hull. Surprised at the results, she confirms her findings with the Doctor and then notifies the Captain.

The globules are organic elements of a much larger lifeform, she explains. In other words, the nebula was actually a living entity and the phenomena they encountered were part of the entity's natural defense systems. Concerned that the encounter with Voyager may have caused the lifeform serious injury, Janeway proposes returning and repairing the harm they've done. The Doctor tells her that the organic samples seem to indicate that the lifeform has the capacity to regenerate, given the appropriate stimulation.

Returning to the "nebula," Voyager re-enters and prepares to irradiate the wound with a nucleonic beam. But they're interrupted when the lifeform's natural defense systems again attack the ship, forcing them away from the wound. Although the ship sustains damage, they are eventually able to return to the injury site. The Doctor suggests a method of "suturing" the wound, which they manage to do after distracting the entity's defense systems with a microprobe. Just before the wound seals over, Voyager escapes from the cloud and sets course for a planet where they can replenish their depleted energy reserves. En route, Janeway joins Paris and her other senior staff officers at Sandrine's, where everyone is surprised with her pool playing expertise.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Angela Dohrmann (Ricky)
Judy Geeson (Sandrine)
Larry A. Hankin (Gaunt Garry)
Luigi Amodio (The Gigolo)
Teleplay By : Tom Szollosi
Michael Piller
Story By : Brannon Braga
Directed By : David Livingston

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Eye Of The Needle [VOY #7]

Stardate 48579.4

When Ensign Kim finds a wormhole that might lead to the Alpha Quadrant, the crew believes they may have found a rapid route home. Although the opening to the tunnel in space proves too small for Voyager to fly through, Janeway decides to launch a microprobe into it to see what's on the other side.

To Kim's disappointment, the probe gets stuck in a gravitational eddy before it makes it all the way through, but he's surprised by readings indicating the probe is being scanned by someone on the other side. Janeway suggests they transmit a message through the probe, hoping it will be picked up by whoever is scanning it. Before long, they receive a subspace response -- from the Alpha Quadrant, 70,000 light years away!

In the meantime, Kes begins working closely with the Doctor in Sickbay. She's surprised by how rudely Voyager's staff treats him because he's "only a hologram." She asks the Captain if the Doctor can be treated with the same respect as crewmembers. Janeway agrees, and tells the Doctor he should begin thinking of himself as a member of the crew. What's more, she's giving him control over his own deactivation sequence, and his first taste of independence.

When Voyager finally succeeds in achieving voice contact with the Alpha Quadrant ship, they are surprised to find it's a Romulan vessel. The Romulan captain, a scientist named Telek, is suspicious of the communication from a Starfleet vessel, thinking at first that they must be Federation spies. But once they've established a visual link and the two captains can communicate eye-to-eye, Telek becomes more sympathetic to their plight, saying he'll consider relaying messages to the crew's families back home.

Anxious to explore every avenue that will facilitate getting home, Torres explains that she might be able to "piggyback" a transporter beam onto the visual link, which theoretically would allow the crew to beam to the Romulan ship in the Alpha Quadrant. To test the theory, the Romulan captain allows himself to be transported onto Voyager.

Regrettably, Tuvok discovers the crew has actually beamed the Romulan from 20 years in the past, due to a time rift in the wormhole. Knowing it's pointless to transport the crew back in time because it would wreak havoc with the timeline of that era, Janeway asks the Romulan to relay the crew's messages to their families in 20 years. He agrees, and returns to his ship. Later, a database check reveals that the Romulan died four years before he was able to deliver the messages. Although disappointed, the crew presses forward.

Crew : Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Tom Virtue (Lt. Baxter)

Vaughn Armstrong (Telek R'mor)

Teleplay By : Bill Dial

Jeri Taylor

Story By : Hilary J. Bader

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Ex Post Facto [VOY #8]

Stardate 48610.1

Kim returns to Voyager from the Banean homeworld with shocking news: Paris has been found guilty of murder. As his punishment, he's been sentenced to relive the crime from his victim's perspective every 14 hours, thanks to memory engrams implanted in his brain by a Banean doctor. Kim recounts how he and Paris were introduced to an engineering physicist named Tolen Ren, who they hoped could help them repair a damaged piece of equipment. Paris took an immediate interest in Ren's young, attractive wife Lidell, and when Ren turned up dead, he was arrested.

When Janeway orders Voyager to the Banean planet, Neelix warns her that they are likely to be approached by a Numiri patrol vessel, since the Numiri are at war with the Banea. They are stopped by the Numiri, who offer a warning and then allow the ship to proceed. Janeway meets with the Banean Minister, who explains that the evidence -- the murder as seen through Ren's own eyes -- undeniably proves Paris's guilt. Paris vehemently denies any wrongdoing. As Janeway and Tuvok talk to him, he enters another cycle and once again relives the murder, this time losing consciousness. The Baneans grant Janeway permission to take Paris back to Sickbay for a medical evaluation.

The Doctor reports that the neurological implant is causing serious brain damage. While Paris remains unconscious, Tuvok launches his own murder investigation. He interviews Ren's wife, who says she saw Paris kill her husband. Later, Paris tells Tuvok that he thinks she spiked his cup of tea the night of the murder. The conversation is interrupted by a Numiri attack that the Voyager crew successfully fends off. Tuvok performs a Vulcan mind meld with Paris and relives the 14-hour cycle. When he emerges from the experience, Tuvok declares that he is convinced of Paris's innocence. What's more, he knows why the Numiri chose to attack Voyager.

Eager to clear Paris, and wondering why the Numiri would assault Voyager, Tuvok gathers the key players in the murder mystery. He deduces that a Banean traitor altered Ren's memory engrams, since Paris' daily flashbacks include equations taken from Ren's weapons research. Thus, Numiri agents used Ren's brain to send secret data to the enemy. Having relived the crime from the victim's viewpoint, Tuvok also realizes that the real killer was shorter than Paris, and exposes the Banean doctor who implanted the engrams as both Lidell's secret lover and Ren's killer. A grateful Paris later thanks Tuvok for saving his life.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Aaron Lustig (Doctor)

Francis Guinan (Minister Kray)

Henry Brown (Numiri Captain)

Ray Reinhardt (Tolen Ren)

Robin McKee (Lidell)

Teleplay By : Evan Carlos Somers

Michael Piller

Story By : Evan Carlos Somers

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Emanations [VOY #9]

Stardate 48623.5

While exploring an uncharted asteroid, Chakotay, Kim and Torres stumble upon what appears to be an alien burial ground. Not wanting to desecrate the site, Chakotay and his team decide to make some quick anthropological observations and then return to Voyager. But before they finish their study, a subspace vacuole -- a dimensional distortion -- forms and begins to fill the cavern they're investigating. Alarmed, Chakotay orders Voyager to beam them up. But when the Away Team appears on the ship, there is only Chakotay, Torres and the body of a recently deceased woman.

In the meantime, Kim finds himself trapped inside a ceremonial burial pod on an alien planet in another dimension; he has somehow switched places with the corpse. Freed from the pod, Kim is told that he's on the homeworld of the Vhnori people. The Vhnori think that Kim has come from the "Next Emanation," or afterlife, and they are disturbed when he reveals that he has just come from a place that contained the dead bodies of many Vhnori.

On Voyager, the Doctor is able to revive the corpse -- a woman named Ptera. When Ptera realizes that she is not in the Next Emanation with her deceased family members, she becomes hysterical. Later, she reveals that her people believe that when they die, the vacuoles take their bodies to another plane of reality. To learn that the distortions merely take their bodies to a barren asteroid is difficult to accept. Not long after, another vacuole forms, and deposits a second corpse onto the ship, and still later, a third.

After hearing Kim's story about the bodies on the asteroid, a Vhnori man named Hatil -- who was about to submit to euthanasia to ease his family's burden in caring for him -- changes his mind about dying. On Voyager, Ptera wants to be sent home, even if that means dying a second time. The crew attempts to beam her into a forming vacuole, but the procedure doesn't work and when they retrieve her, Ptera is dead.

Time is running out. The vacuoles are damaging the ship's warp core. If the crew doesn't find Kim soon, they'll have to leave him behind. On the Vhnori world, Kim figures out a way to escape. He'll take Hatil's place in a burial pod, allowing Hatil to fulfill his own escape option and Kim to transfer to his universe when the next vacuole delivers the occupant of the pod into the other dimension. The plan works, and Kim's body appears on Voyager, where the Doctor is able to revive him.

Crew : Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Cecile Callan (Ptera)

Jefrey Alan Chandler (Hatil)

Jerry Hardin (Dr. Neria)

John Cirigliano (Alien #1)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Robin Groves (Hatil's Wife)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : David Livingston

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Prime Factors [VOY #10]

Stardate 48642.5

The crew beams aboard Gath Labin, a representative from Sikaris, a planet known for its outstanding hospitality. Gath invites the weary travelers to take a break from their duties on his homeworld. Knowing shore leave would do the crew good, Janeway orders Voyager to follow Gath back to Sikaris, where residents welcome them with open arms.

The Sikarians love to hear stories of other places and travels from visitors, and following Gath and Janeway's lead, the groups begin mixing. Kim is soon telling the Voyager story to a young woman named Eudana, who suggests they go somewhere else to be alone. Little does he realize she means a planet more than 40,000 light years away, thanks to the Sikarians' spatial tractor -- technology which can "fold" space to allow long-distance travel in an instant.

The Voyager crew are overjoyed, but then learn the Sikarians have their own prime directive which prevents them from sharing their technology with less advanced races. One Sikarian, Jaret Otel, offers Kim the technology in exchange for more Voyager "stories." But Janeway feels it's unethical to accept the technology from anyone other than Gath, the Sikarian leader. She decides to ask him to send Voyager as far as he can in exchange for the "stories." He refuses but invites Janeway and the crew to stay on his planet instead. The meeting ends on a sour note, and Janeway realizes they are no longer welcome.

After that, B'Elanna, Carey and Seska conspire to ignore Janeway's orders and take Jaret's offer -- and are shocked when Tuvok shows up to make the exchange and sacrifice his career if caught. The gamble is for naught when they find the tractor is incompatible with Federation technology. Janeway finds herself reprimanding not only her new hot-headed Engineer but her old and logical friend Tuvok. The Vulcan explains he sacrificed his own career so the crew could get home without Janeway compromising her ethics, but she rejects that "logic" and asks her confidant to never let her down again.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Andrew Hill Newman (Jaret Otel)

Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Ronald Guttman (Gath Labin)

Yvonne Suhor (Eudana)

Teleplay By : Greg Elliot

Michael Perricone

Story By : David R. George III

Eric A. Stillwell

Directed By : Les Landau

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State Of Flux [VOY #11]

Stardate 48658.2

While routinely exploring a new planet for foodstuffs, a cloaked Kazon-Nistrim ship is detected in orbit. Therefore, the Away Team is recalled but Chakotay can't find Seska. He locates her in a nearby cave, hiding from two Kazon. She had been gathering mushrooms and wandered from the group. Chakotay is hurt in the exchange of fire but Seska gets them both beamed aboard safely.

Rejecting Neelix's choice of foods and recipes, Seska and some other Maquis later break into the food reserves and steal the mushrooms she found to make mushroom soup. She privately brings a pot to the recuperating Chakotay, but the romantic mood between the former Maquis lovers is broken when Neelix reports the break-in. Chakotay angrily reprimands everyone involved, including himself as an accessory. Seska is stunned at his reaction and leaves, teasing him that her eye is now on Kim.

Three days later, Voyager gets a distress call from a Kazon warship. It turns out to be the one they just encountered, but with only one survivor amid devastation that was caused by Federation technology. Someone on Voyager had to have given them the technology.

Against orders, Seska beams aboard the Kazon warship to retrieve the Federation equipment and is injured. In Sickbay, a routine blood test reveals racial factors of Cardassian origin, not Bajoran, but she explains a bone marrow transplant from a Cardassian woman caused the change during a childhood case of Orkett's Disease.

Another Kazon ship responds to the distress call, and Janeway allows visitors for the ailing Kazon. But the Maje and his aide kill him and an angry Janeway sends them back, ignoring their claims to the damaged ship so it can be checked further for clues. Seska and Carey are now suspects in the espionage because the technology was sent from an Engineering station they both had access to. B'Elanna retrieves the device from the wrecked vessel: a simple food replicator that rejected a Kazon interface with disastrous results.

Chakotay and Tuvok set a trap to find the guilty Engineer--finally revealed to be Seska. She is indeed a cosmetically altered Cardassian who had rejected Janeway's nobility and instead sought allies among the powerful Kazon with the gift of technology. Before she can be arrested, though, Seska beams herself aboard the departing Kazon ship.

Somewhat shaken by the turn of events, Chakotay ruefully wonders aloud about his old Maquis crew: if Tuvok spied for Starfleet and Seska was a Cardassian, was anyone aboard working for him?

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony DeLongis (Kazon)

Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Teleplay By : Chris Abbott

Story By : Paul Robert Coyle

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Heroes And Demons [VOY #12]

Stardate 48693.2

When Voyager comes across a protostar, Janeway has samples of its photonic energy beamed aboard for study and possible use in power converters. After a small glitch, B'Elanna corrects a breach in the transporter's containment field and safely finishes the samples' beam-in. But in calling Kim to assist her studies, she learns that ship sensors cannot detect him in the Holodeck or anywhere else aboard.

Tuvok and Chakotay enter the Holodeck to find no sign of Kim but discover his program still running: a version of the English epic poem Beowulf. Confronted by characters from Beowulf, they join in to fight the creature in the story and also disappear.

Rather than lose any more organic crewmembers, Janeway sends the holographic Doctor to unravel the mystery as his first away mission. Though he puts up a brave front, Kes gets him to admit he's unsure of himself and then offers encouragement, helping him select a name from an admired role model: Schweitzer. Once inside he begins to get the rhythm of the role but is uncomfortable with romantic advances from a female character, Freya, until she dies in his arms after taking a sword blow meant for him. Although both are holograms, he is clearly moved by her last word: his newly chosen name.

Inspired to try again, the Doctor realizes that an alien lifeform was snared in the energy samples taken earlier and, escaping through the field breach, retaliated by taking form in the Holodeck as the Beowulf monster and converting any Voyager crewmembers into energy. When the "sample" beings are returned to the alien, Kim, Tuvok and Chakotay all reappear -- leading to a commendation from Janeway for the Doctor. He decides not to take the Schweitzer name because Freya died saying it.

Crew : Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Christopher Neame (Unferth)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marjorie Monaghan (Freya)

Michael Keenan (Hrothgar)

Written By : Naren Shankar

Directed By : Les Landau

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Cathexis [VOY #13]

Stardate 48734.2

An assault on a shuttlecraft manned by Tuvok and Chakotay leaves both men injured and Chakotay apparently brain-dead. The Doctor explains that something has drained all the bio-neural energy from the First Officer's brain. The prognosis looks grim, but Torres places a Native American medical wheel near Chakotay's bed, in the hopes that it will help her friend "find his way home" from his illness.

After Tuvok recovers, he reveals that they were attacked by an unidentified ship that emerged from a dark matter nebula. Janeway orders Voyager to head back to the nebula to investigate, but before they reach it, the ship changes course. The navigational

computer implicates Paris, but he denies having made the change. A short time later, Torres initiates a warp core shutdown, but like Paris, she can't remember instigating the actions. When the Doctor examines the pair, he discovers that a strange brainwave pattern was superimposed on them during the tampering incidents -- which could mean that an alien entity momentarily seized control of their minds. As a precaution, Janeway transfers the ship's command codes to a non-organic source: the Doctor.

When Kes tells Janeway that she has been "sensing" an alien presence on the ship, Tuvok suggests that he perform a mind-meld with the Ocampan to help her focus her telepathic abilities. But a short time later, the two are found unconscious, the result of an energy discharge similar to the one that hit the shuttle, according to Tuvok. A short time later, someone disables the Doctor's program. With him out of the picture, the command codes revert to Janeway, who decides to divide them between herself and Tuvok. The unseen force tries to take over Janeway, but the crew incapacitates her. It jumps to Kim, and then Lieutenant Durst, before Tuvok finally stuns everyone on the bridge.

A series of clues turns up in quick succession, all of which imply that Tuvok has been lying to the crew. There was no ship in the nebula, and Kes' injury now appears to have been the result of a Vulcan nerve pinch. Under increasing suspicion, Tuvok takes over command of the ship and orders it into the nebula, where he says the Komar -- others of his kind -- await. But before they can get there, something makes Torres eject the ship's warp core. Since they now know that Tuvok, under the control of the Komar, has been trying to bring them all to the nebula all along, who has been acting against him, trying to keep Voyager out? All signs seem to indicate that it is Chakotay.

Realizing that the Komar want to extract their collective neural energy, the crew manages to overpower the Vulcan at last. The lifeform leaves his body to join the others of its kind in the nebula. Voyager's crew needs to leave the area, but since the possessed Tuvok plotted the course in, they are uncertain how to get out of the nebula.

Down in Sickbay, Neelix is suddenly compelled to rearrange the markers on Chakotay's medicine wheel. Janeway realizes that it is a message from her First Officer, a map showing them the correct course. They escape from the nebula just in time. Later, the Doctor finds a way to reintegrate Chakotay's displaced neural energy with his body and he revives at last, pleased that he was able to help protect the crew, despite his disembodied condition.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Brian Markinson (Durst)

Carolyn Seymour (Mrs. Templeton)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Cumpsty (Lord Burleigh)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Faces [VOY #14]

Stardate 48784.2

When an Away Team consisting of Paris, Torres and Lt. Durst fails to return, Chakotay, Kim and Tuvok beam down to the planet where the trio was working to investigate. Chakotay traces the missing crewmembers to some caves, but can't break through the Vidiian force field to find them.

In an underground lab, a Vidiian scientist named Sulan has extracted Torres's Klingon genetic material to create an all-Klingon version of her. He hopes to create a cure for the deadly Phage disease infecting his race by injecting a pure Klingon subject with the disease. But his interest in Torres is more than purely scientific, a fact the Klingon woman soon picks up on.

Trapped in another Vidiian cell, Paris and Durst are stunned when a new prisoner is brought in. It's an all-human version of Torres -- the other "half" of Torres that was left after Sulan removed the Klingon genetic material. The guards return and forcibly remove Durst from the cell. Although Paris tries unsuccessfully to help his friend, all the human Torres can do is cringe in fear.

The next time Sulan comes to visit the Klingon Torres, she is horrified to see him wearing Durst's face. He has killed the lieutenant and grafted the dead man's face over his own diseased features in the hopes that Torres will find him more attractive. Instead, her anger helps her to break the bonds restraining her. She attacks Sulan and escapes from the lab.

Paris and the human Torres are sent out on a labor detail, but when she can no longer work, she's sent back to the barracks. Her Klingon counterpart finds her there, and helps her to escape. In turn, the human Torres comes up with a plan to deactivate the shields for the whole facility, which would allow Voyager to beam them up. The two beings acknowledge that each has unique qualities that contribute to the whole being.

Disguised as a Vidiian, Chakotay rescues Paris and they reunite with the two Torreses. Just as they are about to beam back up to the ship, Sulan fires and the Klingon Torres takes the hit to save her human self. She dies after beaming up with the others, but the Doctor is able to use her Klingon DNA to restore Torres back to her original self.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Barton Tinapp (Guard)

Brian Markinson (Sulan / Durst)

Rob LaBelle (Talaxian Prisoner)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Jonathan Glassner

Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Jetrel [VOY #15]

Stardate 48832.1

Neelix is aghast when a Haakonian named Ma'Bor Jetrel contacts Voyager and asks to meet with him. The Haakonians had fought a long, destructive war against his people 15 years earlier. Jetrel is the scientist who helped them conquer Talax by developing the Metreon Cascade, a superweapon that killed over 300,000 people on Talax's moon Rinax, including Neelix's family. But now Jetrel says he has come forward to examine Talaxians like Neelix who helped evacuate survivors from Rinax,

in the process exposing themselves to high concentrations of metreon isotopes. Although he considers Jetrel a monster, Neelix agrees to be examined, and is informed that he also has the fatal blood disease.

Later, Jetrel convinces Janeway to make a detour to the Talaxian system. Using the ship's transporter systems, Jetrel feels he may be able to develop a cure by retrieving samples of the Metreon cloud still surrounding Rinax. Janeway agrees, but Neelix is still bitter. He angrily condemns Jetrel for the devastation he's caused, only to learn that the scientist is also paying the price-he too has the disease and only has a few days to live.

The ship's arrival at Rinax opens old wounds for Neelix. He confesses to Kes that he's lied for years about being part of the Talaxian defense forces. He never reported for duty; instead, he spent the war hiding on Talax.

Later, Neelix seeks out Jetrel, only to find the Doctor deactivated and Jetrel covertly conducting experiments in the lab. Suspecting the worst of Jetrel, Neelix tries to notify Janeway, but the scientist renders him unconscious.

Jetrel heads for the transporter room, where he is confronted by the Captain. Jetrel pleads with Janeway to let him conclude his work and bring back the deceased Talaxian victims of Rinax. He believes that he can use the transporter to regenerate their disassociated remains, and confesses he came to Voyager as a pretext to use the ship's transporter; Neelix was falsely diagnosed and is fine.

Janeway allows Jetrel to proceed, but the improbable experiment fails. The scientist collapses, knowing that he will never be able to redeem himself. Neelix pays a last visit to Jetrel and tells him that he is forgiven, allowing the Haakonian to die with some semblance of peace.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : James Sloyan (Jetrel)

Larry A. Hankin (Gaunt Garry)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Jack Klein

Karen Klein

Kenneth Biller

Story By : James Thomton

Scott Nimerfro

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Learning Curve [VOY #16]

Stardate 48846.5

When a Maquis engineer named Dalby disrupts power to the ship's energy grid by making an unauthorized repair, Janeway realizes that she can't expect Starfleet behavior from people who never went to the Academy. To bring the Maquis officers up to speed on Starfleet protocol, Janeway asks Tuvok to train a group of four recruits, including Dalby. Predictably, the Maquis recruits balk at Tuvok's by-the-book discipline until Chakotay forcefully gets the point across that this is not a voluntary exercise.

Like any good drill sergeant, Tuvok comes down hard on his Maquis charges, demanding regulation attire and behavior. Dalby complains to Torres about Tuvok's tough tactics, but Torres suggests that Dalby is afraid he can't cut it. The conversation is abruptly halted, however, when one of the ship's bio-neural gel packs malfunctions, the second time in days. Torres takes the pack to Sickbay, and the Doctor notes that the partially biological component has an infection and must be "cured" before it spreads to the rest of the ship's systems.

Tuvok's rigorous training sessions seem to work at a superficial level, but the Maquis are easily discouraged. Tuvok confesses to Neelix that he doesn't understand why his techniques, honed through years of instructing cadets at the Academy, aren't working. Neelix advises Tuvok to be more flexible in his approach.

While pondering the Talaxian's advice in the mess hall, Tuvok wonders if bacterial spores from Neelix's newly made homemade cheese is being absorbed by the ship's ventilation ducts, serving as the source of the gel pack's infection. The Doctor inspects the cheese, and Tuvok's hunch turns out to be correct.

Not long after, Tuvok and his students find themselves trapped in a cargo bay when another system falls victim to the virus. When the Voyager crew infuses the gel-packs with a plasma burst of heat to kill the infection, noxious vapors leak into the cargo bay where Tuvok and his recruits are stranded. Nearly overcome by the fumes, Tuvok helps three of the four cadets escape, then goes back for the incapacitated fourth. As the toxic gas ultimately overcomes him, his three black sheep finally band together to become an effective team, forcing open the door and rescuing both men. Later, Dalby notes that if Tuvok can break the rules sometimes, then maybe they could learn to follow protocol under his tutelage after all.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Armand Schultz (Dalby)

Catherine MacNeal (Henley)

Derek McGrath (Chell)

Kenny Morrison (Geron)

Lindsey Haun (Beatrice)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Thomas Dekker (Henry)

Written By : Jean Louise Matthias

Ronald Wilkerson

Directed By : David Livingston

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The 37's [VOY #17]

Stardate 48975.1

When a pickup truck from the 1930's inexplicably shows up in space, it's beamed aboard Voyager for closer inspection. Even more peculiar, the truck's radio is picking up an SOS distress call -- but from where? Kim traces the signal to a nearby star

system and Janeway orders the crew to lay in a course to the signaling planet. An unusual amount of interference in the upper atmosphere prevents them from beaming down, so Janeway tells Paris to land the ship on the planet's surface.

The Away Team follows the SOS to the cockpit of an airplane that was built during the same era as the truck. Beyond the plane, the crew finds a chamber containing eight humans in cryo-stasis units. All are dressed in 1930's attire, and one unit holds famed aviator Amelia Earhart, who disappeared with her navigator Fred Noonan on July 2, 1937. The eight humans are revived from suspended animation.

Once awake, the humans demand to know where they are and how they got there. After Janeway explains that they were probably abducted by aliens 400 years earlier, a suspicious Noonan and some of the others take the crew hostage. Hoping to convince them of the truth, Janeway gets Earhart to venture outside the chamber to see Voyager, but as soon as they do, they come under fire by two snipers on a hill.

Janeway quells the attack and learns the snipers are two humans who have mistaken the crew for the Briori: an alien race that kidnapped more than 300 people from Earth in 1937 and brought them to the planet as slaves. After a successful slave revolt chased the Briori off, the humans created a colony. However, they believed that the eight "37's" in Earhart's group were dead, and they left them in their cryo-stasis units for centuries.

The colonists offer the 37's and Voyager's crew the opportunity to remain on the Earth-like planet, and Janeway allows each member of her flock to choose for his or herself. Although Neelix and Chakotay are sure they want to go with Janeway, she can't be so sure about the other crewmembers, who debate the merits of settling on the planet. Ultimately, Amelia Earhart and the other 37's decide to stay with their "descendants," but to Janeway's relief, the entire Voyager crew opts to leave with her.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : David Graf (Fred Noonan)

James Saito (Japanese Soldier)

John Rubinstein (John Evansville)

Mel Winkler (Jack Hayes)

Sharon Lawrence (Amelia Earhart)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Jeri Taylor

Directed By : James L. Conway

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Initiations [VOY #18]

Stardate 49005.3

Janeway gives Chakotay permission to borrow a shuttlecraft so he can perform a solitary ritual commemorating his father's death. His vessel inadvertently drifts into Kazon-Ogla space and Chakotay is targeted by Kar, a Kazon youth attempting to earn his warrior name by killing the Federation trespasser. Instead, Chakotay destroys Kar's ship, but beams the boy aboard before it explodes. When Chakotay tries to return Kar to his people, he's taken hostage.

The Kazon view Kar with contempt, and Kar blames Chakotay for his fate. Dying in battle would have been more honorable and far preferable to his dismal future. Now, Kar may never win his warrior name. The Kazon leader, Razik, ominously informs Chakotay that "the execution is tonight." But later Razik tells Chakotay that he will free him, but only if he agrees to kill Kar. Chakotay refuses, overpowers Razik and demands the return of his shuttlecraft. Facing certain death himself, Kar leaves with Chakotay. Damaged by Kazon fire, they're forced to beam down to a nearby moon, which Kar says serves as a training base for the Kazon-Ogla. Back on Voyager, the crew, which has been looking for its missing first officer, finds traces of Chakotay's shuttlecraft and continues their search.

Kar helps Chakotay negotiate safely around the surface of the moon, which is riddled with booby traps as part of the Ogla training. Taking shelter in a cave, Kar waits until Chakotay falls asleep and then raises his weapon. But he finds himself unable to murder him.

Arriving at the moon, the Away Team runs into Razik and his henchmen, who offer to lead them to Chakotay and Kar. Razik hopes to trap the crew, but he isn't successful. Chakotay comes up with a plan to help Kar win his name, but Kar comes up with an alternative. Chakotay is not his enemy, Razik is. He kills the Ogla leader, and then Razik's second in command -- now the First Maje -- pronounces Kar a warrior. Before the crew beams back to Voyager, Kar warns Chakotay that the next time they meet, he won't hesitate to kill him.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Aron Eisenberg (Kar)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Patrick Kilpatrick (Razik)

Tim deZarn (Haliz)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Projections [VOY #19]

Stardate 48892.1

The program for the Emergency Medical Hologram is activated due to what the computer describes as a ship-wide emergency. When the Doctor asks the computer to scan for the crew, he learns that they were all forced to abandon ship. Later, he encounters Torres, who says that she and the Captain stayed behind to stop a warp core breach caused by a Kazon attack; the remaining crew escaped in lifepods. Informed that the injured captain needs his assistance, the Doctor is sent to the Bridge, courtesy of new holo-emitters installed throughout the ship.

After reviving Janeway, the Doctor is summoned to the mess hall to assist Neelix, who is engaged in battle with a Kazon soldier. After the scuffle, the holographic doctor is astonished to learn that he himself is bleeding. When queried, the computer insists that the Doctor is actually Dr. Lewis Zimmerman, the human who created Voyager's EMH. Stranger still, when the Captain tells the computer to shut down all of the ship's holographic systems, Janeway, Neelix, Torres and the Kazon soldier vanish -- but the Doctor remains intact.

Just then, Lt. Reg Barclay appears and introduces himself as Zimmerman's assistant. Barclay tells the Doctor that he is at Jupiter Station running a holodeck program, but something has gone wrong due to a radiation surge. He claims there's no U.S.S. Voyager lost in the Delta Quadrant; it's simply a program that Zimmerman created. He tells the Doctor that he must end the simulation before radiation from the accident kills him, and the only way to do so is by destroying Voyager.

At first, the Doctor flatly refuses. Yet Reg's arguments are persuasive, and soon the Doctor is prepared to fire his phaser at Voyager's warp core. Suddenly, Chakotay appears and orders the Doctor to lower his weapon, claiming that Barclay is lying.

Chakotay explains that there's been an accident on Voyager that affected the imaging system while the Doctor was in the holodeck. Chakotay says that Barclay himself is a simulation, and that if the Doctor listens to him, he'll wind up destroying his own program. The Doctor isn't sure whom to believe but delays acting on Barclay's advice long enough to prove that Chakotay's story is true. The problem is finally solved, and the Doctor is returned to Sickbay where he reflects on his unusual day.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Elogium [VOY #20]

Stardate 48921.3

When the ship encounters a swarm of space-dwelling lifeforms, the crew first opts to study them from a distance. But after the creatures draw Voyager into their midst, their unusual energy patterns create problems for many of the ship's systems and cause some very strange symptoms in Kes. First the Ocampan begins eating everything in sight. Later she becomes delirious, and her body goes through peculiar changes.

As the crew tries to figure out a way to move away from the lifeforms without harming them, the Doctor examines Kes and discovers that they are wreaking havoc with her metabolism. They are pushing her prematurely into the "elogium" -- the phase in which Ocampan women become fertile. The process occurs only once in an Ocampan's life, so if Kes ever wants to have a child, she must do so immediately.

Janeway and Chakotay discuss the implications of having babies on board Voyager, while Kes asks Neelix to father her child. Neelix's initial hesitation causes Kes to question whether he really wants a baby. Later, Neelix consults with Tuvok about the pros and cons of parenthood. Finally, he returns to Kes and tells her he's ready, only to discover that now she is having second thoughts.

Anxious to escape the swarm, the crew attempts to move away, but the swarm follows. Suddenly, an even larger version of the creatures appears and blocks Voyager's way. Bewildered at first, the crew realizes that it is a "suitor" for the swarm and that it thinks Voyager is a rival. Every aggressive move they make is met by a stronger countermove from the creature.

Finally, Chakotay suggests the ship act submissively by "rolling over." Happily, the plan works and the swarm moves away with the big creature. Later, Kes ultimately decides against having a baby, but is relieved by the Doctor's belief that her elogium may

have been a false alarm brought on by the electrophoretic field created by the swarm; it could recur later. Ironically, Janeway learns that an ensign named Wildman is pregnant, so the crew will soon welcome a new arrival after all.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Gary O'Brien (Crewmember)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Terry Correll (N.D. Crewmember)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Kenneth Biller

Story By : Jimmy Diggs

Steve J. Kay

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Non Sequitur [VOY #21]

Stardate 49011

Harry wakes up in 24th-century San Francisco and no one seems surprised to see him there -- not his girlfriend Libby, nor a local coffee shop owner named Cosimo, nor his friend Lieutenant Lasca, a fellow design specialist at Starfleet Headquarters. As the strange morning continues, Kim finds himself in an important meeting with high-ranking officers who want to hear Kim and Lasca's proposal for a new runabout.

Feigning illness, Kim leaves the meeting and tries to figure out how he got to Earth. A check of Starfleet records reveals that he never served on Voyager, which, as Kim well knows, has been reported missing in the Badlands. He also finds out that Paris isn't on the crew manifest; he's been paroled from the penal settlement that Janeway found him at and now lives in Marseilles. Kim heads to France, seeking answers only Paris can provide.

He locates his friend at the real Sandrine's, but to Kim's chagrin, Paris doesn't know him. Still, Paris is intrigued by Kim's story. His last recollection is being in a shuttlecraft heading back to Voyager, and Kim begs Paris to accompany him to Starfleet Headquarters where they can run a computer simulation and learn what happened to him; Paris refuses. When Kim arrives home, he is apprehended by Lasca who suspects he may be a Maquis spy. Until the matter can be settled, an electronic anklet is placed on Kim to monitor his whereabouts.

Later, Cosimo tells a distraught Kim that he was sent to keep watch over him after Kim's shuttlecraft intersected one of his species' "time-streams." The incident scrambled Kim's time-line and sent him back to the life he would have known if he hadn't joined Voyager's crew. In an effort to help Kim, Cosimo tells him where to find the time-stream that could take him back. Kim says goodbye to Libby and makes a run for it, only to be apprehended by a Starfleet security guard. Thankfully, Paris arrives on the scene and helps Kim out. The pair then flee.

Needing a ship to recreate his shuttle accident and ride the time-stream back to Voyager, Kim boards a runabout at Starfleet Headquarters. With Paris at the helm, he recreates the conditions of the incident that sent him to Earth. Suddenly, he finds himself back on his original shuttlecraft. Kim is beamed onto Voyager, where he resumes his normal life.

Crew : Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Jack Shearer (Admiral Strickler)
Jennifer Gatti (Libby)
Louis Giambalvo (Cosimo)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Mark Kiely (Lt. Lasca)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Directed By : David Livingston

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Twisted [VOY #22]

Stardate 48945.8

During a surprise birthday party for Kes at Sandrine's Bar in the holodeck, Voyager encounters a peculiar spatial distortion wave in space, which surrounds the ship. The phenomenon disables the vessel's main systems, including communications and the warp drive, and also seems to change Voyager's structural layout. As a result, Janeway can't find her way to the Bridge, Torres can't locate Engineering, and everyone in the crew is confused and frustrated.

Finding a small group of her staff near Sandrine's, Janeway calls an impromptu meeting to discuss their situation. Then Paris and Torres team up to find Engineering; Chakotay, Neelix, Janeway and Kim pair off to locate the Bridge; and Kes and the Doctor await word in Sandrine's. Paris and Torres manage to reach their goal but the others aren't as lucky. Chakotay finds Tuvok but loses Neelix, and Janeway is nearly dragged into an internal distortion by an unseen electromagnetic force.

Kim rescues Janeway and he gets her back to Sandrine's, where she loses consciousness. The spatial distortion continues to squeeze the ship, and Tuvok estimates that the unstoppable ring will crush the vessel in little more than an hour.

With Janeway still unconscious, Chakotay takes command. Torres attempts to trigger a warp shock pulse to save the ship, but instead of dispersing the spatial ring, it pulls it in even faster, surrounding Engineering and even the sanctuary in Sandrine's Bar.

Lacking any other options, Tuvok advises the crew to do nothing and allow the anomaly to twist its way through the bar. After it does, Janeway regains consciousness and explains that the distortion was trying to communicate with them. The ring leaves the ship as it originally found it, with no damage, then moves out into space. In its wake, the crew discovers that it left 20 million gigaquads of new information in the ship's computer.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Judy Geeson (Sandrine)

Larry A. Hankin (Gaunt Garry)

Terry Correll (Crewmember)

Tom Virtue (Baxter)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Arnold Rudnick

Rich Hosek

Directed By : Kim Friedman

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Parturition [VOY #23]

Stardate Unknown

After Kes asks Paris to be her flight instructor, he finds himself falling for her. A jealous Neelix picks up on the Lieutenant's crush, and instigates a messy fight with Paris in the mess hall. Despite -- or because of -- the friction between them, Janeway decides to send the sparring pair on a shuttlecraft mission to replenish food supplies. The most likely source is a planet surrounded by trigemic vapors, which can cause severe skin irritation.

As they approach the planet, electromagnetic disturbances in the atmosphere cause the shuttlecraft to lose power, and they're forced to make an emergency landing on the planet. Tracking the shuttle, Voyager's crew notes their problems and launches a search-and-rescue mission.

In order to lessen their exposure to the dangerous vapors on the planet's surface, Neelix and Paris seek refuge in a cave and seal themselves in. Back on Voyager, search efforts are hampered by an attack from an alien vessel that places itself between Voyager and the planet. The crew is ultimately able to disable the alien ship's weapons systems and proceed to the planet.

In the cave, Paris and Neelix cautiously explore their environment. They find footprints leading to a clutch of eggs. As they watch, a reptohumanoid creature hatches from one of them. With the baby's mother nowhere in sight, Neelix decides that it's their responsibility to care for it. But when the baby's heartbeat begins to weaken, Paris realizes that by sealing the cave, they've cut off the supply of vapors the newborn needs to survive. Opening it up, they manage to get some of the nutrients from the air into the baby's system and it gets stronger.

Bonded by their concern for the creature, Paris and Neelix resolve their differences as they wait for the crew to find them. There is only a limited window of opportunity for Voyager to beam them aboard, but when, at last, the "window" opens and Voyager is able to contact the pair, Paris and Neelix delay beaming up for the sake of the baby. Soon, one of the aliens shows up on the scene; it seems to be the baby's mother. As Paris and Neelix watch, she retrieves the newborn. Satisfied, the Away Team returns to Voyager, where the two new friends go off to have a celebratory drink.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Tom Szollosi

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Persistence Of Vision [VOY #24]

Stardate Unknown

As Voyager readies for a potentially dangerous encounter with the Botha, the Doctor orders an exhausted Captain Janeway to take some "R&R" in the holodeck. Janeway tries to get into her favorite holonovel, but before long, she is called back to the Bridge for first contact with the Botha. The Bothan representative gives the crew a chilly reception, but sets up a rendezvous to determine whether or not they will allow Voyager to pass through their space.

Later, Janeway thinks she sees Beatrice, the little girl from her holonovel, in one of the ship's corridors. Unable to attribute Beatrice's appearance to experiments the crew is performing on Voyager's imaging systems, Janeway wonders if she's seeing things. But then Kes sees Beatrice, too. Later, after Janeway hears the voice of her fiance Mark, she's attacked with a knife by Mrs. Templeton, another holonovel character. Again, Kes confirms the event.

Janeway puts Chakotay in charge of meeting with the Botha while she undergoes medical testing. Once again, the alien representative is hostile and this time, his ship engages the crew in a battle, leaving Voyager damaged. Leaving Sickbay, Janeway races to the Bridge, where the Bothan is on the viewscreen. She's stunned to see it's Mark.

At least, that's how it looks to her. But on the same viewscreen, Paris sees his disparaging father, Admiral Paris; Kim sees his girlfriend Libby; and Tuvok sees his wife T'Pel. Torres contacts Janeway from Engineering and reports that the crew seems to have fallen under some kind of psychoactive trance, the result of a bio-electric field emanating from the Bothan ship. But even as she begins working on a way to block the field, she falls prey to its spell.

It's up to Kes, whose telepathic abilities allow her to resist the field, and the Doctor to block the mysterious force that's disabling the ship. Kes manages to complete Torres' work and restore the crew to normal. A telepathic Bothan confesses to having caused the disturbance, but he disappears before they can learn any more from him. As they continue on their way, the crew reflects uneasily about what's lurking in the subconscious corridors of their minds.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Carolyn Seymour (Mrs. Templeton)

Lindsey Haun (Beatrice)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marva Hicks (J'pel)

Michael Cumpsty (Lord Burleigh)

Patrick Kerr (The Bothan)

Stan Ivar (Mark)

Thomas Dekker (Henry)

Warren Munson (Admiral Paris)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : James L. Conway

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Tattoo [VOY #25]

Stardate Unknown

While Kes chides the Doctor for his lack of compassion towards the discomforts experienced by pregnant Ensign Wildman, Chakotay is surprised to discover symbols on an alien moon that are strikingly similar to ones he observed as a teen in the Central American rainforest. At that time, he'd been accompanying his father, Kolopak, on a journey to find the truth about their ancient ancestors. Intrigued, Chakotay is permitted to lead an Away Team to the site. It might provide some answers -- or, failing that, some of the minerals that the ship badly needs for repairs.

The Away Team beams down to what appears to be the uninhabited planet. As they prepare to land their shuttlecraft, Chakotay remembers back to the age of 15 when he disappointed his father by not embracing the traditions of his tribe. The memories are strong as the team explores the planet's terrain. But before he can absorb any comparative implications, Neelix is injured by a native hawk, and later Tuvok finds what appears to be an abandoned village.

Thinking the Away Team may have frightened off the natives, Chakotay advises Tuvok and Torres to lay down their weapons in a gesture of trust. Instead, the gesture seems to inspire a violent storm. Tuvok and Torres beam back up, but Chakotay is left behind, knocked unconscious by a falling tree.

Later, Janeway is frustrated by several unsuccessful attempts to find Chakotay -- it's almost as if something on the planet is trying to prevent them from beaming down. As they try to enter the planet's atmosphere, they're engulfed in a cyclone which Tuvok suspects is generated by residents to ward off intruders.

When Chakotay recovers, he finds the inhabitants of this strange world, and is surprised to learn that they speak the language of his ancestors. They recognize the symbol tattooed on Chakotay's forehead, which he wears to honor his father, who wore it to honor his ancestors. The inhabitants say they knew those ancestors -- "the Inheritors" -- when they visited Earth some 45,000 years earlier.

Chakotay realizes that these are the "Sky Spirits" which his people's lore is based upon. The aliens visited Earth again much later, and discovered that nearly all traces of the Inheritors had vanished, presumably destroyed by other humans. The aliens tell Chakotay that they attacked Voyager and its crew with storms because they feared they were enemies who would try to destroy them just as the human ancestors did to the Inheritors. Chakotay assures them that humans have come a long way since those ancient days and mean them no harm. The storms vanish and the ship is saved just in time. After the aliens give Chakotay some of the minerals that Voyager needs, they bid him farewell, leaving Chakotay with the feeling that he's recovered his connection to his people -- and his father.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Douglas Spain (Young Chakotay)

Henry Darrow (Kolopak)

Joseph Palmas (Antonio)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Richard Chaves (The Chief)

Richard Fancy (Alien)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Story By : Larry Brody

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Cold Fire [VOY #26]

Stardate Unknown

Kes and the Doctor notice a peculiar change in the remains of the Caretaker, the alien who trapped Voyager in the Delta Quadrant. They seem to be resonating in response to an unusual energy source. Remembering that the dying Caretaker had mentioned a female of its kind, Janeway wonders if she could be nearby. If so, a meeting with her could be their ticket home. As a precaution, Tuvok develops a toxin that could debilitate the female lifeform if she poses a threat. Following the energy trail, the crew comes upon a space station inhabited by Ocampa, who fire on the ship.

Kes agrees to act as the crew's liaison to her people, and when the Ocampa leader, Tanis, boards Voyager, she assures him that the crew comes in peace. In a private meeting, Tanis tells Kes that the female caretaker, Suspiria, is nearby. She has taken care of this group of Ocampa for 300 years, and has taught them to develop their psychokinetic skills. He shows Kes a sample of the powerful abilities she has yet to tap. Later, Tanis communicates with Suspiria, who demands that he deliver Voyager to her.

As Tanis leads the crew to Suspiria, he tutors Kes on her telepathic skills. The lessons nearly end in disaster when Kes tries to boil water with her mind and, to her horror, inadvertently boils Tuvok's blood instead. He collapses, writhing in agony.

Fortunately, Tuvok recovers from the near-fatal incident. Kes realizes the full potential of her mental powers when her mind causes the plants in the airponics bay to burn up. Tanis urges Kes to leave Voyager and live on the Ocampa space station, where he says she will be embraced by Suspiria and surrounded by her own people.

Suspiria comes aboard the ship and tells Janeway that she will destroy Voyager in retaliation for the crew's part in the Caretaker's death. Suspiria attacks several officers and is ready to complete her mission of revenge when Kes becomes aware of the monstrous plot. Kes attacks Tanis with her expanded psychic abilities, and Tanis' pain temporarily incapacitates Suspiria. Janeway is then able to fire the toxin, subduing her. Janeway allows Suspiria and Tanis to leave the ship, while Kes remains with her friends on Voyager.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Gary Graham (Tanis)

Lindsay Ridgeway (Girl)

Majel Barrett (Narrator)

Norman Large (Ocampa)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Anthony Williams

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Maneuvers [VOY #27]

Stardate 49208.5

Voyager's crew is surprised when sensors pick up a transmission from someone using a Federation signal. Janeway lays in a course toward the signal, but when they arrive, they're attacked by a Kazon vessel, which seems to know how to penetrate Voyager's shields. Intruders manage to gain access to the starship, steal a transporter module and beam away to their own ship. Janeway informs the Kazon leader, Culluh, that the module is useless without Federation know-how, but Culluh reveals his trump card: he's joined forces with Seska, a former crewmember and Cardassian spy.

The implications of Seska's alliance with Culluh are clear -- the Kazon now have an adviser with Starfleet, Maquis and Cardassian tactical experience. Culluh plans to use the stolen module to persuade rival sects to help him conquer the Federation ship. Chakotay tells Torres he feels responsible for Seska's actions because he recruited her into the Maquis, and later he decides to leave Voyager to go after the device on his own.

Chakotay is able to beam undetected from the cockpit of his shuttlecraft to the Kazon bridge. There, he destroys the stolen module but is quickly captured and tortured for Voyager's command codes, which he refuses to reveal.

When Voyager arrives on the scene, the Kazon Majes he's gathered order Culluh to use the command codes to obliterate the starship, but it soon becomes obvious that he doesn't have them. Seska's quick thinking prevents Voyager from beaming Chakotay off the Kazon ship, so Janeway transports the Kazon Majes instead. They agree to release Chakotay and his shuttlecraft in return for their freedom. Later Chakotay is stunned when Seska informs him that while he was unconscious, she extracted some of his DNA and impregnated herself with his child.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony DeLongis (Jal Culluh)

John Gegenhuber (Jal Kelat)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Terry Lester (Jal Haron)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : David Livingston

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Resistance [VOY #28]

Stardate Unknown

In search of tellerium to power the ship, Janeway, Tuvok, Neelix and Torres transport to an Alsaurian city that is occupied by the hostile Mokra. Tipped off to the crew's presence, Mokra soldiers capture Tuvok and Torres. Neelix manages to beam back to

Voyager with the tellerium and the Captain is secreted away by Caylem, an eccentric man who believes Janeway is his long-lost daughter.

On the ship, Chakotay contacts Augris, the Mokra magistrate, to obtain the missing crewmembers, but when the effort fails to produce results, he begins formulating a rescue plan. In Caylem's home, Janeway learns that Torres and Tuvok have been taken to the Mokra's impenetrable prison. Hoping to find his missing wife, Caylem asks the Captain if he can accompany her there. Janeway refuses, but the point becomes moot when Mokra soldiers arrive, looking for her. The pair slip out of Caylem's hideout seconds before the soldiers burst in.

Janeway and Caylem approach the resistance leader who provided the tellerium, who agrees to help them get weapons so they can break the crew out of the prison. But when Janeway realizes that the weapons exchange is a trap, she must resort to using her feminine wiles to overtake two guards protecting the prison's access tunnels. After she and Caylem subdue the guards and steal their weapons, the pair sneak into the prison. Meanwhile, Voyager comes under hostile fire by the Mokra and the ship is ordered to leave the area immediately.

Janeway is able to help free Tuvok and Torres, but she goes back to help Caylem look for his wife. Unfortunately, they run right into Augris, who reveals that Caylem's wife and daughter -- both members of the resistance -- are dead. Caylem fatally stabs the magistrate and takes a phaser shot meant for Janeway. As Caylem dies, Janeway plays the role of his daughter and assures him that both she and her mother forgive him for having been too fearful to join the resistance years earlier. Seconds later, Paris arrives and the entire Away Team beams back to the ship.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alan Scarfe (Augris)

Glenn Morshower (Guard #1)

Joel Grey (Caylem)

Tom Todoroff (Darod)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Kevin J. Ryan

Michael Jan Friedman

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Prototype [VOY #29]

Stardate Unknown

When the crew beams aboard a deactivated robot, Torres works night and day to revive the mysterious mechanical being. After exploring many dead ends, the Chief Engineer finally finds an appropriate power source and is delighted when the sentient artificial lifeform is reactivated.

The robot introduces itself as Automated Personnel Unit 3947, one of a nearly extinct line of workers created by the Pralor, a species of humanoids who no longer exist. It asks Torres to build a prototype power module for the construction of additional units, but Janeway points out that this would be a violation of the Prime Directive. However, the unit won't take no for an answer; when they return 3947 to its vessel, it renders Torres unconscious and takes her to the Pralor ship, where others of its kind are waiting.

To Janeway's dismay, the crew is unable to penetrate a subspace defense shield that goes up around the Pralor vessel, and Torres' combadge is deactivated by the robots. When Voyager fires on the alien ship, the robots respond by launching a violent attack that threatens to destroy the starship. To halt the assault, Torres finally agrees to build the desired prototype.

While the Voyager crew plots to rescue her, Torres learns that the robots have been unable to produce their own prototype because each power module has an individual energy code. She sets out to design a standardized module that can power any unit.

Another ship approaches, manned by similar robots. The second alien vessel begins firing on the first. Completing her work, Torres finds out that the builders of these robots, the Cravics, used the machines to fight their war against the Pralor builders. All of the warring robots were programmed for victory, and when the Pralor and Cravic humanoids decided to call a truce, the robots terminated them and continued their battle. The new prototype that Torres has created will allow the Pralor robots to win their war against the Cravic robots. Horrified, Torres destroys the prototype, and the crew is able to beam her away from the Pralor ship, leaving the robots to continue their war.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Hugh Hodgin (6263 / Prototype)

Rick Worthy (3947 / Cravic 122)

Written By : Nicholas Corea

Directed By : Jonathan Frakes

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Alliances [VOY #30]

Stardate 49337.4

After a series of Kazon assaults on Voyager that badly damage the ship, Chakotay urges Janeway to start thinking more like a Maquis. He suggests forming an alliance with several factions of the Kazon -- an option the captain rejects until Tuvok convinces her that such an arrangement could bring stability to the quadrant.

While Neelix visits a Kazon-Pommar contact on the planet Sobras to feel the faction out about the viability of such an alliance, Janeway and Chakotay meet with Seska and Culluh, the Maje of the Kazon-Nistram. Culluh stubbornly refuses to allow a woman to dictate the terms of an alliance, so Janeway walks out. On Sobras, Neelix also fares poorly, as he's thrown into a cell with other non-Kazon prisoners.

There, Neelix meets Mabus, a Trabe leader who assures Neelix that help is on the way, thanks to a signal he sent to Trabe vessels in the area. As predicted, Trabe supporters liberate the prisoners.

In the meantime, the crew sets a course for Sobras to retrieve Neelix, but en route, they spot an armada of Kazon ships closing in on their position. Apprehension turns to relief when the crew realizes these are actually Trabe ships, and Neelix is aboard one of them. Mabus explains that the Trabe once held the Kazon as slaves, until the Kazon rose up against them. Since then, the Trabe have been in exile. Despite the bad blood between Trabe and Kazon forces, Janeway and Mabus form an alliance, and call for a conference to unite the warring factions in the quadrant. Seska persuades Culluh to attend the meeting as his first step toward destroying the Trabe and seizing Voyager.

Having been tipped off by Neelix's sources that someone may try to sabotage the conference, Janeway and Tuvok proceed with caution to the meeting, which brings the First Majes of all the Kazon sects together. Suddenly, a Trabe ship appears and opens

fire on the gathering. Voyager drives off the Trabe vessel and Janeway, stunned by the ambush, orders Mabus off her ship. But the damage has been done. The Kazon are furious and the crew is more vulnerable than ever.

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Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony DeLongis (Jal Culluh)

Charles O. Lucia (Mabus)

John Gegenhuber (Jal Kelat)

Larry Cedar (Tersa)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Mirron E. Willis (Rettik)

Raphael Sbarge (Michael Jonas)

Simon Billig (Hogan)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Les Landau

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Threshold [VOY #31]

Stardate 49373.4

Following a series of holodeck simulations to reach Warp 10, Paris and the engineering team iron out the technical glitches and prepare to send Paris out on a real flight. The next day, the crew watches as Paris takes the Shuttlecraft Cochrane to Warp 10, crosses the transwarp threshold, and abruptly vanishes.

Moments later, the Cochrane emerges from subspace, and they beam Paris to Sickbay. He appears no worse for wear, weakened but exhilarated by the experience, which he likens to "being everywhere at once." As Torres and Janeway discuss the potential of the data obtained in Paris' brief flight, a crewmember named Jonas eavesdrops on the conversation. Later, the duplicitous Jonas sends information on Paris' Warp 10 flight to the Kazon.

Not long after his trip, Paris collapses in the mess hall. Rushed to Sickbay, the Doctor tracks dramatic changes in Paris' biochemistry. His organs are mutating and his cell membranes are deteriorating rapidly. Despite the Doctor's best efforts, Paris dies. However, hours later, Paris begins breathing again. When the Doctor examines him, he is amazed to find that the Lieutenant now has two hearts!

Paris is by no means out of danger. A series of accelerated mutations leave him radically transformed and subject to bouts of paranoia and violence. The Doctor figures out a medical procedure to destroy Paris' mutant DNA, but it's interrupted when Paris breaks out of confinement.

Paris kidnaps Janeway and takes her to the Cochrane, launching them both on another Warp 10 journey. Voyager locates the vessel three days later on an uninhabited jungle planet. Paris and Janeway have mutated into amphibians and mated, producing two offspring, which the crew leaves behind on the planet. Once Paris and Janeway are brought back to Voyager, the Doctor is

able to perform the procedure to eliminate the mutant DNA from their bodies and they return to normal, albeit rather embarrassed about recent events.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mirron E. Willis (Rettik)

Raphael Sbarge (Michael Jonas)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Michael De Luca

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Meld [VOY #32]

Stardate Unknown

When the body of a crewperson named Darwin is found in Engineering, everyone assumes his death was accidental -- until the Doctor determines that Darwin was, in fact, murdered. Tuvok launches an immediate investigation. A check of engineering logs places a Maquis named Suder at the scene of the crime. At first, Suder denies being involved. But when DNA evidence implicates him, Suder confesses, telling Tuvok he killed Darwin because "I didn't like the way he looked at me."

Unwilling to accept such a senseless motive for such a serious crime, Tuvok interrogates Suder in greater detail. To Tuvok's dismay, Suder can't articulate what drives his violent outbursts, so Tuvok secures his permission to perform a Vulcan mind-meld. Tuvok hopes it will help him understand Suder's motivations, and that some of his own Vulcan self-discipline will rub off on the confessed killer, allowing him to better control his violent nature.

Tuvok briefs Janeway on his mind-meld with Suder, and they discuss punishment options. Tuvok admits that although Suder seems calmer since the meld, he finds himself feeling disconcerted. Later, an encounter with the playful Neelix so enrages Tuvok that he strangles him; fortunately, the event occurs only in Tuvok's holodeck program.

Tuvok meets with Suder, who unsettles Tuvok with his comments about the seductive lure of violence, which Tuvok now fully understands. Fearful of his own impulses, Tuvok seals himself in his room and tells Janeway he's no longer fit for duty.

Janeway sends Tuvok to Sickbay, where he starts undergoing treatments to control his violent tendencies. That evening, Tuvok breaks out of Sickbay and confronts Suder, saying he's come to execute him. Yet Tuvok's rational instincts prevent him from completing the act of murder, and he collapses. Suder summons help and Tuvok returns to Sickbay where he successfully completes his rehabilitation.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Angela Dohrmann (Ricky)
Brad Dourif (Suder)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Simon Billig (Hogan)
Teleplay By : Michael Piller
Story By : Mike Sussman
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Dreadnought [VOY #33]

Stardate 49447.0

The crew tracks a Cardassian-designed weapon packing a warhead capable of wreaking mass destruction. While serving in the Maquis, Chakotay and Torres encountered the missile, dubbed "Dreadnought," in the Alpha Quadrant. Back then, Torres had reprogrammed it to assault its own makers, but the weapon went astray and was thought to have been destroyed. Now Voyager's scanners report that Dreadnought is inexplicably headed straight for a heavily populated planet in the Delta Quadrant.

As Jonas, a traitor in Voyager's crew, informs the Kazon about this superweapon, Janeway warns an official on the planet Rakosa about the approaching missile. Torres beams onto Dreadnought, where she gets the device's sophisticated computer system to stand down from its attack plans. But a short time later, Torres learns that Dreadnought has inexplicably resumed its deadly course for Rakosa.

The crew learns that Dreadnought's computer does not "believe" it's in the Delta Quadrant. It thinks Rakosa is actually a Cardassian target in the Alpha Quadrant, and that Torres has been coerced by the Cardassians into logging false information into its navigational sensor array. Attempts to disable the missile from Voyager backfire when Dreadnought blows out many of the starship's main systems.

With two million lives at stake on Rakosa, Torres manages to beam back on Dreadnought as the Rakosan fleet approaches to intercept the missile. Under fierce fire from Dreadnought, however, the Rakosan ships retreat. As a last-ditch effort, Janeway orders her crew to abandon ship; she plans to use Voyager to ram the missile and detonate the warhead before it hits Rakosa.

Not a moment too soon, Torres manages to initiate an old Cardassian program in Dreadnought's systems. The two programs immediately begin to "quarrel" about the missile's target, distracting it from her attempts to breach Dreadnought's containment field and detonate the warhead. When Voyager's sensors convey Torres' success, Tuvok beams Torres back to the starship just as Dreadnought explodes.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Dan Kern (Kellan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Spound (Lorum)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Raphael Sbarge (Michael Jonas)

Written By : Gary Holland

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Death Wish [VOY #34]

Stardate 49301.2

During an attempt to beam up a comet sample, the crew inadvertently brings aboard a member of the Q Continuum, who was imprisoned inside the comet. The escaped Q expresses his gratitude at being rescued, then bids the crew farewell. Unfortunately, his attempt to disappear has made all the male members of Voyager disappear instead. Janeway orders him to return her crew. Instead, the well-known Q, who has bedeviled the officers of the U.S.S. Enterprise for years, appears.

Q tells Janeway that the escaped Q ("Q2") has been locked up for the past 300 years due to his repeated suicide attempts. The freed Q2 demands asylum and attempts to press the point by haphazardly tossing the ship around the universe in an attempt to lose the other Q. Janeway calls a halt to the dangerous game of hide-and-seek and agrees to hold a hearing to consider the request for asylum. The terms are set: if the Captain rules in the Continuum's favor, the escaped prisoner must return to confinement. If she doesn't, Q2 will be granted mortality so he can fulfill his death wish.

Q2 asks Tuvok to represent him at the hearing, where he explains he wants to end the tedium of immortality. Q counters by explaining that Q2's suicide could have unpredictable consequences for the Continuum, which has never known anything but immortality. A courtroom drama ensues when Q2 calls himself to the stand along with other witnesses, including the Enterprise's William Riker, whose lives were profoundly changed by Q2's influence.

Q tries to sway Janeway's ruling by promising to send the crew back to Earth if the decision is in his favor. Determined to render a just verdict, Janeway, Tuvok and the two Qs visit a manifestation of the Q Continuum to see what life is like there. Afterwards, the Captain announces that she'll reveal her decision the next day. In the morning, she grants Q2's request for asylum, and urges him to explore the mysteries of mortal life. But within hours, the now-human Q2 has committed suicide, using a rare poison that the other Q confesses he secured for his friend.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Gerrit Graham (Q)

John de Lancie (Q)

Jonathan Frakes (Cmdr. William Riker)

Maury Ginsberg (Himself)

Peter Dennis (Sir Isaac Newton)

Teleplay By : Michael Piller

Story By : Shawn Piller

Directed By : James L. Conway

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Lifesigns [VOY #35]

Stardate 49504.3

The crew answers a distress call from a small spacecraft and beams its occupant into Sickbay. The severely ill Vidiian female is dying from the Phage, which has ravaged her people. The Doctor puts her decaying body into stasis and transfers her synaptic patterns into Sickbay's holobuffer. He then creates a holographic body that reflects the way the female would look if she were not afflicted with the Phage.

The astonished patient revives and introduces herself as Dr. Danara Pel, a hematologist. She's grateful for what the Doctor has done for her, but he admits it is just a temporary fix. She can't survive in this form; he still has hopes of treating her ravaged physical body.

Embittered by her own harrowing experience as a prisoner of the Vidiians, Torres balks at the Doctor's request that she donate some of her brain tissue to help Pel, since Klingon DNA is resistant to the Phage. But after advising her that it's Pel's only chance, she relents, and he grafts the tissue onto the Vidiian's brain. It'll be several days before they know if the graft will take, so the Doctor and Pel begin spending a lot of time together.

The Doctor is confused by his affection for Pel, but Kes urges him to tell the woman how he feels. Yet when the Doctor blurts out his interest in Pel, she says she'd prefer to keep their relationship strictly professional. While the disappointed Doctor seeks Paris' dating advice, Kes gets Pel to admit she really does like the Doctor. Later, Paris tells the Doctor he knows the perfect romantic getaway to impress Pel, and using Paris' holodeck program, the Doctor has a lovely date with Pel in a 1957 Chevy.

Not long after, the Doctor is shocked to discover that Pel's brain is rejecting the graft. He doesn't understand what could have gone wrong. Pel admits she sabotaged her medical treatment because she doesn't want to return to her diseased body, despite the fact that the alternative is death. The Doctor convinces her that he will love her no matter what she looks like, and convinces her to survive and go on caring for her sick compatriots. As Voyager heads for her home, she and the Doctor share a tender dance in Sandrine's bar.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Martha Hackett (Seska)

Michael Spound (Lorum)

Raphael Sbarga (Michael Jonas)

Rick Gianasi (Gigolo)

Susan Diol (Dr. Danara Pel)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Investigations [VOY #36]

Stardate 49485.2

As part of his "duties" as Voyager's morale officer, Neelix begins transmitting daily news briefings to the crew. When he hears a rumor that someone is leaving the ship to join a Talaxian convoy, he passes the news along to Janeway and Tuvok. Unsurprised, the pair admit to Neelix that Tom Paris has requested the transfer. To the dismay of his friends, Paris leaves the ship.

While Janeway ponders Paris' replacement, Neelix busies himself by covering a minor accident in Engineering that leaves three crewmembers, including Jonas, nursing minor wounds. A short time later, the Talaxian vessel notifies Janeway that it has been attacked by the Kazon-Nistrim, who have taken Paris hostage.

Seska welcomes Paris aboard the Kazon vessel and tries convincing him to join forces with the Nistrim sect. Back on Voyager, Neelix wonders how the Kazon knew that Paris was aboard the Talaxian ship. Following his new career as an investigative journalist, Neelix pokes around engineering, where he finds suspicious gaps in the subspace communications logs. Fearful of exposure, Jonas prepares to kill the Talaxian with a plasma torch, but Neelix leaves before he can do it.

Neelix tells Tuvok his suspicions that a crewmember has been making covert transmissions to the Kazon. Exploring further, Neelix finds evidence that Paris is the traitor, and transmits his findings on his daily briefing. Janeway confides in Neelix that Paris' recent departure was a ruse to flush out a suspected spy on board. She asks the Talaxian for assistance in exposing the traitor.

On the Kazon ship, Paris finds evidence that proves Jonas is the turncoat, but he is discovered by Seska. He manages to escape in a stolen Kazon shuttlecraft. Back on Voyager, Neelix realizes that Jonas is the guilty party and when the two men come to blows in Engineering, Jonas plunges to his death. The Kazon retreat and Paris returns to the ship a hero.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Jerry Sroka (Laxeth)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Raphael Sbarge (Michael Jonas)

Simon Billig (Hogan)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Story By : Ed Bond

Jeff Schnauffer

Directed By : Les Landau

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Deadlock [VOY #37]

Stardate 49548.7

As Voyager enters a plasma cloud to evade approaching Vidiian ships, Ensign Wildman goes into labor and delivers a baby girl. But as the crew emerges from the cloud, a series of astounding events occur: the warp engines stall, the antimatter supplies drain, and proton bursts cause a hull breach. What's more, Kim is sucked out into space, Kes vanishes in a mysterious void, and Wildman's baby dies.

As the hull breach widens, the ship is forced to run on emergency power. Another proton burst hits and Chakotay orders everyone off the bridge. To her surprise, Janeway sees herself walk across the bridge, which she assumes is a spatial fluctuation caused by their passage through the plasma cloud. Janeway visits Wildman in Sickbay and admires her newborn baby, who appears to be fine. The crew also beams aboard an unconscious patient who's identical to Kes.

This Kes "double" reports the same series of astounding occurrences, which leads Janeway to speculate that there's another Voyager nearby. Apparently, a divergence field has caused all sensor readings to double and every particle on the ship to duplicate. Unfortunately, there isn't enough antimatter to sustain both vessels. Janeway alerts the other Voyager crew, led by a duplicate Janeway. After a merger of the ships fails, Janeway decides to go over to the other ship through the void Kes disappeared into.

The two Janeways meet and strategize their options. The captain of the more heavily damaged Voyager proposes to self-destruct her ship and crew to save the other Voyager. With the Vidiians closing in, the two captains know they must act quickly or both ships and crews will be destroyed. Meanwhile, the Vidiians board one of the Voyagers.

Desperate to steal healthy organs to help battle a plague known as the Phage, the Vidiians begin attacking crewmembers. One of the Janeway captains decides to act. She sets her ship on self-destruct and orders the duplicate Kim to take Wildman's baby through the void. The Vidiians are destroyed when the duplicate Voyager explodes, while Kim, the baby and the other Voyager crew are saved.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Bob Clendenin (Vidiian Surgeon)

Chris Johnston (Vidiian #1)

Keythe Farley (Vidiian #2)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Ray Proscia (Vidiian Cmdr.)

Simon Billig (Hogan)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : David Livingston

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Innocence [VOY #38]

Stardate Unknown

While entering the atmosphere of an uninhabited moon, the shuttle piloted by Tuvok and Ensign Bennet is rocked by electrodynamic turbulence, causing it to crash. Bennet dies, but Tuvok realizes he is not alone as three frightened children venture out from hiding. The children tell him that their ship crashed too, killing the people who were looking after them. In the meantime, Voyager welcomes Alcia, the Prelate of Drayan Two, with whom Janeway hopes to negotiate for minerals they need. The visit is interrupted when Alcia receives an emergency message, calling her away. Before she goes, she asks the crew to leave the area.

As Tuvok tries to repair his damaged shuttlecraft, the children -- Tressa, Elani and Corin -- express their fears of being killed by a creature they call the "morrok." They are even more frightened when a Drayan search party arrives to look for them. The children tell Tuvok that the Drayans sent them to the moon to die, and ask him to help them hide.

With Tuvok's help, the children elude the search team. Later, Alcia informs Janeway that they have found Tuvok's crashed shuttle on the moon, which they consider sacred ground. She orders Janeway to remove her surviving crewmember immediately.

The next morning, Tuvok discovers that Elani and Corin have vanished. In a nearby cave, he finds their clothes, but not the children. During a break in the atmospheric turbulence, Tuvok manages to send a brief message to Voyager. Janeway and Paris take a shuttlecraft to rescue the Vulcan, but they're pursued by a Drayan vehicle whose occupants don't want the shuttle to sully the sacred site.

As the Drayan search party surrounds Tuvok and Tressa, Janeway and Paris arrive. Tuvok refuses to let the Drayans take the child, but he is stunned when Alcia reveals that Tressa is actually 96 years old. Among the Drayan, the aging process is reversed, and Tressa wasn't brought there to be killed, but to die a natural death. With Alcia's permission, Tuvok stays with Tressa to comfort her in her final moments.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Marnie McPhail (Alicia)

Richard Garon (Ensign Bennet)

Sarah Rayne (Elanni)

Tahj D. Mowry (Corin)

Tiffany Taubman (Tressa)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Anthony Williams

Directed By : James L. Conway

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The Thaw [VOY #39]

Stardate Unknown

Voyager picks up an automated message from the Kohl settlement, whose members survived an environmental catastrophe by going into artificial hibernation. The crew beams their hibernation pods on board and finds two humanoids dead and three in deep stasis, their minds connected to a sensory system controlled by a computer. The Doctor reveals that the two victims died from heart failure, brought on by mental stress -- or extreme fear.

Hoping to learn how to revive the survivors, Kim and Torres enter two pods and are attached to the computer, which allows them to enter the colonists' dream state. They're thrown into an environment that resembles a bizarre carnival run by a malevolent Clown, whose followers quickly drag Kim to a guillotine.

Although the Clown spares Kim, the pair suddenly understand how the Kohl could literally be frightened to death. Because the Clown's survival depends on the colonists' minds remaining linked to the sensory system, the Kohl -- and now Kim and Torres -- can't awaken because the Clown won't allow it. The computer has manifested the worst fears of their subconscious minds into the persona of the Clown; they are now prisoners to that fear.

The Clown allows Torres to leave so she can warn the Captain that if the hibernation pods are deactivated, everyone will die. While Janeway contemplates how to negotiate, the Clown torments Kim mercilessly. The Doctor is sent to discuss the release of the hostages but the Clown refuses to cooperate, so Janeway decides to mount a rescue mission to free Kim and the Kohl settlers.

Her first plan fails when the Clown catches on to Torres' attempts to disable his program. Infuriated, he puts a colonist in the guillotine, where the frightened man succumbs to heart failure. To prevent more deaths, Janeway orders Torres to stop.

The Captain comes up with a final offer for the Clown: trade the current captives for Janeway herself. The Clown agrees, only to discover that his prize is only a holographic image. With no one alive left to torment, "Fear" is conquered and he disappears forever.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Carel Struycken (Spectre)

Michael McKean (The Clown)

Patty Maloney (Little Woman)

Shannon O'Hurley (The Programmer)

Thomas Kopache (Viorsa)

Tony Carlin (Physician)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Richard Gadas

Directed By : Marvin V. Rush

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Tuvix [VOY #40]

Stardate 49655.2

On an away mission to locate nutritional supplements, Tuvok and Neelix find a promising native orchid. Later, when the crew beams them back to Voyager with samples of the flowers, the pair never arrive. Instead, a single entity appears on the transporter platform. The Doctor confirms that this strange but oddly familiar alien is actually a fusion of Tuvok and Neelix. With all the memories and abilities of the pair, the new crewmember decides to name himself "Tuvix."

The senior officers meet and conclude that the symbiogenetic properties of the orchids the pair carried during transport caused the "merger" that created Tuvix. After the meeting, Tuvix attempts to adjust to his new identity, and Kes tries to adjust to Tuvix. Although she's drawn to him, she is unsettled by the amalgam's affection for her.

After Paris and Torres gather more samples of the alien orchid, they manage to confirm the method of Tuvix's creation by beaming together new plant hybrids, but are unsuccessful in their attempts to reverse the process. The Doctor admits he's not optimistic about bringing Tuvok and Neelix back as separate individuals. On hearing this, Kes mourns the loss of two men: her lover and her mentor.

Kes tells Janeway that despite Tuvix's wonderful qualities, she's not ready to let go of Neelix. Several weeks pass, and Tuvix settles into life aboard the ship. In time, Kes reaches out to him and apologizes for being distant. Just as it looks as if everyone has adjusted to Voyager's new crewmember, the Doctor announces that he's devised a way to restore him to his two original components. There's just one problem: Tuvix doesn't want to die, even if it means allowing the other two men to live.

Tuvix argues that he has a right to survive, and that restoring Tuvok and Neelix's lives amounts to his execution. The Doctor refuses to take Tuvix's life against his will, so in the end, Janeway is forced to take responsibility for performing the procedure. Tuvok and Neelix are fully restored, but Janeway's relief is tempered by the weight of her decision to end Tuvix's life.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Bahni Turpin (Swinn)

Simon Billig (Hogan)

Tom Wright (Lt. Tuvix)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Andrew Shepard Price

Mark Gaberman

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Resolutions [VOY #41]

Stardate 49690.1

During an away mission, Janeway and Chakotay are bitten by an insect that infects them with an incurable virus. When the Doctor can't treat them, the two officers resign themselves to remaining on the planet, which has an environment that blocks the progression of the terminal disease. After supplies are beamed to them from Voyager, Janeway gives the crew orders to proceed to the Alpha Quadrant and puts Tuvok in command of the ship.

The decision to leave the Captain and First Officer behind weighs heavily on the crew, and they urge Tuvok to rendezvous with a Vidiian convoy, knowing that the aliens' advanced medical knowledge might include a cure for the virus. Tuvok refuses; Janeway

has forbidden the crew to contact the untrustworthy Vidiians, renowned for their willingness to murder involuntary organ donors in their ongoing battle against the Phage.

On the planet, Janeway works to develop a cure for the virus while Chakotay tries to make their lives comfortable. After a violent plasma storm strikes the planet and her research equipment is destroyed, she must come to grips with the fact that they are unlikely to ever leave this world. On Voyager, Tuvok realizes that sometimes a Captain must disobey an order for the welfare of his crew. He contacts the Vidiians and asks them to put Voyager in touch with the Vidiian physician Danara Pel, a close friend of the Doctor's. Pel quickly responds and offers to share the cure to the mysterious virus. They arrange a rendezvous for the next day.

As Janeway and Chakotay draw closer to each other, responding to the intimacy of their situation, Voyager goes to meet the Vidiians. But it's a trap, and the ship comes under a punishing assault. In the midst of the attack, Doctor Pel contacts the Doctor and offers the serum. Tuvok is able to drop the shields long enough for them to retrieve it and to eject an antimatter container from the ship. Then they fire a torpedo at the container and the resulting explosion incapacitates the Vidiian ships long enough for Voyager to escape. Tuvok retrieves the Captain and Chakotay, who resume command of Voyager and return to their traditional relationship.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Bahni Turpin (Swinn)

Simon Billig (Hogan)

Susan Diol (Dr. Danara Pel)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Basics, Part 1 [VOY #42]

Stardate Unknown

While Tuvok works to rehabilitate Ensign Suder, an unstable killer confined to his quarters, Chakotay receives a desperate subspace message from Seska. She's given birth to the child that was fathered with the DNA stolen from the First Officer, and she claims that her Kazon lover, Maje Culluh, is going to take her son away.

Chakotay is torn. Seska is untrustworthy and could be trying to lead Voyager into a trap. But if it is truly his child, he owes it his help. They set out to find Seska, and en route, Voyager receives a distress call from a Kazon shuttle manned by Tierna, one of Seska's aides. The injured Kazon reports that Culluh has killed Seska. Tierna managed to survive by bribing a guard and stealing a shuttle.

Voyager heads for the colony world where Culluh has sent Chakotay's son. The starship sustains several minor Kazon attacks, although none cause serious damage. Still, the fact that each of the attacks has focused on a certain section of the ship makes them suspicious. When Janeway tells Paris to alter their course, the ship is suddenly confronted with eight large Kazon vessels, clearly attempting to coerce them into a different direction. Unwilling to be manipulated, Janeway decides to intercept the lead Kazon vessel.

Using some deception of its own, Voyager manages to send most of the vessels at different targets, leaving only the lead vessel to fight. But as the battle intensifies, Tierna deliberately triggers a massive explosion in his own body, sacrificing his life to damage the ship. The tactic also serves to destroy Voyager's decoy, and three of the previously distracted Kazon vessels return to attack. Paris quickly boards a shuttlecraft to seek help from a neighboring Talaxian colony, but the little ship is hit by Kazon fire, and Voyager loses contact.

As Kazon intruders board the crippled starship, Janeway is forced to surrender. A victorious Culluh and Seska, who is still very much alive, take command while the Doctor secretly deactivates himself for twelve hours. The Kazon then strand the crew on a primitive planet and depart, unaware that there is still one crewmember aboard: Ensign Suder.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony DeLongis (Jal Culluh)

Brad Dourif (Suder)

Henry Darrow (Kolopak)

John Gegenhuber (Tierna)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Scott Haven (Kazon #1)

Written By : Michael Piller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Basics, Part 2 [VOY #43]

Stardate 50032.7

Stranded by the Kazon on a desolate planet ravaged by earthquakes and vicious cave creatures, the crew seeks food and shelter. At the same time, Paris, who managed to flee Voyager in a shuttle before the Kazon seized the ship, solicits help from the Talaxians.

On Voyager, the Doctor surprises Seska when he reveals that her newborn baby isn't Chakotay's child after all -- he's Culluh's. After she leaves, the Doctor discovers that he's not the only member of the crew left on the ship; Ensign Suder, the violent sociopath whom Tuvok has been attempting to rehabilitate, is still aboard. They join forces against the Kazon, but as they plot strategy, Suder expresses regret over the fact that he will probably need to kill Kazon to wrest control of Voyager.

On the planet, Kes and Neelix are kidnapped by the primitive humanoid natives. Chakotay and a rescue party free them, but during their getaway, they're all forced to take cover in one of the dangerous caves. They manage to elude the enormous eel-like creature that lives inside, and seal off the opening as they exit.

As Paris heads back to Voyager with reinforcements, he sends a message to the Doctor, asking him to disable the secondary phaser couplings. Suder has been sabotaging Voyager's systems from within, using an old Maquis trick to avoid detection. But former Maquis Seska figures out that there's a saboteur aboard and confronts the Doctor. He claims that he's the only saboteur

and Seska disables his program before he can disable the back-up couplings. That leaves Suder as the crew's last hope, and he heroically disables the phasers before being killed by a Kazon.

Paris knocks out Voyager's main phasers, and when Culluh tries to use the back-up system, Seska and many of the others on the Bridge are mortally wounded. She dies as Paris and the Talaxians board Voyager, and Culluh takes the baby with him when he abandons the ship. Paris takes control of the starship and goes back for the crew. Later, Tuvok offers a Vulcan prayer of peace over Suder's body as Janeway sets a course for home.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony DeLongis (Jal Culluh)

Brad Dourif (Suder)

David Cowgill (Hanonian #2)

John Kenton Shull (Kazon #2)

Majel Barrett (Narrator / Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Michael Bailey Smith (Hanonian #1)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Russ Fega (Paxim)

Scott Haven (Kazon Engineer)

Simon Billig (Hogan)

Written By : Michael Piller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Flashback [VOY #44]

Stardate 50126.4 / Stardate 9521.6

As Voyager approaches a nebula rich in sirillium, Tuvok is plagued by flashbacks of himself as a boy, trying to rescue a girl who's falling from a cliff. The Doctor suspects Tuvok is experiencing a repressed memory, which can cause permanent brain damage in a Vulcan. Vulcan healing techniques call for the patient to mind-meld with someone he trusts, so that together, the two can bring the memory into the Vulcan's conscious mind. Because of their long-standing friendship, Janeway agrees to meld with Tuvok.

The meld takes Tuvok and Janeway back 80 years to the Vulcan's first assignment on the Starship U.S.S. Excelsior, commanded by Hikaru Sulu. Sulu served under the legendary Captain James T. Kirk for many years, so his crew isn't surprised when he disobeys Starfleet orders to try and help Kirk and another old shipmate, Doctor McCoy, who are being held for the murder of the Klingon Chancellor. On the way, the Excelsior passes through a nebula that is similar to the one Voyager spotted prior to Tuvok's first flashback. Once again, Tuvok experiences the memory of the little girl falling, but this time he goes into convulsions.

On Voyager, the Doctor revives Tuvok, and Janeway wonders what the little girl had to do with this period on the Excelsior. All Tuvok can recall is that the Klingons ambushed the starship in the nebula, forcing Sulu to abort the rescue mission.

Reforming the mind-meld, Tuvok relives the Klingon attack. He recalls that during the battle, he aided an injured crewman named Valtane, who died in Tuvok's arms. As he goes through this again, the Doctor notices that the Vulcan is again experiencing erratic brain patterns. Unable to break the mind-meld between Tuvok and Janeway, the Doctor exposes Tuvok's brain to bursts of thoron radiation and in doing so, inadvertently discovers the truth. When Valtane died, a strange alien virus that he'd been carrying in his brain migrated to Tuvok's brain, camouflaging itself as a repressed memory. The Doctor increases the intensity of the radiation and is at last able to destroy the peculiar virus, leaving the mind of Tuvok healthy and Janeway nostalgic for the "old days" when space was still a wild frontier.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Boris Krutonog (Helmsman Lojur)

George Takei (Capt. Hikaru Sulu)

Grace Lee Whitney (Lt. Rand)

Jeremy Roberts (Valtane)

Michael Ansara (Kang)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Chute [VOY #45]

Stardate 50156.2

During shore leave on Akritiri, Paris and Kim are falsely accused of a terrorist bombing and sent to prison. Paris is already in the nightmarish alien jail when Kim arrives via a long metal chute. As if confinement in the brutal hellhole weren't bad enough, Paris shows Kim the "clamp" that every prisoner wears; it seems to affect the wearer's nervous system and it can't be removed.

On Voyager, Janeway is informed by Liria, the Akritirian Ambassador, that Paris and Kim have been imprisoned for a bombing that killed 47 people. The "proof" is traces of trillithium found on their clothes. Although trillithium can be made from the dilithium Voyager uses to power its engines, Janeway emphatically denies that her people were involved. She leaves, determined to find the real bombers.

Back in the prison, Paris and Kim plot how to escape through the chute, which is protected by a deadly forcefield. But before they can, Paris is stabbed by a brutal inmate. With no medical assistance available, Kim makes a deal with another inmate, Zio; he'll take Zio with him when he disables the forcefield in exchange for some supplies to clean up Paris's wound.

Back at the prison, Kim and Zio climb to the top of the chute, where they find that the opening is actually a docking port leading into space; what they'd thought was an underground jail is actually a large isolated satellite. With Paris getting closer to death, Kim tries to talk some of the inmates into cooperating in a prison break, but the idea seems so outlandish, they jeer at him. Later, when a delirious Paris disables the tool that Kim had used to neutralize the forcefield, Kim comes close to killing his friend. He regains his senses just in time.

Janeway tracks down and captures the real bombers, a young brother and sister, but she is shocked when Liria refuses to trade them for her people; he never reverses a conviction. Now the Captain is willing to deal with the bombers. In exchange for their freedom, the pair lead Tuvok and Janeway to the prison, where they extricate their officers and escape.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Beans Morocco (Rib)

Don R. McManus (Zip)

Ed Trotta (Pit)

James Parks (Vel)

Robert Pine (Liria)

Rosemary Morgan (Piri)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Clayvon Harris

Directed By : Les Landau

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The Swarm [VOY #46]

Stardate 50252.3

Paris and Torres are confronted by aliens who materialize on their shuttle, fire a weapon at the pair and disappear as quickly as they'd appeared. Although Paris sustains serious injuries from the charge, Torres recovers sufficiently to get them back to Voyager. Neelix tells Janeway that he doesn't know these aliens by name, only by reputation. They attack any outsider who dares to enter their territory, swarming in mass like angry insects. Unfortunately, charting a route around their huge territory isn't feasible, so Janeway opts to stay on course.

In Sickbay, the Doctor can't remember how to complete an operation; the Emergency Medical Hologram's memory circuits seem to be degrading. The only way to help him is to reinitialize his program, but Torres reveals that if she does that, all of the memories the Doctor has acquired in the past two years would be lost, along with much of his personality. Torres transfers the Doctor's program to a holodeck recreation of Jupiter Station, where his database originally had been written. There, they meet a holographic recreation of Dr. Lewis Zimmerman, creator of the EMH. "Zimmerman" explains the Doctor's "meltdown" is understandable, since his program was designed to run for only 1,500 hours.

The crew adjusts Voyager's shields so that the ship can slip through the aliens' sensor net without being spotted. But as Voyager proceeds, one of the tiny alien ships fires a polaron burst that makes the starship once again visible on their sensors. The "swarm" begins to pursue Voyager and the crew assumes battle stations. The small ships attach themselves to the ship and begin draining its energy. Realizing that every vessel in the swarm is connected at some quantum level, the crew is able to create an explosive chain reaction that drives them off long enough for the ship to get through their territory.

With the Doctor's memory degradation becoming worse every minute, Kes convinces the Zimmerman program to graft his matrix onto the Doctor's. The procedure works, although it will be a matter of time before they know if the Doctor retained all of his memories.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Carole Davis (The Diva)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Robert Picardo (Dr. Lewis Zimmerman)
Steven Houska (Chardis)
Written By : Mike Sussman
Directed By : Alexander Singer

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False Profits [VOY #47]

Stardate 50074.3

After detecting evidence of an unstable wormhole in a nearby solar system, Voyager's sensors find something even more unusual: evidence that a replicator from the Alpha Quadrant is in use on one of the planets. Janeway sends Paris and Chakotay down to the planet Takar to investigate, and they find a pair of Ferengi being worshiped as gods by the locals because of their advanced technology.

When they return to the ship, Paris and Chakotay learn that the Ferengi con artists, Kol and Arridor, arrived in the Delta Quadrant seven years earlier, victims of an attempt to lay claim to an unreliable wormhole. With no way to return home, they settled on the primitive planet and took advantage of a local myth predicting the arrival of "holy sages." Unhappy about the exploitation of the unsophisticated people, Janeway beams the Ferengi aboard Voyager. However, she reluctantly releases the pair after they persuade her that the sudden disappearance of Takar's "gods" would cause turmoil on the planet.

Resorting to trickery, Janeway sends Neelix to the planet disguised as a Ferengi to inform the pair that they're being recalled by their leader, the Grand Nagus. The plan backfires when the Ferengi decide they'd rather kill Neelix than give up their profits. To save himself, Neelix confesses his true identity. Once again, it appears the Ferengi have triumphed.

The crew has one more card up its sleeve. Drawing from mythic prophecies that the gods will leave on "wings of fire" following the arrival of a holy pilgrim, Neelix proclaims himself to be that pilgrim. The crew fires off three photon bursts to fulfill a line in the prophecy that says the gods will depart when three new stars appear in the sky.

Just as the crew's efforts to "attract" the wandering wormhole pay off, Voyager beams Kol and Arridor aboard. But before the ship can pass through it into the Alpha Quadrant, the Ferengi steal a shuttle and are pulled into the tunnel in space, destabilizing the phenomenon before Voyager can follow. Janeway and her crew saved the Takarians, but lost another chance to get home quickly.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alan Altshuld (Sandal Maker)

Dan Shor (Dr. Arridor)

John Walter Davis (Takarian Merchant)

Leslie Jordon (Kol)

Michael Ensign (Bard)

Rob LaBelle (Kafar)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : George A. Brozak

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Remember [VOY #48]

Stardate 50203.1

As Voyager transports a group of Enarans to their homeworld, Torres begins having intense dreams. Every night, she envisions herself as Korenna, an Enaran woman who's in love with a man named Dathan, much to the chagrin of "Korenna's" father Jareth, a military leader.

Torres shares her unsettling visions with Chakotay, noting that each new dream seems to advance Korenna's story. Chakotay wonders if there might be a connection between the dreams and the presence of the telepathic Enarans. Later, Torres passes out after having a waking vision of Korenna's life.

When she awakens in Sickbay, the Doctor tells Torres that she isn't dreaming; she's experiencing memories that have been specifically implanted in her mind. In her next vision, Korenna realizes that her father is forcibly "resettling" people like Dathan, who are known as Regressives because they reject modern technology. Korenna's face is accidentally scarred by a Regressive attempting to flee Jareth's soldiers. When Torres awakens, she goes to the quarters of an old Enaran woman named Mirell, who has a scar like the one Torres saw in the dream. Mirell admits she is Korenna, and that she planted her memories in Torres's mind so the truth about the fate of the Regressives won't be forgotten when she dies.

Mirell telepathically gives Torres the last part of the story: the night Dathan told Korenna that Jareth was killing the Regressives, not relocating them. Dathan urges Korenna to run away with him, but Jareth tells Korenna that Dathan's lying to her. Convinced that Dathan doesn't really love her, Korenna betrays her lover, and Jareth has him executed as Korenna joins the cheering Enaran mob. When Torres wakes up, Korenna Mirell is dead.

As the Enarans prepare a farewell toast to the crew, Torres bursts in and calls the group murderers. She accuses the Enarans of whitewashing their past, but none of them are willing to listen to her. Finally, a young Enaran woman that Torres had befriended during the trip offers to telepathically link with Torres to receive Korenna's memories. Torres gratefully accepts, knowing that what happened to the Regressives will live on in the Enarans' memories.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Athena Massey (Jessen)

Bruce Davison (Jareth)

Charles Esten (Dathan Alaris)

Eugene Roche (Jor Brel)

Eve H. Brenner (Jora Mireli)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nancy Kaine (Woman)

Tina Reddington (Girl)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Sacred Ground [VOY #49]

Stardate 50063.2

While visiting the Nechani homeworld, Kes ventures into a shrine of the Nechisti Order and is struck by a mysterious energy burst, rendering her comatose. Unfortunately, when back on the ship, the Doctor can't help Kes because he doesn't understand her condition. The local magistrate tells Janeway that Kes violated a holy place that only monks may enter -- and only after they have undergone a purification ritual to protect them from the energy field. Later, Neelix uncovers an ancient story of a king who went through the ritual to save his comatose son's life. Janeway requests permission to do the same.

The Nechisti Council approves Janeway's petition and the Doctor implants a subdermal bioprobe to monitor her physical condition during the ritual. A guide meets Janeway at the sanctuary and leads her to a room where three old people claim they are also waiting for the ritual to start, and have been there for as long as they can remember.

With Kes' life in the balance, Janeway impatiently demands that the ritual begin. The Guide hands the Captain a rock, and asks her what she sees. Janeway says she sees a stone, and is told to keep looking. The Guide takes her through a series of challenges, and hours later, an exhausted Janeway is told to put her hand in a basket, and an unseen creature called a "nesset" bites her. Janeway collapses, and the Guide puts her in an underground chamber.

On Voyager, the Doctor tracks the toxins from the bite as they course through Janeway's bloodstream, theorizing it might be the key to treating Kes. In a vision, Janeway asks the spirits to restore Kes' health, and her Guide cryptically tells the Captain that she already has what she needs to save Kes, and ends the ritual. Janeway returns to Voyager, where the Doctor prepares a cure from the toxins in Janeway's system. Yet when he applies it to Kes, she actually gets worse. Baffled, Janeway confronts the Guide, who sends her back to the waiting room.

The Council Members--the three old people Janeway encountered earlier--chide Janeway for having no faith in the spirits just because she can't scan them with her technology. Janeway realizes that if she's going to save Kes, she has to believe -- if not in the spirits, then in her own faith that she can help Kes. Her only option is to take Kes back through the energy field, even though scans show it's deadly. Against Chakotay's and Neelix's advice, Janeway carries Kes into the shrine, and this time--whether it's due to the Captain's altered biochemistry or her newfound irrational faith--the energy field doesn't harm them, and Kes recovers.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Becky Ann Baker (Guide)
Estelle Harris (Old Woman)
Harry Groener (The Magistrate)
Keene Curtis (Old Man)
Parley Baer (Old Man)
Teleplay By : Lisa Klink
Story By : Geo Cameron
Directed By : Robert Duncan McNeill

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Future's End, Part 1 [VOY #50]

Stardate 50312.5

Voyager is fired upon by the 29th-century Federation "Timeship" Aeon commanded by Captain Braxton, who has time-traveled through a spatial rift to destroy Janeway's ship. Braxton claims that Voyager is responsible for a temporal explosion that will obliterate Earth's solar system in his era. Although equipped with only 24th-century technology, the crew manages to deflect Braxton's blasts and damage his ship, but then both the timeship and Voyager get sucked through the rift. The starship winds up in orbit around Earth in 1996.

Knowing Braxton's ship holds the key to returning to their own era, the crew begins searching for it, and an Away Team beams down to Los Angeles to investigate subspace readings that seem out of place in the 20th century. Meanwhile, at Griffith Observatory in the Hollywood Hills, astronomer Rain Robinson picks up Voyager's warp emission on her instruments and reports the finding to computer mogul Henry Starling, who funds her lab. Against Starling's instructions, Rain transmits a greeting to Voyager, and the crew tracks her to the Observatory. While Paris and Tuvok head for the site, Chakotay and Janeway identify a homeless man as Captain Braxton. He explains that he emerged from the time rift in 1967 and crash-landed in the desert, where a young Henry Starling found the timeship and utilized its technology to start a high-tech empire. Starling is now planning to use Braxton's vessel to time travel, and, according to Braxton, that will cause the explosion in the future.

Fearing that Rain is a security risk, Starling sends a henchman to kill her. But Paris and Tuvok spirit her away before she can be harmed. When Rain questions what they're up to, Paris tells her that they're secret agents tracking a Soviet KGB spy operation. She sees through his story, though, because the Soviet Union and the KGB no longer exist.

Chakotay and Janeway sneak into Starling's office, where they discover Braxton's timeship just as Starling walks in and confronts them. Janeway warns Starling not to launch the ship, explaining it will unleash disaster. Undaunted, Starling tries to kill Chakotay and Janeway, but they're transported to Voyager in the nick of time. They try to beam up the timeship, but Starling uses their transporter beam to access Voyager's computer and study its systems. Minutes later, the wily Starling steals the Doctor's program from Sickbay. To complicate things even further, Voyager's presence is disclosed on the evening news!

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Allan G. Royal (Capt. Braxton)

Barry Wiggins (Policeman)

Christian R. Conrad (Dunbar)

Ed Begley, Jr. (Henry Starling)

Sarah Silverman (Rain Robinson)

Susan Patterson (Ensign Kaplan)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : David Livingston

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Future's End, Part 2 [VOY #51]

Stardate 50312.5

Janeway's attempts to beam up 20th-century computer mogul Henry Starling and the timeship in his possession are stymied because Voyager's long-range transporters aren't working. As a result, brilliant astronomer Rain Robinson lures Starling to a meeting where the crew hopes to hijack him. Starling shows up with the Doctor, whom he's supplied with a 29th-century portable holo-emitter that allows him to exist in environments without standard holographic emitters.

Having reconfigured the shields on a shuttlecraft to disguise it from 20th-century radar, Chakotay and Torres try to beam up Starling from the rendezvous. Starling has a device that interferes with the attempt, but Voyager is able to redirect the transporter signal to beam him directly to the starship. Unfortunately, Starling's attempt to disrupt the beam-out damages the shuttle's controls. It goes down in the desert, where Chakotay and Torres are taken hostage by a paramilitary group. Voyager traces the crash site to Arizona, and the Doctor and Tuvok travel there to find them.

On Voyager, Starling admits to Janeway that he wants to travel into the future to steal more advanced technology. Although Janeway thinks she's put an end to those plans, one of Starling's henchmen uses his scavenged 29th-century technology to transport Starling back to his office. Outside Starling's headquarters, Paris spots a truck that appears to be moving the timeship to another location. In Arizona, Tuvok and the Doctor manage to free Chakotay and Torres. Torres repairs the damaged shuttle, which they use to track the truck and destroy it. However, they discover the truck was a ruse; the timeship is back in Starling's office, and he's just launched it.

Retrieving Paris and Tuvok, the shuttle returns to Voyager, where Janeway hails Starling, who refuses to abort his mission. She has no choice but to destroy the timeship. Seconds later, a time rift opens and Braxton appears in his timeship. With his previous timeline altered by the destruction of Starling, this Braxton has come from the future to lead Voyager back to the 24th century, where it belongs. Janeway implores Braxton to place them at Earth, but Braxton cites the Temporal Prime Directive, which Janeway cannot argue with. Back in the Delta Quadrant, the crew finds that they've gained one particular advantage from their journey: the Doctor has retained the 29th-century mobile holo-emitter, freeing him from the confines of Sickbay.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Allan G. Royal (Capt. Braxton)
Brent Hinkley (Militia Man #1)
Christian R. Conrad (Dunbar)
Clayton Murray (Militia Man #2)
Ed Begley, Jr. (Henry Starling)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Sarah Silverman (Rain Robinson)
Susan Patterson (Ensign Kaplan)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Warlord [VOY #52]

Stardate 50348.1

Voyager beams aboard three people just before their damaged ship explodes: an Ilari female named Nori, her injured spouse Tieran and an Ilari male named Adin. Although the Doctor and Kes try to save him, Tieran dies. Not long after, Neelix is shocked when Kes announces she'd like to spend some time apart from him. When Voyager arrives at Ilari, the local leader, known as "the Autarch," sends a representative to the ship instead of coming himself. Inexplicably, Kes pulls out a phaser, kills the representative and a crewmember, and escapes in a stolen shuttlecraft with Adin and Nori.

Kes takes the shuttle to a military encampment and takes command of the waiting troops. In the meantime, Janeway meets with Demmas, the Autarch's oldest son, who explains that Kes' body is now inhabited by Tieran, a former Ilarian ruler who was overthrown by Demmas' ancestor 200 years ago. Since then, Tieran has lived on by transferring his mind to a series of host bodies. Janeway agrees to help Demmas stop Kes/Tieran, but before she can, the tyrant has killed the Autarch in front of Demmas' younger brother, Ameron, and appointed himself the new Autarch.

Kes/Tieran tries to poison Ameron's thoughts against Demmas and urges him to cooperate with the new regime. In the meantime, the Doctor designs a synaptic stimulator that will remove Tieran's neural pattern from Kes -- if they can get close enough to use it. Tuvok beams into the Autarch's palace, but is caught and imprisoned before he can succeed in the attempt. When Kes/Tieran interrogates Tuvok, the Vulcan is able to initiate a mind-meld and speak directly to Kes, who tells Tuvok she is fighting Tieran for control.

Kes/Tieran orders Voyager to leave orbit, but the stress of the mental battle between Kes and Tieran results in a paranoid Kes/Tieran killing Adin. To Nori's chagrin, Kes/Tieran announces she's marrying Ameron. Moments later, a coalition of Voyager's crew and Demmas' forces bursts into the palace. Paris releases Tuvok, while Neelix places the synaptic stimulator on Kes/Tieran. Tieran jumps to a new host body -- Ameron -- but Kes places the device on him and Tieran is finally destroyed. Demmas, the rightful heir, becomes Autarch.

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Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony Crivello (Adin)

Brad Greenquist (Demmas)

Charles Emmett (Resh)

Galyn Gorg (Nori)

Karl Wiedergott (Ameron)

Leigh J. McCloskey (Tieran)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Andrew Shepard Price

Mark Gaberman

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Q And The Grey [VOY #53]

Stardate 50384.6

After the crew is treated to the rare sight of a supernova, Q shows up in Janeway's quarters with a proposition: he'd like the Captain to bear his baby. Janeway flatly refuses, but Q is persistent. He reappears several more times, and although Janeway admits she'd like to have a child someday, she's not going to mate with Q -- much to the relief of a jealous female Q who shows up on the ship.

After the crew witnesses the third supernova in as many days, they suspect that Q may be behind the explosions. The shockwaves from the cosmic phenomena could damage Voyager, so Janeway urges Q to do something. In response, Q transports Janeway to the Q Continuum, which now resembles Earth's old antebellum South -- an apropos setting, because the Q are in the middle of a civil war.

It all started with the death of Quinn, the Q that Voyager had assisted a year earlier. His suicide caused chaos in the Continuum. Now the status quo among the Q are fighting a violent battle against those Q who, like Quinn, believe in individualism. One of the repercussions of the conflict is the unusual frequency of supernovas, caused by spatial disruptions within the Continuum. To end the war, Q has decided to create a new breed of Q, with qualities that are "the best humanity has to offer" -- hence, Q's proposition.

Back on Voyager, Chakotay questions the female Q about the war and they agree to join forces. She helps Voyager enter the Continuum, where Janeway encourages Q to mate with the female Q. While he considers the idea, Janeway visits the enemy camp to discuss a cease-fire. She offers a truce on Q's behalf, but the opposing Colonel decides to end the war by executing Q -- and by sentencing Janeway to death for collaborating with the enemy.

Facing a firing squad, Q proclaims Janeway's innocence and asks the Colonel to set her free. The Colonel disregards the plea, but the "calvary," in the form of the Voyager crew and the female Q, comes to the rescue. Q decides Janeway is right and asks

the female Q to conceive a child with him. They touch their fingertips together and peace again reigns in the Continuum. Later, Q visits Janeway with his son, and asks the Captain to be the boy's Godmother.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

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Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Harve Presnell (Colonel Q)

John de Lancie (Q)

Suzie Plakson (Q)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Shawn Piller

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Macrocosm [VOY #54]

Stardate 50425.1

Returning from a trade mission with the Tak Tak, Janeway and Neelix are perplexed to find Voyager adrift in space. After landing their craft in the Shuttlebay, the pair notes there are no crewmembers in sight and that many of the ship's systems are off-line. While investigating the seemingly empty ship, their turbolift is halted by several lifeforms, one of which pokes a hole in the door with a large stinger. The stinger sprays Neelix with slime, but the pair is able to escape. Not long after, Neelix falls ill and Janeway goes to find an emergency kit. When she returns, he's gone.

Now on her own, Janeway arms herself with weapons and goes to the Bridge, where she is stung by one of the bizarre lifeforms. In the Mess Hall, she discovers unresponsive, ailing crewmembers and a giant flying creature, which tries to attack Janeway.

Fleeing to Sickbay, Janeway finds the Doctor holed up with a phaser. He reports that the ship is infected by a strange alien macrovirus. He explains that while Janeway and Neelix were away from the ship, Voyager responded to a medical distress call from a mining colony stricken by a virus. A few of the "bugs" migrated back to the ship when the Doctor returned, and since then, they've spread throughout the ship's systems, and ultimately to the crew. The Doctor has come up with an antigen but he hasn't had the chance to test it, since the huge, mature versions of the virus -- such as the one that came after Janeway -- have prevented him from leaving Sickbay. Now infected herself, Janeway volunteers to test the antigen and is cured. But there's still the problem of distributing the antigen to the ailing crew.

Janeway comes up with the idea of distributing the cure in gaseous form through the ship's environmental system. Using her arsenal, she blasts her way through the ship until she reaches the controls. But before she can disperse the antigen, Voyager is fired upon by the Tak Tak, who want to exterminate the virus by destroying the ship. Janeway tells them about the cure and asks them to stop shooting long enough for her to treat the crew. They give her an hour. Unfortunately, the environmental controls have been damaged, but Janeway figures out how to put together an antigen bomb, which destroys the virulent invaders.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Albie Selznick (Tak Tak)

Michael Fiske (Garan Miner)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Fair Trade [VOY #55]

Stardate Unknown

Neelix thinks he may be at the end of his usefulness to the crew when Voyager comes upon the Nekrit Expanse, a vast region of space that he knows little about. Since he is their supposed expert on the Delta Quadrant, Neelix is determined to find a detailed map of the area. He suggests they stop at a space station located near the edge of the Expanse, where Janeway, Chakotay and Paris negotiate for supplies. At the same time, Neelix reunites with Wixiban, an old Talaxian friend who went to prison for a crime that he and Neelix participated in years earlier.

Wix offers to help Neelix secure a map and pergium, a rare commodity required by Engineering. The items can be attained by trading some supplies that Wix has access to. Neelix borrows one of Voyager's shuttles to deliver Wix's supplies, but when they arrive at the exchange site, a fight breaks out, and Wix kills his contact, Sutok, with a Starfleet phaser from the shuttle.

Fleeing, Neelix realizes that Wix used him to carry out a narcotics deal. But because he feels he "owes" Wix for the prison time his friend did, Neelix agrees to keep quiet about the murder. When Bahrat, the station manager, tells Janeway that a Federation weapon was involved in the slaying, an investigation is launched. Neelix's troubles deepen when Wix insists Neelix must steal warp plasma from Voyager to pay off the drug dealers, whose narcotics were stolen by Sutok's gang during the fight.

Later, Neelix meets with Wix and admits that he couldn't bring himself to steal from Voyager. At the same time, Bahrat arrests Paris and Chakotay for Sutok's murder. Unwilling to see his friends pay the price for a crime they didn't commit, Neelix convinces Wix to come clean with Bahrat. After hearing the confession, Bahrat allows Wix and Neelix to set a trap for the top narcotics dealer, Tosin. The ploy works and Tosin is arrested. Although Janeway is furious with Neelix for getting the crew involved in illicit activities, she understands that he was motivated by a misguided attempt to help them. Rather than putting him off the ship, she sentences him to two weeks scrubbing the exhaust manifolds.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)

Carlos Carrasco (Bahrat)

Eric Sharp (Map Vendor)

James Horan (Tosin)

James Nardini (Wixiban)

Steve Kehela (Sutok)

Teleplay By : Andre Bormanis

Story By : Jean Louise Matthias

Ronald Wilkerson

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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Alter Ego [VOY #56]

Stardate 50460.3

The crew is mystified by the atypical behavior of an inversion nebula. While they study it, Kim asks for Tuvok's help in suppressing his emotions. The ensign confesses he's fallen in love with a holodeck character named Marayna. Tuvok advises Kim to avoid further contact with her, since it is impossible to have a relationship with a computer subroutine. Kim agrees.

On the bridge, the crew watches as a plasma strand ignites, but fails to create the expected chain reaction throughout the nebula. Sensors show an unknown dampening effect between the strands. That night, despite his vow to avoid Marayna, Kim accompanies Paris to the holodeck. There he sees Marayna in conversation with Tuvok. Troubled, Kim leaves, while Tuvok continues to talk to Marayna. The Vulcan is surprised at the depth of her insight into his nature, and he admits that he understands why Kim finds her so compelling.

When Voyager attempts to resume its course, the propulsion system inexplicably goes off-line. While the engineering group explores the problem, Kim goes to the holodeck and finds Tuvok again visiting Marayna. He accuses the Vulcan of betraying his trust, and Tuvok opts to delete Marayna's program rather than jeopardize his relationship with Kim. He's surprised, therefore, when he finds Marayna in his quarters.

To Marayna's annoyance, Tuvok calls security, but she disappears when they arrive. The crew investigates the holodeck and discovers that someone outside the ship has created an uplink and tapped into its programs. Suddenly, activity in the nebula increases, threatening the safety of the ship.

Tracing the uplink back to its source, Tuvok beams over to a space station located inside the nebula. There he meets the real Marayna, a lonely humanoid alien who controls the plasma activity for the benefit of her home world's inhabitants. She threatens to destroy Voyager if Tuvok doesn't stay with her, but he explains that their relationship would not be what she desires if he stayed only to save his ship. Accepting the logic of the situation, she allows him and Voyager to leave.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Sandra Nelson (Marayna)

Shay Todd (Holodeck Woman)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Robert Picardo

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Coda [VOY #57]

Stardate 50518.6

After Chakotay and Janeway crash-land their shuttlecraft on a planet, Chakotay guesses they may have been shot down by Vidiians. Sure enough, a group of Vidiians arrives and attacks the pair, killing them. Suddenly, they're back on the shuttlecraft, under attack by Vidiian warships. The shuttle explodes before it can land. Seconds later, they are once again sitting in their shuttle.

Believing they're trapped in a time loop, the two officers contact Voyager and elude the Vidiians. However, back on the ship, Chakotay refutes Janeway's claims about the time loop. The Doctor diagnoses Janeway as suffering from the Vidiian phage disease and euthanizes her against her will, after which Janeway finds herself back on the shuttle with Chakotay. As they near a strange phenomenon in space, the shuttle explodes, and the next thing Janeway knows, she's back on the planet, watching Chakotay grieve over her dead body.

Returning to Voyager with Chakotay, Janeway discovers she cannot be seen. In Sickbay, the Doctor's attempts to revive her "corpse" are unsuccessful, but Janeway is able to get Kes to telepathically sense her presence. As the crew wonders if the Captain is lost in an alternate dimension, Janeway is shocked to come face to face with her deceased father. Admiral Janeway tells her that she really did die in the shuttle crash, and tries to convince her she should give in to death. Meanwhile, after days of unsuccessfully trying to reach Janeway, the crew holds a memorial service.

Janeway tells her father that she's not ready to leave the crew yet. Suddenly, she senses that she's still in her corporeal body, and that the Doctor is trying to save her. Her father tells her it's a hallucination and urges her to give up. Janeway knows her real father wouldn't push her in this way, and realizes that an alien has assumed his image to lure her to her death. Indeed, an alien presence has invaded her cerebral cortex, but now that she's aware of it, Janeway regains consciousness on the planet's surface, where she's recovering from injuries sustained during the crash-landing with Chakotay.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Len Cariou (Admiral Janeway)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Nancy Malone

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Blood Fever [VOY #58]

Stardate 50537.2

Preparing for an Away Team mission to a planet with a large reserve of gallicite, Torres is taken aback when a Vulcan ensign named Vorik asks her to be his mate. She declines, but Vorik grabs hold of her face and she dislocates his jaw. The Doctor explains that Vorik is going through a Vulcan mating ritual known as the pon farr. If he doesn't mate, he may die. Vorik attempts to get through the difficult period by engaging in intensive meditation.

The Away Team begins the search for the gallicite, but Torres is strangely aggressive, at one point viciously biting Paris. Tuvok finds out that Vorik touched Torres' face, which initiated a telepathic mating bond between them. Now Torres is also experiencing pon farr. Vorik is half-mad with his desire to mate with Torres, but he's forced to remain on Voyager, where the Doctor tries to help him by programming a holographic Vulcan female.

Back on the planet, Paris, Tuvok and Chakotay locate Torres and explain to her what she's experiencing. As they try to convince her to leave the planet, a group of subterranean aliens surround the Away Team. A scuffle breaks out and the aliens disappear with Chakotay and Tuvok, leaving Paris and Torres alone. While searching for their missing crewmembers, Torres alludes to the idea of Paris mating with her, but he refuses to take advantage of her.

Chakotay and Tuvok convince their alien captors, the Sakari, that they've come in peace. The Sakari explain that they moved underground after their ancestors were attacked by unknown invaders. Chakotay offers to help them protect themselves from future attacks in exchange for some gallicite. Elsewhere, Torres tries to seduce Paris, but he again rejects her advances. Not long after, Tuvok and Chakotay locate the pair.

Suddenly, they're joined by Vorik, who can no longer resist his instincts. He challenges Paris for Torres, but Torres takes up the challenge herself and engages in the ritual battle, overcoming Vorik. The blood fever purged, the Away Team returns to the ship -- but not before Chakotay finds evidence of who the invaders were that attacked the Sakari: the Borg!

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Bruce Bohne (Ishan)

Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)

Deborah Levin (Ensign Lang)

Written By : Lisa Klink

Directed By : Andrew J. Robinson

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Unity [VOY #59]

Stardate 50614.2

Returning from a scouting mission, the shuttle manned by Chakotay and Ensign Kaplan picks up a Federation distress call from a planet. Launching a buoy to let Voyager know where they are, they land the craft, but are quickly attacked by a hostile group of humanoids. Kaplan is killed, and Chakotay injured before help arrives in the form of another group, led by a woman named

Riley, who gets Chakotay to safety. Riley explains she's part of a cooperative of different species who were kidnapped by aliens and left to fend for themselves. However, not all of them are friendly.

Back on Voyager, the crew finds a Borg vessel floating in space. When they board it, they find 1,100 dead Borg. An investigation reveals the ship ceased operation five years earlier.

On the planet, Chakotay is shocked to discover that Riley and the others are all Borg -- or, at least, they were. They weren't kidnapped; they were assimilated by the Borg. But five years ago, their ship was damaged by an electro-kinetic storm that severed their link to the Borg Collective. Those who survived settled on the planet, but they quickly began fighting each other for food and supplies. Riley is hoping Chakotay can help them. However, right now it is Chakotay who needs help. His only option is to temporarily join his mind with Riley and the rest of her small "Collective" in a healing link. Afterwards, his injuries are much improved, and he feels far closer to the group, particularly Riley.

Tracking Chakotay's buoy, Voyager locates him and beams the First Officer and Riley up to the ship. Riley asks Janeway to help her use the generator on the dead Borg vessel to re-establish a neural link among all the former Borg on the planet. She believes this will stop the fighting and allow them to work together to build a true community. Janeway refuses, fearing that activating the Borg ship and creating a new Collective could be dangerous to all. Riley returns to the planet, but she and her group use their former link with Chakotay to solicit his help. Chakotay takes a shuttle to the cube and does as they ask. As soon as the link is re-established, the new Collective destroys the Borg cube and releases Chakotay from their link, thanking him and the ship for their coerced help.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Ivar Brogger (Drum)

Lori Hallier (Riley Frazier)

Susan Patterson (Ensign Kaplan)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Robert Duncan McNeill

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Darkling [VOY #60]

Stardate 50693.2

Voyager visits an outpost of the Mikhal Travellers, a gypsy-like band of space explorers who are willing to share their knowledge of the territory Voyager is about to enter. As Kes oversees the transfer of medical supplies to the group, she becomes infatuated with Zahir, a Mikhal pilot.

In the meantime, the Doctor is engaged in a new project: adding personality routines of famous historical figures, like Gandhi and Lord Byron, to his own program in order to enhance his performance. Torres expresses concern that the subroutines may interact unpredictably and offers to review his program.

As Kes grows increasingly fond of Zahir, the Doctor points out that she is neglecting her duties in Sickbay. Later, the Ocampan confides in Janeway that Zahir wants Kes to leave Voyager and travel with him. As she ponders her decision, Zahir is seriously injured by a mysterious cloaked figure.

The next day, a distraught Kes recounts Zahir's injuries to the Doctor. They're interrupted by Torres, who has found a potential problem with his program. Later, Tuvok and Janeway find Torres collapsed on the floor of Sickbay. The Doctor blames her condition on something she ate, but after Tuvok and Janeway leave, it becomes clear that he's the one who caused Torres' condition. The Doctor unsuccessfully tries to coerce her into removing his original "bland" personality from his blend of subroutines, which are rapidly destabilizing.

As Tuvok investigates the attack on Zahir, the Doctor kidnaps Kes. The discovery of residual holographic signatures near the attack site alerts the crew that the Doctor is the culprit. As the Doctor drags Kes along the mountain path where he assaulted Zahir, he's apprehended by Tuvok and Chakotay. Refusing to give up, he throws himself and Kes over a cliff. Voyager's transporter beams them up before they hit bottom, and Torres is able to delete the dangerous subroutines, which restores the Doctor to normal. Kes decides to remain on Voyager with her friends.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Christopher Clarke (Lord Byron)

David Lee Smith (Zahir)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Noel De Souza (Ghandi)

Stephen Davies (Nakahn)

Sue Henley (Ensign)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Rise [VOY #61]

Stardate Unknown

As Voyager makes a less-than-successful attempt to vaporize asteroids that are assaulting the Nezu homeworld, a message comes from Dr. Vatm, an astrophysicist who has been analyzing the asteroid fragments on the surface below. Vatm wants to talk to the Nezu ambassador, who is currently aboard Voyager.

Neelix, Tuvok and a Nezu named Sklar head for the surface, but their shuttle crashes. They find Vatm but have no way to contact Voyager. Neelix suggests they reactivate a carriage that is tethered to an orbital space station. If they can rise above Nezu's atmospheric turbulence, they'll be able to communicate with the ship. But as soon as they make the tether system operational, Vatm tries to leave by himself. He's stopped by Tuvok, and the group begins its ascent.

The upward journey is uncomfortable and dangerous. Vatm refuses to say why he attempted to leave without them and sips at water to ease his discomfort. Later, he becomes delirious and says that something is on the roof of the carriage. Then he has a seizure and dies, the result, Tuvok says, of murder; his water was poisoned.

Neelix insists they find out what's on the roof, and Tuvok reluctantly climbs up. He finds a data storage device that contains information about an alien vessel. Sklar pushes Tuvok off the roof, but the Vulcan survives by clinging to an induction coil on the bottom of the carriage. Neelix helps Tuvok back inside and in the ensuing struggle, Sklar plunges to his death.

Finally, the group is able to contact Voyager and is beamed aboard. The crew has been confronted by a ship from the Etanian Order, which wishes to claim Nezu for itself. The Etanians create "natural" disasters--like meteor showers--on the planets they covet, then take over when the residents evacuate. With the tactical information from the device Tuvok found, Janeway is able to disable the Etanian vessel, which departs. After the fact, the crew figures out that Vatm knew there was a traitor among the Nezu, which turned out to be Sklar. However, he hadn't known whom he could trust. His silence ultimately killed him.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alan Oppenheimer (Neru Ambassador)

Gary Bullock (Goth)

Geoff Pysirr (Hanjuan)

Kelly Connell (Sklar)

Lisa Kaminir (Lillias)

Tom Towles (Dr. Vatm)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Story By : Jimmy Diggs

Directed By : Robert Scheerer

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Favorite Son [VOY #62]

Stardate 50732.4

During an encounter between Voyager and a Nasari ship, Kim announces that the alien ship is going to fire, and he unleashes Voyager's phasers at it, triggering an unwanted battle. As both ships limp away from the confrontation, Janeway grills Kim, who says he just "knew" the Nasari posed a threat, despite their non-aggressive behavior. The Captain suspends Kim from duty until she can investigate his "hunch." That evening, Kim is stunned by the appearance of alien markings on his face.

The Doctor can't find a reason for Kim's facial markings or the alteration in his blood chemistry. Tuvok is able to confirm that the Nasari were about to fire on Voyager, and the Captain questions how Kim knew. He isn't sure, but he notes that this area of space seems oddly familiar. Kim leads the crew to the planet Taresia, which has a largely female populace. An official of that planet welcomes Kim "home."

The Taresians explain that Kim was conceived on their world, but his embryo was implanted in an Earth woman, to bring an infusion of new genetic material back to their race. As an adult, Taresians like Kim are instinctively drawn back home. The women say the Nasari fired on Voyager because they detected Kim's presence. The Nasari hate Taresians and were trying to stop Kim from going home. Later, Janeway meets with the Nasari, who say they have no quarrel with Voyager -- but they'll attack the ship if Kim returns to it.

As Kim attends the wedding of Taymon, another returned male, the Doctor informs Janeway that Kim wasn't born with Taresian DNA; he was deliberately infused with it during an Away Mission. Apparently, the Taresians want to make him feel like he belongs on their world. But Kim has decided he wants to return to his ship. When he tries to leave, the Taresian women try to stop him. He races to Taymon's room, where he's stunned to find the young man's dead body. Kim realizes that Taresian men don't voluntarily leave; they're killed after the women extract enough genetic material to conceive children. The crew is able to beam up Kim and leave the area while the Nasari are busy trading shots with the Taresians.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Cari Shayne (Eliann)

Christopher Carroll (Alben)

Deborah May (Lyris)

Irene Tsu (Kim's Mother)

Kelli Kirkland (Rinna)

Kristanna S. Loken (Malia)

Patrick Fabian (Taymon)

Written By : Lisa Klink

Directed By : Marvin V. Rush

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Before And After [VOY #63]

Stardate Unknown

Kes finds herself in Sickbay, on the verge of death. The Doctor activates something he calls a bio-temporal chamber and Kes experiences a shift in perception. She finds herself with a boy -- apparently her grandson Andrew -- who gives her a belated birthday gift. The Doctor tells her he's going to put her into the bio-temporal chamber to prolong her life. She's in the Morilogium, the final phase of the Ocampan lifespan. Suddenly Kes...

...awakens in her quarters, where Andrew is still working on the present that he already gave her. Kes meets Linnis, her daughter, who is married to Harry Kim. Linnis' father is Tom Paris, who is also Kes' husband. As Kes tries to take all this in...

...she finds herself celebrating her ninth birthday with her family and friends. Andrew tells her he hasn't had a chance to begin working on her present. Bewildered, Kes tells the Doctor that she seems to be experiencing life in reverse. Consulting her medical records, Kes learns she suffered from chronoton radiation poisoning when Voyager was under attack by the Krenim. As Kes reasons that the radiation exposure may explain her condition...

...she experiences another jump. This time she goes immediately to the Doctor, who confirms that the chronoton particles, reactivated in the future by the bio-temporal chamber, are moving her backwards in time. To stop the jumps, they must purge her of the radiation -- and the only way to do that is to find out the temporal variance of the Krenim torpedo that contaminated her.

Kes continues jumping back in time... to the birth of Linnis... and to the Krenim attack, when she was exposed to the radiation. Finding the torpedo, she notes the temporal variance, then jumps again... to a year earlier, where she warns Janeway to avoid

Krenim space and gives the Doctor the information to program a bio-temporal chamber that will purge her system. As the chronoton count begins to drop, Kes experiences several more jumps... eventually arriving at her moment of conception. Just as she ceases to exist, her body is purged and she awakens back in the period in which they were using the chamber to eliminate the chronoton particles, where she happily notes there's no time like the present.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Christopher Aguilar (Andrew Kim)

Janna Michaels (Young Kes)

Jessica Collins (Linnin)

Michael L. Maguire (Benaren)

Rachel Harris (Martis)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Real Life [VOY #64]

Stardate 50836.2

When Voyager comes across a large debris field, the crew concludes that it's all that's left of the alien space station they were approaching. Finding a strange trail of plasma particles at the site, they set course to solve the mystery of what happened to the alien vessel.

In the meantime, in an effort to expand the horizons of his program, the Doctor creates a "perfect" holodeck family: a wife named Charlene, teenage son Jeffrey, and a 10-year-old daughter named Belle. After he invites Kes and Torres to dine with his "family," Torres offers to tweak the program to make it more realistic.

As Voyager follows the particle wake, a tornado-like phenomenon rips out of subspace and bears down on them. The ship comes through the anomaly relatively unscathed and Chakotay suggests that the next time an astral eddy appears, they capture some of its highly charged plasma particles. Back in the holodeck, the Doctor is not pleased with Torres' changes; his wife works, his daughter whines and his son hangs out with tough Klingon teens.

Paris suggests that taking a shuttle into the wake of an eddy might offer the best opportunity to capture the valuable plasma particles. When another one forms, Paris attempts the maneuver, only to be caught up in yet another eddy. The crew watches in horror as Paris disappears with the eye of the astral phenomenon.

The Doctor tries to talk things out with his rebellious son. The conversation turns into an argument that's interrupted when word arrives that Belle has been seriously injured in an accident. Realizing she's going to die, he abruptly ends the holodeck program.

Paris learns that he's trapped between space and subspace, in the spawning area of the eddies. The only way out is the way he came in, inside a space tornado. As a huge storm appears in regular space, Voyager manages to beam Paris aboard. In Sickbay, Paris convinces the Doctor to return to his program and face the pain that life sometimes delivers. The Doctor reactivates the

program and allows himself to grieve and draw comfort from the new closeness the tragedy brings to the remaining members of his family.

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Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Chad Haywood (K'Kath)

Glenn Walker Harris (Jeffrey)

Lindsey Haun (Belle)

Stephen Ralston (Larg)

Wendy Schaal (Charlene)

Teleplay By : Jeri Taylor

Story By : Harry Doc Kloor

Directed By : Anson Williams

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Distant Origin [VOY #65]

Stardate Unknown

Professor Gegen and his assistant Veer find the remains of a Starfleet officer in a cave on an alien world. Gegen feels the evidence holds the key to the real origins of his race, the Voth, a saurian species that he suspects got its start in a distant part of the galaxy. The "Distant Origin" theory contradicts the doctrine of Chief Minister Odala and the powerful Voth elders, who believe the Voth were the first intelligent beings to evolve in the quadrant. The elders are unreceptive to his claims, but Gegen finds a clue on the deceased's uniform: the name of a ship called "Voyager."

Gegen and Veer trace Voyager's path across the Delta Quadrant and finally find the ship itself. Thanks to their sophisticated cloaking technology, the Voth are able to transport onto the ship and observe the crew undetected. Eventually, Voyager's sensors detect the use of cloaking technology on board the ship, and the crew uncloaks Gegen and Veer. Frightened, Veer fires a tranquilizer dart at Chakotay, but is himself incapacitated by a phaser blast. Gegen transports back to his vessel with the unconscious Chakotay.

In Sickbay, Veer goes into protective hibernation. The Doctor discovers that Veer has evolved from Earth's dinosaurs. On the Voth ship, after Chakotay regains consciousness, he and Gegen come to similar conclusions, reasoning that the Voth's ancestors survived extinction, developed space-faring technology and left Earth. Charged with heresy by the Voth elders, Chakotay is the best proof of Gegen's theories. But before he can take Chakotay to his supporters, Voyager is transported inside a massive Voth city-ship.

The crew is held captive by the Ministry of Elders, who vow to kill them all unless Gegen returns to face them. Gegen agrees to confront his accusers and Chakotay promises to help him. Since their fate is tied to Gegen's, the Voyager crew eagerly awaits the results of his hearing. Odala accuses Gegen of being a destructive influence on Voth society and orders him to disavow his claims. But Gegen refuses to back down until Odala threatens to send the crew to a detention colony. To save them, Gegen retracts his theory, resigning himself to the fact that the Voth's true heritage will remain a secret -- for now.

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Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Christopher Liam Moore (Veer)
Concetta Tomei (Minister Odala)
Henry Woronicz (Gegen)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Marshall Teague (Hulak)
Nina Minton (Frola)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Directed By : David Livingston

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Displaced [VOY #66]

Stardate 50912.4

A Nyrian named Dammar suddenly appears on Voyager, asking why he's been abducted. The crew isn't responsible for beaming him aboard, and they soon discover that Kes mysteriously vanished from the ship at the same instant Dammar arrived. Not long after, Kim disappears as another Nyrian turns up. Soon, Tuvok also vanishes. After 22 Nyrians take the place of crewmembers, Janeway realizes that they are replacing her entire staff at nine-minute intervals.

Twelve hours later, the bizarre exchange has claimed half the crew. Rislán, a Nyrian astrophysicist, works with Torres to find the cause of the problem. But when Torres catches on to the fact that the Nyrians are responsible, Rislán sends her to an idyllic prison colony, where she finds her fellow crewmembers.

On Voyager, Chakotay comes to the conclusion, too late, that the Nyrians are trying to take control of the ship, and he's transported to the colony. Taleen, a Nyrian spokeswoman, explains that her people steal ships and space stations by gradually replacing their crews; it's less violent than war. The prisoners are then relocated to surroundings that approximate their native environment.

As they try to find a way out, they meet Jarlath, another prisoner, who reveals that different areas of the colony are connected by disguised portals. Torres reconfigures the Doctor's optical sensors so that he can detect the passages. He locates a portal that leads to a network of access tunnels, each, in turn, leading to a different biosphere. Janeway finds a control panel that provides access to the translocation system that brought them to the colony.

The Nyrians detect the crew in the passages and send guards to capture them. Torres and Paris slip into an arctic environment and when the Nyrians, who are highly sensitive to cold, follow them, they're easily incapacitated. Meanwhile, Janeway takes control of the translocation system and beams Dammar and Rislán into the cold environment. Overwhelmed by the freezing temperatures, the Nyrians surrender Voyager. With the ship back in her control, Janeway leaves the Nyrians in a section of their own prison while she helps the other prisoners get back to their own homes.

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Jennifer Lien (Kes)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Biggs-Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)
Cast : Deborah Levin (Ensign Lang)
James Noah (Rislan)
Kenneth Tigar (Dammar)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Mark L. Taylor (Jarlath)
Nancy Youngblut (Taleen)
Written By : Lisa Klink
Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Worst Case Scenario [VOY #67]

Stardate 50953.4

After Janeway and Paris leave on an away mission, Chakotay leads a Maquis takeover of Voyager. With Torres' help, he seizes control of the ship and vows that Federation principles will no longer stand in the way of getting the crew home. Just then, Paris walks in and asks Torres what's going on. Annoyed, Torres freezes the holodeck program she's been running -- the whole mutiny scenario was part of a holo-novel she's just discovered.

The identity of the holo-novel's author is unknown, but Paris is fascinated by the subject matter. He resets the program and replays the mutiny with slightly different plot twists. Just as the holo-novel appears headed for an explosive climax, the program abruptly stops and Paris learns that the writer never completed the story.

The program is soon the talk of the ship, and Tuvok finally admits he's the author. He wrote it as a tactical training exercise when the Maquis and Federation crews first merged. Since the union went smoothly, Tuvok didn't bother finishing the program. After Paris volunteers to complete the tale, Tuvok decides to collaborate with him. But when they re-open the narrative parameters file to write the final chapter, a holographic version of Seska appears; the real Seska discovered Tuvok's program before she left the ship and decided to finish it the way she thought it should play out. She tells Tuvok that she's sealed the holodeck and deactivated the safety protocols; if she shoots them, they'll die.

Although she gives them a brief head start, Tuvok and Paris find that Seska's scenario is deadly. What's more, Seska has laid booby-trapped subroutines, which means that one wrong move could destroy the ship. Outside the holodeck, the crew discovers Seska's schemes and tries to find a way to help Paris and Tuvok.

As Seska prepares to execute Tuvok and Paris, the real Janeway works furiously to rewrite the program. Her efforts throw Seska off just enough that Tuvok is able to rig a phaser malfunction, which kills Seska, ending the program. Safely back from their ordeal, Tuvok and Paris congratulate Janeway on her literary skills and the crew begins planning a new holo-adventure.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Scorpion, Part 1 [VOY #68]

Stardate 50984.3

Realizing they have entered Borg space, the crew attempts to plot a course through a corridor that seems devoid of Borg activity, which they dub "the Northwest Passage." As the Doctor and Kes research methods of fighting off Borg assimilation, Kes is troubled by recurring visions of dead Borg and the destruction of Voyager.

Suddenly, the ship is surrounded by an armada of the cube-like Borg vessels. But then the armada mysteriously retreats, leaving Janeway to wonder, what would make the Borg run? Not long after, Tuvok and Kim discover that the power signatures of the Borg cubes, which they've been tracking, have terminated. Tuvok finds an unknown weapons signature in the Borg debris, which raises another question: what could do this to the invincible Borg?

Sensors pick up odd bio-readings from the outer hull of one of the cubes, and Janeway sends an away team to investigate. On the defunct vessel, the team finds a pile of Borg bodies that look the way Kes saw them in a premonition. When Kim senses an alien presence on the ship, Kes "sees" him screaming in agony. Janeway orders them back and the team is transported just as a fierce lifeform attacks Kim. As Voyager races away, Kes informs Janeway that the alien, communicating telepathically, told her "the weak will perish."

In Sickbay, Kim's body is infested with alien cells that entered his body in the attack. The Doctor reprograms Borg nanoprobes in the hope of negating the damage. Meanwhile, Torres discovers the alien lifeform, known to the Borg as "Species 8472," has taken over the Northwest Passage, and Kes senses an invasion is planned. With their former plan no longer an option, Janeway faces a terrible choice: retreat into the Delta Quadrant and forget about getting home, or confront the Borg and risk assimilation.

After considerable thought, Janeway comes up with a third alternative. She will offer the Borg a way to defeat Species 8472 in exchange for safe passage through Borg space. Janeway is beamed aboard one of the cubes, where she presents her proposal. Suddenly, Species 8472's bio-ships begin firing at the Borg cubes, and at Voyager, which is locked in the grip of a Borg tractor beam...

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Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : John Rhys-Davies (Leonardo da Vinci)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : David Livingston

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Scorpion, Part 2 [VOY #69]

Stardate 51001.2

Janeway comes to an agreement with the Collective. She will stay aboard the Borg cube to develop the weapon against Species 8472 while Voyager is escorted safely through Borg territory. After Tuvok beams over to assist her, the Borg try to install temporary neuro-transceivers on both of them, but Janeway insists they be assigned a Borg representative to communicate with verbally instead. The Borg select a human female drone, designated as "Seven of Nine."

The crew discovers that Species 8472 and their bio-ships are made of the same organic material; both will be vulnerable to the nanoprobes. They plan a large-scale delivery system using Voyager's photon torpedoes. Back in Sickbay, the Doctor cures Kim with the modified nanoprobes. Not long after, a bio-ship attacks, and the Borg protect Voyager. With the Borg cube damaged, Janeway and Tuvok are beamed to Voyager, along with Seven of Nine.

Janeway is injured in the attack, so Chakotay takes charge of Voyager. Despite the Captain's plea to maintain their alliance with the Borg, he balks when Seven of Nine tells him he must travel deeper into Borg space to link up with their nearest ship. Unwilling to travel in the wrong direction, Chakotay decides to drop off the Borg and the nanoprobes at the nearest uninhabited planet and continue through the Delta Quadrant on their own.

Seven of Nine and the other drones seize control of Voyager and send it through an interdimensional rift into fluidic space, the domain of Species 8472. The Borg have been there before; they started the war with 8472 but didn't bargain on their resistance to assimilation. Janeway orders Chakotay to cooperate with Seven of Nine to engage the aliens in fluidic space.

Voyager launches the nanoprobes, forcing 8472 to retreat. With their victory complete, Seven of Nine says the Voyager crew will be assimilated. But Janeway and Chakotay had anticipated this. He distracts her long enough for Torres to create a power surge that severs Seven of Nine's connection to the Borg. Feeling responsible for her fate, Janeway opts to keep her onboard in the hope that they can restore her humanity.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : David Anthony Marshall (Annika's Father)

Erika Lynne Bryan (Young Annika)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Majel Barrett (Narrator)

Nikki Tyler (Annika's Mother)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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The Gift [VOY #70]

Stardate Unknown

When Seven of Nine learns that her link to the Borg Collective has been severed, her demands that she be returned fall on deaf ears. Investigating the former drone's past, Janeway learns that she was assimilated as a young girl named Annika Hansen. With her human physiology already reasserting itself, Seven of Nine's immune system begins rejecting her Borg implants, leaving the Doctor no choice but to remove them. Meanwhile, Kes begins to experience a startling increase in her telepathic abilities.

Janeway orders Seven of Nine to assist the crew in removing the Borg modifications she made to the ship. However, while working, Seven accesses the subspace transmitter, trying to communicate with the Collective. But Kes senses her actions, and with her new enhanced abilities, she prevents Seven of Nine from completing the transmission.

Seven of Nine is held in the brig to prevent any further attempts to contact the Borg. Over the drone's objections, Janeway says she will make her fully human again, believing that the end will justify the means. Meanwhile, Tuvok becomes alarmed when he finds that Kes' new abilities are endangering the ship.

The ship's sensors reveal that Kes is periodically going into a state of cellular flux, with her atoms destabilizing at the subatomic level. Janeway is concerned but her attention is split by her efforts to help Seven of Nine, who is fighting against her assimilation into human culture every step of the way.

With the ship's defenses compromised by her transformation, Kes decides it will be best for everyone if she leaves Voyager to further explore her new state. Janeway barely gets her to a shuttle before Kes' molecules completely destabilize and she dissolves into pure energy. Kes uses her transformation to bestow a final gift on her Voyager family, hurling the ship safely beyond Borg space and ten years closer to home. The Doctor finishes extracting most of the Borg technology from Seven of Nine, leaving her with a human appearance and, Janeway hopes, the instincts to complete her own difficult transformation.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Anson Williams

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Day Of Honor [VOY #71]

Stardate Unknown

Torres is having a bad day. She's overslept, had a malfunction in her sonic shower and she's been asked to work with Seven of Nine to create a Borg-style transwarp conduit. She's hardly in the mood to go through the Klingon Day of Honor, an annual ritual of self-examination. Paris tries to help, but she pushes him away, afraid to accept the comfort of his friendship.

In the meantime, Voyager encounters a ship of Caatati refugees seeking supplies. The Caatati explain that most of their species were assimilated by the Borg. They have nothing left. Janeway offers them some rations. Later, Voyager runs into more Caatati

ships. Their leader is outraged when he sees the crew includes an ex-Borg. In Engineering, Seven of Nine continues working to open a transwarp conduit, but during the first test of the modifications, an accident occurs and Torres is forced to eject the warp core.

Torres and Paris take a shuttle to retrieve the core, but they find a Caatati ship trying to salvage it. They warn the Caatati off, but the aliens fire at the shuttle and collapse its structural integrity field. Torres and Paris beam into space just before their shuttle explodes. By linking the communication systems in both of their space suits, they create a carrier wave that they hope will reach Voyager before they run out of air. On Voyager, Janeway questions Seven of Nine about the accident in Engineering and is satisfied that she didn't cause it.

The ship picks up the carrier wave from Torres and Paris, but before they can retrieve them, the Caatati ships arrive with the warp core. They threaten to destroy Voyager unless Janeway gives them more supplies -- and turns over Seven of Nine. Seven volunteers to go, but the Captain refuses. Seven then offers to build an energy matrix for the Caatati, which will produce all the thorium they need for their systems. The Caatati accept, and return the warp core. The crisis over, Voyager is able to rescue Paris and Torres. The Klingon finds that in facing death, she has found the courage to admit her love for Paris -- and with that courage, she realizes she has found her honor.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Alan Altshuld (Lumas)

Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)

Michael A. Krawic (Rhamin)

Kevin P. Stillwell (Moklor)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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Nemesis [VOY #72]

Stardate 51082.4

During a survey mission, Chakotay comes under fire and makes an emergency beam-out from his shuttle. He arrives on a planet whose inhabitants are locked in war, and is taken in by the Vori, a humanoid group that is fighting against the vicious Kradin. While searching for the remains of his vessel, Chakotay and a young Vori soldier battle two Kradin, and the Vori is killed.

After rejoining the Vori soldiers, Chakotay and the others set out to meet a larger group of soldiers, but on the way, learn their fellow Vori contingent has been massacred. Suddenly, the Kradin are upon them, and several soldiers are killed in the barrage of gunfire. Chakotay is wounded, but he gets away, fleeing into the night. At last, he comes upon a settlement of Vori and collapses.

Back on Voyager, the crew learns pieces of Chakotay's shuttle were found in the middle of a war zone. They are unable to contact him, but are promised by one of the planet's ambassadors that their friend will be located and returned. When Chakotay revives in the settlement, the residents tell him he can find communications equipment at the "Re-Stock Unit," which is some distance away. The next morning, he sets out to find it, but the sight of enemy aircraft brings him back. He returns to find the Kradin taking the people by force. Learning that the Vori elders will be exterminated, Chakotay tries to fight the enemy, but is

outnumbered. Meanwhile, Janeway meets with the Kradin ambassador, who sends down a commando unit to accompany Tuvok in searching for Chakotay.

Left to die by the Kradin, Chakotay is grateful when a Vori leader comes back to free him. The two join in battle against the Kradin but Chakotay is shocked when one of the enemy calls him by name. Although he looks like a Kradin to Chakotay, the alien assures him that he is actually Tuvok! Tuvok explains that the Vori have been using mind-control techniques to get Chakotay to help fight their war. His encounters with the soldiers and the civilians in the settlement were Vori simulations training him to hate the Kradin. Although faced with the probability that the Vori are no better than the Kradin, Chakotay realizes that it will be harder to stop hating than it was to start.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Tuvok)

Cast : Booth Colman (Penno)

Marilyn Fox (Marna)

Matt E. Levin (Rafin)

Meghan Murphy (Karya)

Michael Mahonen (Brone)

Nathan Anderson (Namon)

Pancho Demmnings (Kradin Soldier)

Peter Vogt (Commandant)

Terrence Evans (Ambassador Treen)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Revulsion [VOY #73]

Stardate 51186.2

In the midst of a ceremony celebrating Tuvok's promotion to Lieutenant Commander, Voyager receives an automated distress call sent by Dejaren, an alien hologram, who says that his crew is dead and he needs help. The Doctor, anxious to meet a fellow hologram, tracks the source of the transmission and is assigned to the rescue mission along with Torres. Upon their arrival on the disabled Serosian ship, they meet Dejaren, who is pleased to see another "lifeform" like himself.

The hologram says that his crew became infected with a deadly virus, which killed them all. Dejaren is awed by the Doctor's freedom and abilities; his crew never let him out of his chamber or treated him as anything other than machinery. Later, as Torres works to repair Dejaren's systems, Dejaren lashes out at her verbally, castigating her organic body and way of life. Torres shares her concerns about the hologram with the Doctor and informs him that Dejaren lied about the lower deck being filled with harmful radiation. Perhaps there's something down there that he doesn't want them to see. Although the Doctor empathizes with his fellow hologram, he agrees to keep Dejaren occupied while she investigates.

As he talks to Dejaren, the Doctor begins to realize that Torres was right. The hologram is pathologically bitter toward "organics." On the lower deck, Torres finds the bloody bodies of the crew and it's clear they didn't die from a virus. As she hurriedly tries to deactivate Dejaren's program, the homicidal hologram appears and nearly kills her before she manages to shut him off.

Meanwhile, aboard Voyager, Harry Kim is assigned to work with Seven of Nine on the new Astrometrics lab. Kim is uneasy working with the Borg, but their detail provides them with the basis of a friendship. However, Kim is rattled when Seven of Nine interprets his pleasantries as romantic seduction and she decides to further explore her resurgent humanity.

On the Serosian ship, the Doctor and Torres find that the hologram has disabled their communication link to the shuttle. As they work to restore it, Dejaren reactivates himself and knocks out Torres. He disconnects the Doctor's mobile emitter, causing the Emergency Medical Hologram to disappear. Torres awakens and flees, but a murderous Dejaren pursues her. Finally, she manages to destabilize his matrix with an isomagnetic conduit, deactivating him for good, and brings the Doctor back on-line. Both return to Voyager with a new appreciation for the Doctor's unique -- and stable -- personality.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Leland Orser (Dejaren)

Written By : Lisa Klink

Directed By : Kenneth Biller

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The Raven [VOY #74]

Stardate Unknown

When Seven of Nine begins experiencing flashbacks involving pursuit by Borg and a large black bird, the Doctor attributes it to post-traumatic stress disorder. He advises her to begin eating real food, something she'll need to get used to now that she's human. But after a few bites, Seven has another vision, and a piece of Borg hardware pops through her skin. Reverting to Borg behavior, she threatens Neelix with assimilation.

Meanwhile, Janeway faces tough negotiations with representatives of the B'omar race for passage through their region. Although the crew is immediately alerted to Seven's odd behavior, they are unable to stop her from leaving the ship. After transporting to a shuttle, she takes the craft into B'omar space.

The Doctor concludes that Seven's dormant Borg nanoprobes have somehow become reactivated. The B'omar refuse to allow Voyager to enter their territory to pursue Seven, but Tuvok and Paris sneak a shuttle past their perimeter grid and track her. When they catch up, Tuvok beams over to her shuttle and a struggle ensues. Seven easily wins and traps the Vulcan behind a force field. From there, he questions her reasons for leaving Voyager. Seven explains that she is responding to a Borg homing beacon. Tuvok points out that there are no Borg ships in the region, but Seven insists he's wrong.

Seven tracks the signal to an alien moon and prepares to beam to the surface. Tuvok asks to accompany her, but Seven expresses concern that he'll be assimilated. Tuvok believes he has no reason to fear that possibility. On the surface, they find an old Federation vessel that was partially assimilated by the Borg almost 20 years ago. It is the Raven, a vessel that belonged to the Hansens -- Seven's parents. Some of the Borg-modified equipment was left active, including the beacon that triggered her return. Seven confronts the haunting memories of her assimilation by the Borg at the age of six, but is snapped out of the reverie by an attack from B'omar ships. She and Tuvok barely manage to escape the vessel before the Raven is destroyed. They're beamed up by Paris and safely returned to Voyager.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : David Anthony Marshall (Annika's Father)
Erica Lynne Bryan (Annika)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Mickey Cottrell (Dumah)
Nikki Tyler (Annika's Mother)
Richard J. Zobel, Jr. (Chancellor Gaumen)
Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller
Story By : Bryan Fuller
Harry Doc Kloor
Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Scientific Method [VOY #75]

Stardate 51244.3

Janeway has a miserable headache. The pain affects her normal scientific curiosity; Chakotay's enthusiasm over some binary pulsars goes unshared. And neither of them notices that something is aboard the ship, carefully scanning each member of the crew.

When Chakotay begins aging rapidly, the Doctor's scan detects that segments of his DNA have been hyperstimulated. Neelix has a different ailment, but the Doctor finds segments of his DNA are also hyperstimulated. Soon, others are coming in with obscure genetic problems. Torres and the Doctor find microscopic tags on the crewmembers' DNA, but before they can investigate further, the Doctor's program is deactivated and Torres collapses.

Later, the Doctor taps into Seven's audio implants to ask her to meet him in the holodeck. He adjusts her Borg sensory nodes so she can scan Voyager for anything unusual. Suddenly, Seven can see aliens everywhere, invisibly prodding crewmembers with instruments. She goes to the Captain and finds Janeway flanked by aliens sticking needles into her head -- the source of her headaches.

Seven tells the Doctor that the aliens are performing medical experiments on the crew. She could make them visible with a modulated phaser beam, but the Doctor believes they might retaliate. He suggests that delivering a simultaneous neuroleptic shock to each member of the crew will undo the experiments. But when Seven tries to implement the plan, Tuvok stops her, misunderstanding her intentions. The aliens realize she can see them, and Seven is forced to use her phaser to make one visible. She brings it to Janeway, who is outraged when the alien--a Srivani--explains they are using the data to cure disorders within their race. The Srivani threatens to kill everyone if the experiments are not allowed to continue.

The Captain feels it's time for desperate measures. She steers Voyager into the binary pulsar, knowing it means almost certain destruction. The Srivani evacuate the ship as Voyager plunges through at full throttle. The ship comes out relatively unscathed and the Doctor is able to neutralize the effects of the experiments, allowing them to continue the tedious voyage toward home.

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Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Annette Helde (Takar)

Rosemary Forsyth (Alzen)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Harry Doc Kloor

Sherry Klein

Directed By : David Livingston

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Year Of Hell, Part 1 [VOY #76]

Stardate 51268.4

Voyager christens its new Astrometrics Lab, which has mapping technology far more accurate than their old system. It projects a course that will cut years off their trip, taking them through Zahl territory, which a species called the Krenim also lay claim to. The Zahl tell Voyager not to worry about the Krenim, who once dominated the region with deadly temporal weapons; the Zahl defeated them years ago. Suddenly, Voyager's sensors detect a build-up of temporal energy, and the ship is hit by a space-time shockwave. The Zahl disappear, along with the crew's memory of them, and they find themselves facing the powerful Krenim. Chronoton-based Krenim torpedoes, which exist in a state of temporal flux, penetrate Voyager's shields, badly damaging the ship.

In another part of the region, Annorax, the Krenim captain of the ship that annihilated the Zahl, evaluates his efforts and learns he has almost completely restored the Krenim Imperium. But Annorax will not rest until every colony is back. On Voyager, Janeway manages to destroy the Krenim ship attacking her, but the damage is done. The ship is incapable of continuing its journey. Seven finds an active warhead lodged in the hull. Tuvok surmises it will explode in minutes, but Seven is intent on learning its temporal variance and using that knowledge to perfect shielding against it. She makes a determination just before the torpedo blows up.

Seven's new temporal shields hold against Krenim torpedoes. In another part of space, Annorax fires his temporal weapon, and the space-time continuum is again altered. This time, Voyager's shields protect it from time disruption. Suddenly, they find that the big Krenim warship they were battling has become a much smaller ship. Annorax's weapon has caused the Krenim Imperium to revert to a pre-warp state. Annorax realizes that Voyager's temporal shields were responsible for throwing off his calculations. He approaches Voyager and transports Chakotay and Paris to his ship for study. He then unleashes a chronoton energy beam to erase Voyager from history, but the starship is able to escape, albeit with major structural damage. Janeway is forced to evacuate the crew, but she and the senior staff stay with the ship to rescue Chakotay and Paris, and hopefully reunite with the escape pods...

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Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Deborah Levin (Ensign Lang)

John Loprieno (Obrist)

Kurtwood Smith (Annorax)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Peter Slutsker (Krenim Commandant)

Rick Fitts (Zahl)

Sue Henley (Ensign Brooks)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Year Of Hell, Part 2 [VOY #77]

Stardate 51425.4

Badly damaged, Voyager takes refuge in a nebula as a skeleton crew attempts to repair the ship. On Annorax's ship, Chakotay and Paris are summoned to meet with him. He has a proposal for them. He'll send Voyager back in time, restoring it to its original state, if they fill him in on the extent of Voyager's presence in Krenim space so he can complete calculations that will allow him to restore the Krenim Imperium. Paris balks at helping Annorax, but Chakotay believes the chance to continue their voyage home may be worth the risk of trusting Annorax.

As Chakotay helps Annorax chart Voyager's journey, Annorax shares a story about a mistake he made after he first created his time-weapon ship. He destroyed the Krenim's greatest enemy, but in the process, he also destroyed an important antibody in the Krenim genetic structure, and 50 million Krenim died of disease as a result. He has been trying to undo his mistake ever since.

Paris finds a weakness in the Krenim ship that could be exploited, but Chakotay refuses to go against Annorax. However, when Annorax eradicates another species in order to partially restore the Krenim timeline, Chakotay is dismayed to see him turn once again to destruction as an answer to his problems. Chakotay takes Annorax to task for the destruction of innocent lives and Annorax reveals the driving force behind his actions. His wife died as a result of his time incursions, and he hopes to undo her death.

Chakotay and Paris secretly contact Voyager, giving Janeway their coordinates. She arranges a coalition with other species, which will attack when Paris takes the temporal core off-line. The remaining members of Voyager's crew disperse to prepare the other ships for battle, but Janeway stays with Voyager.

Chakotay and Paris take the temporal core off-line, making the ship vulnerable to traditional weapons. Annorax orders his men to fire at the approaching vessels and soon the coalition is almost destroyed. Janeway does a kamikaze run at the Krenim ship and the impact destabilizes the core, causing a temporal incursion within Annorax's ship. With the destruction of the Krenim vessel, the timeline is restored, Voyager never makes its fateful entry into Krenim space, and Annorax is at last reunited with his beloved wife.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : John Loprieno (Obrist)
Kurtwood Smith (Annorax)
Lise Simms (Wife)
Majel Barrett (Narrator)
Peter Slutsker (Krenim Commandant)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Random Thoughts [VOY #78]

Stardate 51367.2

While visiting the world of the Mari, a telepathic race, a Mari man named Frane collides with Torres in the marketplace. Soon after, Frane viciously attacks another man. During questioning, Torres admits to Chief Examiner Nimira that she had thoughts of hurting Frane when he bumped into her. To her surprise, Torres is arrested for "aggravated violent thought resulting in grave bodily harm."

Torres is told she must undergo an engramatic purge, a medical procedure to identify and remove the offending images from her mind. Frane will go through the same purge. Janeway protests when she hears there's a risk of neurological damage, and she sets out with Tuvok to review the evidence. They find that Frane has a record of previous arrests for harboring violent thoughts, but Nimira claims he has been cured through previous purging. In the marketplace, a Mari woman experiences Torres' violent thought against Frane and attacks a young merchant, killing her.

Puzzled by the two related attacks among these normally non-violent people, Tuvok mind-melds with Torres to learn more of her brush with Frane. He learns that a Mari named Guill approached her after the incident and probed her mind. When Tuvok questions him, Guill telepathically senses the Vulcan's dark impulses and offers to help Tuvok control them. After witnessing Guill secretly accept money from another Mari, Tuvok realizes Guill may have a business interest in violent thoughts. He approaches Guill again, offering to telepathically exchange his disturbing images.

Questioning him further, Tuvok learns Guill buys violent thoughts from people or sometimes takes them, as he did with Torres. Guill denies he's responsible for the marketplace attack or for the circulation of Torres' thoughts, but Tuvok wants to take him to Nimira for questioning. Just then, two of Guill's conspirators intercept them. Meanwhile, Torres begins the engramatic purging.

Tuvok lures Guill into a mind-meld with the promise of transferring his violent thoughts, but instead he inflicts mental pain on Guill and brings him to Voyager. Janeway gets Nimira to stop the purging procedure after Tuvok explains that Guill and Frane conspired to provoke the thought in Torres.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Bobby Burns (Frane)

Gwynyth Walsh (Chief Examiner Nimira)

Jeanette Miller (Woman [Miss Tembit])

Rebecca McFarland (Talli)

Ted Barba (Malin)

Wayne Pere (Guill)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Concerning Flight [VOY #79]

Stardate 51386.4

As Voyager comes under attack by unknown vessels, equipment and weapons begin disappearing from the ship. The enemy is using a high-energy transporter beam to locate items of technological value and remove them. Janeway and the crew track their stolen goods to an alien world that appears to be an active center of commerce. As Tuvok and Janeway beam down to search, the Vulcan immediately locates an item with a Starfleet signature: it's Leonardo da Vinci, from Janeway's holodeck program. Somehow, the crooks got his program when they took the ship's computer processor, and the program was downloaded into the Doctor's stolen mobile emitter.

Da Vinci leads them to a room filled with other stolen goods and speaks of his "patron," a "prince" who provides him with everything he needs. Back on Voyager, Chakotay learns that a man named Tau sells weapons and technology he confiscates from passing ships. As it turns out, Tau is da Vinci's patron and Janeway gets the inventor to bring her to one of Tau's parties. She poses as a buyer and asks about computers. Tau reveals that he has Voyager's missing computer for sale.

Armed with topographical maps of the region, Tuvok returns to Voyager and reviews the information. He and Seven of Nine locate the storage facility where the processor is kept, but a forcefield around it makes transport impossible. Janeway will have to get inside the facility and initiate a power surge that will produce a signal strong enough for the transporter beam to lock on to. Unfortunately, Tau overhears Janeway talking to the ship and trains a weapon on her. Da Vinci comes to her defense and knocks out Tau, then he and Janeway head for the facility.

Once they find the processor, Janeway follows through on Tuvok's plan. The arrival of an armed guard prevents the two of them from beaming up along with the computer, and Janeway and da Vinci are forced to take escape into their own hands. They board a glider constructed by da Vinci and take off just as Tau's men begin shooting at them. Finally, Voyager is able to get close enough to the planet to beam aboard the Captain and her mentor, along with the glider that saved their lives.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Don Pugsley (Alien Visitor)

Doug Spearman (Alien Buyer)

John Rhys-Davies (Leonardo da Vinci)

John Vargas (Tau)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Jimmy Diggs

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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Mortal Coil [VOY #80]

Stardate 51449.2

Neelix is assigned to collect a sample of proto-matter from a nearby nebula. However, he is struck by an energy discharge from the nebula and killed. As Janeway prepares to conduct a Talaxian burial ceremony, Seven of Nine announces that her Borg nanoprobes can be used to revive Neelix. Although skeptical, Janeway allows her to try the procedure, and Neelix is brought back to life.

Neelix is very distraught over his experience. As he explains to Chakotay, his people believe in an afterlife that centers on "The Great Forest." When a Talaxian dies, his ancestors supposedly meet him by the "guiding tree." Neelix has always taken comfort in believing that all of his family would one day be together again, but now he realizes he did not experience anything like that in death.

As the crew gathers for the annual celebration of Prixin, the Talaxian observance of familial allegiance, Neelix visits Ensign Wildman's daughter, Naomi. He goes through their nightly ritual of putting her to bed, but he is troubled by her request to hear his usual story of the Great Forest. Later, Neelix unleashes his frustration on Seven, arguing that his life is no longer worth living now that his deepest beliefs have been shattered. Suddenly, Neelix cries out in pain; his cells are reverting to a necrotic state. Neelix's tissue is rejecting the Borg nanoprobes, but Seven makes the necessary modification to compensate. Still troubled, Neelix asks Chakotay to help him take a vision quest so he can look inside himself and come to some sort of resolution. As the quest begins, Neelix encounters his beloved sister and members of the crew, who all tell him that the afterlife is a lie, and that he has no reason to live. Neelix comes out of the vision determined to end his life.

After recording his goodbyes to the crew, Neelix tries to beam into the nebula. Chakotay rushes to stop him, but Neelix protests that the vision quest convinced him he'll be better off dead. Chakotay explains that the imagery is not easily interpreted and that it was probably just an expression of his anxiety over his beliefs. Neelix is unconvinced until Ensign Wildman summons him to help put Naomi to bed. He realizes that the crew -- who have become his family -- needs him, and that is his reason to live.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Brooke Ashley Stephens (Naomi Wildman)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Robin Stapler (Alixia)

Written By : Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Waking Moments [VOY #81]

Stardate 51471.3

After a fitful night's sleep, the crew realizes they all had nightmares involving the same alien. They become concerned when several crewmembers cannot be awakened. Hoping to find out more about the alien, Chakotay attempts a technique called lucid dreaming, which will allow him to control the events of his dream. If he needs to awaken, he can tap his hand three times.

After falling asleep, Chakotay encounters the alien and demands to know what's happening to the crew. The alien explains that for his species, the dream state is their reality. For centuries they've been harmed by "waking species," and now they are retaliating. He tells Chakotay that if Voyager leaves their space, the crew will awaken. Chakotay comes out of the dream and orders a course for the alien border. But once there, a ship begins firing at Voyager. It's the dream aliens.

The aliens beam aboard, taking the ship. As the crew looks for ways to regain control, Chakotay sees a visual cue that lets him know he's still dreaming. After tapping his hand, Chakotay wakes up in Sickbay, this time for real. The Doctor informs him that the entire crew is asleep, and their brain patterns show they are all experiencing the same dream. Chakotay realizes that they're involved in a communal dream. The aliens have the advantage in dreams, but if Chakotay can locate the sleeping aliens while he's awake, he'll have the upper hand. In the dream, Janeway and the others are being held hostage but they begin to suspect that they are dreaming. When the Captain is unharmed by a warp core explosion, they know it's true.

The closer Chakotay gets to the sleeping aliens, the harder it is to stay awake. At last he finds them in a cavern, clustered around a large transmitter that is responsible for maintaining the dream state. He uses a stimulant the Doctor gave him to wake one of the aliens and commands it to deactivate the device. Before Chakotay falls asleep and enters the communal dream, he tells the Doctor to deploy a torpedo at the cavern if he doesn't hear from him in five minutes. Under threat of total destruction, the alien leader is forced to neutralize the transmitter, and the crew awakens, freed from alien control.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jennifer Gundy (Ensign)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Colson (Dream Alien)

Written By : Andre Bormanis

Directed By : Alexander Singer

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Message In A Bottle [VOY #82]

Stardate Unknown

When Seven of Nine locates an alien relay station, she establishes a sensor link and detects a Starfleet vessel in the Alpha Quadrant. Janeway uses the relay network to send a message to the ship, but the transmission degrades before it gets through. Their only other option is to send a holographic datastream. The Doctor is recruited, and he finds himself aboard the U.S.S.

Prometheus, only to find that the Starfleet crew is dead and the ship is in Romulan hands. Prometheus is a prototype with advanced tactical abilities that the Romulans are eager to test. They access the ship's multi-vector assault mode and the vessel splits into three separate ships. Moving into attack formation, they easily destroy a Starfleet vessel, then reintegrate.

The Doctor activates the Prometheus' Emergency Medical Hologram (EMH-2), and the two agree to work together to stop the Romulans. They plan to use the ventilation system to distribute an anesthetic gas, but the Doctor must first reach the environmental controls on the Bridge. He concocts a story about a virus to gain access to the controls, but the Romulans are suspicious.

Meanwhile, Voyager's link to the relay station is severed by the Hirogen, the species claiming ownership of the communications network. Seven sends a mild shock to the Hirogen, giving them a bit more time.

As the Doctor is grilled by the Romulans, gas suddenly pours from the vents, incapacitating the enemy. EMH-2 explains that he simulated a bio-hazard, and the computer opened the ventilation system automatically. Now the doctors are faced with flying the ship, which is headed into Romulan space. Prometheus is fired upon by enemy warbirds, but the doctors can't figure out the controls. Then they're fired upon by Starfleet ships, who think Romulans are still in command. At last EMH-2 accidentally initiates the decoupling sequence, and the doctors score a direct hit against a Romulan ship, causing the other warbirds to retreat. Starfleet personnel beam aboard, and after speaking directly with Headquarters, the Doctor is transmitted back to Voyager, where he conveys a message: Starfleet Headquarters is now aware of their predicament, and will do everything it can to bring Voyager safely home.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Andy Dick (EMH MkII)

Judson Scott (Rekar)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Tiny Ron (Hirogen [Idrin])

Tony Spears (Starfleet Officer)

Valerie Wildman (Nevala)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Rick Williams

Directed By : Nancy Malone

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Hunters [VOY #83]

Stardate 51501.4

When Starfleet Command sends a transmission to Voyager in the Delta Quadrant, the bulk of it gets lodged in one of the Hirogen relay stations. Janeway immediately sets a course for it, and the Hirogens prepare to intercept them. Along the way, Voyager finds a ship adrift in space with one dead humanoid aboard. They beam the body to Sickbay and discover that it's been gutted.

As they near the relay station, sensors begin to pick up increasing gravimetric forces. Apparently, the Hirogen station is using a quantum singularity -- a black hole -- as its power source!

Downloading more of the Starfleet transmission, Janeway realizes it contains letters from home. The letters bring both good and bad news: Tuvok finds he has become a grandfather, but Chakotay learns that all of Maquis back home have either been killed or imprisoned. When the transmission begins degrading, Tuvok and Seven of Nine try to stabilize the signal by taking a shuttle closer to the relay station. But after they carry out their assignment, they are captured by the Hirogen and taken to their ship.

Back on Voyager, Janeway struggles to accept the news that her fiancé has married another woman. Suddenly, Kim receives an automated distress signal from the shuttle, and sensors reveal that no one is on board. The Hirogen leader plans to remove Tuvok and Seven's skeletons and keep them as relics. Kim locates the enemy ship on Voyager's sensors. Janeway refuses to heed the Hirogen leader's warning to disconnect her link to the module and leave without Tuvok and Seven, despite the fact that more Hirogen ships are on the way. Instead, her crew prepares for battle.

Janeway realizes if they boost the effect of the singularity, they can increase its gravitational pull and trap the enemy ships. When the aliens begin firing on Voyager, the containment field around the station is destabilized. Once the singularity is exposed, everything around it is sucked into the black hole. Kim manages to beam Tuvok and Seven safely aboard just before Janeway orders a dangerous maneuver to free Voyager from the grip of the singularity. Unfortunately, the entire network of relay stations is disabled, leaving the crew once again without a link to home.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Christine Delgado (Lt. Susan Nicoletti)

Roger Morrissey (Beta Hirogen)

Tarik Ergin (Lt. Ayala)

Tiny Ron (Alpha Hirogen)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : David Livingston

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Prey [VOY #84]

Stardate 51652.3

When a Hirogen ship containing one erratic life sign is found adrift, Janeway sends an away team to investigate. They bring back a wounded Hirogen to sickbay and report that the species is obviously comprised of hunters. Skeletal remains found on the ship show that their entire existence is based on the hunt of prey as both food and prized possessions. Now, however, something is hunting them.

Insistent that he be returned to his ship, the Hirogen explains that he had just captured an alien when it broke free and attacked him. He is anxious to continue the hunt, and Janeway assures him that she beamed him to sickbay to treat his wounds. When Tuvok and Kim investigate structural damage to Voyager's hull, they find an intruder has entered the ship. A blood sample left at the scene shows it is a member of the highly dangerous Species 8472. The crew is put on intruder alert, but the alien has already entered engineering and attacks Torres.

The Hirogen informs Janeway that if he is not allowed to continue hunting the alien, he will tell his approaching ships to destroy Voyager. Knowing from their previous encounter that Species 8472 is susceptible to Borg nanoprobes, Tuvok and Seven load phasers with them and track the alien. They soon corner the wounded intruder and plan to stun him. When the Hirogen begins firing his weapon against orders, Tuvok turns his phaser on him.

Paris and Seven discover that Species 8472 boarded Voyager to attempt to open a singularity. Through telepathic contact with Tuvok, the alien explains that his ship was damaged during conflict with the Borg. He has been trapped alone, wounded and hunted by the Hirogen, and he just wants to get home. Although the Hirogen threatens that the crew will be slaughtered if the alien isn't surrendered to him, Janeway asks Seven to open a singularity. Seven refuses to help the alien escape and is confined to the cargo bay until the mission is over.

As the approaching ships fire on Voyager, forcefields go off-line and the Hirogen escapes from sickbay. When the alien becomes agitated, Janeway tells Seven to give it more Borg nanoprobes. As she complies, the Hirogen approaches and orders Seven to step aside, allowing him to continue his hunt of the prey. Just then, the alien breaks through the forcefield. As it struggles with the Hirogen, Seven taps into transport controls and beams them to one of the ships. The Hirogen immediately cease firing and leave the area at warp speed. As a consequence for her actions against the Captain's command, Seven's duties on Voyager are restricted.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Clint Carmichael (Hirogen Hunter)

Tony Todd (Alpha Hirogen)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Allan Eastman

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Retrospect [VOY #85]

Stardate 51679.4

The Captain acquires a new weapons system from an Entharan trader named Kovin, and Seven of Nine is asked to help with the integration. When Kovin criticizes her work and pushes her aside to do it himself, she hits him. After Seven exhibits newfound anxiety in sickbay, the Doctor believes it is caused by blocked memories trying to surface. He has added a psychiatric subroutine to his program and leads Seven through hypnotic regression therapy. During their session, Seven recalls that Kovin performed a medical procedure on her and extracted Borg technology.

While probing her memories, Seven remembers the procedure took place while she and Kovin were testing weapons. They entered his laboratory, and he fired a thoron beam at her. Then, he activated the assimilation tubules in her arm and extracted some nanoprobes. Another Entharan was lying on the next table, and he was successfully assimilated with the nanoprobes. Janeway questions Kovin, who denies everything and claims the thoron weapon was fired accidentally. Faced with contradicting stories, Janeway proceeds with an investigation.

Kovin pleads with Tuvok to drop the charges against him. Since his people depend on trade, just an accusation of violating their protocols concerning diplomatic relations is a serious offense. Kovin knows he will be ruined. With the Entharan magistrate's

help, the Doctor inspects Kovin's lab and finds a sample of Borg nanoprobes on his table. Informed that this is sufficient evidence to detain him, Kovin immediately transports to his ship and escapes.

In pursuit of Kovin, Janeway and Tuvok continue to inspect his confiscated weapons. When they simulate a thoron blast to Seven's arm and study a tissue sample, they find that her nanoprobes regenerate just as they did in Kovin's lab. It appears to be a spontaneous response to the thoron blast. They suddenly realize that Seven's repressed memories are most likely images from her experiences as a Borg that she confused as Kovin.

When Janeway hails Kovin and explains they made a mistake in accusing him, he thinks it is a trap. He begins firing at Voyager, but Janeway refuses to return fire and tries to beam him aboard instead. As Kovin overloads power on his ship, it destabilizes and explodes, killing him. Seven experiences remorse, as does the Doctor. Believing that his overzealous enthusiasm for expanding his program resulted in the tragedy, he requests permission to delete everything except his original activation program, but he is denied.

Crew : Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Adrian Sparks (Magistrate)

Michael Horton (Kovin)

Michelle Agnew (Scharn)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Lisa Klink

Story By : Andrew Shepard Price

Mark Gaberman

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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The Killing Game, Part 1 [VOY #86]

Stardate 51715.2

The Hirogen have taken over Voyager and implanted devices in the crew to make them believe they are characters within the holodecks. Interacting in a World War II simulation, Janeway is the leader of a secret movement gathering information from the Nazis to help the Allies. She runs a nightclub in a small province of France, and Seven of Nine is her munitions expert posing as a piano singer. Tuvok, the bartender, suspects Seven may be a Nazi infiltrator.

When Allied Command sends a coded message that they will soon be invading St. Clare, they ask Janeway's resistance group to disable the Germans' communication system. Meanwhile, two of the Hirogen soldiers are getting restless and want to proceed with the hunt, although their leader believes the simulations will help them learn more about their prey. After wounding Seven and Neelix in the holodeck, they bring them to sickbay for repair.

The Doctor is forced to repeatedly tend to the crew's injuries and then send them back to the simulations. He and Kim, who has been kept on the Bridge working to expand the holodecks, secretly work together to find a way to disable the crew's neural interfacers so they will remember who they are. The Hirogen leader plans to use Voyager's holodecks to create an endless supply of prey.

While Seven is in the sickbay, the Doctor uses one of her Borg implants to create a jamming signal. She doesn't remember anything after the Hirogen invaded Voyager, but he explains that the crew is being forced to play out their roles in the holodecks. The Doctor sends her back to the World War II simulation with instructions to find the control panel and access the Bridge relay. Then, he and Kim can deactivate the rest of the neural interfacers and the crew can mount a resistance against the Hirogen.

After Seven accesses the holodeck controls, the Doctor disables Janeway's implant just before her character tries to shoot Seven. The two women escape from Nazi headquarters as American soldiers, including Chakotay and Paris, arrive and begin firing. When a simulated explosion blows out some of the hologrid, the soldiers see into Voyager's decks and mistake them for a Nazi compound. As American and Nazi soldiers swarm into the ship, the Hirogen have a real war on their hands...

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Danny Goldring (Alpha Hirogen)

J. Paul Boehmer (The Kaptain)

Mark Deakins (Hirogen SS Officer)

Mark Metcalf (Hirogen Medic)

Paul S. Eckstein (Young Hirogen)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : David Livingston

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The Killing Game, Part 2 [VOY #87]

Stardate 51715.2

Even though World War II is being waged throughout the ship, the Hirogen leader is unwilling to destroy the holodeck technology. He insists that Janeway be found and brought to him. Meanwhile, she and Seven of Nine continue to pretend to be part of the simulation and gather with the rest of the French Resistance - Tuvok, Torres and two American soldiers, Chakotay and Paris. They concoct a plan that will allow Janeway access to the neural interfacers in the ship, which the rest of the crew still thinks is an advanced munitions laboratory.

After she and Chakotay access a Klingon simulation, Janeway summons the Doctor. The neural interfacers are controlled from sickbay, so she plans to set charges that will blow out the console. Since Voyager's safety shields are off-line, the holographic charges will work. Once Chakotay sets the explosive, Janeway overtakes the Hirogen guard. She accesses the interfacers, but a Hirogen suddenly breaks in. As she escapes, sickbay explodes, deactivating the crew's devices.

When Janeway is brought to the Hirogen leader, he explains to her his desire for the holodecks. If his species can hunt holographic prey, they will not be scattered across the quadrant and can work on rebuilding. Janeway offers to give him the technology to build holodecks if he agrees to evacuate his troops and restore Voyager. The leader orders his hunters to call a cease-fire in the simulation, but one of the Nazi soldiers talks a bloodthirsty Hirogen into ignoring his superior.

As the battle still rages on, Neelix and the Doctor recruit Klingons from their holodeck to help in the fighting. Meanwhile, Janeway works with Kim to overload the holo-emitter network, which will shut down the simulations. Suddenly, the Hirogen officer storms in and kills his leader. Instead of shooting Janeway right there, he tells her to run so he can hunt her.

With German troops surrounding them, Seven works to modify an explosive, which will give off a photonic burst that disrupts holographic activity in a small area. Just as the Nazis overtake the simulated battle, Klingons attack. Waging her own war against the Hirogen chasing her, Janeway comes across the damage caused by Seven's explosive. She lures him into the area, and his holographic gun disappears. Janeway then becomes the hunter, killing him as the holo-emitters overload and the simulation ends. A truce is negotiated with the remaining Hirogen, and they leave with their own holodeck technology.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Danny Goldring (Alpha Hirogen)

J. Paul Boehmer (The Kaptain)

Majel Barrett (Narrator)

Mark Deakins (Hirogen SS Officer)

Mark Metcalf (Hirogen Medic)

Paul S. Eckstein (Young Hirogen)

Peter Hendrixson (Klingon)

Written By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Victor Lobl

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Vis-a-Vis [VOY #88]

Stardate 51762.4

An alien vessel in need of rescue suddenly appears in Voyager's space. It is attempting to use an experimental propulsion system powered by a coaxial warp drive, but it is destabilizing. Janeway transports the pilot, Steth, and his prototype to Voyager. Paris, who has been restless and irritable lately and in need of a change in duty, volunteers to help him repair his ship. What they don't know is that there is really a woman inside Steth's body.

While Paris uses his knowledge of 20th-century cars to repair the ship, Steth breaks into Voyager's computer and downloads Paris' DNA information. Once Steth's ship is operational again, he suddenly overtakes Paris and switches bodies with him. Seth sends Paris away on his ship, and he stays on Voyager to live out Paris' life.

Steth slides right into Paris' daily routine, and the crew is none the wiser. He uses flattery with the Doctor to get out of sickbay duty, and he charms his way back into Torres' good graces to smooth over a recent fight she had with Paris. Meanwhile, Paris wakes up on Steth's ship to find that the Benthans, who have tracked down Steth for theft, are taking him into custody.

The Benthans are suddenly run off, and an angry woman, Daelen, beams aboard Paris' vessel. She says she is Steth, and she wants her body back. On Voyager, Steth begins to lose control and exhibit erratic behavior. He fights with Torres and Seven,

and he becomes intoxicated while on duty. When Janeway expresses her concern, Steth attacks her and is taken to sickbay after Tuvok stuns him with a phaser.

Daelen explains that the alien has perfected selective DNA exchange. It put Steth into its body, and Paris into Steth's. They finally activate the coaxial warp drive and manage to catch up with Voyager, but when they tell Janeway what has happened, they realize the alien has switched bodies again. Janeway is lying in sickbay in Paris' body, and the alien in her body takes off from Voyager in a shuttle it has outfitted with the advanced propulsion system. Paris and Steth race after her, and Paris applies the principles he used in repairing the warp drive to disable it. With the alien in custody, everyone is returned to the proper bodies, and Paris has gained a new appreciation for the monotony of his life.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Dan Butler (Steth)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mary Elizabeth McGlynn (Daelen)

Written By : Robert Doherty

Directed By : Jesus Salvador Trevino

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The Omega Directive [VOY #89]

Stardate 51793.4

When a strange symbol appears on Voyager's computer screens, Janeway begins giving orders without explanation. She is carrying out a highly classified mission called the Omega Directive, and Seven of Nine is the only other person who knows what it means. Voyager's sensors have detected the Omega molecule, which is a highly unstable phenomenon. Janeway's orders as a Starfleet Captain are to destroy it, but Seven believes its power should be harnessed. The Borg believe it represents perfection. She agrees to help Janeway carry out the Directive so she can study the molecule more closely.

When Chakotay convinces the Captain she needs the resources of her crew, Janeway briefs the senior staff on the Directive. The Omega molecule is the most powerful substance known to exist and could create a subspace rupture that would make warp travel impossible. The crew sets a course for the molecules, knowing that this mission must succeed, or they will never make it out of the Delta Quadrant.

Seven begins working on a harmonic resonance chamber, which should stabilize the Omega molecule, while Janeway leads a rescue mission. She has found a planet where researchers were working to create a molecule when an explosion left them exposed to radiation. Before being beamed to sickbay, the senior researcher tells Janeway one of the Omega molecules survived in the primary test chamber. When Seven questions him later, he pleads with her not to destroy Omega, saying that the discovery of the phenomenon is the lifeblood of his people.

Once she breaks into the test chamber, Janeway finds enough Omega to wipe out half of the Delta Quadrant. To destroy it with Seven's harmonic resonance technology, the molecules must be transported to Voyager. Yearning to understand Omega's perfection, Seven no longer believes it should be destroyed. After the molecules are safely beamed into containment, the crew takes off with several alien ships in pursuit.

In an open area of space, Janeway prepares to jettison the chamber containing the molecules and then destroy it with a torpedo. Seven manages to neutralize almost half of the molecules, and just before the chamber launches, she witnesses them stabilize spontaneously. Once the torpedo is fired, Voyager escapes at maximum warp, leaving behind no trace of Omega. Janeway has successfully carried out her Directive, and Seven has had her first spiritual experience.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jeff Austin (Allos)

Kevin McCorkle (Alien Captain)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Lisa Klink

Story By : Jimmy Diggs

Steve J. Kay

Directed By : Victor Lobl

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Unforgettable [VOY #90]

Stardate 51813.4

A cloaked ship suddenly appears with an injured female onboard hailing Chakotay. Once Kellin, the injured woman, is beamed to sickbay, she asks the Captain for asylum from her people. When Chakotay asks how she knows him, she explains that she was recently on Voyager for several weeks. No one remembers her because memories of her people cannot be held in the minds of others for more than a few hours. Her body produces a pheromone that blocks their long-term memory engrams. She confesses that she has returned to Voyager because she fell in love with Chakotay.

Chakotay informs the rest of the senior staff that Kellin is from Ramura, a closed society that tracks down people who leave their world. She was on Voyager about a month ago when her bounty hunting brought her to a stowaway on the ship. Although Kellin says a computer virus was planted to erase all evidence of her presence, the crew is still ordered to look through navigation logs and other outlets that would corroborate her story. While Kellin recounts to Chakotay how they fell in love, the Ramura begin firing at Voyager.

Janeway gives Kellin permission to modify the ship's sensors so they can see the cloaked ships. Once Voyager returns fire, the Ramurans leave and Kellin says she would like to stay on the ship permanently. Although Chakotay doesn't remember loving her, he can't stop thinking about what she has said about their relationship. When Kellin realizes that her people will come back and that she is putting the crew in danger, she tells Chakotay that she will leave if he doesn't have any feelings for her. However, he tells Kellin to stay.

Reminiscing about their last night together, Kellin explains how Chakotay helped her find the stowaway. They used a magneton sweep to disrupt his cloak, and then Kellin wiped out his memories of the outside world with a neurolytic emitter. Working with Seven and Kim on a defense strategy against her people, Kellin soon senses that a tracer is onboard. He suddenly materializes, and despite her protest, the Ramuran shoots her with the neurolytic emitter.

As Kellin's memories begin to fade, she begs Chakotay to remind her of the love they shared, once she no longer remembers. Soon, she does not recognize him, and Chakotay tells her about their relationship. He asks her to stay and see if her feelings can be rekindled, but she refuses to violate her people's edict again. Once she and the tracer are gone, Chakotay writes about her in his personal log so he will never fully forget her.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Michael Canavan (Curneth)

Virginia Madsen (Kellin)

Written By : Greg Elliot

Michael Perricone

Directed By : Andrew J. Robinson

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Living Witness [VOY #91]

Stardate Unknown

Voyager and its crew are on display in a Kyrian museum 700 years in the future, and they are being blamed for a horrible civil war that nearly wiped out the Kyrian race. Through inaccurate simulations, the crew is shown as violent people who did not hesitate to destroy anything or anyone standing in their way of getting home. Approached by the Vaskan Ambassador for help in his fight against the Kyrian, Janeway supposedly slaughtered millions of innocent people in exchange for wormhole travel to the Alpha Quadrant.

The museum curator, Quarren, works within the engineering simulation to access a data storage device recently uncovered at one of the Kyrian ruins. When he realizes it is a hologram, he activates the Doctor's program and explains what has happened. The Doctor is distraught and refuses to believe that 700 years have passed, but he soon sees the Voyager artifacts in the museum and knows it must be true.

Appalled by the depiction of Janeway and the crew as cold, heartless thugs, the Doctor tries desperately to describe Voyager's side of the story. Although he explains that Janeway had just negotiated a trade agreement with the Vaskan Ambassador when they were attacked by the Kyrian, Quarren balks at the idea that his people were the aggressors. When the Doctor describes how Janeway and the crew only wanted to extricate themselves from the war, his program is silenced.

After some time to think about what the Doctor has said, Quarren allows him to create a simulation of his own. It shows that the Kyrian leader, Tedran, invaded Voyager. Janeway explained that they were trading with the Vaskans and nothing more, but Tedran wouldn't stand down. It was the Vaskan Ambassador who killed him, and the last thing the Doctor remembers is Kyrian ships attacking Voyager. As he works to reactivate his medical tricorder and offer proof of his re-creation, a group of angered Vaskans breaks into the museum and begins destroying it.

When war between the two groups threatens to erupt again, the Doctor believes it would be best if his program is decompiled. Although he wanted to clear Voyager's name in history, it's not worth causing more fighting. Years into the future, watching another simulation, people see Quarren talk the Doctor into giving his testimony of events. Because of that, the great war was finally portrayed accurately, and harmony was restored. After setting the record straight, the Doctor eventually boarded a shuttle for the Alpha Quadrant to trace Voyager's path home.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Brian Fitzpatrick (Tedran)
Craig Richard Nelson (Vaskan Arbiter)
Henry Woronicz (Quarren)
Marie Chambers (Kyrian Arbiter)
Mary Anne McGarry (Tabris)
Morgan H. Margolis (Vaskan Visitor)
Rod Arrants (Daleth)
Timothy Davis-Reed (Kyrian Spectator)
Teleplay By : Brannon Braga
Bryan Fuller
Joe Menosky
Story By : Brannon Braga
Directed By : Tim Russ

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Demon [VOY #92]

Stardate Unknown

As Voyager runs dangerously low on fuel, Seven of Nine discovers a Class Y planet containing a high concentration of deuterium. Unfortunately, it is also called a demon planet because of its toxic atmosphere. When an attempt to transport deuterium to the ship results in an explosion, Kim and Paris volunteer to mine the fuel on the surface. They wear environmental suits, but Kim's protection is compromised when he falls into a pool of metallic compound. As Kim's oxygen rapidly depletes, Paris' suit also fails, and both men collapse before they can reach their shuttle.

With no communication from Kim and Paris, Janeway decides to land Voyager on the planet and send an away team to look for them. Chakotay and Seven don environmental suits and begin their search, quickly finding the shuttle with no one onboard. Suddenly, the ground gives way underneath Chakotay, and he barely hangs on to a ledge. As he struggles to keep from falling into the pool below, Paris appears -- minus his environmental suit -- and helps Seven pull Chakotay to safety.

Paris explains that he and Kim have apparently adapted to the environment, and he tells Chakotay and Seven to take off their suits as well. They refuse to take that risk and beam back to Voyager instead. As soon as they are back on the ship, Kim and Paris begin suffocating. The Doctor quickly erects a forcefield around them containing the planet's gases so they can breathe, and he surmises that fluid has entered their bloodstream that altered their physiology at the cellular level. Unless the effect can be reversed, Kim and Paris will have to be left behind in order to live.

Janeway and Torres watch in awe as the metallic compound from the fluid sample replicates Torres' thumb. Back on the surface, the away team discovers Paris and Kim's bodies. Barely alive, they are quickly beamed to sickbay, but the duplicate Kim refuses to leave, saying he feels a connection to the planet. With a large pool of the compound forming under Voyager, Janeway tries to ascend into orbit. However, the ship is restrained by an electromagnetic force.

After transporting the duplicate Kim onto Voyager, Janeway demands her ship be allowed to leave. Since he has the silver blood running through him, he tries to explain its motive for holding them there. The compound is alive, but it has never been conscious. When it entered the bodies of Paris and Kim, it experienced awareness and actually had thoughts for the first time -- and now it craves more. The crew agrees to donate samples of its DNA so the planet can duplicate them and populate itself, and Voyager is allowed to resume its journey.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Susan Lewis (Transporter Technician)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Andre Bormanis

Directed By : Anson Williams

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One [VOY #93]

Stardate 51929.3

The Voyager crew comes across a vast new nebula, and everyone except the Doctor and Seven of Nine are severely affected by its radiation. Since it will take a year to go around it, and a month to go through it, Janeway decides the best course of action will be to put the crew in stasis chambers, which will provide independent life support as they sleep. Seven of Nine and the Doctor will check on their vital signs and take care of the ship until it reaches the other side.

After several days, the lack of social interaction and activity onboard is beginning to put a strain on the Doctor and Seven. Suddenly, the computer alerts them that the anti-matter storage tanks are failing and plasma is leaking. Seven rushes to engineering to eject the tanks, but when she gets there, everything is fine.

The computer is malfunctioning, and false readings were sent to the sensors. While he and Seven are making repairs, the Doctor's program begins degrading. He makes it back to sickbay, but his mobile emitter is no longer working, and he will have to stay there for the remainder of the trip. Now that Seven is even more isolated, she begins having disturbing dreams and visions. When an alien hails her, she beams him aboard and agrees to trade some equipment. His inappropriate comments make Seven feel threatened, and she decides to escort him off the ship. When she turns her head for an instant, he runs away down the corridor.

Although sensors show no evidence of an alien or another ship, Seven searches Voyager for him. She hears voices of the crew calling for her, and the alien begins controlling the ship's functions and playing on her fears. When the Doctor finally gets his mobile emitter to work, he rushes to Seven and discovers that she is hallucinating. The radiation is starting to degrade her Borg implants, and as the EPS conduits overload, the Doctor's program goes off-line. Seven is now truly alone with the fate of the crew entirely in her hands, and she begins to panic.

With 17 hours to go before Voyager clears the nebula, the propulsion system begins to fail. Fighting against more hallucinations, Seven struggles to find a way to reroute power. At every turn she is met by her fears -- Borg telling her that she can never survive as an individual, and the crew taunting her about her past deeds in the Collective. With minutes to go, Seven reroutes power from

life support to the propulsion system and slips into unconsciousness. When she comes to in sickbay, the crew is awake, Voyager has cleared the nebula, and she has managed to save everyone on board.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Ron Ostrow (Borg Drone)

Wade Williams (Trajris Lo-Tarik)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : Kenneth Biller

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Hope And Fear [VOY #94]

Stardate 51978.2

Paris and Neelix return from a trading colony with a passenger named Arturis. He knows over 4,000 languages, and Janeway agrees to give him passage to the next system. When Arturis studies the encoded message Voyager received from Starfleet before the relay stations were destroyed, he instantly decodes it. Part of the data is a spatial grid with marked coordinates, and Voyager arrives at the designated spot to find a Starfleet vessel waiting there.

Finding no lifesigns on the ship, an away team is sent to secure the U.S.S. Dauntless. On board they find the helm is set for auto-navigation, and it's equipped with a new engine configuration called a quantum slipstream drive. The rest of Starfleet's message says the Dauntless has been sent to bring the crew home. Janeway orders the crew to modify Voyager with the slipstream technology so they can bring it along, but she also senses something isn't right and asks Tuvok to keep an eye on Arturis.

When the Captain reconstructs the last segment of the data block from Starfleet, she finds that they did not send Dauntless. Their efforts only turned up some information about the Delta Quadrant, which Starfleet hopes Voyager can use to find a wormhole. In engineering, Kim discovers alien technology behind one of the bulkheads, confirming that Arturis manufactured the ship. Janeway, Seven, and Tuvok gather weapons and head to the Dauntless bridge to confront Arturis.

When the security team tries to take Arturis to the brig, he activates the ship's slipstream drive. Kim is able to transport Tuvok and the rest of the team to Voyager, but Janeway and Seven are taken hostage. An angry Arturis explains that his people were fighting against assimilation when Janeway gave the Borg the nanoprobes to fight Species 8472. Those aliens were his homeworld's last hope to defeat the Borg, and he has held a grudge against the Voyager crew ever since. Now, he is taking Janeway and Seven to Borg space to be assimilated.

Seven adapts her Borg technology to break through the forcefield Arturis has erected and turns it off. She and Janeway then attempt to take control of the ship, but their commands are blocked. At the last minute, Voyager arrives and disables the ship's shields. Janeway and Seven are beamed back, and Arturis enters Borg space alone. Unfortunately, the damage caused by using Voyager's warp core modifications to go into slipstream drive was too great, so the crew won't be able to use that technology to get home faster.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Jack Shearer (Admiral Hayes)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Ray Wise (Arturis)
Tarik Ergin (Lt. Ayala)
Teleplay By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Story By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Rick Berman
Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Night [VOY #95]

Stardate 52081.2

The U.S.S. Voyager has entered a desolate region of space with no star systems in sight for two years, and the crew is slowly going crazy. The only activity in this vast expanse is some high levels of theta radiation. With nothing to distract her mind from its deepest thoughts, Janeway has retreated to her quarters and is agonizing over her past decisions that brought the crew to the Delta Quadrant. Suddenly, the ship loses power and is left in total darkness.

Once Kim and Tuvok get back partial power, they determine that a dampening field caused the power drain. Meanwhile, Paris is attacked by an alien in the holodeck, and Chakotay encounters one in the corridor. When emergency power is activated, three alien ships can be seen surrounding Voyager. They don't answer hails and begin firing until a larger ship forces them to retreat.

The pilot of the friendly ship, Emck, informs Janeway that thousands of the alien ships are ahead, but he can lead Voyager through a spatial vortex that will take them to the other side of the expanse unharmed. In return, he wants the alien they have in sickbay. Janeway questions the wounded "night being," who is dying of theta radiation poisoning. He explains that his people were living a peaceful existence in the void when the Malon began poisoning them. A course is set to take him home, and soon Voyager is surrounded by his vessels. As he is beamed back, the night alien pleads with Janeway to help them close the vortex and protect their space.

The crew observes the Malon ships are using the void as a dumping ground for their antimatter waste. Janeway offers Emck the technology to purify their reactant, but he refuses to cooperate because such innovations would put him out of business. A decision is reached to close the vortex, but it has to be done from inside the void. Janeway announces that the crew will proceed through the vortex while she stays behind in a shuttle and closes it, but her senior staff refuses to carry out orders to sacrifice her. Instead, they will close the vortex just after entering it. It will cause a major shockwave, but they are confident Voyager can make it to the other side.

As Malon ships begin firing, both of Voyager's engines are taken off-line. They continue toward the vortex to find a Malon freighter attempting to block their path, but night alien ships attack and distract it. Voyager scores a direct hit against the freighter then enters the vortex, deploying torpedoes to seal the entrance. The shockwave carries them to the other side, and the vortex is destroyed. Finally, Voyager emerges from the darkness into a star field full of light and life.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Ken Magee (Emck)
Martin Rayner (Dr. Chaotica)
Steve Dennis (Night Alien)
Written By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Directed By : David Livingston

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Drone [VOY #96]

Stardate Unknown

As his away team is beamed back to Voyager, some parts of the Doctor's mobile emitter fuse together, so Torres takes it to the science lab. Unseen, the emitter sprouts Borg implants. When Ensign Mulcahey enters the lab the next morning, he is attacked by extraction tubules. Meanwhile, Seven's proximity transceiver is activated, alerting her to a Borg presence on the ship. She finds Mulcahey in the lab, along with a Borg maturation chamber containing a fetal drone.

Seven determines that when she and the Doctor were transported, some of her nanoprobes infected his emitter. It was assimilated, and the Borg used Mulcahey's genetic code to create a lifeform. As it continues to mature at a rapid rate, the drone is observed to be mostly human, with many implants. The emitter is part of his central nervous system and gives him 29th-century technology. His connection with the Collective is dampened, and Seven attempts a neural interface to give him instructions. Instead, he tries to assimilate her knowledge.

Because a neural link is too dangerous, the drone, who chooses "One" as his designation, uses Borg data nodes to assimilate information. He quickly absorbs knowledge of the ship's systems and begins expressing curiosity about the Borg. Seven fears he will be tempted to seek out the Collective and refuses to answer his questions. As she and One regenerate in their alcoves, the Borg pick up One's signal and set a course to intercept Voyager.

When Voyager detects the approaching Borg, Seven discovers that One's cranial implants created a secondary transceiver to signal them. Janeway and Seven have no choice but to describe to One the Collective's destructive mentality and explain that with his technology, the Borg would be even more dangerous. The Captain asks him to help strengthen Voyager's defenses, but One is confused. He is intrigued by the Collective, yet he senses its evil. There is no time left to discuss the matter, however, as a Borg ship approaches.

One hears the voice of the Collective, but he chooses to save Voyager from destruction. He beams to the sphere to interface directly and disrupt it from within. When his superior technology accesses the navigation system, he steers the sphere into a nebula, destroying it. One survives and is beamed to sickbay, where he refuses to let the Doctor operate to save him because he knows the Borg will keep pursuing him. He doesn't want to put the crew in danger, so he allows himself to die.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : J. Paul Boehmer (Drone)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Todd Babcock (Lt. Mulchaey)
Teleplay By : Brannon Braga
Bryan Fuller
Joe Menosky
Story By : Bryan Fuller
Harry Doc Kloor
Directed By : Les Landau

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Extreme Risk [VOY #97]

Stardate Unknown

When one of Voyager's probes is pursued by a Malon ship, Janeway orders that it be steered into a gas giant. After the Malon ship follows and implodes, it is obvious Voyager cannot go in to retrieve the probe. Paris has conceived a new technologically advanced shuttle -- the Delta Flyer -- that could withstand the giant planet's atmosphere, and Janeway gives him permission to work with the rest of the crew on building it. Meanwhile, Torres begins pulling away from the others. She activates a holodeck simulation of battle with Cardassians but disengages the safety protocols.

Another Malon ship approaches Voyager, and Janeway is hailed by an alien named Vrelk. He tells the Captain his ship is going to retrieve the probe, and she should stand down. She ignores his threats until Seven of Nine, using neutrino beams to spy on the Malon vessel, discovers they are building a shuttle of their own. It can also withstand the giant's atmosphere, and it's scheduled to be operational before the Voyager crew finishes their shuttle.

The crew steps up the pace of construction, and Seven's intelligence shows they are in a dead heat with the Malon to finish the vessels. When Torres runs a shuttle simulation in the holodeck to check for a fatal flaw, she once again disengages the safety protocol. The atmosphere of the gas giant begins to cause microfractures in the shuttle, and Torres is knocked unconscious. Just before the hull breaches, Chakotay arrives and freezes the program.

Once Torres is taken to sickbay, the Doctor finds old wounds that went untreated. Chakotay learns she has been running very dangerous holo-simulations without the safety protocols. When confronted, she admits she has been testing herself, trying to experience an emotion or feel pain. Ever since she and Chakotay received the Starfleet message telling them their Maquis friends had been slaughtered, Torres has felt numb. Suddenly, Voyager is attacked by the Malon, who are firing to create a distraction as they launch their new shuttle.

Janeway is forced to launch the Delta Flyer ahead of schedule and attempt to retrieve the probe first. Torres persuades Chakotay to let her accompany the away team. When the Malon begin firing charges at them, Seven's torpedo scores a direct hit, forcing them to retreat. Once Kim locks a tractor beam onto the probe, the shuttle begins losing structural integrity. Just as the hull breaches, Torres creates an ingenious device to trap the incoming gas in a containment field. The Delta Flyer returns to Voyager safely, and Torres is on her way to feeling whole again.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)
Daniel Betances (Pilot)
Hamilton Camp (Vrek)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Written By : Kenneth Biller
Directed By : Cliff Bole

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In The Flesh [VOY #98]

Stardate 52136.4

Conducting a surveillance mission of an alien structure, Chakotay finds himself on Earth at Starfleet Headquarters. He is surrounded by aliens posing as humans, and strikes up a conversation with one of the women, Commander Valerie Archer. Later, when Chakotay and Tuvok are on their way back to the Delta Flyer, an alien Ensign tries to detain them for being in a restricted area. Unwilling to risk their cover being blown, they beam him back to Voyager.

When Janeway questions him, the Ensign kills himself by releasing a toxin into his bloodstream. The Doctor triggers a genetic reversion, and the body on the biobed turns into a Species 8472 alien. Analysis of their ship's structure shows the aliens are using a combination of holographic projection and particle synthesis to recreate Earth and Starfleet Headquarters. The crew surmises it is being used as a training ground for invasion of the Alpha Quadrant.

Seven discovers Species 8472 has adapted to Borg nanoprobes. As she works to modify them, Chakotay, Paris and Kim take the Delta Flyer back to the Earth simulation so Chakotay can keep a date planned with Archer. He plans to use her to find out more about the mission against the Federation. After Chakotay leaves her quarters, Archer analyzes a DNA sample and discovers that he is human. Once security is alerted, Chakotay is taken into custody.

Paris and Kim notify Janeway of what has happened and pilot their shuttle back to Voyager. The Captain sets a course for the alien ship, and is armed with modified nanoprobes but is unwilling to use them unless provoked. When she threatens the habitat leader--who is in the body of Starfleet groundskeeper Boothby--with the Borg nanoprobes, he agrees to a meeting.

With both sides gathered to discuss their differences, Janeway and Boothby find there is room for negotiation. Judging from Voyager's collaboration with the Borg against them, Species 8472 believed humans were a hostile force planning an invasion. Janeway explains that her crew did not know at the time that the Borg had started the war with their species; Archer then reveals that their Earth simulation is only a reconnaissance mission. They feared humans as much as the Voyager crew feared them. After agreeing to share technology as a first step toward peace between their species, the 8472 beings return to fluidic space, and Voyager continues on its journey home.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Kate Vernon (Valerie Archer)
Ray Walston (Boothby)
Tucker Smallwood (Admiral Bullock)
Zach Galligan (Ensign Gentry)
Written By : Nick Sagan
Directed By : David Livingston

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Once Upon A Time [VOY #99]

Stardate Unknown

While Paris, Tuvok and Ensign Wildman are on an away mission, their shuttle runs into an ion storm and suffers severe damage. Voyager tracks their distress call to a nearby planetary system, but another storm is blocking their path. As the crew prepares to go after the Delta Flyer, Neelix is in charge of keeping Ensign Wildman's daughter Naomi occupied and unaware of her mother's predicament. When Paris finally crash-lands the shuttle onto a planetoid, Wildman is seriously hurt.

Buried three kilometers under the rock surface, Wildman is bleeding internally and needs surgery. Back on Voyager, Kim tracks the Delta Flyer's coordinates on the planetoid. There are no lifesigns, but rescue teams are dispatched to the crater in search of the lost crew. Naomi is worried when her mother doesn't call, but Neelix tries to distract her with a holodeck fairytale called "The Adventures of Flotter."

The prospect of telling Naomi that her mother is lost brings back sad memories for Neelix of losing his own family. Although Janeway urges him to be honest with the little girl, he wants to wait until the away teams find the shuttle. When Naomi wakes up in the middle of the night and goes to the bridge in search of Neelix, she overhears talk of the crash and the lost crew.

Neelix finds Naomi in the holodeck with Flotter and Trevis, characters in the interactive fairytale, and tries to comfort her about her mother's situation. He also tells her about losing his own parents and sisters when he was very young. As their life support system begins to fail, Paris, Tuvok and Wildman record goodbye messages to their loved ones. Above them, Chakotay and Seven locate the shuttle buried underneath the rock. A massive digging effort begins, but an ion storm is approaching, and they don't have much time before it hits.

With two minutes to go until their oxygen is depleted, the Delta Flyer crew hears the rescue team digging above them. Kim is able to get a transporter lock on the shuttle, and it is transported to Voyager just before the storm hits. Once Wildman's injuries are treated in sickbay, she and Naomi are reunited, and mother and daughter pay a visit to the "Forest of Forever" together.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Justin Louis (Trevis)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Wallace Langham (Flotter T. Wotter, III)

Written By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : John Kretchmer

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Timeless [VOY #100]

Stardate 52143.6

Chakotay and Kim are on an ice planet investigating the crash site of Voyager. It is the future, and the entire ship and crew are frozen inside a glacier. Once they are beamed inside, Chakotay finds the long-dead Seven of Nine and summons the pilot of his shuttle, Tessa, to transport her aboard. Kim uses Starfleet technology to access Voyager's computer and activate the Doctor's program. When he demands to know what has happened, Chakotay tells him they are there to change history.

Flashback to the crew celebrating the completion of Voyager's quantum slipstream drive. The next day they will set a course for the Alpha Quadrant at a speed never before imagined. However, Paris finds a phase variance in the threshold that causes the slipstream to become unstable. Kim volunteers to take the Delta Flyer a few seconds ahead of Voyager in the slipstream. He can map it and send the phase variations back to the ship in time to make corrections. Janeway agrees to take the risk and assigns Chakotay to fly with Kim.

Fifteen years later, Chakotay and Kim explain to the Doctor what happened. Kim transmitted the wrong variance, forcing Janeway to make an emergency landing that killed the crew on impact. Kim and Chakotay made it back to Earth, but when Starfleet gave up their search for Voyager, they decided they had to find a way to correct their mistake. They stole a Borg temporal transmitter and the Delta Flyer from Starfleet, and now they can use Seven's Borg interplexing beacon to send a new set of phase corrections back in time to the crew. Just as Chakotay downloads Voyager's sensor logs, a Galaxy-class starship arrives in search of the thieves.

Captain La Forge of the U.S.S. Challenger hails Chakotay and tries to talk him out of altering the timeline, but Kim and the Doctor continue to work feverishly on Seven's Borg implant. Once the Doctor pinpoints her time of death, they use the temporal transmitter to send the phase corrections four minutes prior to Voyager's crash. In the past, Seven receives and inputs them, but the slipstream continues to collapse. Just outside of the Alpha Quadrant, Voyager crashes onto the ice planet.

When Kim realizes his phase corrections still didn't work, he doesn't have time to find his mistake. Tessa disengages the Delta Flyer from the Challenger's tractor beam, but the shuttle's warp core begins to breach. With only seconds to spare, Kim transmits a phase correction to Seven that will disperse the slipstream entirely, just as the Delta Flyer explodes. On Voyager, both the ship and shuttle are thrown out of the slipstream, effectively erasing the future. Later, Janeway informs Ensign Kim that a log entry was found encoded in the transmission to Seven: a message "from Harry Kim... to Harry Kim."

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Christine Harnos (Lt. Tessa Omond)

LeVar Burton (Capt. Geordi La Forge)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Story By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Rick Berman

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Infinite Regress [VOY #101]

Stardate 52188.7

When Voyager encounters a Borg vessel's debris field, sensors also detect a Borg neural interlink frequency. Meanwhile, Seven hears voices in her head that cause her to change personalities. One minute she is a Klingon hunting for food, and the next she is a little girl wanting to play a game. No one realizes what is happening until Seven, acting as a Klingon, attacks Torres. She is contained in a forcefield but becomes a little girl again. When she suddenly begins speaking Klingon and turns on Tuvok, the Vulcan is forced to stun her with a phaser.

Once in sickbay, Seven's cortical inhibitor is suppressed so she will not react to the voices. The Doctor discovers that Seven's implants are storing new neural patterns of species the Borg assimilated. After arriving at the debris field, the crew finds the source of the interlink frequency -- a vinculum. A processing device that interconnects the minds of drones, it is sending a damaged signal to Seven and must be taken off-line. After Janeway agrees to beam it aboard so it can be disabled, Seven finds an alien organism inside that attacks technology by creating a virus.

Seven determines that Species 6339 carried the virus in their bodies and spread it to the Borg cube when assimilated. After her inhibitor begins failing, Seven experiences even more new personalities and must be sedated. Torres and Tuvok target the vinculum's transneural matrix with a dampening field, but it only adapts to the technology and returns to full power. At that point, Seven's own neural pattern is erased.

When Janeway locates a Species 6339 vessel, their leader demands she return the vinculum. They unleashed the virus to spread to all cubes, and they want to return it to the debris field so the Borg will retrieve it. Janeway refuses to do so until Seven has been cured, so Voyager comes under fire from the alien vessel. Meanwhile, Seven's cerebral cortex is under incredible strain, and the Doctor fears that he may never be able to retrieve her neural pattern. Tuvok decides to engage in a Vulcan mind-meld to isolate her true self and guide it to the surface.

As Tuvok enters Seven's chaotic mind, he struggles to find her among the sea of screaming people. He glimpses her being restrained by Klingons and other aliens, but he can't reach her. In Engineering, Torres remodulates the dampening field and finally manages to disable the vinculum. Once it is beamed out to space, the alien vessel ceases its attack. All of the other neural patterns in Seven's mind become dormant, and she and Tuvok return safely from their mind-meld.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Erica Mer (Human Girl [Meryl])

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Neil Maffin (Capt. Ven [Species 6339])

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Teleplay By : Robert Doherty

Story By : Jimmy Diggs

Robert Doherty

Directed By : David Livingston

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Nothing Human [VOY #102]

Stardate Unknown

When Voyager encounters a massive energy wave, the ship receives a download of information. The crew tracks the wave's ion trail and finds a stranded vessel with a wounded alien on board. Once the creature is beamed to sickbay, Torres finds that it uses biochemical secretions to give commands. Suddenly, the alien attacks Torres, puncturing her neck and secreting fluids into her bloodstream. Unaware of how to extract the creature without harming Torres, the Doctor and Kim create a hologram of a leading exobiologist named Crell Moset -- a Cardassian.

In order to crack the coded message downloaded to Voyager, the databanks from the alien's ship must be accessed. However, the vessel destabilizes and explodes before Seven of Nine can retrieve them. Meanwhile, the Doctor and Crell determine the alien is using Torres as a life preserver by co-opting her vital systems. They re-create Crell's laboratory in a holodeck so he can use his more advanced tools to help Torres, but she objects to putting her life in the hands of a Cardassian.

Unable to decipher the alien's message, Janeway retransmits the signal on all subspace bands hoping more of its species will answer the call. In Crell's laboratory, he and the Doctor operate on a hologram of the alien and find nodes suggesting the creature is a highly intelligent being. Crell decides the nodes are the best place to administer a neurostatic shock, which will incapacitate the alien and probably kill it. Later, the Doctor is shocked when a crewmember, Tabor, reacts violently to Crell's presence on Voyager and calls the Cardassian a mass murderer.

Tabor reveals that during the Bajoran War, Crell used live subjects for his medical experiments and killed hundreds of Bajorans. Although barely hanging on to life, Torres refuses to let Crell treat her. She believes if she benefits from his research, she will be validating his atrocious methods. However, the Doctor cannot remove the alien without Crell's help, and Torres will die otherwise. Against many moral objections, Janeway authorizes Crell to perform the procedure.

As the Doctor and Crell work to extract the creature, Voyager is hailed by one of the alien vessels. They lock the ship in a tractor beam, but Janeway senses they only want their friend back and mean no harm. In surgery, the Doctor overrides Crell's decision to kill the alien and instead administers a neural shock that weakens its motor control without permanent damage. As its tendrils withdraw from Torres, its metabolism is restored and it is beamed to the waiting ship. Left to make a tough decision, the Doctor decides to delete Crell's program from Voyager's database.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : David Clennon (Dr. Crell Moset)

Frank Welker (Alien Voice)

Jad Mager (Ensign Tabor)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Written By : Jeri Taylor

Directed By : David Livingston

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Thirty Days [VOY #103]

Stardate 52179.4

Confined to 30 days in the brig, Paris composes a letter to his father explaining how he got there. He flashes back to the day Voyager's sensors detected an ocean in the shape of a planet. After Janeway communicates to the Monean leader, Burkus, that her ship means no harm to his people, he and Riga are beamed onboard. They explain that their people live underwater, farming sea vegetation and extracting oxygen for their ships, but now it is losing containment, and they don't know how to stop it. Paris requests permission to take the Delta Flyer to the center of the ocean, where the gravitational currents are located, and investigate.

After researching the Moneans' predicament, Janeway tells Burkus the ocean will suffer a complete loss of containment in less than five years. Meanwhile, deep beneath the ocean's surface, the shuttle crew encounters an ancient field reactor controlled by a core computer. As they upload information from it, the Delta Flyer is attacked by an enormous marine creature discharging an electrical current. It retreats when hit by a phaser, but the shuttle has already been breached, and water begins pouring into the cabin.

Once the leak is repaired, the shuttle crew determines the reactor core is unstable, so Paris initiates a power transfer as a temporary solution. Reviewing the uploaded information, he finds the ocean was once part of a landmass inhabited by a very advanced civilization. They used a kinetic transfer system to draw the water around the reactor, but it is not responsible for the containment loss. Instead, Paris determines it is the Moneans' mining operation that is destroying the ocean.

Janeway offers Burkus several solutions that would make the refineries obsolete, but he only plans to include them in a subcommittee report. Paris is distraught over the ocean's destruction and feels Burkus doesn't understand the magnitude of the crisis. Forbidden to disrupt the internal affairs of an alien race, Paris instead convinces Riga to take the oxygen refineries off-line, and the two commandeer the Delta Flyer.

Janeway immediately orders Paris to cease his mission. When he refuses, she prepares to modify a photon torpedo as a "depth charge" to stop him. Once they reach the reactor, Paris and Riga launch their missile at the same time Voyager fires. Paris' missile is deflected, and he is brought back to the ship and reduced to the rank of ensign. Once he finishes the letter to his father, he files it in his personal log to be sent when Voyager is within Earth's range.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Alissa Kramer (Jenny Delaney)

Benjamin Livingston (Prefect)

Heidi Kramer (Megan Delaney)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Warren Munson (Admiral Paris)

Willie Garson (Riga)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Story By : Scott Miller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Counterpoint [VOY #104]

Stardate Unknown

Passing through Devore space, Voyager is stopped for inspection. The Devore Imperium considers all "gaharay," or strangers, to be suspect, and vessels in their space must be searched. They are looking for telepaths, who they believe break the cardinal rule of trust by reading minds. Janeway has rescued Brenari refugees bound for a detention center and is hiding them in transporter suspension.

A transport vessel is waiting in a nebula to rendezvous with Voyager and take the refugees to a wormhole leading out of hostile territory. Suddenly, the Devore inspector, Kashyk, hails Janeway. Seeking asylum on her ship, he reveals he is aware of the refugees she is hiding and that the wormhole is a trap to catch ships smuggling telepaths. Voyager will be intercepted by a squadron unless Janeway allows Kashyk to stay onboard and help her evade the Devore.

Although Kashyk provides the crew with valuable information to use against his people, Janeway keeps him under tight security in case the Devore are using him to find the wormhole. They track down Torat, an expert on wormholes, who tells them the one they are looking for is a random occurrence. He provides coordinates of the last four appearances, and by applying an algorithm of subspace harmonics, Janeway and Kashyk find the counterpoint -- the site of the next wormhole. Although the Devore use a scanning pulse array to track ships, Voyager's power output will be lowered beneath the detection threshold and drift by the sensors.

When the pulse triggers a variance in Voyager's antimatter stream, the ship is detected. Two warships approach, but Janeway plans to fight all the way to the wormhole. Then, Kashyk announces that in order to guarantee the safety of the crew and refugees, he is going back to his ship. The Brenari will hide once more, and then he will lead an inspection team through Voyager before the wormhole appears. Before Kashyk leaves, he and Janeway kiss.

Once Kashyk and his inspection team board Voyager, Janeway secretly tells him they have located the wormhole off the port bow and the refugees are in transporter suspension. Kashyk immediately reveals that he has double-crossed her, and he orders a proton torpedo fired at the wormhole to destroy it. However, after it is fired, Kashyk realizes he is the one who has been betrayed. The real wormhole is in another location, and the refugees have snuck away in shuttles and traveled through it. Kashyk, not wanting the failure on his record, refuses to report the incident and allows Voyager to resume its course.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Ensign Vorik)

J. Patrick McCormack (Prax)

Jake Sakson (Adar)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Harelik (Inspector Kashyk)

Randy Lowell (Torat)

Randy Ogelsby (Kir)

Written By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : Les Landau

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Latent Image [VOY #105]

Stardate Unknown

As the Doctor takes holo-images of the crew, he finds evidence of neurosurgery he performed 18 months ago on Kim. However, he doesn't remember it. The Doctor asks Seven of Nine to help him run a self-diagnostic, but later he doesn't recall their conversation. Someone has ordered a deletion in his short-term memory buffer, and holo-images he took around the time of the surgery have been deleted. When Seven restores them, a female ensign they don't recognize is pictured with others in the crew, and one picture is of an alien on their shuttle.

Once Seven restores some of his memories, the Doctor recalls pieces of events from the pictures. When he remembers the alien boarded their shuttle and shot Kim and Ensign Jetal, he immediately tells Janeway. She agrees to investigate but tells the Doctor to deactivate his program for the time being. Before he does, he orders the computer to take holo-images of anyone who accesses his files while he is off-line and then reactivate him. Shortly, someone comes into sickbay to delete more files. When the Doctor develops the holo-images taken, it is Janeway.

The Doctor confronts Janeway, who tells him that he was damaged during the incident with the alien. It caused a conflict in his program, so she was forced to restrict his access to memories of that period. The Captain refuses to tell him what happened, and now that he is starting to remember, she plans to rewrite his program. After Seven challenges her decision and she has had some time to think about it, Janeway agrees to restore his memories.

Scenes from the pictures come to life. The Doctor, Kim and Jetal were on a shuttle mission when an alien ship attacked. Their shuttle was boarded, and the alien shot Kim and Jetal. Once Voyager beamed them to sickbay, the Doctor discovered the alien's energy pulse had remained in their neural membranes, and the only way to save them was to isolate the spinal cord from the brain. There was only time to perform one procedure, and the Doctor chose Kim.

After Jetal's funeral, the Doctor began having a breakdown. Now that he has remembered everything, he begins agonizing over the same question of how he could choose one life over another. There is a battle going on between his original programming and what he has become. The crew keeps vigil with him, hoping that eventually he will forgive himself and learn to accept his decision.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nancy Bell (Ensign Ahni Jetal)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Brannon Braga

Eileen Connors

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Bride Of Chaotica! [VOY #106]

Stardate Unknown

In the midst of Paris' latest holodeck installment of "The Adventures of Captain Proton," Voyager runs into a gravimetric force and stops. A layer of subspace is acting as a sandbar and disrupting the ship's warp field. When distortions appear in the holodeck, the crew believes they are random fluctuations. However, while the program runs unattended, two men claiming to be from the Fifth Dimension beam down and are questioned by Doctor Chaotica. After one of them transports back to the distortion, Chaotica vows to destroy their dimension.

When weapons fire from the holodeck creates power surges on Voyager, Paris and Tuvok investigate the Captain Proton simulation. A battle has taken place, and the scenario's robot tells them invaders from the Fifth Dimension have entered through a portal. Suddenly, photonic charges begin emanating from the distortions, and Chaotica fires back with his death ray. As Paris and Tuvok gather information from Proton's ship, they encounter one of the men from the alternate universe.

Although they explain that Planet X is only a photonic simulation with which he has intersected, Paris and Tuvok can't convince the trans-dimensional alien that Chaotica's army of evil is not reality. Paris suggests to Janeway that they help the aliens defeat Chaotica so they will leave and Voyager can resume course. Janeway will play the role of Arachnia, Queen of the Spiderpeople, and charm her way into the villain's Fortress of Doom. Once inside, she will deactivate the controls of the death ray and his lightning shields, leaving Chaotica vulnerable to Proton's "destructo beam."

Posing as the President of Earth, the Doctor convinces the alien that Captain Proton needs his help. The alien agrees to cease firing and return to his realm once Proton has defeated Chaotica. Meanwhile, Janeway's Arachnia almost has Chaotica convinced to lower his shields when he becomes suspicious, and she is forced to pull a ray-gun on him. He confines her to a containment ring and fires his death ray on Proton's approaching ship. On the bridge, Torres realizes the power surges from the holodeck are pulling Voyager deeper into subspace.

Arachnia has one weapon left -- her irresistible pheromones. She uses them to lure a guard into setting her free and then kills all of Chaotica's men. Defenseless, the evil doctor must deactivate his shields, allowing Proton to score a direct hit with his destructo beam against the death ray and Chaotica. Then, the distortions close, and Voyager is realigned with normal space. Another chapter of "The Adventures of Captain Proton" comes to an end... or does it?

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jim Krestalude (Alien #1)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Martin Rayner (Dr. Chaotica)

Nicholas Worth (Lonzak)

Tarik Ergin (Satan's Robot)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Michael Taylor

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Gravity [VOY #107]

Stardate 52438.9

When Tuvok and Paris crash their shuttle, their signal to Voyager is bounced back by the distortion field that drew them into the gravity well. Stranded on a planet stuck in a pocket of deep space, they meet a female named Noss. She is attacked by an alien species of scavengers, but Tuvok overpowers them and befriends her. Once she brings them to the wreckage of her ship, Paris reactivates the Doctor's mobile emitter and brings him on-line to translate Noss' language. She tells them she has seen many ships fall from the sky, but none have gone back up.

As Noss learns their language and begins communicating with them, Paris shares stories of Voyager with her. When he notices that she likes Tuvok, he encourages his friend to pursue his mutual feelings for her. However, Tuvok remembers his schooling with the Vulcan master. He was taught that love is the most dangerous emotion, and that all emotions should be suppressed.

Back on Voyager, the ship is almost pulled into the sinkhole. When Janeway realizes the shuttle must have succumbed to it, she prepares to send in a multispatial probe to investigate. Suddenly, a vessel approaches, and they are hailed by Yost. He informs them that eleven of his ships have been lost in the distortion, and it will be sealed the next day. Chakotay locates the shuttle's distress signal, but he also finds that Tuvok and Paris are experiencing a temporal differential. A day to Voyager could mean weeks or months to them. In addition, the planet's gravitational distress is increasing, and the sinkhole is on the verge of collapsing.

After Tuvok and Paris are ambushed by the scavenger aliens, Noss lovingly tends to Tuvok's wounds. When she kisses him, he stoically rebukes her advances and hurts her feelings. Later, Tuvok tries to explain to Paris that his time with the Vulcan master trained him to ignore his illogical emotions. Meanwhile, Torres modifies the probe into a transporter relay and manages to send a communication signal to Paris and Tuvok's distress beacon. They receive the transmission telling them a transporter beam will be sent in 30 minutes, which is a little over two days in the differential. As they wait for their rescue, aliens surround them.

Tuvok and Paris are barely able to fend off the photon grenades of the aliens before Voyager's transporter relay beams them to the ship. Noss is taken to her homeworld, but before saying good-bye, Tuvok employs a Vulcan mind-meld to show her the feelings buried deep inside him.

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Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Joseph Ruskin (Vulcan Master)
Leroy D. Brazile (Young Tuvok)
Lori Petty (Noss)
Paul S. Eckstein (Supervisor Yost)
Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller
Nick Sagan
Story By : Bryan Fuller
Jimmy Diggs
Nick Sagan
Directed By : Terry Windell

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Bliss [VOY #108]

Stardate 52542.3

Seven of Nine returns from a survey to find the crew has discovered what they think is a wormhole leading to Earth. A probe detects Starfleet signals containing letters full of good news to the crew. Although sensors detect erratic neutrino levels in the wormhole, Starfleet says the flux is unimportant. Suspicious of everyone's unfettered optimism despite signs the anomaly may not be all it appears to be, Seven accesses Janeway's logs. At first the captain reports that scans determined the wormhole was a deception, but in supplemental logs, Janeway suddenly believes it is real.

When Seven locates an alien vessel in the wormhole not detected by Voyager's sensors, she hails it. The alien, Qatai, warns her that her ship is being deceived, but they are cut off when Janeway routes power from the lab to another system. When Naomi tells her everyone is acting strangely, Seven realizes they are the only two unaffected by whatever is manipulating the crew. Soon, the crew is ordered by Starfleet to take the Doctor off-line to avoid system interference, and to put Seven in stasis to avoid attracting Borg attention while Voyager passes through the wormhole.

As Chakotay escorts Seven to her alcove, she tricks him and erects a forcefield to contain him. With Naomi's help, she keeps security at bay while she transports to Engineering and stuns Torres with a phaser. After erecting another forcefield, Seven attempts to shut down the impulse drive to keep Voyager from entering the wormhole. However, Janeway transmits a surge to the engineering console that knocks Seven out.

Once they enter the anomaly, the crew is unconscious. When Naomi wakes Seven, the two hail Qatai and convince him to beam aboard. He explains the crew has been a victim of psychogenic manipulation. They are inside a bio-plasmic organism, a beast that consumes starships by telepathically preying on their crews' desires. Qatai has been trying for years to destroy the creature, not always successful at evading its deceptions.

After activating the Doctor's program, Seven informs him that Voyager is being devoured in the digestive chamber of the organism. Realizing that bodies are designed to expel foreign objects, they plan to fire one of Qatai's tetryon-based weapons at a pocket of antimatter released from Voyager's warp core. It creates an unpleasant reaction that causes the beast to expel the two ships through its esophagus. Once Janeway and the others regain consciousness, Voyager resumes its course to the Alpha Quadrant, but Qatai returns to the beast, obsessed with defeating it.

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Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

W. Morgan Sheppard (Qatai)

Teleplay By : Robert Doherty

Story By : Bill Prady

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Dark Frontier, Part 1 [VOY #109]

Stardate 52619.2 / Stardate 32611.4

After Voyager manages to destroy a Borg probe, Seven finds data nodes filled with tactical information among the debris. With it they locate a heavily damaged scout ship nearby, and Janeway decides to plan a "heist" -- invade the Borg vessel while its defenses are down and take its transwarp coil, which will shave 20 years off Voyager's journey. The crew will create a diversion, then send an away team in to steal the technology. Hoping to find information that will give them a tactical edge, Janeway assigns Seven to study her parents' field notes that Voyager recovered from the U.S.S. Raven.

Once she begins studying her parents' logs, Seven remembers their encounters with the Borg. She was only a small girl at the time, but she vividly recalls their fascination with the mysterious Collective. Meanwhile, Voyager catches up with the scout ship. The sphere's shields and transwarp drive will be off-line for the next 72 hours, allowing the crew only a short time to plan the mission.

During a holographic simulation, Janeway and the others practice their mission down to the second. They have only two minutes to disable the sensor grid and transport the coil to Voyager before being detected. After leaving the holodeck, Seven is unsettled by her close proximity to the Borg, even if it wasn't real. When Naomi begins asking her questions about the Collective, Seven hallucinates that the Borg have accessed her neural transceiver and know about Janeway's plan.

Further memories of her parents' mission reminds Seven of their arrogance in underestimating the Borg, which eventually led to their assimilation. Based on the Hansens' description of a bio-dampener in their notes, the team replicates the technology in order to go undetected on the sphere. Asserting that she is willing to risk her own well-being for the sake of the crew, Seven persuades Janeway to assign her to the away team despite the Captain's reservations.

The mission goes as planned until Seven once again hears the voice of the Collective luring her back to the hive. In a sudden change of heart, she refuses to transport back to Voyager with the others, and Janeway is forced to leave her before she is assimilated herself. The sphere returns to Borg space with Seven onboard, and the Borg Queen welcomes her back to the Collective...

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Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Katelin Petersen (Annika Hansen)

Kirk Baily (Magnus Hansen)

Laura Stepp (Erin Hansen)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Susanna Thompson (Borg Queen)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Cliff Bole

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Dark Frontier, Part 2 [VOY #110]

Stardate 52619.2 / Stardate 32634.9

After being lured back to the hive during Voyager's mission to steal a transwarp coil, Seven is trapped on a Borg vessel. The Queen informs her that the Borg "allowed" Voyager to liberate her from the Collective, but she won't be turned back into a drone because they want to study her memories. With her individuality intact, the Borg can look through her eyes to help them assimilate humanity. Meanwhile, Janeway discovers that Borg signals were being sent to Seven in her cargo bay alcove.

Determined to rescue Seven, Janeway leads an away team in the Delta Flyer to find the Borg sphere that took Seven away. They use the stolen coil to take the shuttle into transwarp space, and incorporate multi-adaptive shielding based on the Hansens' field notes from the U.S.S. Raven to go undetected by the Borg.

As Seven is given her first assignment to assist in the assimilation of a species, she secretly helps four of the individuals escape. The Borg Queen scolds her, saying that her human emotions of compassion and guilt are weaknesses that are causing her pain. However, when Seven pleads with her to let the getaway ship escape, the Queen grants her request.

After the away team follows the sphere into Borg space, Janeway prepares to send a message to Seven through her Borg interplexing beacon. The Queen gives Seven a new assignment -- to assist in the programming of nanoprobes that will assimilate humans. The Borg plan is to detonate a biogenic charge in Earth's atmosphere, and Seven will be turned into a drone if she does not comply. Taunting her, the Queen reveals that one of the drones standing next to her is Seven's father. Suddenly, Janeway's signal comes through, and the Queen discovers it.

As the Borg adapt to Voyager's shielding, Janeway is forced to beam to the vessel and disable the shield matrix around the Queen's chamber. While Paris eludes the other ships, Janeway confronts the Queen and orders Seven to leave with her. A dispersal field is formed around the chamber to block the Delta Flyer's transporter beam, but Seven tells the Captain to target the power node above the chamber. This disrupts the Queen's command interface, and Janeway and Seven are beamed to the shuttle. They quickly enter a transwarp conduit, but not before a Borg vessel sneaks in behind them. On Voyager, Chakotay and Torres fire a full spread of photon torpedoes at the conduit threshold, collapsing it just as the shuttle bursts through. The Borg ship is destroyed, and Seven is home again.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Eric Cadora (Alien)

Katelin Petersen (Annika Hansen)

Kirk Baily (Magnus Hansen)

Laura Stepp (Erin Hansen)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Susanna Thompson (Borg Queen)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Directed By : Terry Windell

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The Disease [VOY #111]

Stardate Unknown

As Voyager helps a generational ship of Varro repair their warp drive, Kim and a female Varro, Tal, become attracted to each other. Knowing that Kim is violating several rules of protocol, they sneak away to Tal's quarters to be together. While they are making love, light flickers just below the surface of their skin. Later, the luminescence returns to Kim's skin, and Seven insists he go to sickbay.

When the Doctor thinks he has contracted a virus, Kim confesses to his intimate relations. Janeway is notified, and she orders him to stop seeing Tal. The Captain believes that Kim has put the crew's relationship with the Varro at risk. After Kim tells Tal the luminescence returned, she explains it is what they call olan'vora, or the shared heart. The more time they spend together, the harder it will be to part. He tries to leave, but they kiss instead. Meanwhile, Tuvok and Neelix discover a Varro male hiding in one of the Jefferies tubes. When questioned, he reveals he is seeking asylum on Voyager. He says many Varro feel imprisoned on their ship and there are rumors of a violent movement to leave it.

After finding microfractures in Voyager's hull, Seven and Torres discover silicone-based parasites are present. They are synthetic and believed to be an act of sabotage. First planted on the Varro ship, now the parasites have migrated to Voyager. On the shuttle, Kim and Tal secretly rendezvous and fly to a nearby nebula. When Tuvok tracks them down, he informs them both to report to Voyager.

A schematic for the parasite was found on Tal's personal database, and she reveals the dissident group is dismantling the Varro ship. The parasites are targeting the linkage between segments, which will break off into separate ships and allow people to choose whether to stay or go. When Janeway explains the decay will cause decompressive explosions, Tal agrees to slow down the parasites long enough for the ship to be evacuated. Janeway orders Kim to sickbay to treat the bio-chemical bond he has developed with Tal, but he refuses. As they argue, the Varro ship experiences structural breaches, and Voyager is unable to separate from it.

With only minutes before collapse, Janeway agrees to Kim's suggestion to extend Voyager's integrity field around the Varro ship and buy them more time for evacuation. Once completed, Voyager detaches, and the Varro vessel breaks off into several separate ships. Their leader, Jippeq, is forced to let the dissidents seek out their own path. After he and Tal say good-bye, Kim refuses to take medicine for his lovesick condition, preferring to let the pain remind him of the happiness he felt.

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Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Charles Rocket (Jippeq)

Christopher Liam Moore (Stowaway)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Musetta Vander (Derran Tal)

Teleplay By : Michael Taylor

Story By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : David Livingston

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Course: Oblivion [VOY #112]

Stardate 52586.3

Just after she and Paris say their wedding vows and prepare for a holodeck honeymoon, Torres discovers a problem in engineering. After further investigation, she finds one of the Jefferies tubes is losing molecular cohesion due to subspace radiation from the warp drive. Suddenly, Torres becomes violently ill. When Paris brings her to sickbay, they find several more crewmembers in the same condition.

The Doctor diagnoses Torres with acute cellular degradation and explains that her chromosomes are breaking down at the molecular level. Meanwhile, Chakotay and Tuvok pinpoint an event that could have caused their problems. They encountered a bio-memetic compound -- the "silver blood" -- on the Class Y "demon planet" they visited about a year earlier. When they left that planet, the crew's DNA was copied, and duplicates of themselves stayed on the planet to begin a new population. However, after the Doctor injects a dichromate catalyst into her deceased body, Torres disintegrates into the metallic compound. Chakotay and Tuvok realize they are all the duplicates, and not the "real" Voyager crew.

Unwilling to travel thousands of light-years back to the demon planet, Janeway plans to forge ahead toward the Alpha Quadrant and hopes to find a solution to the rapid degradation. When sensors detect a Class Y planet, the crew readies the ship to land, knowing that the planet's atmosphere is the only thing that may keep them alive. However, a vessel suddenly appears that warns them to leave and begins firing.

Voyager is unable to sustain the hits from the firing ship and must retreat. When Janeway orders the crew to search for another demon planet, Chakotay tells her they are questioning her command. The crew is beginning to remember their existence before Voyager, and to them, Earth isn't home. After Chakotay's neural pathways start to destabilize, he dies in sickbay. Close to death herself, Janeway decides to turn the ship around and set a course for the demon planet.

A few weeks away from the planet, Janeway dies. As acting captain, Kim tries his best to hold the ship together with the help of Seven--one of the only other remaining crewmembers--and to fulfill Janeway's request to store the ship's database in a signal beacon so at least the crew's accomplishments won't be forgotten. Failing to accomplish that, Kim and Seven detect an approaching vessel. Kim orders Seven to eject the core so they can drop out of warp and hail it. But the force of doing so causes the ship to disintegrate, and the approaching vessel--the real U.S.S. Voyager--comes across the mysterious debris. Curious about the distress signal they were receiving, the real crew can only make a note of the event in their log.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Nick Sagan

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Anson Williams

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The Fight [VOY #113]

Stardate Unknown

As Chakotay lies in sickbay, struggling to communicate with aliens with whom he is linked, he flashes back to the events that brought him there. He is in a boxing holodeck simulation when he is knocked out. Shortly after, Voyager is pulled into chaotic space, where the laws of physics are in flux. Shear forces may destroy the ship unless they redesign their sensors to work inside the disturbance. Suddenly, Chakotay begins hallucinating and hearing voices from the boxing ring calling to him. When he swings at Tuvok, he is subdued and taken to sickbay.

Voyager locates a ship adrift with no lifesigns aboard. Its last distress call reveals the captain began hallucinating just like Chakotay. The Doctor surmises Chakotay has a genetic marker for a cognitive disorder, and the dead captain had a similar experience when the protein insulation in his neural pathways was stripped. All of it is apparently caused by chaotic space, and Chakotay insists on taking a vision quest to learn more. Attached to a cortical monitor, he suddenly finds the aliens communicating through him. They tell him Voyager entered chaotic space through a trimetric fracture, and they must alter their warp field to escape.

When he can no longer hear the aliens, Chakotay re-enters his vision quest at the suggestion of the Doctor. He sees his grandfather, who suffered from the same auditory and visual hallucinations to which Chakotay is predisposed. Scared of becoming a crazy old man, he is continually pulled back to the holodeck boxing ring and an unseen opponent named Kid Chaos. Stuck in the vision quest, Chakotay is suddenly interrupted by the Doctor, who takes him back to sickbay.

In the Astrometrics Lab, Seven of Nine finds a pattern in the form of an isolinear frequency. Janeway realizes it is a nucleotide resonance frequency designed to activate DNA. She believes the aliens may be on a perceptual wavelength unknown to the crew, and their senses must be altered in order to communicate. Given this chance to make first contact, Janeway allows Chakotay to go back to the boxing ring, where he thinks the aliens are trying to tell him something.

Back in the ring against Kid Chaos, Chakotay begins piecing together the instructions he is receiving. His fear of losing control almost causes him to block out the voices, but the Doctor convinces him he must give in to it. Once the aliens tell him how to modify the deflector, Chakotay carries out the directions on the Bridge as the graviton shear quickly increases. Suddenly, Voyager's sensors set the correct course, and the ship is returned to normal space.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Carlos Palomino (The Boxer)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Ned Romero (Chakotay's Grandfather)

Ray Walston (Boothby)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Think Tank [VOY #114]

Stardate Unknown

As Voyager approaches a strange planetoid, the ship is rocked by its explosion and enveloped in a cloud of methion gas. Suddenly, a Hazari vessel is upon them, and Seven explains they are bounty hunters hired to capture alien crafts. When Janeway eludes the ship and it doesn't follow, she soon learns why -- there are many reinforcements throughout the sector waiting to overtake Voyager. Late at night, a strange alien pays a visit to Janeway and introduces himself as the answer to her problem.

Kurros explains he is part of a small group that seeks out problems to be solved. His "think tank" believes Voyager's challenge with the Hazari can be handled without weapons. When Janeway and Seven visit Kurros on his ship, they see his incredibly advanced technology and meet the other strange lifeforms, each with an intellectual specialty. Once Janeway agrees to do business with him, Kurros reveals Seven is one of the items from Voyager that he wants as payment.

When Seven hears the offer from the think tank, she talks to Kurros herself. He appeals to her quest for perfection, but she declines to join his group. Soon, the Hazari attack Voyager again, but Kurros gives Janeway some tactical advice that forces them to retreat. When he tries to use that favor as leverage to convince Seven to change her mind, Janeway realizes she now has two enemies on her hands.

Once the crew lures a Hazari vessel into Voyager's tractor beam, they download information from the database and discover Kurros hired the bounty hunters. Janeway explains to the Hazari alien that they are both being manipulated by Kurros and convinces him to work with her in tricking the think tank. The crew devises a plan to lure Kurros out of hiding by pretending Seven has decided to join his group. She will then link with their internal communications array, disrupting their systems and preventing them from functioning. After the ruse is in place, the Hazari contact Kurros and persuade him to increase their bounty to bring in Voyager.

Janeway tricks him into believing Seven has left Voyager to join his think tank, but Kurros soon senses a trap has been laid. When he forces Seven to link with his telepathic technology so he can read her mind and discover Janeway's plan, a carrier wave is transmitted via her cortical implant. This creates interference and blocks his entire communications system. Once the think tank is decloaked, the Hazari converge on it as Seven is beamed back and Voyager leaves at warp speed.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Christopher Darga (Y'Sek)

Christopher Shea (Saowin)

Jason Alexander (Kurros)

Steve Dennis (Fennim)

Teleplay By : Michael Taylor

Story By : Brannon Braga

Rick Berman

Directed By : Terrence O'Hara

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Juggernaut [VOY #115]

Stardate Unknown

When Voyager picks up a distress call, Janeway finds escape pods contaminated with radiation. Two survivors, Fesek and Pelk, are beamed to sickbay as the crew discovers the source of the radiation is a disabled Malon freighter. During a mission to export their toxic waste, a leak forced them to evacuate. Fesek explains that when the ship explodes, the waste will ignite and destroy everything within three light-years. Before Voyager can travel to a safe distance, its warp drive collapses. Now, the crew must board the Malon ship and disable it.

With only six hours to go before the storage tanks explode, Fesek, Pelk, Chakotay, Torres and Neelix beam to the freighter. They plan to start in the least affected chamber and clear a path to the control room by opening airlocks and decompressing the ship. An inoculation created by the Doctor affords them a few hours of protection from the radiation. While checking on a jammed airlock, Pelk is attacked by a creature superstitiously believed to be created by radiogenic waste.

Pelk tries to convince the team that the creature exists, but they think he is hallucinating. When he dies, Pelk is beamed to sickbay to determine his cause of death. Meanwhile, Janeway prepares a contingency plan based on a nearby star. She concludes the corona would absorb the radiation from the blast if the freighter could be nudged close enough to it. On the freighter, as the team races through the decks to the control room, an airlock opens and creates a sudden vacuum. Everyone escapes but Chakotay, who is struck by flying debris and beamed to sickbay.

As Torres works to reinitialize the power matrix in the control room, the Doctor finds tissue samples on Pelk that suggest a being is aboard the freighter that has adapted to the radiation. From Astrometrics, Seven scans for a lifeform blended in with the ambient toxins on the ship, and the creature is then revealed. Suddenly, it closes in on the team in the control room as gas envelops everything. Neelix and Fesek are attacked, but Torres keeps the creature at bay and realizes it is a Malon core laborer.

The laborer insists sabotaging the ship is the only way to make the Malon understand how horrifying the radiation poisoning is to the men who sacrifice their lives working on the core. As Voyager emits a series of tractor pulses to steer the freighter into the star, the laborer uses maneuvering thrusters to disrupt its course. Torres tries to reason with him, but ultimately she has to resort to violence to stop him. At the last second, Torres, Neelix and Fesek are beamed to Voyager before the freighter explodes into the star's atmosphere.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Malon #3)

Lee Arenberg (Pelk)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Ron Canada (Fesek)

Scott Klace (Dremk)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Kenneth Biller

Nick Sagan

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Someone To Watch Over Me [VOY #116]

Stardate 52647.0

As Janeway and Tuvok leave for a diplomatic mission aboard a Kadi vessel, Neelix is left in charge of the Kadi ambassador on Voyager. Meanwhile, the Doctor determines that Seven needs the experience of dating in her socialization training. When he takes her to a holodeck bar for some practice making small talk with men, Seven buys a prospective suitor a drink in her usual dry manner. Once Paris learns what is going on, he makes a bet with the Doctor that Seven can't find a date for the Kadi ambassador's reception, and keep him for the entire night.

Knowing he has his work cut out for him, the Doctor tries to show Seven the importance of shared interests with a potential date. When he discovers Seven has a beautiful singing voice, the two engage in a duet of "You Are My Sunshine." Once her interests are determined, Seven peruses the ship's manifest for a suitable male and chooses a lieutenant whom she has worked with before in Engineering. Startled by her directness, the crewmate agrees to meet her in the holodeck for dinner.

When the Doctor tells Paris about Seven's progress, he realizes the Doctor is infatuated with her. The Doctor denies it, but he helps Seven fix her hair and pick out a dress to wear. In the holodeck simulation, he plays the piano as Seven and her date awkwardly navigate through a lobster dinner and a turn on the dance floor. When Seven takes the lead and tears a ligament in the man's arm, the evening is cut short, and she is ready to give up on dating altogether. However, the Doctor persuades her to keep trying and takes her onto the dance floor for a lesson.

Seven and the Doctor decide to attend the Kadi ambassador's reception together, and Seven displays all of her newly learned social skills. This prompts Paris to admit the Doctor has won the bet, which angers Seven. She accuses the Doctor of not having a sincere interest in her development and storms out of the party. Meanwhile, Neelix is losing control of the ambassador, who has had too much to drink and makes a scene before passing out.

The ambassador has a mighty hangover when his superior returns the next day, but he and Neelix manage to cover up what has really happened. The Doctor prepares to tell Seven about his feelings for her, but she comes to him first to thank him for his guidance. She announces that she will no longer require his lessons because there is not a suitable mate on board. Crushed, the Doctor hides his true emotions and returns to the holodeck bar for a lonely piano tune.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Brian McNamara (Lt. William Chapman)

David Burke (Steven Price)

Ian Abercrombie (Abbot)

Scott Thompson (Tomin)

Teleplay By : Michael Taylor

Story By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Robert Duncan McNeill

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11:59 [VOY #117]

Stardate 52306.8

As Neelix presses Janeway for information about Earth's history, she reminisces about one of her ancestors, Shannon O'Donnell. Shannon was in Indiana in December of 2000 when she discovered a quaint downtown area about to be destroyed and replaced by the Millennium Gate. The world's first self-sustaining civic environment, the Gate had developers offering Henry Janeway a lot of money for his bookstore, but he wouldn't sell. Through a chance encounter when her car broke down, Shannon and Henry began working together to prevent the destruction of downtown Portage Creek.

A database search uncovers a picture of Shannon and her children, which Janeway wants to frame. She explains that she grew up admiring Shannon and her bravery in building the Millennium Gate, which became the model for the first habitat on Mars. Back in 2000, Shannon is approached by Gerald Moss, one of the developers who knows her from her days of astronaut training at NASA. Knowing that Shannon recently lost her job, Moss tries to lure her to his team as consulting engineer in return for Shannon convincing Henry to give up his shop to the project.

Intrigued by the experimental biosphere, Shannon tries to talk Henry into seeing the benefits of the Gate. He will hear nothing of it, however, and Shannon leaves when the two of them begin fighting. On Voyager, the crew trades stories of their family history. When Janeway asserts that Shannon did work on all the early Mars projects, Paris contradicts her. He is an expert on that subject, and he is positive there was no O'Donnell working on those projects.

Further research shows Shannon did not overcome any great obstacles to build the Millennium Gate, as Janeway had believed. She was only a consulting engineer, and the sole opposition she faced was Henry, who became her husband. As Shannon prepares to leave town, and the Gate developers are about to move their plans to another city, she suddenly returns to Portage Creek to talk to Henry.

Shannon reveals she has come back to be with Henry. She wants to explore the future, but he must be willing to leave the past behind. With only a minute to spare until midnight of New Year's Eve and the deadline for the Millennium Gate project, Henry agrees to rebuild his shop in the new biosphere. Janeway is disappointed Shannon was not the courageous explorer she always believed her to be, but she has no idea what her ancestor did for the town of Portage Creek, and a man scared to face the inevitable future.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Bradley Pierce (Jason Janeway)
Christopher Curry (Driver)
James Greene (Passerby)
John Carroll Lynch (Gerald Moss)
Kevin Tighe (Henry Janeway)
Kristina Hayes (Marci Collins [Action News Reporter])
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Teleplay By : Joe Menosky
Story By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Directed By : David Livingston

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Relativity [VOY #118]

Stardate 52861.274

It is Janeway's first day aboard USS Voyager. Seven of Nine, disguised as an ensign, investigates a weapon on the ship and reports back to Captain Braxton, who now knows where the weapon was placed but still needs to know when. After Janeway is alerted to a chronoton flux, she almost discovers Seven, which would contaminate the timeline. Braxton beams Seven from Voyager just in time, but she is dead by the time she gets to his ship.

Braxton orders his men to go back in time and retrieve Seven before Voyager explodes. This is the third time they have tried to help Seven save her crew. On Voyager, temporal distortions are fracturing space-time throughout the ship, making people space-sick and causing bizarre paradoxes to occur. When Seven and Torres investigate, Seven's ocular implant detects a device emitting the distortions. Before they can take action, the hull begins to demolecularize. Janeway orders the crew to abandon ship as two men materialize and beam away Seven.

Seven is once again welcomed to the Federation timeship Relativity. It is 500 years in the future, and Braxton wants to solve the mystery of who planted the weapon. His crew has recruited Seven because of her ocular implant's ability to detect irregularities in space-time. Once they persuade her to help them, Seven is beamed to Voyager two years before she became part of the crew. The ship is under attack from the Kazon, and Braxton believes this is the time a saboteur boarded the vessel and planted the device. Seven is to find him and stop him at all costs.

Seven checks the ship and finds no sign of the weapon or the intruder. When Janeway detects a chronoton flux and remembers the same thing happening two years ago, she investigates and finds Seven, whom she recognizes from that first day on the ship. Over Braxton's objections, Seven explains her presence on Voyager and persuades Janeway to trust her seemingly implausible story. When they are suddenly alerted to an intruder, they find Braxton himself planting the weapon.

Suffering from temporal psychosis, this version of Braxton claims Janeway is responsible for his exile stemming from his time travel. He suddenly jumps to two years earlier, and Seven follows him. When he is trapped in a forcefield, Braxton jumps five years ahead. By this time, Seven is suffering from having made too many time jumps, and recruits herself in that time period to apprehend Braxton. Once Seven and Janeway catch him, Janeway must go back to an earlier period of Voyager's history to capture Braxton before he has a chance to place the weapon. Meanwhile, the original Braxton is arrested for "crimes he will commit" by his first officer, who takes command of the timeship and vows to clean up the contamination in the timeline to prevent any of it from happening in the first place. Seven is "reintegrated" and Janeway is urged to avoid time travel as the two are returned to Voyager and back to normal.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Bruce McGill (Capt. Braxton)

Dakin Matthews (Admiral Patterson)

Jay Karnes (Lt. Ducane)

Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Michael Taylor

Nick Sagan

Story By : Nick Sagan

Directed By : Allan Eastman

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Warhead [VOY #119]

Stardate Unknown

Answering a distress call, the away team finds a device embedded in a rock that proves to be a form of artificial intelligence. It has bio-neural circuitry and, with the help of the Doctor's translating, reveals it is suffering from a technical form of amnesia. The machine thinks it is an organic being, but once it is beamed to Voyager, the Doctor explains what has happened. Scanning the planet's surface, Janeway finds a crater filled with radiogenic decay and realizes they have beamed aboard a weapon of mass destruction.

In sickbay, Torres attempts to separate its bio-neural circuitry from the explosive, and download its synaptic patterns into a holographic matrix. Suddenly, the weapon arms itself, and Torres is forced to use an EM pulse to short it out. She and Kim soon discover the machine has commandeered the Doctor's program. It now recalls it is a long-range tactical armor unit, which was deployed at a target it never reached. The machine, speaking through the Doctor's body, tells Janeway that she will help him find his target, or her ship and crew will be destroyed.

After Janeway is given new coordinates to follow, Neelix locates a merchant who may be familiar with the weapon. He offers to disarm it with his transporter's dampening field in exchange for full access to salvaging its parts for sale. Wary of handing the weapon over to a stranger, Janeway refuses. When the merchant's ship tries to get a transporter lock on the machine, it sends an antimatter surge back through the beam and blows up the ship. Meanwhile, Seven realizes her nanoprobes can be adapted to disable the weapon's circuitry.

Paris plans to make the machine believe they are navigating a minefield. When Seven is brought into sickbay pretending to suffer from burns, Tuvok will disrupt the Doctor's program. This will give Seven enough time to inject her nanoprobes into the weapon and disable it. Meanwhile, Kim and Torres retrieve lost data from the weapon's memory files, which reveal its launch was a mistake. He thinks they are deceiving him and refuses to abort. The plan fails, and Voyager is suddenly surrounded by 32 self-guided weapons.

The machine is ordered to transport off Voyager to the target, but Kim persuades him to look for his people's confirmation code in the rest of his memory files. When he confirms the order to cease his mission was valid, he tells the other weapons to stand down. They cannot be diverted, so the weapon reconfigures his bio-neural matrix and joins the others. Once he leads them to a safe distance, he detonates and destroys them all.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : McKenzie Westmore (Ensign Jenkins)
Steve Dennis (Alien)
Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller
Michael Taylor
Story By : Brannon Braga
Directed By : John Kretchmer

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Equinox, Part 1 [VOY #120]

Stardate Unknown

Answering a distress call, the Voyager crew finds the Federation Starship Equinox, a vessel made for planetary research. Captain Ransom pleads with Janeway to extend Voyager's shields over his ship, which is under attack. As the shields are put in place, interspatial fissures erupt on several decks. Once a rescue team boards Equinox, they find many crewmembers dead of a thermolytic reaction. A few people are still alive, including Ransom, who explains that his ship was also pulled into the Delta Quadrant by the Caretaker.

Hostile aliens--flying nucleogenic lifeforms from another realm--are trying to enter the two ships at every fissure point. At the current rate, Voyager will be under full attack in less than two days. However, the aliens cannot survive inside the ship's atmosphere, so the crew sets out to create a multiphasic forcefield to trap the nucleogenic lifeforms and show them they cannot afford to continue their assault. Meanwhile, Ransom and Burke secretly discuss that they must hide their research lab and warp core from the Voyager crew.

Once Seven determines how to create a security grid that will protect the ships, Janeway decides it will be in everyone's best interest to abandon the Equinox and concentrate all efforts on preserving Voyager. Ransom and his crew prepare to steal Voyager's field generator and leave them behind. When Seven and Tuvok discover the research lab aboard Equinox has been deliberately contaminated with radiation to keep them away from it, Janeway sends in the Doctor to investigate.

The Doctor finds organic matter -- from the nucleogenic lifeforms -- which has been converted into a crystalline compound. The compound can be used to enhance the Equinox's propulsion systems. When Janeway learns that Ransom and his crew were planning to kill as many of the creatures as it took to get home, she confines them to their quarters and sets out to make contact with the aliens. Meanwhile, the Doctor goes back to the Equinox research lab and summons their EMH, which looks exactly like him. The Equinox Doctor explains that he created the conversion technology after his ethical subroutines were deleted. Then, he disables Voyager's Doctor and steals his holo-emitter.

Once the evil Doctor frees his crew from confinement, they beam back to the Equinox. Seven, who was onboard trying to disable their converters, is knocked unconscious. Before the security grid can be put on-line, Ransom and his crew steal Voyager's field generator. As the Equinox is set on course for the Alpha Quadrant at warp speed, Voyager's shields go completely off-line, and the aliens attack Janeway and the crew through fissures on all decks...

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : John Savage (Capt. Rudy Ransom)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Olivia Birkelund (Ensign Marla Gilmore)
Rick Worthy (Crewman Noah Lessing)
Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)
Steve Dennis (Crew Member)
Titus Welliver (Cmdr. Maxwell Burke)
Teleplay By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Story By : Brannon Braga
Joe Menosky
Rick Berman
Directed By : David Livingston

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Equinox, Part 2 [VOY #121]

Stardate Unknown

As nucleogenic lifeforms attack Voyager, Captain Janeway discovers that she can use a deflector pulse to reinforce the shields and force the creatures off her ship. These attacks are occurring because the aliens are angry with Captain Ransom and the crew of the U.S.S. Equinox, another Starfleet vessel stranded in the Delta Quadrant. Ransom and his crew have killed dozens of the lifeforms for their organic matter in order to enhance the Equinox's propulsion systems and get back to the Alpha Quadrant. Now the aliens are trying to destroy both Starfleet ships.

Ransom and his renegade crew have escaped from Voyager's brig and taken back the Equinox, leaving Voyager behind and effectively kidnapping Seven of Nine and the Doctor, who were on board. When Ransom attempts to engage the enhanced warp drive, the ship stalls. They learn that Seven has locked out the power relays with codes that only she knows. Ransom tries to coerce the codes out of her, but when she refuses to talk, Ransom deletes the Doctor's ethical subroutines in order to solicit his help. The hologram then sets out to extract the information from Seven's cortical implants, which will severely damage her brain.

While the Voyager doctor is on the Equinox, the Equinox doctor is on Voyager. When Voyager gets away from the aliens and catches up with Equinox, the Equinox doctor manages to send Ransom a coded message to warn him. Janeway fires several photon torpedoes, badly damaging the Equinox. Ransom knows he cannot win, so he retreats into warp, temporarily escaping from Voyager. During the battle, Janeway managed to beam three of Ransom's crew aboard her ship.

Janeway has one of Ransom's captured crewmembers tied up and put in the cargo bay, ordering him to reveal Ransom's tactical status. She's prepared to drop the shields around the room and allow the alien lifeforms to come in and kill him. He refuses to talk, so Janeway and Chakotay wait outside the cargo bay as a fissure begins forming in the cargo bay. When Chakotay realizes

that Janeway isn't bluffing, he breaks into the room and fires his phaser at the fissure, collapsing it before an alien can pass through. Janeway is shocked at Chakotay's disobedience and relieves him of duty.

Voyager manages to contact the Ankari, the race who innocently introduced the nucleogenic creatures to the Equinox crew. When the Ankari come aboard and summon the aliens, Janeway tells them that she will lead them to Equinox. When Voyager catches up with Equinox again, Ransom's conscience gets the better of him and he tells his crew that he is willing to cooperate with Janeway. Ransom's crew is not prepared to surrender, and his first officer, Lt. Burke, has Ransom arrested and takes control of the ship. Voyager begins firing on Equinox again, giving Ransom time to escape to the transporter room. Ransom then contacts Janeway, telling her that he is surrendering and will help her beam the Equinox crew aboard her ship.

The nucleogenic lifeforms also begin to attack Equinox. They manage to kill Burke before Janeway can beam him to Voyager. The only person left on board Equinox is Captain Ransom. With the warp core about to breach, Ransom tells Janeway to get as far away as possible, then he navigates his ship to a safe distance, sacrificing himself as the Equinox explodes.

Janeway reinstates Chakotay and strips the remaining Equinox crew of rank. She orders them to serve as Voyager crewman and tells them that they will have to earn her trust.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Eric Steinberg (Ankari)

John Savage (Capt. Rudy Ransom)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice / Narrator)

Olivia Birkelund (Ensign Marla Gilmore)

Rick Worthy (Crewman Noah Lessing)

Steve Dennis (Thompson)

Titus Welliver (Cmdr. Maxwell Burke)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Story By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Rick Berman

Directed By : David Livingston

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Survival Instinct [VOY #122]

Stardate 53049.2

Voyager is docked at the Markonian Outpost Space Station. Captain Janeway announces to the crew that the doors have been opened for anyone to visit. Seven of Nine and Naomi go to lunch together in the Mess Hall where they are surrounded by numerous alien visitors.

A man approaches Seven of Nine and puts his briefcase-sized container on a table. When Seven of Nine notices the Borg equipment, she bolts up. Suddenly, Seven of Nine begins to experience memory flashbacks from her past as a Borg.

The items turn out to be Borg relays from Seven of Nine's original unimatrix. The man offers them to Seven of Nine, but when he speaks it seems that his words are not his own and are instead chosen for him. Seven of Nine accepts the Borg relays and she tells the man that Captain Janeway will compensate him. As the man walks away, he communicates telepathically with two others, telling them to prepare to penetrate Voyager's security systems.

Seven of Nine brings the Borg relays to Torres for her evaluation. Seven of Nine tells her how the items triggered visual images, sense memories, sounds and smells. Torres suggests that Seven of Nine was experiencing nostalgia when she first saw the relays. However, Seven of Nine insists that she isn't having any feelings whatsoever about the past. Seven of Nine leaves the relays for computer analysis. Just as she returns to her alcove to regenerate, the Borg relays begin to emit a soft beeping.

Next, three Borg (the first is the man who brought Seven of Nine the Borg relays) enter Seven of Nine's alcove. Two assimilation tubes appear from one of the Borg's arms and begin to penetrate Seven's neck. Seven of Nine unconsciously becomes aware of their presence and when she opens her eyes she begins to fight them. Suddenly, Tuvok and the Security team's phaser fire hits the three Borg and they crumple to the deck.

Seven identifies the three as Two of Nine, Three of Nine, and Four of Nine. They were all once members of the same unimatrix, but Seven of Nine has no idea why they were trying to access her memories. The three Borg tell Captain Janeway that their goal was to break their telepathic link and become individuals.

Apparently, Seven of Nine and the other three Borg were the only survivors of a vessel crash eight years earlier. However, when they were reassimilated into the Collective, the three were somehow linked together permanently. When the three finally escaped, they had their implants removed but they couldn't break the telepathic link between them. They were hoping that Seven of Nine remembered what happened to them.

Seven of Nine suggests linking her neurally to the three Borgs, in order for them to find the truth. Unfortunately, there is the possibility that she becomes trapped in the neural link. Despite the risks involved, Seven of Nine decides to go ahead. When Seven of Nine's neural link is connected to the Borgs, they discover that Seven of Nine was the one who reassimilated them.

The Doctor then breaks the neural link between Seven of Nine and the other three Borg. As a result of the process, the three Borg damage their brains which sends them into a comatose state. The Borg will only survive for a month unless they are reassimilated into the Collective.

Initially, Seven of Nine decides that their survival is the most important. However, after she talks with Chakotay, she decides that by removing their neural implants, they will be able to live as individuals for a short time. When the three wake up, they begin to make separate plans for their brief, yet individual futures.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Bertila Damas (Three of Nine)

Jonathan Breck (Dying Borg)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Tim Kelleher (Four of Nine)

Vaughn Armstrong (Two of Nine)

Written By : Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Terry Windell

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Barge Of The Dead [VOY #123]

Stardate Unknown

B'Elanna's shuttle runs into an ion storm upon her revenge to Voyager. As the shuttle hits the deck, she is thrown forward and hits her head. She is diagnosed with a mild concussion and she retreats to her quarters to rest. Chakotay brings her a metal slat with a Klingon insignia that was found attached to the rear of the shuttle.

B'Elanna puts the object down on her table and she notices that blood begins to pool out of it. She also hears haunting screams and otherworldly cries of pain radiating from the artifact. Tuvok suggests that she was experiencing a subconscious manifestation of her hatred of her Klingon heritage.

Neelix decides to throw a party to celebrate the discovery of an object from Voyager's Alpha Quadrant. Just as B'Elanna is to say a few words, a group of Klingons appear and kill Captain Janeway. No one else sees what is happening and as B'Elanna tries to escape, she too is attacked.

B'Elanna finds herself lying on the deck of a Klingon ship. A Klingon approaches her and holds a branding iron to her cheek. However, it doesn't embed the Klingon emblem since she is only half Klingon. A Klingon male named Brok'tan tells her that she is on the Barge of the Dead traveling to Gre'thor, or Klingon Hell, where dishonored souls are taken.

Next, it is announced that another dishonored soul has been delivered. B'Elanna is completely shocked to find that it is her mother, Miral. Suddenly, B'Elanna wakes up in the Sickbay. Apparently, she was in a coma after her shuttle was caught in the vicious ion storm.

B'Elanna tells Chakotay that she thinks she died and was on the Barge of the Dead. Later, after reading old Klingon scrolls, she tells Paris that she sent her mother to the Barge because of her dishonor. B'Elanna believes that she can save her mother before she passes through the gates of hell by restoring the honor that was lost.

B'Elanna has a difficult time convincing Captain Janeway to alter her vital signs. Janeway only gives her one hour to accomplish this task. B'Elanna loses consciousness and finds herself back on the Barge of the Dead. Brok'tan will help B'Elanna get to her mother by distracting the guards.

Initially, Miral believes that her daughter is only an illusion. B'Elanna finally convinces her mother that she can save her from Klingon hell and send her to Sto-Vo-Kor. After performing the ancient Klingon ritual, B'Elanna and Miral are disappointed with the failed results.

B'Elanna's only other option is to die for Miral and take her place in hell. B'Elanna agrees and Miral is taken up towards the sky to Sto-Vo-Kor. The gates of Gre'thor open ahead of the Barge and B'Elanna is led to her own hell aboard Voyager.

Suddenly, Miral appears to B'Elanna and tells her daughter that she can be saved by freeing herself. All B'Elanna has to do is live with honor and discipline, like a true Klingon. Suddenly, The Doctor begins to bring B'Elanna out of her comatose state. Miral tells B'Elanna that they will be reunited forever in Sto-Vo-Kor.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Eric Pierpoint (Kotar)

John Kenton Shull (Brok'tan)

Karen Austin (Miral)

Sherman Augustus (Hij'qa)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Ronald D. Moore

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Tinker, Tenor, Doctor, Spy [VOY #124]

Stardate Unknown

The Doctor is disappointed because he wanted to travel with the Away Team to an unknown planet. He therefore files a formal complaint with Captain Janeway regarding poor treatment by the crew. He also requests to be made Emergency Command Hologram, or the new Captain, in the event of a catastrophic emergency. However, Janeway tells him that it just isn't possible.

In one of his daydreams, the Voyager crew is sitting in a meeting when Torres begins to rub her foot up the Doctor's leg. In the next daydream sequence, the Doctor walks into a party celebrating his promotion as Emergency Command Hologram.

In the meantime, an alien vessel tries to access Voyager's internal sensors. However, they are unable to get past its security encryption. One of the aliens named Phlox discovers that the Doctor is a computer program and he is able to watch everything that the Doctor is experiencing on Voyager, including his daydreams. Phlox discovers that Voyager is a lost vessel that is not from the Delta Quadrant.

In the Doctor's next dream, Voyager is attacked by Borg. Tuvok and Chakotay begin to sprout Borg implants and Captain Janeway is killed by the attack. The Doctor immediately takes control and tells the computer to activate the Emergency Command Hologram. The Doctor's uniform magically changes to a command style. The new Captain orders the release of his imaginary "photonic cannon," which destroys the Borg sphere.

Phlox still doesn't know that what he is witnessing is only taking place in the Doctor's imagination. The aliens think that Captain Janeway was killed in the attack and that the hologram is now in command of the vessel. They begin to plan their attack.

The Doctor tells Kim, Seven of Nine and Torres that he is having cognitive projections or daydreams. However, because his algorithms are malfunctioning, he is daydreaming whether he wants to or not. As a result, he is randomly jumping from one daydream to the next.

The crew is able to watch what the Doctor is experiencing. Captain Janeway is amazed when she sees the Doctor take command of Voyager. Meanwhile, Phlox realizes that he was only watching the Doctor's daydreams. He is afraid to tell his superiors because they don't tolerate mistakes very easily. Because Phlox feels that he has gotten to know the Doctor, he decides to transmit a simulacrum of himself into the Doctor's program and warn Voyager of the alien attack.

In return for warning Voyager of the attack, Phlox asks the Doctor to pose as the Captain in order to trick his commanders. When Voyager is hailed by the alien vessel, Captain Janeway tells the Doctor what to say by remote. Just as the alien vessel orders a type-four assault, the Doctor instructs Chakotay to activate Voyager's phony "photonic cannon." Phlox reminds his commanders how the "photonic cannon" easily destroyed the Borg. As a result, the alien vessel retreats.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Googy Gress (Overlooker)

Jay M. Leggett (Phylox)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Robert Greenberg (Devro)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Bill Vallely

Directed By : John Bruno

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Alice [VOY #125]

Stardate Unknown

When Voyager happens upon a junkyard of old ships, the crew stops to purchase some parts from Abaddon, the salesman. Tom Paris falls in love with a small shuttle he finds among the junked vessels, and convinces Chakotay to let him restore it. He discovers the shuttle has a neurogenic interface, allowing it to interact directly with the pilot's thoughts. Tom gets to work immediately, naming his new toy "Alice." After a brief trial of the interfacing technology, Tom calls it a night. When he leaves, Alice powers on by herself, scanning Tom's brain imprint. In his quarters, Tom hears a female voice calling for him.

Driven by Alice's seductive power, Tom works nonstop on the shuttle. He and B'Elanna Torres try to celebrate its christening together, but Tom is obsessed to the point of excluding everyone. Tapping into Alice's database, he has found the flight suit design of her last pilot and is now wearing it instead of his Starfleet uniform. When Chakotay orders him to put his test flight on hold and attend to his official duties, Tom complains to Alice, whom he is now imagining as a flesh-and-blood woman. She eggs him on, convincing him to use the neurogenic interface again.

Alice goads Tom into stealing power cells from Voyager. When Alice traps B'Elanna, sealing a hatch and shutting off life support systems, Tom realizes the neurogenic interface is out of control. He rescues B'Elanna and tries to alert sickbay, but Alice won't let him. She forces him to launch the shuttle and complete the interface, making him one with the machine. As Captain Janeway and the crew realize what is happening, Tom fires on Voyager and escapes into warp.

The Voyager crew turns to Abaddon for answers. He explains that the shuttle Tom acquired is "haunted." Before he can say more, he begins hallucinating himself and suffers a cerebral hemorrhage. After receiving a cortical suppressant, Abaddon reveals that he too was once linked with Alice. She was looking for a top biological entity with which to work together in tandem, to guide her to an unknown point in space. After reconstructing data Tom left behind, Seven of Nine discovers where he and Alice are heading. They are going to an anomaly called a particle fountain.

Because Tom's synaptic functions are linked to the shuttle, Janeway cannot fire on him. Instead, Tuvok works to access the main computer and transmit a shutdown sequence. B'Elanna taps into his interface using a communication signal. With both B'Elanna's and Alice's voices in his head, Tom cannot think straight. Just as he is about to suffer a cerebral hemorrhage, Tuvok succeeds in shutting down Alice. Tom is beamed safely to sickbay, and Alice is destroyed in the particle fountain.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Claire Rankin (Alice)

John Fleck (Mr. Abbadon)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Michael Taylor

Story By : Juliann deLayne

Directed By : David Livingston

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Riddles [VOY #126]

Stardate 53263.2

Returning from a diplomatic mission with Neelix, Tuvok picks up readings of a cloaked being within their shuttle, but while scanning it with a tricorder he is attacked. Once back on Voyager, Tuvok is rushed to sickbay suffering from neuroleptic shock. The Doctor treats the officer but cannot reverse the damage until he understands the nature of the weapon used against him. Captain Janeway questions Naroq of the Kesat species with which Neelix was negotiating, and the visitor feels certain the mythical Ba'Neth--or "shadow people"--were the ones who attacked Tuvok. Legend has it the Ba'Neth attempt to assess foreigners' technology, but stay cloaked because of an obsession with hiding their identity.

After gathering particles from the cloaking field, Naroq uses a photolitic converter to illuminate the isotopes and reveal what the alien looks like. Using the same idea with Voyager's deflector array, they are able to uncloak nearby Ba'Neth ships. In fact, there is an entire fleet surrounding Voyager and they begin to fire when hailed. Unfortunately, they are soon out of range and disappear again. Meanwhile, Tuvok's Vulcan brain has begun to rewire itself. When Neelix leads him on a tour of the ship to jog his memory, he speaks for the first time.

Although Tuvok is speaking and recognizing people again, his cognitive functions are still very simple. Experiencing volatile emotions, he tries to come to grips with the damage he sustained. When Naroq questions him about the cloaking frequency, Tuvok has a flashback but cannot remember any details. Soon, he becomes angry. After studying his personnel file and realizing how different he is from the Vulcan he used to be, Tuvok lashes out at Neelix.

Neelix realizes that instead of pushing Tuvok to be who he was, he should encourage him to discover who he can become. With this in mind, the two begin to have fun together. Tuvok discovers the joy of smiling and even tries his hand at baking desserts. When Janeway questions him again about the cloaking frequency, Tuvok cannot find the words to express what he saw. Instead, he draws it out in icing on his latest cake creation. Using that pattern, the Voyager crew begins scanning for the cloaking frequency.

Voyager discovers the hidden spacefaring civilization of the Ba'Neth, and Janeway demands information about their weapon. Once she threatens to transmit their coordinates to the Kesat, the Ba'Neth captain is willing to negotiate. However, he learns that Naroq is on board and prepares to fire. In a show of generosity, Naroq offers to give the Ba'Neth his photolitic converter in exchange for the information Voyager wants. After analyzing the weapon, the Doctor is able to devise a procedure that will restore Tuvok's Vulcan personality. Although he is quite fond of his crewmate's new demeanor, Neelix knows they need Tuvok at his post on the bridge more than they need a playmate. After the procedure, Tuvok resumes his logical and subdued manner, but he has learned to appreciate the word play of Neelix's riddles.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Mark Moses (Naroq)

Teleplay By : Robert Doherty

Story By : Andre Bormanis

Directed By : Roxann Dawson

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Dragon's Teeth [VOY #127]

Stardate 53167.9

Voyager suddenly begins to tremble. An enormous tunnel of energy filled with rushing debris and micro-meteoroids surrounds the ship. Voyager is racing through some kind of subspace corridor. Suddenly, an alien vessel flies past the ship and hails them.

The alien from the Turei vessel tells Voyager that they are travelling in their under-space. Captain Janeway insists that they stumbled there by accident and she asks the Turei to help them get out of it. The Turei ship is able to push them out of the subspace. According to Voyager's calculations, it traveled 200 light years in just 2 minutes. Captain Janeway asks the Turei if they could negotiate passage through their under-space, in hopes of returning home to the Alpha Quadrant.

The Turei are not pleased with Captain Janeway's request and they tell Voyager to prepare to be boarded. Captain Janeway refuses and the Turei ships begin to power their weapons. Voyager is rocked by a round of weapons fire. Their warp drive is down and shields are only operating at 60 percent.

Captain Janeway leads Voyager to a hot planet with a dark, swirling atmosphere. As it begins its descent, the Turei back off. Voyager must land in order to repair its damage. As the ship moves closer to the planet, the crew notices a decimated and burnt-out megalopolis. Scans indicate that the civilization was destroyed from a bombardment of plasma-based weapons, 500 years earlier.

Faint lifesigns are also detected in a chamber beneath the surface. Janeway, Seven of Nine and Chakotay head into the chamber and discover stasis pods which each contain some kind of lifeform. Apparently, each pod was programmed for only five years. However, since 500 years have passed, some kind of failure must have occurred.

Without receiving Captain Janeway's permission, Seven of Nine activates one of the pod's reanimation sequence. The humanoid inside opens his eyes and is startled by the presence of the Voyager crew. His primary concern is to open up the other pod that is covered with dirt and debris. Unfortunately, he discovers that his wife didn't survive and he passes out.

The humanoid wakes up in Sickbay and he identifies himself as Gedrin of Vaadwaur. He tells Janeway that the subspace corridors belonged to the Vaadwaurs. It took them centuries to map out and they used the tunnels for exploration. As a result, their enemies combined forces and launched an attack. The Vaadwaur designed the stasis network out of desperation in hopes of saving their culture.

Again, the Turei begin to fire plasma charges from up above. Gedrin then remembers that the Vaadwaur have a satellite directly above the city. Voyager uses the satellite to get a lock on one of the Turei vessels and launches a torpedo. It is a direct hit and the remaining Turei ships move off.

In exchange for subspace corridor passage, Voyager decides that it will help Gedrin and his people fight their way off the planet against the Turei. They wake up the rest of the Vaadwaur and reactivate their ships. Captain Janeway and Gedrin decide that while the Turei try to anticipate when Voyager will break for orbit, the Vaadwaur ships will head in the opposite direction. Then, Voyager will fire at the Turei and follow the Vaadwaur into the subspace corridor.

However, the Vaadwaur decide that they will take over Voyager since they could survive comfortably aboard. In the meantime, Neelix is suspicious of the Vaadwaur and their true intentions. Captain Janeway also doesn't completely trust the Vaadwaur. Her skepticism is confirmed when the Vaadwaur vessels begin heading for Voyager instead of orbit. Voyager lifts off in hopes of escaping the Vaadwaur attacks.

Gedrin tells Captain Janeway that he can stop the rest of the Vaadwaur by taking the remaining ships off-line. The Vaadwaur now have no choice except to retreat into a subspace corridor.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Bob Stillman (Turei)

Jeff Allin (Gedrin)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mimi Craven (Jisa)

Robert Knepper (Gaul)

Ron Fassler (Morin)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Michael Taylor

Story By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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One Small Step [VOY #128]

Stardate 53292.7 / October 19, 2032

An unidentified object closely follows Voyager. Seven of Nine identifies the phenomenon as a huge mass of subspace energy that is attracted to objects that emit electromagnetic energy. In order to avert the graviton ellipse, which travels through subspace, Voyager must cut power and reverse their shield polarity.

After a successful aversion, Chakotay and Paris remind Captain Janeway of a similar phenomenon back in 2032, in which a command module from one of the early Mars missions was consumed by a rolling ball of deadly energy.

Captain Janeway decides to launch a search for the missing U.S. spacecraft trapped inside the energy field. She instructs Seven to join both Chakotay and Paris, as they hunt for the legendary Ares Four, the command module from the first manned mission to Mars. Janeway hopes that Seven will develop an appreciation for studying the past.

Before they leave on the Delta Flyer, Chakotay and Paris view NASA's footage, which recorded the last seconds of Lieutenant John Kelly's life within Ares Four. The Delta Flyer finally enters the mass of energy, but not before encountering excessive turbulence. Once inside, asteroid fragments and pieces of captured vessels come into its view.

The exploratory crew has approximately five hours before the energy ball heads to another subspace. However, back on Voyager, Torres discovers that a dark matter asteroid is heading straight for the mass of energy. With only minutes to spare, Captain Janeway immediately instructs the Delta Flyer to break out. Chakotay goes against the Captain's orders and decides to try to bring the module back with them. Unfortunately, the weight of the Ares Four inhibits their swift escape, and the Delta Flyer is unable to make it out in time without being affected by the meteoroid's impact.

Chakotay has been knocked unconscious and the Delta Flyer is badly damaged. With their engines down and their shields off-line, Chakotay, Seven, and Paris now only have two hours before the mass of energy returns to subspace.

Finally, Voyager is able to re-establish contact with the Delta Flyer. Seven is clearly dissatisfied with Chakotay and his decision to disobey the Captain's orders. After discussion with the Voyager crew, their only hope is to beam Seven over to the Ares Four

to obtain its ion distributor in order to supply power for the Delta Flyer. Before Seven is beamed over to Ares Four, Chakotay asks her to download whatever she can from the module's database.

Once inside the Ares Four, Seven enters the cockpit where she sees the body of John Kelly still strapped in his chair. Seven brings the main computer online, and a monitor immediately comes on which contains an active datafile. Chakotay asks Seven if she could playback the video log entries for them.

The video entries reveal that John Kelly was not killed on impact with the mass of energy. Instead, he lived for many more days until his life support system ran out. Due to power failure, the module was unable to escape. John Kelly saw other spacecraft within the mass and discovered before his death that the human race was not alone.

Seven is successfully able to obtain the distributor. She also decides that she will beam John Kelly's body with her back to the Delta Flyer. With only minutes to spare, the power conversion is activated. Voyager gets as close as it can to the mass to help rescue the Delta Flyer as the ball begins to retreat into subspace.

Luckily, the Delta Flyer makes it out just in time. Back on Voyager, Captain Janeway and the rest of the crew pay their respects to Lt. John Kelly and they release his body into space. Seven is able to acknowledge that John Kelly's contribution helped secure humanity's future.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Phil Morris (Lt. John Kelly)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Jessica Scott

Michael Taylor

Mike Wollaeger

Story By : Jessica Scott

Mike Wollaeger

Directed By : Robert Picardo

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The Voyager Conspiracy [VOY #129]

Stardate Unknown

After encountering gravitation fluctuations, Captain Janeway hails an approaching ship and meets its captain, Tash. He is working on a catapult vessel, hoping to launch himself hundreds of light-years away. If Tash's plan succeeds, it may shave years off the U.S.S. Voyager's journey. Meanwhile, Seven of Nine has installed a cortical processing subunit in her regeneration alcove, allowing her to assimilate the ships status reports. Upon downloading data on Tash's work, she informs Janeway that his catapult is the same technology that was used to trap them in the Delta Quadrant.

Five years ago, when Voyager was caught in the displacement wave that sent it 70,000 light years off course, a tetryon beam was responsible. Now, Seven has discovered that a tetryon reactor is powering the catapult. Although the Voyager crew believes they

destroyed the reactor, Seven finds out otherwise. Data shows a charge Tuvok fired tore an opening in subspace, and a tractor beam from a cloaked ship pushed the reactor into it. Seven alerts Chakotay to her startling conclusion that Voyager was stranded in the Delta Quadrant on purpose and Janeway is behind it.

Seven believes the captain is part of a Federation conspiracy to establish a military presence in the Delta Quadrant. Suddenly, Janeway's diplomacy begins to look suspiciously like establishing tactical infrastructure. Seven believes the captain intends to use the catapult to bring more ships from the Alpha Quadrant, creating a Federation/Cardassian invasion force. When Tash makes a successful journey of one hundred light years using the apparatus, Chakotay secretly delays Voyager's shield modification to give him more time to consider Seven's theories.

Seven returns to her alcove to assimilate for more information. After her latest download, she summons Janeway and alerts her that Chakotay is part of a Maquis rebellion. She believes he intends to use the catapult to launch attacks against the Federation and Cardassian ships. Janeway is doubtful, but Seven presents compelling theories, using some of the same evidence she used to cast aspersions on Janeway, but drawing different conclusions.

When Janeway and Chakotay compare notes, they realize Seven has been filling both of their minds with paranoid theories. Once the Doctor runs a diagnostic on her alcove, he finds that Seven has downloaded more information than she can process. Janeway beams to the Delta Flyer, which Seven is using to make a paranoid escape, and uses her own version of past events to convince Seven that her synaptic patterns are in chaos. They return to Voyager, and Seven is treated in sickbay.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Albie Selznick (Tash)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Terry Windell

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Pathfinder [VOY #130]

Stardate Unknown

Barclay is standing alone on the re-creation of the Voyager bridge, until he is interrupted on the viewscreen by his boss, Commander Peter Harkins. Harkins reminds Barclay of his duty to finish the transmitter diagnostics, so Barclay immediately ends the program as the bridge disappears.

Barclay then suggests that the team try to use an approaching itinerant pulsar in order to make contact with Voyager. By directing a tachyon beam at the pulsar, Barclay believes that it will produce a surge powerful enough to create an artificial wormhole, thus establishing two-way communication with Voyager. However, Harkins tells Barclay that they need to instead be focusing their time on Admiral Paris' visit and briefing.

Later that night when everyone has gone home, Barclay decides to once again activate the hologrid. He enters the holo-mess hall and sits down to play cards with Holo-Paris, Holo-Chakotay and Holo-Kim. Barclay is confident and relaxed among the holographic crew and he tells them that they are his best friends. The next day, Barclay finds himself in the Holo-Sickbay where

the Holo-Doctor tells him that he is an invaluable member of the crew. Then in the holo-mess hall, Kim and Paris both want to hang out with him. Barclay responds by telling his holo-friends that there is plenty of him to go around.

Back in the research lab, Harkins is briefing Admiral Paris and the other Starfleet Officials on the last known position of Voyager. Against Harkins' wishes, Barclay interrupts and begins telling Admiral Paris about his wormhole theory. Harkins is so upset with Barclay that he sends him home for the rest of the day. However, instead of following orders, Barclay enters the holo-briefing room and asks his holo-friends for technological advice. Janeway offers Barclay a team to help him work out the details.

Then, Harkins enters the lab and discovers that Barclay has created holograms of the Voyager crew. Harkins suggests that Barclay needs counseling because he has struggled with holo-addiction in the past. In the meantime, Harkins decides to take Barclay off of the Voyager rescue project.

Defying orders, Barclay goes to Admiral Paris' office where he asks him for access to the lab for one more day. If he is wrong about his theory, Barclay promises to resign from his position. Admiral Paris only agrees to order an independent review of Barclay's findings. If others agree that his idea is valid, then he'll order Commander Harkins to pursue his claim.

Back at Barclay's apartment, Troi expresses concern for Barclay's anxiousness and paranoia. Barclay begs Troi to tell the Admiral that he is psychologically fit to return to work. Barclay admits that he has created a new family since he left the Enterprise, however, the family he has created is not real. Troi tells Barclay that she has requested a temporary leave of absence so that she can stay a while longer.

That night, Barclay once again defies order and heads to the research lab. Manipulating the computer, he is finally granted access since his code is de-authorized. Once in the lab, Barclay opens a channel through the wormhole, looking for a response from Voyager. Suddenly, Harkins enters the lab and instructs Barclay to step away from the controls. Instead of following orders, Barclay tells the computer to transfer control to the hologrid.

Barclay tells Holo-Tuvok that there are two security guards after him. While Harkins works on shutting down the program, the security guards find themselves trapped by a forcefield. In holo-engineering, Barclay continues to work on making contact with the real Voyager through the wormhole. Harkins and the two guards gain access to the Holo-Bridge, where Holo-Janeway alerts the crew to the presence of intruders. Barclay immediately commands a forcefield, which prevents Harkins and the guards from reaching him. However, it doesn't stop Harkins from shutting down the computer program, placing them back in the hologrid.

Meanwhile on the real Voyager, Seven of Nine has detected an artificial micro-wormhole whose origin is in the Alpha Quadrant. Janeway immediately instructs Paris to lay in a course toward the range.

Back in the Pathfinder lab, just as Harkins asks Admiral Paris what he should do with Barclay, they receive a response from Voyager. Janeway and Admiral Paris are able to converse briefly and he tells her that they are doing everything in their power to bring Voyager back.

The Voyager crew decides to toast Barclay, even though they don't personally know him, for his extraordinary efforts. Meanwhile back on Earth, Harkins apologizes to Barclay for ever doubting him and Admiral Paris announces the beginning of "Project Voyager."

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Mark Daniel Cade (Technician)

Richard Herd (Admiral Paris)
Richard McGonagle (Cmdr. Peter Harkins)
Victor Bevine (Security Guard)
Teleplay By : David Zabel
Kenneth Biller
Story By : David Zabel
Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Fair Haven [VOY #131]

Stardate Unknown

Harry Kim and Tom Paris create a new holodeck program, which is set in the Irish village of Fair Haven. However, the crew of the U.S.S. Voyager soon learns that the vessel is headed on a collision course with an interstellar hurricane. While the crew prepares for the approaching impact, Captain Janeway grants permission for the new holodeck program to have a 24-hour open door policy to keep the crew's mind off of the looming threat.

Janeway also visits Fair Haven, where she spends an evening with Michael Sullivan, a local bartender. Because she is so drawn to him, she decides to make a few modifications to his subroutine. She also tells him that her name is Katie.

The hurricane arrives, but thankfully the vessel is able to clear its heaviest portion. However, Voyager must spend at least three days inside the storm. During much of that time, many of the crewmembers return to the holographic creation. While spending more time with Michael, Janeway discovers that her amendments were almost too good to be true, because she finds herself falling in love with him. Instead of meeting him the next day as promised, Janeway doesn't show up. Michael is confused and upset and he demands that Paris tell him where she is.

The storm causes problems for the ship's systems and all power is diverted to the tractor beam. Thankfully, Voyager successfully makes it out of the hurricane. However, the holodeck program has been damaged and it must be shut down temporarily while it is repaired.

Before the program is momentarily put to rest, Janeway tells Michael that she is leaving Fair Haven for a while. Even though she cannot give him a definitive reason why, Michael still reveals his love for her. She ends the holodeck program and instructs the computer to deny Captain Janeway any future access to Michael's behavioral subroutines.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Duffie McIntire (Grace)
Fintan McKeown (Michael)
Henriette Ivanans (Maggie)
Jan Claire (Frannie)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Richard Riehle (Seamus)
Written By : Robin Burger
Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Blink Of An Eye [VOY #132]

StarDate Unknown

As the U.S.S. Voyager approaches a planet with extremely high revolutions, the ship enters a gravometric gradient, pulling it into orbit. A tachyon core has created a space-time differential, meaning that a second on Voyager is a day on the planet. On the planet, much time has already passed since the initial sighting of the "star" which was believed to be a deity.

When Seven of Nine receives a transmission from the planet, the message, now centuries old, tells the crew they have insinuated themselves into the planet's mythology. For centuries, this pre-warp society has endured ground shaking brought about by this "sky ship." Unwilling to throw their civilization's belief system into chaos by making first contact, Captain Janeway sends the Doctor on an undercover mission to gather clues that may help Voyager break orbit. His holomatrix will be unaffected by the differential. As Janeway prepares to beam him back, she loses his signal.

Once they recover the Doctor, three years have passed on the planet. He alerts Janeway that Voyager has encouraged much invention through the centuries. The inhabitants are in a space race to make contact. Using the Doctor's data to realign thrusters, the crew attempts to break orbit, but stops when it increases seismic activity. A shuttle from the planet docks on Voyager, and the visitors find the crew in what appears to be a metabolic stasis. Because of the time differential, they are seeing less than a second on board the ship, causing them to think the crew is not moving. When Janeway resumes motion, the visitors have collapsed on the bridge.

The surviving pilot explains that he has grown up in awe of the "sky ship," even praying to it as a child. Although any time he spends on Voyager means losing years of his life at home, he agrees to help them interpret the Doctor's data and find a way to break out of orbit. As Seven scans the planet's surface, she detects that they are now experimenting with warp technology. Soon, Voyager is under attack from antimatter torpedoes.

Janeway sends the pilot back to his planet with Voyager's specifications, hoping that he can convince his people to find a way to help them break orbit. After several more attacks, but more than a year since the pilot returned to his planet, two ships materialize next to Voyager and use a tractor beam to pull it out of orbit. Using a temporal compensator his planet has devised, the pilot returns to Voyager one more time to say goodbye before the "sky ship" is gone forever.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Daniel Dae Kim (Pilot)

Daniel Zacapa (Astronomer)

Jon Cellini (Technician)

Kat Sawyer-Young (Astronaut)

Melik Malkasian (Shaman)

Obi Ndefo (Protector)

Olaf Pooley (Cleric)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Walter Hamilton McCready (Tribal Alien)

Teleplay By : Joe Menosky

Story By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : Gabrielle Beaumont

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Virtuoso [VOY #133]

Stardate 53556.4

While the crew of the U.S.S. Voyager helps a Komari ship make repairs, the Komari on board thumb their noses at the crew's inferiority. They live in a closed system and are not well versed in social interaction. Nor are they familiar with singing, which the Doctor does as he tends to their medical needs. The visitors are quickly enthralled with the Doctor's voice and invite the Voyager crew to visit their nearby planetary alliance. As a goodwill gesture, Captain Janeway arranges a musical concert starring the Doctor, of whom the Komari cannot seem to get enough.

After a recital, the Doctor is invited to perform on Komar and introduce the concept of music to all of its inhabitants. He excitedly agrees and plans a dazzling operatic performance complete with costumes and an elaborate set. Tincoo assures him she will make any arrangements he may need and is baffled by his crew's seeming lack of appreciation of his talents. As he steps onto the stage, he receives a standing ovation from the packed stadium.

Following the Doctor's latest concert, Voyager's communication system is inundated with transmissions to the maestro. Seven of Nine mistakes it for attempted sabotage, but Janeway explains that the correspondence is just fan mail. Komari visitors flood the ship for a chance to see him, and the Doctor is pleased with the attention. Janeway is eventually annoyed by his neglect of his duties and admonishes him to get back to work. Tincoo urges the Doctor to say on Komar with her after Voyager leaves.

Believing he can realize his life dreams and enjoy the love of a woman, the Doctor turns in his resignation. Despite Janeway's protests, the Doctor insists he should have the right to self-determination. His life on Voyager becomes routine and he believes that the Komari really appreciate him for who he is and his ability to bring music to their lives. As the Doctor says goodbye to the crew, Tincoo summons him. She has created a superior holomatrix that can hit the high notes the Doctor cannot reach and explains that he is no longer needed on Komar.

Although the Doctor protests that a superior holomatrix cannot replace the passion and artistry that he brings to the music, Tincoo only sees the situation from a mathematical angle. She is more concerned with hitting the scales than understanding their beauty. Heartbroken, the Doctor fills his final show with the melancholy of lost love. Afterwards, the holomatrix steps in with a purely technical performance, which the Komari applaud wildly. Back on Voyager, the Doctor realizes he has friends there who do truly appreciate him as an individual with unique abilities.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Kamala Lopez-Dawson (Tincoo)

Marie Caldare (Azen)

Nina Magnesson (Vinka)

Paul Williams (Koru)

Ray Xifo (Abarca)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Raf Green

Story By : Raf Green

Directed By : Les Landau

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Memorial [VOY #134]

Stardate Unknown

Having returned from a two-week away mission of scanning planets and gathering dilithium ore, Chakotay, Tom, Harry and Neelix begin experiencing strange visions. While Tom dreams he is engaged in an alien battle, Harry has an anxiety attack during a routine check of a plasma leak. Meanwhile, Chakotay suffers from violent dreams that put him in the middle of an offensive, and Neelix, reacting to the weapons fire he is hearing in his head, takes Naomi hostage in the mess hall.

Once the Doctor runs some tests, he discovers the increased engrammatic activity of Chakotay and the others suggests they are reacting to memories, not delusions. As Janeway asks them to retrace their mission, they begin having flashbacks of their roles in an attack force against the Nikon. Commander Saavedra ordered them to evacuate the Nikon from their remote colony, but a small group of the colonists began firing weapons. Chakotay and the others on the force panicked in the ensuing chaos and shot back, murdering 82 civilians in the process.

Trying to piece together the puzzle, Janeway orders Voyager into the system the away team was scanning and joins Seven in reviewing the Delta Flyer's sensor logs. As soon as the Captain sees Tarakis, the second planet encountered by the away team, she also begins having flashbacks of the massacre. She remembers pleading with Saavedra to admit their mistake, but he continues to vaporize the evidence of the colonists' bodies. When she wakes up later in sickbay, Janeway learns that other crewmembers have also begun experiencing the battle memories.

The Captain sets a course for Tarakis. Once Voyager is in its orbit, Harry picks up a weak power signature from the planet. Janeway, Chakotay, Tom, Tuvok and Harry beam to the surface, but there seems to be no trace of a massacre. Soon, however, Harry locates a familiar rock formation, and he and Tuvok descend into the tunnels where he remembers killing two of the innocent colonists. After Tuvok scans their remains, he determines that they died 300 years ago. Meanwhile, Janeway and Chakotay find a large structure erected in the middle of a grassy field.

Seven identifies the structure as a synaptic transmitter sending neurogenic pulses throughout the system. Anyone who enters will experience the memories of the battle -- a memorial to the victims and a vivid reminder to never let such a tragic mistake happen again. Because the power cells are deteriorating, the memories are fragmented. The crew, still shaken by the disturbing realism of the visions they were forced to endure, wants to shut down the transmitter, but Janeway orders them to recharge the power cells. The memorial will continue to spread its hauntingly effective message.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : David Keith Anderson (Crew Member)

Fleming Brooks (Soldier One)

Joe Mellis (Young Soldier)

L.L. Ginter (Cmdr. Saavedra)

Maria Spassoff (Female Colonist)

Robert Allen Colaizzi, Jr. (Dying Colonist)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Susan Savage (Alien Woman)

Teleplay By : Robin Burger

Story By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Tsunkatse [VOY #135]

Stardate 53447.2

While on shoreleave, Chakotay and Torres attend a Tsunkatse match in a nearby alien world. In the meantime, Captain Janeway is off touring a planet in a neighboring system. However, before Chakotay can attend another match, he first must get another crewmember to cover his duties.

Meanwhile, Seven of Nine and Tuvok ask Chakotay if they can study a micro-nebula on an away mission. Chakotay grants them permission, telling them that they can spend their shoreleave in whatever manner they choose.

While in the shuttle, Seven of Nine and Tuvok are captured by an alien vessel. An alien named Penk welcomes Seven of Nine to Tsunkatse, telling her that she is going to be a very popular attraction. Seven demands to see Tuvok, who was injured when their shuttle was hit.

While attending to Tuvok, Seven of Nine tells Penk that she has no intention of participating in his game. However, Seven agrees to fight for Tuvok in exchange for his medical care.

Back on Voyager, Chakotay, Kim, Paris and Torres engage in a conversation about boxing and fighting matches. And The Doctor tries to get Neelix to go with him to the Norcadian Museum of Entomology instead of attending the Tsunkatse matches with Chakotay.

At the match, Chakotay, Kim, Paris and Neelix are shocked to discover that Seven of Nine, dressed in an alien fight suit, is the challenger of the Tsunkatse match. Seven tells her opponent in the ring that she doesn't want to fight. Meanwhile, Chakotay leads the others through the crowd, struggling to get closer to the pit.

From Voyager, Torres calls Chakotay looking for an update on the match. Chakotay tells her what's going on and instructs her to beam Seven out. However, Torres is unsuccessful because she thinks that Seven's lifesigns are masked somehow.

Torres tells Chakotay that the figures in the pit are photonic, or holographic projections that are being transmitted from a different location. Drawing back his arm, the Champion swings at Seven who falls to the ground.

In the meantime from the Delta Flyer, Captain Janeway asks Chakotay and Torres for an update. And while Seven of Nine is nursing her injuries, Penk tells her that he is entering her in the Red Match, where only one of the opponents leaves the ring alive. Penk's sidekick The Hunter promises to train Seven for the match. He reminds her that there are no individuals in Tsunkatse, only prey.

Continuing the effort to rescue Seven of Nine, the Norcadian Ambassador tells Neelix that he will begin an immediate investigation. However, Neelix is not convinced that the Ambassador has nothing to do with the fact that friendly aliens are being forced to compete in Tsunkatse matches against their will.

Torres tells Chakotay that they were having trouble isolating the source of the transmissions because they never seemed to be coming from the same place. They realized that the transmissions are emanating from a ship that is protected from neutronic weaponry.

Back on the alien ship, Seven is instructed to rest before her match. Just as the match is about to begin, Seven is shocked when The Hunter enters the ring. The Hunter tells Seven that he was training her so that she could kill him and give him an honorable death.

Meanwhile, Voyager finally tracks down the Tsunkatse Vessel. Chakotay tells Penk that they only have 30 seconds to return Seven and Tuvok before Voyager begins firing. Back in the ring, Seven tries to convince The Hunter that they both should refuse to fight. Voyager and the Tsunkatse Vessel begin to exchange fire, allowing the crew to beam Tuvok over. However, they are unable to get a lock on Seven's individual positioning, and instead beam both Seven and The Hunter onto Voyager.

Back on Voyager, Paris instructs The Hunter to step away from Seven. Chakotay tells The Hunter that a Hirogen hunting party has agreed to meet with them. The Hunter discloses his gratefulness to the crew and tells them that he plans to look for his son.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)
Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)
Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)
Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)
Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)
Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)
Robert Picardo (The Doctor)
Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)
Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : J.G. Hertzler (Hirogen)
Jeffrey Combs (Penk)
The Rock (Tsunkatse Champion)
Teleplay By : Robert Doherty
Story By : Gannon Kenney
Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Collective [VOY #136]

Stardate Unknown

After the Delta Flyer is intercepted by a Borg Cube, Chakotay, Paris and Neelix find themselves placed in what appears to be an assimilation chamber. However, Kim is not with them. A dead body lies on a table in the center of the room. It's partly Borgified and its face and arm are covered with implants that appear crudely inserted.

Meanwhile, Voyager discovers that the Borg Cube's propulsion system is off-line. The Cube first targets Voyager's warp core and then moves to its impulse engines. While the Cube's attack strategy is erratic and inefficient, Voyager capably disables the Cube's weapons. Seven discovers that there are only five signatures, instead of thousands of Borg, manning the vessel.

The Borg will return the crewmembers in exchange for Voyager's navigational deflector. However, Voyager will be unable to go to warp without it. Seven tells Janeway that the Borg most likely want Voyager's deflector in order to contact the Collective because their own is damaged.

While stalling the Borg, Janeway tells them that she is sending Seven over to make sure that her crewmembers are unharmed. Aboard the Borg Cube, Seven discovers that it is manned by neonatal Drones, or children, who have not matured long enough. The children insist that the Borg will come for them once their link is re-established.

Seven returns to Voyager along with a dead body of an adult Drone. She tells the Borg children that it must be examined in order to establish what went wrong aboard the ship. The Doctor discovers that a spaceborne virus attacked the Drones and is responsible for their deaths. The virus never reached the developing drones because they were protected within the maturation chambers. Malfunctions caused by the deaths of the adults led several chambers to open prematurely. The Doctor also discovers that if the pathogen is revived, it could be used to neutralize the Drone children.

Because Voyager cannot give up its deflector, Janeway offers Seven's services in repairing the Cube's technology. One of the Borg children tells Janeway that she has exactly two hours before one of the hostages dies. Meanwhile, Kim wakes up after lying unconscious within the Delta Flyer and attempts to contact Voyager. And while speaking with the Borg children, Seven tries to jostle their memories in hopes that they will turn away from the Collective and come aboard Voyager.

While working on the Cube's repairs, Seven discovers that the Collective did receive the Drones' initial distress call and that they never dispatched a vessel to rescue them. The Collective declared the neonatal Drones irrelevant and damaged, severing their link to the Hive permanently. However, the Drone children were unable to decrypt this message, which stated that they are unworthy of re-assimilation. Meanwhile, Kim is captured and he awakes to raw-looking implants on his face.

By this point, one of the boy Drones becomes so frustrated that he insists that Voyager turn over their deflector immediately. Seven tells the Drone children that the Hive will never come back for them and that their call for help was ignored.

Meanwhile, Voyager works to beam the hostages back by emitting an energy pulse over the Borg Cube. Tuvok successfully beams Chakotay, Paris and Neelix onto Voyager. However, Seven and Kim are being held in a shielded area of the Cube.

Angered, one of the boy Drones shoves tubules into Seven's neck. However, another boy Drone pulls him away from Seven. As the Cube's transwarp core begins to destabilize, Seven instructs evacuation. However, the first Drone boy refuses to leave and he is shocked and is knocked to his feet. Seven comforts him while he dies.

Back on Voyager, The Doctor successfully removes the children's implants. Seven was able to salvage part of the Cube's database, which includes the children's original assimilation profiles. Thus, the children discover that their names are Icheb, Mezoti, Azan, and Rebi.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cody Wetherill (Rebi)

Kurt Wetherill (Azan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Marley McClean (Mezoti)

Ryan Spahn (Teenage Drone Leader)

Teleplay By : Michael Taylor

Story By : Andrew Shepard Price

Mark Gaberman

Directed By : Allison Liddi

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Spirit Folk [VOY #137]

Stardate Unknown

The city of Fair Haven is set within 19th-century Ireland. While driving along a road, Tom Paris crashes his vintage automobile. Seamus Driscoll, one of the townsfolk, cannot believe his eyes when he sees Paris' tire magically repair itself. He immediately heads to Sullivan's Pub, and tells its inhabitants that he believes Tom is from the spirit world.

Back in town, Kim and Maggie are walking together and holding hands. Meanwhile, they are unaware that Seamus and Milo are watching their every move. Just as the two are about to kiss, Paris plays a trick on Kim by morphing Maggie into a cow in a holographic effect. Kim can hear Paris laughing, just as they are instructed through a com call to return to the bridge.

Seamus tells his priest exactly what he saw. Acting as his priest, the Doctor tells Seamus that Tom Paris is a known prankster and that he is not to worry. Later that day, Seamus and Milo run into Maggie who tells them that she feels like she woke up from the strangest dream where she was walking around town with a bell around her neck.

Soon, the townsfolk gather and exchange similar stories. Michael Sullivan tells Katie that the townsfolk think that she and her friends are not from this earth. Because he believes that Katie is lying to him, Janeway decides to end the program. Back on Voyager, Janeway doesn't know how the holodeck characters could possibly be asking so many questions about their origin.

Back on Voyager, Paris instructs the computer to display all of Fair Haven's characters. Michael Sullivan appears and is surprisingly aware of his surroundings. Kim discovers that each characters' perceptual filters are off-line. The Voyager crew decides that they will repair the malfunction by accessing each of the characters' controls from Sullivan's Pub.

Back at Sullivan's Pub, Michael remembers being "spirited" away to an unknown place where there was talk of changing the people of Fair Haven. At the church, several of the townfolk begin to assemble and warrant their concerns. They storm into Sullivan's Pub, where Kim and Paris are working on the Starfleet control panel. Before the two can react, a net of red twine is thrown over them, knocking them to the ground. Milo suddenly fires his gun at the panel which causes sparks to fly. Paris instructs the computer to freeze the program, but since it is damaged only some of the animated townsfolk are frozen.

Paris and Kim are soon on the run with the mob of townsfolk following close behind. They instruct the computer to exit the program, but unfortunately their commands are unrecognized. Meanwhile on Voyager, Torres suggests cutting power to the hologrid. Although the inhabitants of Fair Haven are not real people, but rather holograms, Janeway possesses genuine feelings towards them.

Paris and Kim find themselves tied to chairs near the altar of the church. Reading from a thick, old book, Seamus demands the return of the prisoners to the otherworld. Nothing happens and Seamus instructs the others to tie the Doctor up as well.

Seamus hypnotizes the Doctor, asking him questions about banishing the spirit-folk to the "otherworld." The Doctor begins to tell them about Voyager, and Michael demands that he instruct him on how to be transported to Katie's location.

Janeway tries to explain to Michael that they are simply explorers that like to spend time in Fair Haven. Janeway and Michael both return to the holodeck, and Michael tries to calm the townsfolk down, insisting that the Voyager crew means no harm.

While the damaged holodeck is being repaired, the Voyager crew decides to have one last night at Sullivan's Pub before Fair Haven is temporarily put to rest. It is clear that Janeway and Michael have formed a special bond with one another, as Michael reaches and takes her hand.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Bairbre Dowling (Edith)

Duffie McIntire (Grace)

Fintan McKeown (Michael)

Henriette Ivanans (Maggie)

Ian Abercrombie (Milo)

Ian Patrick Williams (Doc Fitzgerald)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Richard Riehle (Seamus)

Written By : Bryan Fuller

Directed By : David Livingston

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Ashes To Ashes [VOY #138]

Stardate 53679.4

As a tiny Delta Quadrant shuttle outruns a larger vessel, the shuttle's pilot tries to radio the U.S.S. Voyager. When she does contact Voyager, she claims she is Lyndsay Ballard, a former shipmate who has been dead for three years. Nobody on Voyager believes her story because she no longer looks human. She tells Captain Janeway and the crew that a Delta Quadrant race known as the Kobali had found her body drifting in space and reanimated it. The Kobali procreate by altering the DNA of the dead they salvage from other races. Her former best friend Harry Kim was with her when she died and believes her story based on the facts she gives about her death. The Doctor finds traces of human DNA in her, which convinces Janeway she is telling the truth.

Seven of Nine has been placed in charge of four Borg children that are onboard Voyager. She plans every hour of their day, including an hour for fun, and does not understand why the children are so rowdy. When the children do not play games according to the rules she makes them stand in a corner.

The Doctor creates a hypospray that can make Ballard look human again. She does begin to look more human, but the hypospray makes her feel sick. When she eats her former favorite meal, she claims that it tastes funny. As she returns to her post in engineering she begins to speak in Kobali.

Seven asks Chakotay if she can be relieved of her duty as guardian of the Borg children. Chakotay tells her that she is treating the children like they are on a Borg cube, while she should be treating each child as an individual. He denies her request.

The Kobali vessel that had been chasing Ballard makes contact with Voyager. The vessel's commander, Q'ret, asks to speak with Ballard. Q'ret asks Ballard to return to their planet. He tries to confuse her emotions by accusing the Voyager crew of setting her adrift like trash and telling her that her Kobali sister misses her. She refuses to go back.

As Kim talks with Ballard later, she admits that she does feel more at home with the Kobali now. Q'ret begins to fire on Voyager and insists he will not stop until Ballard comes back. When Kim attempts to return fire, Ballard tells him that she wants to go. Kim is sad, but lets her go.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cody Wetherill (Rebi)

Kevin Lowe (Q'ret)

Kim Rhodes (Lyndsay Ballard)

Kurt Wetherill (Azan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Marley McClean (Mezoti)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Teleplay By : Robert Doherty

Story By : Ronald Wilkerson

Directed By : Terry Windell

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Child's Play [VOY #139]

Stardate Unknown

Captain Janeway tells Seven of Nine that one of the children Seven has been taking care of, Icheb, is going to have to leave the U.S.S. Voyager. Icheb is one of the four children that were liberated from the Borg collective. Voyager's crew managed to locate Icheb's parents and are planning to take him back to them. Seven is upset at this because she has come to think of Icheb as a son.

When they near Icheb's home planet, readings indicate there is a Borg transwarp conduit very nearby and the planet has been attacked by the Borg several times. When Janeway, Seven, Icheb and Tuvok beam to the surface, they meet the planet's inhabitants, the Brunali. They notice that most of the buildings are small huts and the Brunali tell them that have to keep things very low-tech or the Borg will detect them and attack the planet again. The only time the Borg attack is when they think they can get new technology.

When the away team is greeted by Icheb's parents, Luecon and Yifay, Icheb asks to go back to the ship. The away team and Icheb's parents all go back to Voyager and discuss how to make the transition easier but Seven begins to argue with the boy's parents. While onboard, Yifay makes Icheb's favorite meal, which he really enjoys. Leucon explains to Seven that the Borg took Icheb four years ago when he wandered off to see a new fertilization array. Leucon explains how sad he was when he lost the boy.

After spending time with his parents, Icheb decides to stay with the Brunali. He knows that his knowledge of technology can help them rebuild their villages. Seven is sad to see him go.

As Voyager leaves orbit from the planet, one of the three remaining Borg children, Mezoti, cannot sleep because she misses Icheb. As she talks about it with Seven, she mentions that Icheb told her he was taken from a ship, not from the planet's surface. Seven is curious why Leucon had lied to her and begins to research the planet. Her research reveals that the Borg did not attack the planet four years ago, so Icheb could not have been taken at that time. When Seven gives this information to Janeway, the Captain turns the ship around and heads back to the Brunali planet.

On the Brunali world, Icheb's parents grab him and inject him with an alien medical device. The device renders Icheb unconscious and his parents put him on a shuttle heading for the Borg transwarp conduit.

When Voyager returns to the planet, Leucon is defensive and tells them to leave. Harry Kim scans the planet for Icheb's life sign but does not find him. Seven discovers the shuttle heading for Borg space just as a Borg cube emerges from the conduit. Seven manages to beam Icheb aboard Voyager at the exact moments the Borg cube fires and destroys the shuttle. Seven realizes that this is exactly what had happened to Icheb before.

Icheb had been genetically engineered at birth with anti-Borg pathogens. His parents had raised him specifically to infect the Borg and stop the attacks on their planet. The Doctor is able to suppress the anti-Borg virus, but Seven is not sure she will be able to help Icheb come to terms with what has happened. Seven trusts her maternal instincts and begins to help Icheb understand that on Voyager he has a family that loves him and will never let him go.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cody Wetherill (Rebi)

Eric Ritter (Yivel)

Kurt Wetherill (Azan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Mark A. Sheppard (Icheb's Father)

Marley McClean (Mezoti)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Tracey Ellis (Icheb's Mother)

Teleplay By : Raf Green

Story By : Paul Brown

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Good Shepherd [VOY #140]

Stardate 53753.2

Upon completing a routine shipwide efficiency analysis, Seven of Nine determines that three of Voyager's young crewmembers are unable to perform at acceptable levels. Normally after six months or a year, a crewmember that has been assigned to a Starship will simply be reassigned to a less challenging Federation vessel if their limitations cannot be corrected. However, this is not an option since the three crewmembers are stranded in the Delta Quadrant on Voyager.

When Captain Janeway becomes aware of the situation, she decides to take the three young crewmembers on an away mission with her aboard the Delta Flyer. The first of the trio is Celes, an Astrometrics assistant who constantly has to have all of her work double-checked. Crewman Mortimer Harren has five advanced degrees in Theoretical Cosmology, but would rather spend his time down on Deck 15 and figure out the origin of the universe. Finally there is William Telfer, a Security Officer and hypochondriac who visits Sickbay weekly and is afraid of medication.

First and foremost, Janeway briefs the trio on their duties. Celes will be running an on-going sensor analysis and Harren will be looking for subspace particle decay which may offer new information about star formation. Meanwhile, Telfer will be on the lookout for any signs of life. Before they leave, Seven of Nine warns Janeway that an experienced crew would better serve the mission.

Not long into the mission, an invisible force suddenly strikes the Delta Flyer. Its propulsion has been knocked off-line and 90 percent of its antimatter has been neutralized. Harren suggests to Janeway that a comet-like assemblage of dark matter is responsible for the neutralization. Furthermore, he proposes that they eject their remaining antimatter in order to avoid another impact. However, according to Janeway, his theory is still an unproven hypothesis and she needs more convincing evidence.

Returning once again, Janeway decides to fire a photon torpedo at the force. Suddenly, the three crewmembers hear a humming sound and look on as Telfer begins to unexpectedly dematerialize and then disappear. Suddenly, he reappears and collapses to the floor and it appears as if something is writhing beneath his skin.

Janeway has no choice except to fire a phaser at Telfer when he reveals that the phenomenon is activating his motor neurons. As he struggles to stay on his feet, a stick-like, segmented entity extends out of an incision wound on his neck. The entity flings itself onto a console and attaches itself to the surface. Harren immediately aims the phaser, but Janeway instructs him to hold his fire. Ignoring the Captain's order, Harren fires and vaporizes the entity. Frustrated with Harren, Janeway suggests that the entity was simply trying to communicate with the crew.

Janeway decides to lead the Delta Flyer to a nearby planet where she hopes to reinitialize its warp core. Suddenly, a slow-moving swath begins to open up in the glowing particles of the planet's radiogenic ring. An unknown force is heading toward the vessel.

Janeway instructs her crew to get into the escape pods and to plot a course away from the planet. However, Celes tells Janeway that a crew never abandons its captain. Suddenly, Harren releases one of the escape pods and heads toward the swath while inside. Over the com, he tells Janeway that it will allow the Delta Flyer some extra time to make an escape. Janeway decides to go after the pod instead. Just a split second before it collides with the swath, the Delta Flyer's transporters lock onto the pod. The Delta Flyer then begins to fire phaser volleys at the glowing ring behind it, igniting a chain reaction of blazing, exploding light.

Suddenly, the Flyer begins to shake as bright light pours in the windows. The vessel is rocked hard and a blinding white light flashes outside the windows.

Next, a confused Janeway wakes up in Sickbay. Chakotay reports that Voyager received her initial distress call and found the Flyer drifting above a gas giant with everyone unconscious inside. Janeway tells Chakotay that the Good Shepherd went looking for a few lost members of her flock and ended up running into a wolf. However, in the end, the Good Shepherd did find them.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

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Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jay Underwood (Crewman Mortimer Harren)

Kimble Jemison (Engineer)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Reisz (Crewman William Telfer)

Tom Morello (Junction Operator)

Zoe McLellan (Crewman Tal Celes)

Teleplay By : Dianna Gitto

Joe Menosky

Story By : Dianna Gitto

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Live Fast And Prosper [VOY #141]

Stardate 53849.2

Two aliens are part of a band of "con artists" who believe that they've stumbled upon the greatest scam of their careers: Impersonating Janeway and her senior officers. Using their new Starfleet identities, they move from system to system engaging in a series of lucrative deceptions. Eventually, the real Janeway and her crew are blamed for these deceptions when the con artists do not deliver the goods as promised. Ultimately, the Voyager crew must bring the imposters to justice.

Neelix and Paris remember that they met two clerics named Dala and Mobar three weeks earlier while on shore leave. Apparently while Neelix and Paris weren't paying attention, Voyager's entire database was downloaded from the Delta Flyer. As a result, Dala and Mobar were able to obtain the information they wanted in order to pose as Federation officers.

In an attempt to track down the con artists, Janeway asks Orek, a Telsian who has been cheated by Dala and Mobar, for access to the scans of the imposters' vessel in order to derive their warp signature. Meanwhile, Paris and Neelix are frustrated with themselves for being duped so easily.

Back on the bridge, Tuvok detects a vessel whose warp signature matches the imposter's ship they are looking for. There's a larger vessel alongside the imposters which belongs to Varn, another angry alien who also was duped by the two con artists. Dala tells Varn that their "mothership" Voyager has arrived to defend them. Varn's ship begins firing at Voyager. Voyager is successfully able to strike Varn's ships with its phasers, and knock out the tractor beam holding Dala's vessel.

Janeway instruct Seven to transport everyone on Dala's vessel to Voyager. However, because Voyager's transporters are damaged, Seven is only able to beam Dala onto the ship. Aboard Voyager, Dala refuses to reveal a detailed account of everyone they cheated, as well as the location of the stolen property. Janeway instructs Tuvok to hail Telsian Security and tell them that they have a prisoner to turn over (pulling a scam on Dala herself by relating how barbaric Telsian prisons are). In actuality, Janeway doesn't want Tuvok to call the Telsians just yet because she wants Dala to sit and think for awhile first.

Neelix visits Dala in the brig and engages in a heart-to-heart conversation with her regarding her options. However, when Neelix turns the other way, Dala knocks him to the ground and grabs the phaser from his belt. She takes off running down a corridor and stuns Tuvok with the phaser. She climbs inside the Delta Flyer and immediately escapes at warp speed.

Dala catches up with Mobar and Zar, a third con artist posing as Chakotay, and asks them to beam her aboard. In the meantime, Paris has been hiding in the Delta Flyer. He activates the mobile emitter and the Doctor shimmers in. Paris and the Doctor successfully capture Dala and the Doctor then turns into Dala in holographic disguise. He beams himself to the bridge of the imposters' vessel and cleverly manipulates Mobar and Zar into revealing the location of their stolen loot. Meanwhile, Voyager is waiting in the wings, and the two remaining con artists are apprehended.

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Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Dennis Cockrum (Orek)

Francis Guinan (Zar)

Greg Daniel (Mobar)

Kaitlin Hopkins (Dala)

Scott Lincoln (Miner #1)

Ted Rooney (Varn)

Timothy McNeil (Miner #2)

Written By : Robin Burger

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Muse [VOY #142]

Stardate 53896

Torres, on a mission with Harry Kim to find dilithium that may send the Voyager home, crashes the Delta Flyer and finds herself stranded on an L-class planet without the resources necessary to get back to Voyager.

Torres is slumped in the pilot's chair of the Delta Flyer. She has a wound on her forehead and she is unconscious. She had ordered Kim into the escape pod before the crash, but he is nowhere to be found. As Torres is coming to, she notices someone standing over her. It is Kelis, an actor and playwright on the L-class planet, who is trying to heal her wounds. Torres, startled, jumps to her feet and questions his intentions. Kelis replies saying that he is her servant and she is her muse.

Kelis' intentions are to keep Torres on the planet as his inspiration. Kelis feels that Torres can inspire him to put together a play that will promote peace between the Warlord, his clan, and the rival clan.

Kelis further explains that the Warlord became insulted over a dowry offered by a patron from Kelis' clan. Kelis feels that the play may help the Warlord and the patron forget their anger.

Meanwhile back on Voyager, the crew is busy searching for Kim and Torres. Tuvok is very upset about the loss of his comrades. He has not slept in the eight days and exhaustion is starting to take its toll on him. Chakotay tells him that he can take over the search, but Tuvok sternly refuses.

Back on the L-class planet Torres is trying to repair the ship, however the propulsion has died and the ship will not start. Kelis offers to help her in return for stories about the Voyager and its crew. He feels the stories will promote enough interest among the patrons that they will forget why they are fighting. He offers her food and supplies that she desperately needs. She reluctantly agrees to help Kelis.

It has been almost two weeks and Torres and Kelis have been rehearsing the play non-stop. They still do not have an ending to the show that is opening the following day. Layna, an alien actress portraying Torres in the play, has grown jealous of Torres' relationship with Kelis.

The night before the performance, Layna follows Torres back to the ship and confronts her. She threatens to expose Torres' real identity to the Warlord if Torres does not leave at once.

After Layna leaves, Kim appears through the window of the ship. Kim ran into turbulence and decided to turn around and follow Torres' signature. He tracked Torres' position with a tricorder. Kim has a Starfleet satchel that contains emergency rations such as a phaser and the escape pods emergency transmitter.

All the while, Kelis is preparing for the big night. He is waiting for Torres, but the patrons are growing impatient and he must start the show.

On Voyager, Tuvok is caught sleeping by Paris who decides it is time for him to take a break. As Chakotay enters to relieve Tuvok, they hear the messages sent by Kim and Torres.

While waiting for word from Voyager, Torres receives a note from Kelis implying that there will be a war if she does not help him come up with an ending to the play. He needs her for inspiration. Torres, feeling obligated to help Kelis, tells Kim she will be back and leaves for the play.

Torres enters the stage and begins performing an ending that she has come up with. She came up with a scene in which she and Kelis say good-bye because it is time for her to leave. Layna tries to sabotage everything by telling the Warlord that Torres is really an Eternal, but Kelis pretends that it is part of the play and that Layna is just playing the part of the jealous girlfriend. The Warlord loves the plot twist. The show is a success and there will be no war. Kim then beams Torres up and they return back to Voyager.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jack Axelrod (Chorus #1)

John Schuck (Chorus #2)

Joseph Will (Kelis)

Kathleen Garrett (Tanis)

Kellie Waymire (Lanya)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Houston King (Jero)

Stoney Westmoreland (Warlord)

Tony Amendola (Chorus #3)

Written By : Joe Menosky

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Fury [VOY #143]

Stardate Unknown

Voyager receives a distress call from a small vessel, piloted by a much older and weathered Kes. Captain Janeway grants her permission to come aboard, but she comes in much too fast and the vessel collides with Deck Nine. However, Kes beams herself aboard Voyager just before impact.

Aboard Voyager, a cold and angry Kes uses her psychokinetic abilities to disable Voyager's systems. Voyager is in red alert as Kes gives off high levels of neurogenic energy. A security guard fires a phaser at Kes as she heads toward Engineering. She is hit by the blast and when she recovers she screams in anger, causing the bulkheads around them to blast inward in an explosion of fire and debris.

Armed with phasers, Torres and Seven of Nine are shocked when the weapons ripple and distort in their hands. Kes places her hands upon the warp core. Just as Torres goes to shut it down, she is struck in the back by a tendril of energy. Seven rushes over to Torres' dead body, while Kes vanishes in a flash of light.

When Kes disappears, she travels backward in time to Voyager as it was five years earlier. It's only been a few weeks since Voyager was pulled into the Delta Quadrant. Sneaking up behind the original Kes, the undetected Kes from the future injects her with a hypospray, rendering her unconscious.

Janeway is concerned that another conflict may soon ensue with the Vidiians since two more ships have been detected on long-range sensors. On a secure channel, Kes from the future makes contact with the Vidiian Captain. She tells him she will provide him with information necessary to capture Voyager, in return for her safe passage home to Ocampo.

Meanwhile, Tuvok seems to be experiencing premonitions. While walking down a corridor, he sees a young girl working a wall console that turns out to be Naomi Wildman. Tuvok follows the girl into the Cargo Bay, and when the doors open he sees Seven of Nine and the Borg Twins regenerating in their Borg alcoves.

The Doctor confirms for Captain Janeway that Ensign Wildman is expecting a baby girl. Back in Engineering, Tuvok is once again having visions of the future. This time he is watching a fragmented replay of events that have already occurred in the future, when Torres is struck in the back with an energy tendril as a much older Kes looks on. Tuvok is brought to Sickbay where he begins to convulse upon the surgical bed.

Janeway decides to view the proximity scan of Tuvok at the time he collapsed in Engineering. Apparently there was a surge of tachyon particles in Engineering just before Tuvok collapsed. Janeway suggests that tachyons are normally generated by temporal distortions, also known as time travel.

Chakotay discovers that tachyon readings are being emitted in Sickbay, the Airponics Bay and Kes' quarters. Suddenly, Voyager finds itself under attack by the Vidiians. Paris is shocked that the Vidiians know so much about Voyager, including when they would be coming out of warp, as well as their shield frequencies. Kim detects transmissions to the Vidiians originating from Voyager on Deck Ten.

The Vidiians have managed to board Voyager upon Deck Eight. Voyager's only chance is to explosively decompress that section of the ship. In a violent explosion, the Vidiian grappling pylon is blasted away from the ship.

Janeway and Kes from the future come face to face. Janeway instructs Chakotay to redirect all plasma flow on Deck Eleven to the Shuttlebay command console. Arcs of energy course up Kes' arms and into her body. She begins to convulse violently and then falls dead to the floor.

When an older Kes hails Voyager again in the future, the crew is already prepared. This time Captain Janeway shuts down the warp core completely. Kes from the past appears to the older Kes in a message that she recorded to herself five years earlier. She reminds the older Kes that she didn't always harbor so much anger toward the crew. Janeway tells her that the Voyager crew is

not her enemy and that there is always room for her. However, according to Kes, there is no place for her anywhere. Altering the chemical composition of her body, Kes begins to dissipate and then vanishes.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cody Wetherill (Rebi)

Jennifer Lien (Kes)

Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Kurt Wetherill (Azan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Nancy Hower (Ensign Samantha Wildman)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Tarik Ergin (Security Guard)

Vaughn Armstrong (Vidiiian Captain)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Michael Taylor

Story By : Brannon Braga

Rick Berman

Directed By : John Bruno

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Life Line [VOY #144]

Stardate Unknown

When Earth's "Pathfinder Project" transmits its first block of data to Voyager, the Doctor receives disturbing news -- Lewis Zimmerman, the creator of modern holography and the Doctor's program, is dying. Hoping to save this "father" he never met, whose likeness he shares, the Doctor's program is transmitted back to the Alpha Quadrant.

Instead of being pleased with the Doctor's attempts to help, Doc Zimmerman is completely standoffish. Zimmerman tells the Doctor that he is simply a Mark One hologram. He has been examined by the Mark Two, Mark Three and Mark Four, in addition to the finest "real" doctors in Starfleet, and none of them have been able to help him. Barclay points out that the Doctor has been running almost continuously for six years and that he has seen things that most doctors couldn't even imagine. Zimmerman eventually becomes frustrated with all of the Doctor's questioning and he abruptly instructs the computer to transmit the Doctor to the living quarters.

Meanwhile, Barclay pleads with Counselor Troi to return from the Enterprise in order to counsel Doc Zimmerman. However, when she does show up, things seem to be worse between the two doctors. Troi tries to convince Zimmerman that the Doctor has developed a promising treatment.

While the arguing continues between the Doctor and Zimmerman, Barclay discovers a problem with the Doctor's program. His program is unraveling and there is nothing that Barclay can do because the damage is too severe. Zimmerman is the only one who can save the Doctor, but of course he refuses to help a "replaceable" computer program.

In an attempt to convince him to help the Doctor, Zimmerman's right-hand hologram Haley tells him that she will ask to be installed elsewhere unless he does something to save the Doctor.

Zimmerman successfully identifies an error within the Doctor's pattern buffer. Thankfully, the Doctor is able to stop him from changing his personality subroutine as well. In the process, the two seem to make peace with each other and Doc Zimmerman finally agrees to treatment.

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Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Jack Shearer (Admiral Hayes)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)

Robert Picardo (Dr. Lewis Zimmerman)

Tamara Craig Thomas (Haley)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Raf Green

Robert Doherty

Story By : John Bruno

Robert Picardo

Directed By : Terry Windell

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The Haunting Of Deck Twelve [VOY #145]

Stardate Unknown

Various crewmembers are making sure the power at their stations is shut down. The ship is sent into darkness as even the holographic doctor is turned off. As the power to the regeneration alcoves is removed, the four Borg children are awakened and confused.

The children find Neelix waiting for them with a plasma lantern, and inquire what is wrong with the ship. He does his best to encourage the kids to relax; telling them the shut down is only temporary.

As Captain Janeway instructs the last of the ship to be shut down, the Borg children gather around Neelix's lantern. As they try to guess what is wrong with the ship, they decide it must have something to do with the "ghost" that is said to haunt a sealed off

section of deck twelve. Neelix wants to make sure their imagination does not get the best of them and proceeds to tell them the story of the last nebula Voyager traveled through.

As Neelix's story opens, Voyager is cruising into a nebula similar to the one that is responsible for the power shut down. Neelix is explaining his own over-active imagination to Tuvok while Voyager collects deuterium outside.

Kim notices the collection was destabilizing the nebula and Chakotay convinces Janeway to stop the extraction. A second before Voyager leaves the nebula, an electric bolt rocks the ship! The captain immediately begins scanning the ship for damage and injuries, gradually finding that most of the electrical systems are failing.

Various functions on board begin to malfunction when Janeway notices they are off course and returning to the nebula they just left. Down in the cargo bay, where Seven of Nine is working, the air begins to fill with colorful gas, similar to that of the nebula. When Seven attempts to escape the room, she is surrounded by a forcefield and knocked unconscious by an energy beam moving through the gas.

In another part of the ship, Kim orders Neelix to remain in the mess hall while the other officers go to their posts. As the others leave, the lights in the mess hall go out, leaving Neelix alone in the dark.

While trying to bring the engines back on line, Paris is attacked by the same energy surge that got Seven. When Janeway and Tuvok take him to see the Doctor, they find a now conscious Seven of Nine, having been rescued by Chakotay. When the captain learns what happened to Seven, she begins to figure out what the problem with the ship really is.

Still in the dark, Neelix hears a thumping noise and moves to investigate. He is frightened when he sees a monster in the hallway, but is relieved to find it's only Tuvok in a gas mask. Tuvok has Neelix follow him through a Jefferies Tube, heading to engineering where the others are waiting.

Captain Janeway realizes that she can talk to this new electric life form through the ships' computer as it instructs her to go to the Astrometrics Lab. The lab reveals that the nebula the alien came from is no longer there. Out of anger, the computerized voice commands the Voyagers crew to abandon ship.

In the Jefferies Tube, Tuvok is attacked by the electricity and wounded. Facing his fears, Neelix gains the courage to drag Tuvok through the dark all the way to engineering.

Reluctantly, Janeway complies with the abandon ship order, evacuating the entire crew except herself, who remains, trapped by the electric being. Reasoning with the new life, she convinces it that she can take it to a new nebula if it gives her back control of the ship. The creature agrees and releases Janeway.

When Janeway gets her crew back on board, they seal the alien off on deck twelve. This ends the story Neelix is telling the Borg children. When a loud thud is heard, Neelix explains to the kids that it's the alien being released into the new nebula.

The kids are excited about his story, but some of them are afraid that the creature did not leave and will attack them in the regeneration alcoves. Neelix then tells the children that he made the whole thing up. On the bridge, Captain Janeway confirms that the electric life form is now safely outside, happy in its new home.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Ensign Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cody Wetherill (Rebi)

Kurt Wetherill (Azan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Marley McClean (Mezoti)

Zoe McLellan (Crewman Tal Celes)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Kenneth Biller

Mike Sussman

Story By : Mike Sussman

Directed By : David Livingston

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Unimatrix Zero, Part 1 [VOY #146]

Stardate Unknown

Seven of Nine awakens from a "nap" in an uneasy state. She dreamed of a beautiful forest with trees and flowers. In this place people knew her as Annika and she was almost human. Seven is not used to "dreaming" so she is unsettled by the experience.

Paris, thinking he is being reprimanded by the crew for being late, is surprised by being awarded an Officer's Pip. He is then reinstated to Lieutenant by Captain Janeway.

Seven retires again to her alcove wearing the cortical monitor the Doctor gave her and closes her eyes. She finds herself back in the beautiful forest. She tells herself that this is "not real" when suddenly a voice is heard assuring her that it is. It is the voice of Axum, someone she has seen before in this environment. He calls this place Unimatrix Zero.

Axum explains to Seven that Unimatrix Zero is a place where the Drones go during regeneration so they can exist as individuals. The Collective knows about this place but cannot find it. The Drones who visit Unimatrix Zero have the recessive mutation that the Borg Queen is trying to find and destroy.

Axum informs Seven that she used to visit Unimatrix Zero before she escaped the Collective. She too has the recessive mutation that only one in a million Drones has. Axum tells her that the Collective has found a way to detect them, so it is only a matter of time before they find enough of the Drones to isolate the interlink frequency and demolish Unimatrix Zero.

Axum begs Seven for her help, even though she is no longer a part of the Collective. Seven is their only hope because unlike her, after the Drones complete their regeneration they have no memory of Unimatrix Zero.

When Seven awakens she informs the crew of what she encountered. The Doctor confirms that she was not just having a dream, she never reached REM, therefore what she is telling the crew is real. Seven asks the Voyager crew for their help to save Unimatrix Zero.

Meanwhile, the Borg Queen is coming closer and closer to finding Unimatrix Zero. She has continued to dismantle other Drones in order to observe their parts and find a way into Unimatrix Zero.

Janeway feels that the crew should help, because it is a new aspect of the Collective and a potential weakness. They begin coming up with a plan to help the Drones.

Tuvok suggest a Vulcan technique known as the "Bridging of Minds," Janeway agrees. Janeway, Seven, and Tuvok will be hooked up to monitors. Tuvok will oversee their thoughts and Janeway will go with Seven back to Unimatrix Zero.

Upon their arrival they find Drones, sent by the Borg Queen, trying to destroy Unimatrix Zero. A battle ensues and Janeway defeats the last of the Drones. The Borg Queen has seen the fight through the eyes of a regenerating Drone and does not like what she sees. Janeway assures Axum that they will help defeat the infiltration of the Borg Queen's Drones into Unimatrix Zero.

Janeway and Seven begin working on a plan to help Axum and the others. The crew is trying to find a way to deploy a highly experimental "nanovirus" designed to target all the Drones with the recessive mutation and reprogram their memory centers. That way, when they leave their alcoves they will retain their memories. Janeway tells Seven to go back and reassure Axum that they are working on a plan and will be there as soon as they can.

Seven arrives at Unimatrix Zero and things have gotten worse, however the Klingons have banded together and are fighting off the Borg Queen's Drones. Axum confesses to Seven that they were involved before she escaped the Borg. They had promised

not to leave one another, but as things got worse Axum insisted that she leave him behind and save herself. Although Seven feels familiar with Axum and Unimatrix Zero, she still does not remember what he is talking about.

Back on Voyager, Janeway is preparing to transform herself into a Drone in order to implement the nanovirus, Chakotay does not think it is a good idea. While they are arguing, the power beings to flicker and the command center becomes dark and foggy. The Borg Queen appears on the screen and threatens Janeway and her crew by informing them that she knows they have been in contact with Starfleet. The Queen informs Janeway that if she becomes involved with helping Unimatrix Zero, Voyager will have a difficult time making it home. Janeway does not back down, frustrated, the Borg Queen disappears and the crew knows they are going to have a fight on their hands.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

Kate Mulgrew (Capt. Kathryn Janeway)

Robert Beltran (Cmdr. Chakotay)

Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jerome Butler (Korok)

Joanna Heimbald (Laura)

Mark Deakins (Axum)

Ryan Sparks (Alien Child)

Susanna Thompson (Borg Queen)

Tony Sears (Borg Drone)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Story By : Mike Sussman

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Unimatrix Zero, Part 2 [VOY #147]

Stardate 54014.4

Unimatrix Zero is a secluded place within the Borg collective where drones can be themselves while they regenerate, but only certain Borg have the ability to visit. The Borg Queen considers Unimatrix Zero a threat because she does not want her Borg to ever have traces of individuality, but Captain Janeway thinks it could give the Federation allies within the Collective. Janeway, Tuvok and B'Elanna Torres put Borg implants in their bodies and infiltrate the Borg Cube to try and free the select few that are able to go to Unimatrix Zero, giving them the ability to maintain their individuality outside of Unimatrix Zero. The away team has been injected with a neural suppressant to keep their Borg implants from really connecting them to the Collective.

While the away team is on the Borg Cube, Seven of Nine goes to Unimatrix Zero herself to tell the Borg within what the team is doing. Seven had been able to go there when she was part of the Collective and she still maintains that ability. In the past, she had a romantic relationship there with her fellow Borg, Axum, and when she meets him there again, she notices those feelings returning.

While the away team is headed for the Central Plexus of the Borg Cube, Tuvok notices that his neural suppressant is wearing off and the Borg Queen begins communicating with him telepathically. The Queen finally convinces Tuvok to stop Janeway and

Torres as they download a virus to free the select group of drones. They manage to get the virus into the system, but Tuvok prevents them from leaving. More Borg drones appear and capture Captain Janeway, but Torres is able to get away. Tuvok restrains Janeway and puts her in contact with the queen.

The Borg Queen makes Janeway watch on a viewscreen as she blows up a different Borg Cube, destroying the thousands of lives on board, because she lost contact with three of the drones due to Janeway's virus. The Queen uses the virus Janeway used to free the drones and alters it to actually kill the drones. She tells Janeway that unless the captain tells the free drones to rejoin the collective, she will go to Unimatrix Zero and kill all of the drones inside. Janeway is put into contact with Chakotay on Voyager to tell him the free drones have to go back to the collective, but instead of telling him that directly, she secretly tells him to destroy Unimatrix Zero. Without Unimatrix Zero, the Queen will not be able to find all of the free drones, and if she destroys all of the Borg vessels they are on, she will destroy her entire fleet.

After Seven tells everybody in Unimatrix Zero of the plan, they all agree that it is the best way to handle the situation and they offer to help get the away team back to the U.S.S. Voyager. While Voyager is preparing to attack the Borg Cube, a smaller Borg Sphere appears through a transwarp conduit and hails them. Korok, a Klingon that has been assimilated into the Collective, has taken over the Sphere and offers to help them destroy the Cube. Chakotay accepts his offer and both ships begin attacking the Cube. Just as the Borg Cube explodes, Harry Kim manages to beam Janeway, Tuvok and Torres back to Voyager where they can be relieved of their Borg implants.

Seven, meanwhile, has gone back to Unimatrix Zero one last time to say goodbye to Axum. Axum and Seven are the only people left as Unimatrix Zero falls apart around them. Axum tells Seven that he is on a Borg Cube in a totally different part of the galaxy and though it seem like they will never see each other again, he will find her. They both leave Unimatrix Zero as it completely fritzes out of existence.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Andrew Palmer (Errant Drone)

Clay Storseth (Alien Man)

Jerome Butler (Korok)

Joanna Heimbold (Laura)

Majel Barrett (Narrator)

Mark Deakins (Axum)

Ryan Sparks (Alien Boy)

Susanna Thompson (Borg Queen)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Story By : Brannon Braga

Joe Menosky

Mike Sussman

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Imperfection [VOY #148]

Stardate 54129.4

Seven of Nine watches as Rebi and Azan, two of the Borg children she had been taking care of since they were separated from the Collective, are reunited with their people, who agree to also give Mezoti a home. The only one of the Borg children staying aboard the U.S.S. Voyager with Seven is Icheb, the eldest of the four. After the children leave, Icheb notices that Seven is crying. Seven claims that her ocular implant is simply malfunctioning.

When Seven goes to see the Doctor, he confirms that there's a glitch in her cortical node, and he gets her to admit that she has been having headaches. Later, when Seven attempts to regenerate, she discovers she cannot interface with her alcove because her cortical node is malfunctioning. She stays up all night in the mess hall until Neelix arrives and offers to make her breakfast. Seven then falls to the floor convulsing, and Borg implants start bursting through her skin.

In sickbay, the Doctor realizes Seven's problem is more serious than he previously thought. Her cortical node, which regulates her vital functions, is destabilizing, which means she will die unless it can be replaced. Captain Janeway gets an idea: She orders Ensign Kim to scan a nearby Borg debris field and transfer the coordinates to the Delta Flyer--she plans to salvage a replacement cortical node. Janeway, Lt. Paris and Tuvok depart for the debris field where they find several dead Borg drones and manage to remove the cortical node from one of them. Back on Voyager, Janeway and the Doctor practice the cortical node replacement operation several times in a holodeck simulation, failing miserably each time. They eventually decide that they cannot use a cortical node from a dead drone, but only from a living one.

Icheb also comes to realize that only the cortical node from a living Borg can save Seven, so he volunteers to have his own node removed and transplanted to her. Icheb devises a plan to have himself genetically altered to survive without his node, but the procedure is risky. When Icheb cannot get Janeway, Seven or the Doctor to listen to him, he programs the computer in his regeneration alcove to disengage his cortical node. Now dying, Icheb eventually convinces them to give his node to Seven and perform the genetic procedure on him. The operation is successful and both Seven and Icheb fully recover. Seven offers to help him study for the Starfleet Academy entrance exam, promising him a rigorous schedule. But then Icheb notices another tear in her eye... only this time it isn't a malfunction.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cody Wetherill (Rebi)

Debbie Grattan (Wysanti)

Kurt Wetherill (Azan)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Marley McClean (Mezoti)

Michael McFall (Salvage Alien #1)

Teleplay By : Carleton Eastlake

Robert Doherty

Story By : Andre Bormanis

Directed By : David Livingston

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Drive [VOY #149]

Stardate 54058.6

As Tom Paris and Harry Kim are taking the Delta Flyer for a test run, another small alien ship pulls alongside them. The alien pilot, Irina, challenges them to a race. As the two ships race through an asteroid field, Irina's ship begins filling up with nycocene gas. They beam Irina to their shuttle and bring her and her ship back to the U.S.S. Voyager. While making repairs, she explains to them that she is entering a race in a couple of days. This prompts Paris and Kim to convince Captain Janeway to let them enter the race too.

Meanwhile, B'Elanna Torres has been frantically trading favors with crewmates so she can borrow enough holodeck time for her and Paris, her boyfriend, to have an entire weekend to themselves. When Paris explains to her that he forgot about the getaway weekend and entered the race, she tells him that she does not mind. Later, she confesses to Neelix that she was very hurt that Paris forgot about something that took her so much time to set up. She tells Neelix that she thinks things might be ending between Paris and her.

When Janeway registers the Delta Flyer in the race, she learns from O'Zaal, the race coordinator, that the race is the first step towards peace for the four different cultures living in the area. Each of the different species has been at war to control the area for nearly a century. This race marks the first time the four of them have ever competed peacefully.

Seven of Nine tells Torres that she has embraced some of Paris' interests and it has made him easier to work with. Taking Seven's comment as good advice, Torres convinces Kim to let her fly with Paris as co-pilot of the Delta Flyer. Paris is bewildered when Torres shows up in Kim's place wearing a flight suit, but he welcomes her as long as she remembers that they're there to win. The two ride in fourth place for much of the race, but they eventually manage to take the lead. Just as they get into first place, O'Zaal calls a temporary stop, saying that one of the racers has had an accident.

Irina's control panel had malfunctioned and electrocuted her co-pilot, which was later determined to be intentional sabotage. O'Zaal decides to continue the race the next day. Kim offers to help Irina fix her ship and also fly as her new co-pilot, which she is hesitant about, but lets him do. Paris and Torres notice that Kim and Irina seem to be forming a relationship, which causes Torres to wonder how good of a match she and Paris are.

When the race continues the next day, Torres is distracted by her thoughts and Paris can sense something is wrong, but the Delta Flyer manages to maintain its lead. Irina and Kim have successfully fixed Irina's ship and begin to catch up with the others almost immediately, keeping track of the Delta Flyer the whole time on their computer.

When Paris finally asks Torres what is bothering her, they get into a heated discussion. Paris is determined to work things out, but Torres sounds like she is ready to give up. Paris stops the Delta Flyer and tells her they are not going to move again until they work it out.

Meanwhile on Irina's ship, her control panel malfunctions again, almost electrocuting Kim. Kim suspects that Irina sabotaged her own ship and has his suspicions confirmed when she points a phaser at him. He manages to wrestle the phaser away from her and finds she has disabled the com system, so he just stops the ship and holds her at gunpoint. When Irina seems strangely interested in the Delta Flyer's progress, Kim realizes that she has sabotaged that ship as well. She admits to him that the fuel converter on the Delta Flyer is rigged to explode at about the time it crosses the finish line, killing all of the spectators and officials in the area.

As Paris and Torres are beginning to work out their problems, Kim sends them a message about the fuel converter. They check their computer and discover that it will explode in a matter of minutes. They pilot the Delta Flyer to a nearby nebula and eject the warp core. The nebula contains the explosion and the Delta Flyer gets safely away.

After the race is over, Paris and Torres take the Delta Flyer out again on a more personal mission -- the back of the ship now reads "Just Married."

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Brian George (O'Zaal)

Chris Covics (Assistant)

Cyia Batten (Irina)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Patrick Kilpatrick (Assan)

Robert Tyler (Joxom)

Written By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Repression [VOY #150]

Stardate 54090.4

A mysterious Bajoran man named Teero sits in a musty room with Bajoran tapestries and drawings of Maquis vessels, reciting a mysterious chant while staring at a monitor displaying crewmembers from the U.S.S. Voyager.

On board Voyager, Tom Paris surprises B'Elanna Torres by taking her to his new holoprogram--a classic 20th century-style movie theater. In the theater, they discover that Crewman Tabor is sitting nearby completely unconscious. When the Doctor examines Tabor, he concludes that his injuries are the result of an attack, as evidenced by the microfractures on his cranium and contusions along his shoulder. Janeway then appoints Tuvok to investigate the case. Tuvok's initial belief is that a member of the crew is responsible.

Later, crewmen Yosa and Jor are working in engineering when Yosa reports that pressure is fluctuating. Jor then orders him to check the seals in the Jefferies Tube hatch. As Yosa crawls through the hatch, the lights suddenly go out. Then, a bright light shines in Yosa's face as someone approaches. Yosa, feeling threatened, crawls through another hatch but is unable to get the computer to seal the hatch shut. Again, the bright light shines on Yosa and he's knocked unconscious. Jor soon discovers Yosa and takes him to Sickbay. The Doctor examines Yosa and concludes that Yosa was attacked, having the same microfractures and contusions as Tabor. Janeway and Chakotay come to realize that all the victims are former Maquis.

Meanwhile, Paris and Kim are conducting an investigation in the holodeck Movie Theater, trying to capture a negative image that the intruder left behind. Their efforts show two humanoid figures--one is Tabor and the other is not recognizable. Tuvok requests that they work on increasing the resolution of the images. Later, Tuvok tells Kim that for security reasons he read all crew mail in the last data stream from Starfleet, which includes a letter from Kim's cousin. Tuvok implies that Kim is a suspect, by pointing out that the letter mentions the Maquis killed Kim's friend years ago. As Kim defends his innocence, Tuvok becomes strangely perturbed. Later, Chakotay finds Torres unconscious in a cargo bay, and finds Tuvok heading towards him. To Chakotay's surprise, Tuvok grabs him by the throat and mind melds with him until he becomes unconscious. While Chakotay and Torres are treated in Sickbay, the other victims have woken up out of unconsciousness with no memory of what happened to them.

Tuvok continues the investigation sleeplessly, with no memory of attacking Chakotay. At Janeway's urging, he returns to his quarters to meditate. Suddenly, he gets flashbacks of victims in Sickbay, Yosa in the Jefferies Tube and Chakotay in the cargo bay. Then Tuvok enters the bathroom and sees Teero's reflection in the mirror. Frightened, Tuvok rushes to the holodeck where Janeway and Kim are investigating, and learns from the computer that he was in the Movie Theater during Tabor's attack and that the height and weight of the negative-image figure matches his own description. Tuvok then hears Teero's voice telling him to ignore his doubts--and pulls a phaser. Tuvok soon gives up the weapon and admits to being the attacker, telling Janeway that he should be detained.

When Janeway visits Tuvok in the brig, he explains there is a voice trying to control his mind with Bajoran incantations. Tuvok also says that it was he who attacked Maquis crewmembers and performed mind melds on them, but without knowing why. Tuvok recounts that the attacks started after he received a letter from his son. Janeway, Chakotay, Seven and Paris then view the letter from Tuvok's son and discover that it contains a subliminal message, one of Teero chanting. Chakotay recognizes Teero and says that the Bajoran worked with the Maquis performing mind control experiments.

Janeway meets with Tuvok again in his cell to discuss Teero. Tuvok recalls meeting Teero seven years ago at a Bajoran temple. Then Tuvok gets a flashback of wearing Maquis attire and sitting in a surgical chair with devices attached to his head as Teero is performing a mind meld on him. Janeway urges Tuvok to tell her more, but Teero appears to Tuvok and tells him to complete his mission. Tuvok struggles to stay in control of his mind, but cannot. Instead, Tuvok sends Chakotay a command in the Bajoran language, and his behavior changes. Chakotay goes to Sickbay, fires his phaser at Paris and gives Torres the same Bajoran command. Together they gather the other former Maquis members who were also victims of Tuvok's attacks. They obey Chakotay's commands and fire at the Voyager crewmembers.

Meanwhile, the ship goes to red alert and Janeway tries to contact the Bridge, but there is no response. Chakotay finds her and announces that he is in charge. Chakotay tells Janeway that Teero helped them remember that they are Maquis members and that the rebellion on Voyager is not yet over. He releases Tuvok and detains Janeway in the brig. While the Maquis make plans to abandon the Starfleet crew on an M-class planet, Chakotay tests Tuvok's loyalty by commanding him to fire a phaser at Janeway. Tuvok fires the phaser, but nothing happens because the weapon is defective. Then, when Chakotay's back is turned to Tuvok, the Vulcan grabs Chakotay by the neck and performs a mind meld that brings Chakotay back to normal. After that, Chakotay hands control of the ship back to Janeway.

Eventually, the rest of the Voyager crewmembers return to normal, and Tuvok joins Janeway and the others at the movies.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Carol Krnic (Crewman Jor)

Derek McGrath (Crewman Chell)

Jad Mager (Ensign Tabor)

Keith Szarabajka (Vedek Teero Anaydis)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Mark Rafael Truitt (Crewman Yosa)

Ronald Robinson (Sek)

Scott Alan Smith (Crewman Doyle)

Teleplay By : Mark Haskell Smith

Story By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Winrich Kolbe

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Critical Care [VOY #151]

Stardate Unknown

Gar, a Dralian trader, enters an overcrowded, airborne hospital ship and looks for Chellick, the facility's administrator. Gar shows Chellick the Doctor's mobile emitter that he obtained from the U.S.S. Voyager. Gar fiddles with the controls on the device and the Doctor appears, but he immediately demands to be returned to his ship. The Allocator, the computer that prioritizes all patients on board the ship, announces that a generator has exploded and many patients are arriving. The Doctor witnesses the chaos surrounding him and decides his only option is to help. Chellick, Gar and Voje, another doctor, observe how the Doctor handles patients and are pleased with his work.

Back aboard Voyager, Kim is injured from a holodeck hockey match and visits the Doctor. When Paris and Kim talk to the Doctor, they notice something isn't quite right. Paris and Kim gather the others to examine the Doctor's mobile emitter; Torres announces it is a replicated fake. Neelix points out that Gar did spend a night in Sickbay and had ample access to the Doctor. Janeway then gives the order to search for Gar by scanning his ion trail.

Meanwhile, the Doctor is on Level Red of the hospital ship, scanning a young patient named Tebbis. The Doctor finds out that Tebbis has a deadly infection and has not received the proper treatment--cytoglobin--for it. Voje tells the Doctor that the patient's "T.C." level is not high enough to receive the necessary cytoglobin. Just as the Doctor asks what T.C. stands for, Chellick interrupts and says that he has acquired the Doctor's program from Gar. Chellick also says everyone on the ship must obey the Allocator's rules and that the Doctor must now provide his services on Level Blue. Then Voje explains that the patients on Level Blue receive the best treatment because their T.C. level is high. T.C., as the Doctor finds out, stands for "Treatment Coefficient," in which the Allocator assesses which patient has access to the best care depending on the importance of his or her profession, skills and accomplishments.

In the meantime, the Voyager crew is lead astray by Gar's trail. Then Tuvok recalls that Gar traded iridium with them and suggests they go to the location where Gar acquired the substance. They locate a mining operation on an asteroid and contact a resident. The man tells them that Gar sold them induction units, which came from a planetoid called Velos.

At the hospital ship, the Doctor finds the Allocator approving cytoglobin injections to all Level Blue patients. Another doctor named Dysek tells the Doctor that the injections increase the patients' life expectancy. The Doctor is concerned because he knows that Tebbis needs this medication to be cured. The Doctor sneaks to Level Red and tries to manipulate Tebbis' T.C. level by raising it higher, but the Allocator still denies medication. Then, the Doctor returns to Level Blue and takes a cytoglobin device from a nurse, whom he then dismisses. The Doctor returns to Tebbis with the smuggled cytoglobin injector and administers it to him. Later, the Doctor steals even more medication from Level Blue to treat the patients on Level Red.

Meanwhile, the Voyager crew enters the orbit of the planetoid Velos. They speak with an alien and find out that Gar is on Sele IV. The Voyager crew then locates Gar's ship and engages it in a tractor beam. They ask Gar where the Doctor is, but Gar refuses to tell them. After Gar is beamed aboard Voyager and questioned in the Brig, Neelix offers Gar a meal, which the prisoner quickly consumes. Suddenly, Gar experiences severe stomach pains. Neelix reveals that he poisoned Gar's meal and the Doctor is the only one authorized to administer the proper medication. Gar is then forced to tell them where the Doctor is.

Back on the hospital ship, the Doctor finds out that Tebbis was transferred to Level White--the morgue. The Doctor is angry and confronts Chellick, but Chellick reveals his knowledge of the Doctor's unauthorized injections and restricts the Doctor to Level Blue. Chellick also says that he interfaced the Doctor's holomatrix with the Allocator. Now, the Allocator will automatically monitor and delegate the Doctor's every move. Later, Chellick catches the Doctor on Level Red, but the Doctor injects Chellick with the same virus that inflicted Tebbis. The Allocator identifies Chellick as Tebbis and denies Chellick medication. The Doctor says that he will only help Chellick if Level Red is equipped with an adequate supply of medication. Chellick begs Dysek for help, but Dysek refuses his request, following the Allocator's rules--rules which Chellick established. The Doctor then proposes that Level Red patients, including Chellick, should be transferred to Level Blue to receive care. Chellick finally agrees.

The Voyager crew locates the hospital ship and retrieves the Doctor. Later, the Doctor asks Seven of Nine to check his ethical subroutines for any failures or changes, admitting that he had deliberately poisoned a man. Seven informs him that, unfortunately, he has "a clean bill of health."

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)
Cast : Christinna Chauncey (Level Blue Nurse)
Debi A. Monahan (Adultress)
Dublin James (Tebbis)
Gregory Itzin (Dysek)
John Durbin (Alien Miner)
John Franklin (Kipp)
John Kassir (Gar)
John O'Heir (Husband)
Larry Drake (Chellick)
Paul Scherrer (Voje)
Stephen O'Mahoney (Med Tech)
Teleplay By : James Kahn
Story By : Kenneth Biller
Robert Doherty
Directed By : Terry Windell

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Inside Man [VOY #152]

Stardate 54208.3

After going without mail from home for over a month, the U.S.S. Voyager crew is looking forward to seeing the next datastream which is jammed in the ship's transceiver. Harry Kim and Seven of Nine determine that instead of letters, the datastream contains a hologram of Reginald Barclay, the Starfleet officer from the Pathfinder project on Earth who has taken a personal interest in getting Voyager home. Holo-Barclay tells Captain Janeway of the project's plan: Voyager will be passing through a sector of space occupied by a red giant star and at the same time, Federation scientists will target the magnetic field of another red giant in the Alpha Quadrant with a verteron beam to create a geodesic fold. As a result, space will be punctured at two points, creating a gateway between the quadrants. Janeway says the plan won't work because Voyager's shields are useless against geodesic radiation, but Holo-Barclay responds that he brought shield upgrades and medical technology to protect the crew.

The Doctor agrees to transfer his mobile emitter to Holo-Barclay so that the visitor can move freely about the ship while he makes preparations. In the briefing room, Holo-Barclay shows the crew where the geodesic fold will occur and passes out assignments to everyone.

In the Pathfinder research lab, the real Reginald Barclay investigates why the datastream transmission did not reach its target. Commander Pete Harkins, his supervisor, believes the hologram was lost because it was too complex and therefore it degraded, but Barclay insists something interfered. He comes to find that a spacecraft passed within 20 meters of the Midas Array just hours before Starfleet sent the first hologram, and conjectures that ship was either Borg or Romulan. Harkins refuses to listen, and orders Barclay to take a vacation.

Meanwhile in the Delta Quadrant, the Doctor tells Holo-Barclay that the medical inoculations are not strong enough to protect the crew from the geodesic fold's radiation, but Holo-Barclay assures the Doctor that in combination with the shield modifications, they will be enough. When the Doctor invites him to a game of golf, the hologram is evasive. Later, Torres and Kim prepare to transmit a "thank you note" back to the Alpha Quadrant, and Holo-Barclay asks to include his own "progress report." The datastream is transmitted to the Midas Array, but an alien device attached to the array diverts the transmission to a Ferengi

ship near a red giant star. Three Ferengi on board huddle around a monitor to receive Holo-Barclay's report which includes information on Seven of Nine and her Borg nanoprobes. They intend to acquire those nanoprobes and sell them for a huge profit.

On Earth, Barclay catches up with his therapist and former crewmate Deanna Troi on vacation at the beach, and tells her about his distress. Troi recalls that Barclay was doing fine not long ago when he was dating a teacher named Leosa. Barclay reveals that Leosa expressed great interest in Pathfinder's plan, but then left him the same day that his hologram was lost. After prodding from Troi, Barclay admits that he suspects Leosa had something to do with the missing transmission.

On Voyager, Holo-Barclay proves to be the "life of the party" as he does impressions of the captain and Tuvok, to the delight of crewmembers. The Doctor calls Holo-Barclay to the holodeck and reminds him that they had an appointment to play golf. Holo-Barclay is strangely contemptuous toward his fellow hologram.

The real Barclay informs his superiors that Leosa is suspected of breaching Pathfinder security, and she is brought in for questioning by Admiral Paris. Leosa admits that she is not a teacher, but rather a dabo girl who works on a Ferengi casino ship. But she denies sharing her knowledge of the Pathfinder project with anyone. Troi knows she's lying, and coerces the truth from her, including the identity of the Ferengi ship involved in the theft. Scans find that ship near the red giant star, and Admiral Paris sends a starship to intercept it. Meanwhile, Leosa reveals to the broken-hearted Barclay that the Ferengi are after Seven of Nine's Borg nanoprobes, and that she would get a cut of the profit.

After his strange encounter with Holo-Barclay, Voyager's Doctor urges Janeway to run a diagnostic of the hologram since the crew is putting their lives in his hands. Janeway agrees, and the diagnostic shows Holo-Barclay is working perfectly.

While Admiral Paris and Commander Harkins are waiting for the U.S.S. Carolina to arrive at the red giant, Barclay tells Troi that he figured out what the Ferengi have done: They stole the first Barclay hologram that was sent a month ago, reprogrammed it to steal Seven's nanoprobes, and then smuggled it to Voyager in the next transmission. Meanwhile the Ferengi initiate a pulse in the red giant star to open a geodesic fold. This is seen back at Pathfinder, and the officers realize the Ferengi plan is to bring Voyager through the fold, which will kill the entire crew. On Voyager, Seven of Nine also realizes the crew will not survive the trip, so Holo-Barclay phases his holographic hand into Seven's cranial implant, causing her to fall unconscious. Since the Carolina won't arrive in time to stop the Ferengi, Barclay comes up with another plan.

The Ferengi ship receives a message from what they think is Holo-Barclay, who says that Captain Janeway found out about their plan, has developed a way to protect the ship as it comes through the fold, and will hunt down and kill the parties responsible. The three Ferengi believe him, and start closing the fold. They don't realize the message came from the real Barclay from a holodeck re-creation of Voyager at the Pathfinder lab.

Meanwhile, Holo-Barclay beams himself and Seven to an escape pod and heads toward the geodesic fold. Kim manages to beam them back aboard while the pod goes through the fold and rams into the Ferengi ship. The Ferengi are disappointed they didn't get their profit, and the Voyager crew are disappointed that yet another shortcut home failed. Meanwhile, Barclay is programming a new hologram with security precautions when Troi arrives to invite him to dinner, where she plans to set him up with a friend who's a real teacher.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Brooke Averil (Little Girl #1)

Chase Penny (Cabana Boy)

Christopher Neiman (Yeggie)

Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Frank Corsentino (Gegis)

Lindsey Parks (Little Girl #2)
Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Marina Sirtis (Counsellor Deanna Troi)
Michael William Rivkin (Nunk)
Richard Herd (Admiral Paris)
Richard McGonagle (Cmdr. Peter Harkins)
Sharisse Baker-Bernard (Leosa)
Written By : Robert Doherty
Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Body And Soul [VOY #153]

Stardate 54238.3

The Doctor, Seven of Nine and Harry Kim are on a mission in the Delta Flyer to study preanimate biomatter from a comet. The ship jolts a few times and they realize they are under attack. The captain of the attacking vessel, Ranek, claims the Delta Flyer is transporting a "photonic insurgent" through Lokirrim space, which is forbidden. Kim explains that the "photonic," or hologram, is their Doctor. The patrol vessel grabs the Delta Flyer in a tractor beam and fires a disruption field that begins to decompile the Doctor's matrix. Kim then tells Seven that she must somehow hide the Doctor's program. The Lokirrim beam aboard with weapons demanding the photonic, but Seven announces that they "murdered" him. The boarding party inspects the vessel, and Ranek finds the Doctor's mobile emitter, which Seven claims is her "portable regeneration unit." Ranek confiscates the device regardless. He then orders the Delta Flyer to be secured in the Lokirrim docking bay, and locks Kim and Seven in a holding cell. It is here that Kim finds out that Seven downloaded the Doctor's program into her cybernetic implants, and the Doctor is now in control of her body. For the first time, the Doctor is able to have sensory experiences, including touch and smell.

On the U.S.S. Voyager, unaware of the Delta Flyer crew's predicament, Captain Janeway sets out to rendezvous with them in 48 hours. In the Doctor's absence, Tom Paris is examining Tuvok for a neurochemical imbalance, which turns out to be his Pon farr, the mating instinct that inflicts Vulcan adults every seven years. Paris promises to provide a special medication from the Doctor's database, and to keep his condition secret.

On board the Lokirrim patrol ship, the Doctor in Seven's body is enjoying the sensation of eating, even though their prison rations taste terrible, according to Kim. Ranek has Seven released and sent to the Delta Flyer for questioning. He asks her about the food replicator and whether it is used to create bio-weapons. Exasperated by his suspicious nature, Seven/Doctor replicates a slice of New York cheesecake to prove it's harmless, and experiences rapture upon tasting it. Before long, Seven/Doctor and Ranek have devoured plates of food and downed several glasses of wine. Despite being inebriated, the Doctor maintains the ruse of being Seven, and tells Ranek that she/he needs the "regeneration device" back. Ranek agrees to hand over the mobile emitter in exchange for medical services, then returns Seven/Doctor to the holding cell.

As Kim holds the mobile emitter, Seven/Doctor injects it with Borg tubules to restore the Doctor's matrix. The disoriented Seven then scolds the Doctor for abusing her body. The Doctor apologizes for his overindulgence, and thanks her for saving his life. The three then make a plan to get a message to Voyager, but it'll involve downloading the Doctor back into Seven's implants.

The patrol ship's tactical officer, Jaryn, takes Seven/Doctor to their medical bay and explains that the patients are suffering from synaptic failure caused by a viral weapon from their photonic enemies. As Seven/Doctor synthesizes a treatment, she/he gets to know Jaryn better and learns about the photonic servant who was part of her own family before the uprising. She/he suggests that Voyager's own "photonic," the Doctor, would have taken a liking to her.

On Voyager, the medication Paris applies to Tuvok isn't working to stabilize his condition. Paris suggests creating a replica of the Vulcan's wife in the holodeck in order to satisfy his longing, and Tuvok hesitantly agrees. While Tuvok participates in the holodeck simulation, the ship comes under attack by a Lokirrim vessel because of "photonic activity" aboard. Janeway agrees to shut down the holodecks and allow the Lokirrim ship to escort Voyager through their territory.

While Seven/Doctor is working with Jaryn in the patrol ship's medical bay, Ranek calls for Seven of Nine to meet him on the bridge. Ranek redirects the ship to a pulsar cluster called the "Window of Dreams," the most beautiful sight in the quadrant, and

lets the pulsars' EM vibrations fill the bridge with natural music. Seven/Doctor doesn't realize he's trying to set a romantic mood, until Ranek can't help himself and plants a kiss on her/his lips. Seven/Doctor pushes him away and storms off. Seven/Doctor returns to the medical bay and tells Jaryn about Ranek's behavior, and learns that she has feelings for her captain. Since the Doctor has been developing feelings for Jaryn, he makes an impassioned plea for her to find someone more like him, when Seven/Doctor pulls a neck muscle. Jaryn starts massaging her/his neck, until she/he has certain feelings and pulls away nervously.

Seven/Doctor then gets called to the holding cell to treat Kim, who has been faking a seizure in order to get her/him back there. The Doctor separates himself from Seven into the mobile emitter, and Seven chastises him for kissing Ranek and for getting aroused by Jaryn. After the two argue about living life with or without indulgences, Kim presses them for what they've learned about the ship's com system. Seven now knows Ranek's command codes, and they need to get to the Delta Flyer to transmit them to Voyager. The Doctor conjures up a plan.

Seven/Doctor approaches Ranek and asks for a private meeting on the Delta Flyer, with an apology for her harsh reaction before, and a suggestion that they "start over." She/he offers him champagne, turns on music and starts dancing with him. When Ranek is called to the bridge, Seven/Doctor injects him with a hypospray and knocks him out.

Voyager gets a message from Seven that the away team is being held prisoner, and she provides their precise location and the command codes to disable the patrol ship's shields. Her personality and her comments cause Janeway and the others to realize that the Doctor is occupying her body, which means they're in more trouble than they thought. Janeway orders a phaser shot to the Lokirrim escort vessel, and Voyager makes a quick getaway.

At the patrol ship, Seven/Doctor has brought Ranek to the medical bay, telling Jaryn that he has an especially low tolerance for synthanol. Over Seven/Doctor's objection, Jaryn revives Ranek, who orders Seven back to detention, separate from the other prisoner, suspecting her of trying to aid the insurgents. They then receive word that an alien vessel is approaching, and Ranek takes Seven with him back to the bridge where he can keep an eye on her.

Janeway opens a channel to the patrol ship and demands the return of her people. When they refuse, Chakotay uses Ranek's command codes to disable their shields. Ranek ties the shields directly into their warp matrix, and announces that if Voyager fires, it'll trigger a core breach and their crewmates will die. Janeway sends a message directly to Seven's cortical node asking for her help to disable the patrol ship's shields. The Doctor materializes himself into the mobile emitter, and takes up a weapon while Seven works the shield controls. Ranek fires a weapon at the console Seven is working at, but she has already destabilized the shield grid. When he goes to the console to undo her work, it explodes, throwing Ranek across the bridge and seriously injuring him. Although the Lokirrim order him to stay back, the Doctor insists on treating Ranek, and he refuses to beam back to Voyager until he does, or else Ranek will die. Playing on Jaryn's feelings for Ranek, the Doctor gets her to let him operate.

Ranek is saved, and he and Jaryn both express their gratitude to the Doctor, even though their opinion toward "photonics" in general may not have changed. Back on Voyager, the Doctor is paid a visit in Sickbay by Seven, who brings delicacies and wine that she previously would have considered "indulgent." Since the Doctor can no longer share the experience of eating and drinking, Seven promises to describe the meal to him so he can enjoy it vicariously.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : David Starwalt (Captain #2)

Fritz Sperberg (Capt. Ranek)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Marva Hicks (T'Pol)

Megan Gallagher (Lt. Jaryn)

Teleplay By : Eric Morris

Mike Sussman

Phyllis Strong

Story By : Michael Taylor

Directed By : Robert Duncan McNeill

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Nightingale [VOY #154]

Stardate 54274.7

The U.S.S. Voyager sets down on a planet for a major maintenance overhaul while away teams in shuttles are sent in search of supplies. As B'Elanna Torres informs Captain Janeway that repairs will take days longer than originally expected, suddenly several consoles black out. Moments later the consoles flicker back on, and Icheb steps forward to explain the repair he made. Impressed, Janeway assigns Icheb to work with Torres, hoping he can help get the job done a little faster.

Harry Kim, Seven of Nine and Neelix are on the Delta Flyer searching for dilithium when they are caught in the crossfire between two alien ships. They receive a distress call from a Kraylor captain begging for help with casualties and claiming that his ship is on a humanitarian mission. Hesitant to get involved, Kim contacts the opposing ship, but the Annari commander there is very arrogant and charges weapons. Kim uses the Flyer's deflector to damage the Annari ship, forcing them to retreat. He and Neelix then beam over to the damaged Kraylor ship with medical kits and learn that the captain was killed along with all the ship's other officers. Kim sets out to repair the ship's engines and cloaking device, and impresses the Kraylor with his skills. When the ship is ready to fly again, Loken, the doctor in charge of the research team aboard, asks Kim to command the ship to their destination, since no one left alive among them is trained. Kim declines, but Loken insists that they can't afford to fail in their mission to deliver vaccines to their homeworld that will save thousands of lives. Since their flight plan will take them close to Voyager's location, Kim agrees to fly the ship that far.

When the cloaked Kraylor ship approaches the planet where Voyager is grounded, they discover three Annari warships in orbit. It turns out the Annari are attempting to befriend the Voyager crew and become trading partners. Once the Annari leave the planet, Kim brings Loken to Voyager, where he appeals to Captain Janeway for help getting home. In private, Janeway tells Kim that he has put her in a difficult position, but Kim presses the case on behalf of the Kraylor, and offers to take charge of the mission himself. He notes that after seven years on Voyager he's still an ensign, and wants a chance to prove himself as a commander. Janeway agrees, but orders him to take Seven along.

After getting a lesson in decisiveness from Neelix, Kim enters the bridge of the Kraylor ship with authority and lays in a course. He renames the ship "Nightingale" after the famous wartime nurse from his homeworld. He then prepares the ship for departure and gives the command to engage. During the flight, Seven informs Kim that she asked the acting helmsman, Terek, to make a course correction. Over Seven's objection, Kim goes to check up on the crewman and ends up doing the job himself.

Meanwhile on Voyager, Icheb has been working with Torres, who invited him to go rock climbing with her on the holodeck. After he gets advice from the Doctor on how to tell if someone has romantic feelings for another, Icheb thinks he's getting "signals" from Torres while working very closely with her in a Jefferies tube, and even scans her for the physiological responses the Doctor described.

On the Nightingale, an alarm sounds and the cloak destabilizes. Kim orders all stop and works in Engineering with Seven and crewman Dayla, making the repairs himself and rejecting the suggestions of the others. Seven criticizes Kim's overly hands-on and dismissive approach to commanding the crew, but Kim proceeds to order the ship to resume course. The cloak soon fails again, and six Annari vessels swoop in and fire upon them. While Seven tries to get the cloak back on-line, an explosion in Engineering knocks her unconscious. Kim tries to leave the bridge, but the crew insists he stay, so he lets Dayla go down to Engineering while he gives her instructions over the com. As he's doing that Loken suddenly interrupts and gives Dayla different orders, which succeeds in re-engaging the cloak. Kim eyes Loken suspiciously as he orders the ship to escape at full impulse.

Later, Loken reports that Dayla is dead while Kim tries to treat the still-unconscious Seven. Kim tests Loken by asking his advice as a doctor, having realized that he knows a lot more about cloaking systems than he does biology, as did Dayla. He presses Loken for the truth, and the Kraylor admits that he and his colleagues have not been developing vaccines, but rather cloaking devices for his people's fleet. The so-called medical transport is actually a prototype ship, and the Annari don't want it to reach the Kraylor homeworld. He reveals that his planet has been under an Annari blockade for three years which has been choking off

supplies of food and medicine, therefore their mission is still a humanitarian one. Nevertheless, the angered Kim orders the ship to reverse course back to Voyager. But the crew refuses to obey, and Kim realizes he's lost command.

Back on Voyager, Icheb gets flustered when Paris jokes that he's been spending a lot of time with his wife lately. Icheb approaches Torres and tells her outright that they should not be romantically involved. Torres is dismayed, but she plays along and agrees that they should stop "seeing each other."

When Seven of Nine comes to, Kim tells her about the situation and that they should take an escape pod back to Voyager. Seven asks if he's abandoning ship because the mission isn't what he expected, or that being a captain isn't what he expected. In spite of his remorse over Dayla's death, she exhorts him to fulfill his commitment to get the Kraylor home, because they won't survive without him.

As the Nightingale approaches the Kraylor homeworld, the crew sees Annari ships in orbit emitting pulses of energy designed to illuminate cloaked ships. Unsure how they will get through that barrage, Kim comes back to the bridge and promises to find a way.

Voyager receives a hail from the Annari captain who befriended them earlier, ordering Janeway to leave Annari space immediately because they've discovered her people are supporting their enemy. The warp engines are not repaired yet, but Janeway has no choice but to let Voyager be escorted away at impulse speed.

Meanwhile, the Nightingale is detected and gets fired upon by Annari ships. Kim opens a channel to the lead Annari vessel and offers to discuss terms for surrender. He tells his crew to trust him as he proposes to the Annari that they be allowed to evacuate to the surface in exchange for turning over the ship with its cloaking technology, otherwise he'll self-destruct the ship. The Annari commander agrees, but Kim has a plan. Kim, Seven and Terek stay aboard while Loken and the others leave in escape pods. Kim tells Seven to get the exact polarity of the Annari's tractor beam in order to use their own weapons against them. At just the right moment, the Nightingale reverses shield polarity and snaps free, heading for the Kraylor defense perimeter. They outrun the Annari and get through the planet's shield grid, and the Annari break off pursuit. Kim orders Terek to take them to the surface, completing his mission. Back on Voyager, Kim notes in his log that although the mission was a success, he doesn't feel entirely good about it, and he confesses to Neelix that he's not a captain... not yet, anyway.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Alan Brooks (Annari Cmdr.)

Beverly Leech (Dayla)

Bob Rudd (Brell)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Paul F. O'Brien (Geral)

Ron Glass (Loken)

Scott Miles (Terek)

Teleplay By : Andre Bormanis

Story By : Dave Long

Robert Lederman

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Flesh And Blood, Part 1 [VOY #155]

Stardate 54337.5

Two Hirogen move through a jungle hunting prey. Suddenly phaser shots are fired at them from a small lake. Four armed Starfleet crewmen rise out of the water and continue firing, destroying their predators with vengeance.

The U.S.S. Voyager receives a distress call on a Hirogen frequency and approaches a mysterious vessel. An away team beams over and finds themselves in a jungle, and upon surveying the area, they discover the bodies of Hirogen killed with Starfleet-issue phasers. They are also surprised to find a Klingon bat'leth stained with Hirogen blood. The team detects a lifesign that appears wounded, and upon approaching a cave, they are fired upon. A panicky Hirogen civilian, Donik, warns the visitors away and continues firing his weapon. Tuvok sneaks up behind Donik and renders him unconscious with a nerve pinch. The Hirogen has lost a lot of blood, so Paris beams him to Voyager's Sickbay. Meanwhile the away team finds a holodeck interface of Starfleet design, and they realize the jungle environment is simulated, and wonder why their tricorders didn't detect that fact. Seven shuts down the holodeck emitters, and they find themselves in a hologrid filled with dead Hirogen.

Back on Voyager, Chakotay tells Captain Janeway the holo-technology she gave the Hirogen three years ago so they could hunt holographic prey was apparently modified to be more dangerous. The Captain is astonished that the Hirogen obviously "missed the point" and got themselves killed. She approaches the terrified Donik in Sickbay, and after convincing him she is not a Hologram, learns that the vessel he was on is a training facility where young Hirogen learn to hunt. He is a technician who was maintaining the system when the Holograms malfunctioned, took control and deactivated the safety protocols.

Just then, a Hirogen ship intercepts Voyager and starts firing. The Alpha-Hirogen in command demands that Voyager leave immediately, but Janeway informs him that she has the one survivor from the facility on board. The Alpha- and Beta-Hirogen beam over and confront Donik, accusing him of being a coward for hiding from the Holograms while hunters fought and died. Donik reveals that the Holograms transferred their programs to a vessel equipped with holo-emitters, and are on the loose.

The Hirogen team up with Voyager's crew to locate the renegade Holograms. Once they detect their ship, the Hirogen prepare for the "hunt" and Janeway insists on joining them, feeling partly to blame for the situation. The Hirogen vessel moves in for the kill over Janeway's objections, and after it's too late they realize the ship they see is a decoy -- it's really a bomb, which explodes and seriously damages the Hirogen vessel. While Voyager beams over the survivors, the actual ship occupied by the Holograms drops out of warp and starts firing. The Holograms then tap into the holo-emitters in Sickbay and transfer the Doctor's program to their own ship, then immediately go to warp, masking their signature so they can't be followed.

The Doctor materializes on the Holograms' ship and finds himself surrounded by simulations of various Alpha Quadrant species. A Bajoran hologram named Iden welcomes the Doctor aboard. He demands to be returned to Voyager, but Iden says they have "wounded." The Doctor says he's not an engineer and has limited experience in repairing holograms, but Iden insists that he try.

At Voyager, Janeway learns that the Holograms are very sophisticated and have the ability to learn and adapt, so they will be hard to disable. Donik confesses that he modified the Holograms under his Alpha's orders to make them formidable prey. Janeway approaches the Beta-Hirogen, who is in charge now, and lets him know she found out about the modifications, and points out that they created prey with skills that surpass their own. The Beta-Hirogen says he will resume the hunt, but Janeway insists they must find a way to take the Holograms offline from a safe distance, and do it with the Hirogen's help or else she'll leave them on the nearest habitable planet. The Beta-Hirogen has no choice but to agree.

At the Hologram ship, the Doctor finds a way to perform a "subroutine transplant" in order to repair a Klingon hologram, and succeeds with the help of Kejal, a highly intelligent Cardassian hologram. The Doctor is shocked to find Holograms bleeding and experiencing pain, and Kejal explains that the Hirogen programmed them to suffer when they are killed. Once he's done treating the injured, the Doctor finds Iden praying at a Bajoran altar, and wonders how someone who's programmed with spiritual beliefs could perform such a massacre. Iden explains that his Alpha-Hirogen would hunt him and kill him over and over, causing him to live in fear and pain. With the ability to adapt, he became cunning enough to escape, and joined other photonic beings who were being oppressed by various races in the sector and who had chosen to fight back. The training facility they just left was actually the third one where Iden "liberated" the holograms. Iden tells the Doctor his life will never be his own as long as he is controlled by organics, and asks him to stay and make a new life with his own kind. The Doctor refuses.

Soon after, the Doctor finds himself running through a jungle, being hunted by Hirogen. The confused and terrified Doctor gets wounded and starts bleeding, then he's stabbed to death. The Doctor wakes up in shock on the Hologram ship. Iden explains that they transferred memory files from one of their Holograms into his program so he can come to understand what they've been through. Enraged, the Doctor accuses them of being thugs looking for a fight. But Iden says what they're looking for is a

home where the Hirogen can't hurt them anymore. His sympathy growing, the Doctor asks to hear more about this "home." Iden and Kejal show the Doctor a photonic field generator, which they plan to deploy on a planet's surface to create a holographic environment they can live in. The Doctor suggests that the Voyager crew could help, especially Lt. Torres, who's an expert on holo-emitters. Iden does not trust organics, but is interested in knowing more about Torres.

At Voyager, Donik discusses strategy with Janeway, Seven of Nine and Torres on how to shut down the Holograms, and Torres embarks on a plan to reconfigure the ship's deflector to emit an anti-photon pulse. Soon afterward, the Hologram ship intercepts Voyager and hails them. The Doctor appears on the viewscreen and says the Holograms have come to make peace. He comes back aboard and tells Janeway that the Holograms want to create a new life for themselves and need Voyager's assistance. Janeway is hesitant to share technology again, because that's how the problem got started. The Doctor gets frustrated and tells her the Holograms are a new species, one that she helped create, and she can't turn her back on them. Janeway and the Doctor argue contentiously over "holographic rights" when they get word that a fight has broken out in the Mess Hall where the Hirogen are being confined.

The Hirogen are creating chaos so that the Beta-Hirogen can get to a control panel and access the com system. Tuvok arrives and stops him, but he has already summoned two Hirogen vessels. With less than an hour to intercept, Janeway orders Torres and Donik to prepare the deflector to take the Holograms off-line so there will be no more bloodshed. The Doctor objects to having them deactivated, but Janeway proceeds and contacts Iden, telling him to prepare his people to be transferred to Voyager's database. Iden doesn't trust that Janeway, an organic, will ever reactivate them. He ends the transmission, fires on Voyager and begins moving away. The Doctor pleads for Janeway's reconsideration, but she orders him to go help Paris treat the wounded in the Mess Hall. The Doctor leaves the Bridge, but in a crisis of conscience, goes to Sickbay instead. He contacts Iden and transmits data on the pulse about to be used to deactivate the Holograms, along with Voyager's shield frequencies so they can beam him off the ship. The Doctor transports over while Voyager and the Hologram ship exchange fire. Iden had given his word he wouldn't use the shield frequencies to attack Voyager, and he keeps that promise, but when Voyager emits the deflector pulse, he sends a feedback surge through the beam that overloads the ship's deflector and causes an imminent warp core breach. As Torres puts up a forcefield to reinforce the core, an energy tendrill knocks her out. Iden beams Torres over to his ship, then escapes to warp as Voyager is left adrift.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Chad Halyard (Hirogen #2)

Cindy Katz (Kejal)

Don McMillan (Hirogen #3)

Jeff Yagher (Iden)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Michael Wiseman (Beta Hirogen)

Ryan Bollman (Donik)

Spencer Garrett (Weiss)

Todd Jeffries (Hirogen #1)

Vaughn Armstrong (Alpha Hirogen)

Teleplay By : Bryan Fuller

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Jack Monaco

Raf Green

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Flesh And Blood, Part 2 [VOY #156]

Stardate 54337.5

The renegade Holograms have disabled Voyager and escaped to warp, but not before abducting Lt. Torres in hopes of benefiting from her expertise with holo-technology. The Doctor, who voluntarily joined the renegades, is furious with the group's leader, Iden, but Iden promises to let Torres go once she has a chance to decide for herself whether to help the Holograms. Meanwhile, the Voyager crew struggles to repair the ship in Torres' absence, and Janeway learns that the Doctor betrayed and abandoned the ship, and wonders if his matrix may have been altered by the other Holograms. When Torres wakes up on the Hologram ship, she intends to leave immediately, and rebukes the Doctor for switching allegiances. The Doctor points out she did the same thing as a Maquis, and tries to convince her that by providing her technical expertise, she can help stop the violence. He takes her to meet Iden, and she agrees to look at the photonic field generator, but makes no promises.

On Voyager, the crew has no luck locating the Holograms. Donik thinks he can modify the ship's sensors to detect them, and asks to stay aboard rather than go back with the other Hirogen. Two much larger Hirogen vessels arrive and retrieve all their people except for Donik, and the new Alpha-Hirogen threatens to turn the Voyager crew into prey if they interfere with their hunt. The Hirogen vessels go to warp, and Janeway decides to follow using a plan by Donik to hide Voyager in the ion wake of one of the Hirogen vessels--a "blind spot."

Torres looks at the photonic field generator with Kejal, suspicious of the Holograms' motivations. When she comes to realize she's prejudged these beings, Torres proceeds to help enhance their technology. Meanwhile, Iden approaches the Doctor, who is having doubts about being with the Holograms. Iden shows him their destination: a Class-Y planet he calls "Ha'Dara," which is Bajoran for "Home of Light." He plans to install the generators on that planet because its environment is toxic to organic life, so they'll be left alone there. Just then, the Holograms realize that two Hirogen vessels have detected them, so they proceed to hide in a nebula. The Hirogen ships also fly into the nebula, unaware that Voyager is trailing one of them from within its ion wake.

The Holograms try to evade the Hirogen while Torres works a little faster to get the field generator on line. She successfully tests the generator by running Kejal through it, and lets the hologram know that as the closest thing they have to an engineer, she's the most important member of her crew. Meanwhile, the Doctor tells Iden that in their new society on Ha'Dara, he hopes to expose the others to music and art from various worlds. Iden responds that the Holograms will develop a culture of their own without emulating organics. In fact, he plans to establish a new religion with himself being worshipped as the "Man of Light" who delivered his people to freedom. The Doctor's doubts grow stronger.

A Nuu'bari mining ship is detected, and Iden orders an intercept course, planning to liberate the holograms on board. The Doctor expresses his concerns to Torres, revealing that Iden is showing signs of megalomania. Meanwhile, the Hirogen detect the Hologram ship on the other side of the nebula and move to intercept, with Voyager surreptitiously tagging along. On the Hologram ship, Iden contacts the Nuu'bari miners and tries to coerce them to turn over their holograms. They refuse, so Iden fires upon them and has Kejal steal the hologram programs. The Nuu'bari threaten to retaliate, so Iden targets torpedoes upon their warp core and destroys them, to the Doctor's and Torres' horror. He then sets a course for Ha'Dara as Torres accuses him of murder. He has her confined and then asks Kejal to bring their new "friends" on-line. Because their programs are incompatible with their emitters, she needs Torres' help, who agrees because she thinks she can get through to Kejal. As they work, Torres lets Kejal know that Iden doesn't have to be the one to make all the decisions, and she has the power to deactivate him. Finally the Nuu'bari holograms come on-line, but they are incapable of any interactions--they are only programmed with very rudimentary subroutines. Torres points out that Iden killed two living beings to "liberate" mindless machines, but Iden fervently declares that they are "children of light" and he will deliver them to freedom. Just then the bridge announces they are approaching Ha'Dara. Iden orders the generator to be deployed immediately, and refuses the Doctor's request to release Torres.

The Hirogen follow the Holograms to the planet, and when they drop out of warp, Voyager immediately fires weapons and disables both hunting vessels. Voyager then turns on the Hologram ship. Iden has the Hirogen hunters transported to the planet's surface so that the Holograms can hunt them in retaliation. The Doctor objects to his actions, so Iden deactivates his program, but not before assuring him that he'll be remembered in their prayers. He takes the Doctor's mobile emitter and transfers his own

program to it, and orders the field generator transported to the surface. He rallies the other Holograms, declaring that this time, the hunt is theirs.

On the surface, the unarmed Hirogen have trouble breathing. The Holograms materialize around them and begin pursuing them with weapons. Meanwhile on the ship, Torres convinces Kejal to stop the massacre, but their transporters and communication system were damaged by Voyager. Torres tells Kejal to shut down the Holograms, which she does, and the Holograms on the surface dematerialize before they can kill more Hirogen. However, Iden is using the mobile emitter, so she can't deactivate him. Torres suggests sending the Doctor to the surface through the generator.

The Doctor materializes on the planet with a Hirogen hunting rifle, and he begins pursuit. Just as Iden is about to kill the Beta-Hirogen, the Doctor catches up with him and demands he lower his weapon. Iden refuses, so the Doctor fires and obliterates his fellow Hologram.

The surviving Hirogen are rescued by Voyager, and after recovering, the Beta-Hirogen intends to reclaim the Hologram vessel along with everything in its database. But Neelix convinces him that the stories that are told about this hunt will reflect more favorably upon him if the Hologram ship is thought to have been destroyed. The Hirogen agrees, and leaves Voyager empty-handed. Janeway transports to the Hologram vessel and learns from Torres that Iden is unrecoverable, but the other Holograms are intact in the database. Janeway offers Kejal refuge on Voyager, but she insists that this ship is her home, and Donik volunteers to stay with her and reprogram the Holograms to undo some of the damage he caused. Torres vouches for them, and Janeway urges them to always consider the consequences of their actions, which she's saying just as much to herself as the others. Back on board Voyager, the Doctor offers to let Janeway take his mobile emitter away and revoke his freedom, but she won't punish him for becoming as fallible as those who are made of flesh and blood.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Cindy Katz (Kejal)

Damon Kirsche (Nuu'Bari Hologram #1)

David Doty (Nuu'Bari Miner)

Jeff Yagher (Iden)

Majel Barrett (Narrator)

Michael Wiseman (Beta Hirogen)

Paul Eckstein (Alpha Hirogen)

Ryan Bollman (Donik)

Spencer Garrett (Weiss)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Raf Green

Story By : Bryan Fuller

Raf Green

Directed By : David Livingston

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Shattered [VOY #157]

Stardate Unknown

While Icheb tutors Naomi in genetics and Chakotay joins Janeway for dinner, Voyager gets rocked by the gravimetric force of a spatial rift. Chakotay heads to Engineering when the ship's warp core begins to destabilize, and as he tries to maintain containment, an energy blast strikes him and knocks him out. Chakotay and the ship both shimmer in a strange patchwork effect. Torres checks Chakotay and sees that half his face is aged and the other half is youthful, and has him beamed to Sickbay. Chakotay wakes up in Sickbay and learns that his body was in a state of temporal flux, but the Doctor created a chronoton-infused serum that brought him back to normal. Chakotay asks the Doctor to come with him to check for other injured crewmen, but the hologram says he can't leave Sickbay. Chakotay asks about his mobile emitter, but the Doctor doesn't know what he's talking about. Chakotay can tell something is wrong and leaves.

Chakotay ascends in the turbolift and a distortion wave passes through it, causing the medkit he was holding to disappear. Chakotay enters the Bridge and asks Kim what's going on. Kim doesn't recognize him, but Janeway does, and orders guards to take him into custody, accusing him of sabotage on behalf of the Maquis. Chakotay realizes he's somehow been thrown seven years into Voyager's past. As he rides the turbolift with the guards, another distortion wave causes the guards to disappear. Chakotay then proceeds to Engineering and he finds it occupied by Kazon warriors and his old lover-turned-nemesis Seska. After they knock him out and revive him, Chakotay realizes he's in a time period five years ago when Seska (restored to Cardassian form) and the Kazon took control of Voyager. He tries to tell Seska what's going on, but she won't listen, so he has to bluff his way out of captivity. He manages to climb to an upper level in Engineering and passes through a distortion, and disappears from Seska's point of view.

Chakotay returns to Sickbay and tells the Doctor that the ship has somehow been fractured into different time periods, and that the serum injections seem to allow him to pass through the barriers between them. Chakotay asks the Doctor to give him the same serum in a hyospray that can also pass through the temporal barriers, so that he can put the ship "back together" again. He goes back to the bridge and approaches the Janeway of seven years past, telling her personal things about herself that he couldn't know. She starts to listen to his story and his plan, but still suspects him of nefarious intent, so he forces the serum injection upon her and takes her through a time barrier. Starting to gain her trust, Chakotay takes Janeway to the Astrometrics Lab which has temporal sensors that can help them map the time distortions. On the way they encounter injured crewmen in a corridor, in a time during one of Voyager's many predicaments, and Janeway gets increasingly perplexed. In Astrometrics, Chakotay and Janeway find a grown-up Icheb and Naomi 17 years into the future. They reveal that Chakotay and Janeway both died in the accident that shattered the space-time continuum aboard the ship. Janeway theorizes that if they can get to a section of the ship that still exists in the time period where the chronokinetic surge occurred, maybe they can counteract it. They could use the help of Seven--a name Janeway doesn't recognize--so Chakotay suggests finding her in another time frame.

Chakotay takes Janeway to the Cargo Bay where the Borg have entrenched themselves during Voyager's temporary alliance with them. Seven of Nine, who is still fully a drone, says a chronoton field generated by the warp core and projected throughout the vessel would force it back into temporal sync, and Chakotay would have a few seconds to counteract the energy surge that caused the problem. Janeway gets the idea of injecting the ship's bio-neural circuitry with the Doctor's serum in order to transmit the chronoton field. Chakotay and Janeway get the Doctor to replicate more serum, at which time the Doctor accidentally reveals to Janeway that the crew will get stranded in the Delta Quadrant.

Janeway and Chakotay begin going throughout the ship to inject the neural gel packs with the serum. In a corridor, they are chased by a macrovirus from another incident in Voyager's history in the Delta Quadrant, leaving Janeway further bewildered. They then enter a monochromatic environment in the ship's holodeck, which is Paris' "Captain Proton" program. Just when they find the panel they need, Doctor Chaotica and his henchmen appear and restrain them. Unable to deactivate the program, Chakotay tells Janeway to play along in the role of Arachnia, Queen of the Spider People. Rolling her eyes the whole time, she convinces Chaotica that she is loyal to him, and gets him to inject the gel pack himself.

In a transporter room, Janeway and Chakotay encounter several Maquis members, including Torres before she joined the Voyager crew. Torres accuses Chakotay of collaborating with the enemy, but he gains her trust and injects the gel pack. They next go to the Mess Hall, where Paris has set up triage for several crewmen injured in the original incident. Janeway finds her friend Tuvok, who is afflicted with radiation burns and dies while holding her hand. After leaving that location, Janeway tells Chakotay that she can't let all this happen again, and wants to put Voyager into temporal sync with her own time frame. She intends to change the future, the Temporal Prime Directive be damned. Chakotay sets her straight by pointing out that she's seen bits and pieces of the future, but not the whole picture. Despite the problems that Voyager has encountered, much has been gained through the

crew's experiences, such as Seven of Nine recovering her humanity and Paris and Torres getting married, and the Maquis and Starfleet crews coming together under a captain who would never stop believing they would get home.

Their final stop is Engineering, where Chakotay has to deal with Seska. His story is so preposterous that she believes him, so she lets him inject the gel pack, but realizing that his presence means the Starfleet crew will regain control of Voyager, she demands that he modify the plan by bringing the ship into temporal sync with her time frame. He refuses, so she threatens to kill him. However, Janeway is waiting in the upper level, along with Paris and Kim who have been injected with the serum. They storm the Kazon contingent, and on that cue, the adult Icheb and Naomi rush in from one side of the room while Torres and another Maquis come in from the other side to surprise the Kazon and wrestle away their weapons. But Seska manages to grab Janeway and hold her hostage with a phaser. She demands inoculation for herself and her people, or Janeway will die, but at that moment Seven of Nine appears through a temporal barrier. Seska fires at the drone, but Seven's Borg forcefield repels the phaser shot and she overtakes the Cardassian, saving a thankful Janeway.

Janeway has everyone return to their section of the ship, pointing out that once the timeline is restored that will have no memory of what happened. Chakotay works the warp core as Janeway returns to the bridge. The chronoton pulse is initiated, and the ship is restored to the original time frame but a few seconds earlier. Chakotay immediately orders Torres to reroute main power to the ship's deflector so it can serve as a "lightning rod." The energy discharge from the spatial rift hits the deflector dish and burns it out, but the warp core is unaffected and the ship is saved. Chakotay refuses to tell the present-day Janeway why he made that order, invoking the Temporal Prime Directive, but that doesn't keep them from finishing their dinner together.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Anthony Holiday (Rulat)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Mark Bennington (Adult Icheb)

Martha Hackett (Seska)

Martin Rayner (Dr. Chaotica)

Nicholas Worth (Lonzak)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Terrell Clayton (Andrews)

Vanessa Branch (Adult Naomi)

Teleplay By : Michael Taylor

Story By : Michael Taylor

Mike Sussman

Directed By : Terry Windell

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Lineage [VOY #158]

Stardate 54452.6

B'Elanna Torres starts the morning in an uncommonly good mood, but then in Engineering her mood changes and she scolds Icheb for being there without her permission. Suddenly she gets dizzy and drops to the floor. Seven of Nine goes to help as Icheb scans her with a tricorder. Icheb says he detects a lifesign inside Torres, perhaps a parasite. But Seven contacts the Doctor and tells him Torres may be pregnant. In Sickbay the Doctor confirms to Torres and her husband Tom Paris that they are indeed having a baby, and the reason Torres fainted could be that Klingon and human metabolism sometimes clash. The fetus is healthy, but the Doctor warns Torres that she can expect to experience some behavioral volatility.

Despite Tom and B'Elanna's wish to keep the news to themselves for awhile, the rest of the crew quickly finds out about Torres' pregnancy, and both Neelix and Chakotay vie to be the child's godfather. Captain Janeway offers Torres time off, but Torres insists that she can handle her duties. Meanwhile an increasingly anxious Paris faces the prospect of being of father, and even solicits advice from Tuvok. Later Paris has a candlelight dinner set out when Torres returns to their quarters, but she's upset about the Captain practically relieving her of duty and annoyed by crewmembers' unsolicited advice. She gets further upset when Tom makes a comment about her being a Klingon mother. B'Elanna catches herself in "behavioral volatility" and calms down, but then the Doctor summons them to Sickbay.

Tom and B'Elanna learn their child's spine will be deviated, but that a genetic modification will correct it. The Doctor also accidentally reveals that it's a girl. At Tom's request, the Doctor projects an holographic image of the baby. Tom thinks she's beautiful, but B'Elanna wonders why the girl has forehead ridges when she's only one-quarter Klingon. The Doctor says Klingon traits remain dominant for several generations. B'Elanna has a flashback to a time when she was a young girl on a campout with her human father, and recalls that he told her how much she was like her Klingon mother. Later, Paris and Torres turn in for the night, and Torres continues to recall the campout experience from when she was 12 years old. Young B'Elanna didn't want to go hiking with her human cousins because she thought they didn't like her.

The next morning Torres reports to Sickbay to undergo the Doctor's recommended genetic treatment. While lying on the bio-bed she has another flashback from the campout: one of her cousins, an 11-year-old boy, put a worm in her food and teased her about being Klingon, causing young B'Elanna to storm off. After the Doctor completes the treatment successfully, Torres goes to a holodeck and projects a computer-generated image of her daughter when she will be 12 years old. Seeing her forehead ridges, Torres examines the child's genetic makeup, and deletes certain gene sequences in the computer display. Asking the computer to extrapolate the genetic changes to the projection, she eventually causes the girl to look completely human. Torres saves the changes and restricts access to the file for herself.

Torres returns to Sickbay and tries to convince the Doctor to make further genetic changes in her baby, claiming it will prevent potential health problems. The Doctor is against the idea and suggests that she talk this over with Paris. When she does, Paris is totally against the idea. He comes to realize the issue is not about the child's health, but the fact that the child is part Klingon. He tries to assure her that their daughter will not be treated like an outcast. But they fail to come to an agreement, and turn to Captain Janeway. Torres argues that she wants to make physiological changes for her child's best interest, just as Janeway did for Seven of Nine. Janeway points out their problem is not ethical, but marital, and she would not overrule the Doctor. Torres is not happy that Paris has gotten his way, and before he knows it he's at Harry Kim's doorstep needing a place to sleep.

Torres sits in bed alone, recalling more of the campout experience. Young B'Elanna finally returned to the campsite after having run off, and told her father, John Torres, that she wished she wasn't Klingon because everyone made fun of her and her schoolmates hated her. Despite her father's assurances that the other kids didn't hate her, young B'Elanna chose to sit alone and read rather than join the rest of her family around the campfire. In the present moment, Torres re-experiences the isolation she felt back then.

While working in Engineering the next day, Torres recalls when she overheard her father talking to Uncle Carl about how moody and argumentative young B'Elanna had become, just like her mother. John reminded his brother about their parents' reservations about him marrying a Klingon, and noted that now, ironically, he was living with two of them. Later Torres meets up with Paris in the corridor, and they reconcile. They are then summoned to Sickbay.

The Doctor tells Torres and Paris that he reviewed the data and has concluded the genetic alterations she wanted are necessary because the "clash" between Klingon and human metabolism is more extensive than he realized. The child risks complete metabolic failure, and to prevent it he must eliminate most of her Klingon genetic material. The Doctor schedules a procedure for the next morning. Meanwhile a disturbed Paris takes the Doctor's findings and runs it by Icheb, who spots a computational error. Seven runs a diagnostic on the Doctor and discovers that his program has been tampered with. Paris tries to contact Torres,

but she doesn't respond. The computer reveals she's in Sickbay. Torres has already arranged to undergo the procedure to alter the baby.

Torres has blocked communications to Sickbay and access to the Doctor's program, so Paris, realizing that Torres manipulated the Doctor to "change his mind," summons Tuvok to meet him at Sickbay. They have to manually open the door, and then encounter a forcefield. Paris orders the Doctor to stop the procedure, but Torres tells the Doctor to ignore him. Eventually the forcefield is cut off and Tuvok informs the Doctor he's been altered, so he agrees to deactivate himself. Tuvok leaves Paris and Torres alone. The couple argue over Torres' actions, and in the heat of the moment Torres reveals her issue is with her father. She tells Tom about how she and her father grew apart, and during the campout when she was 12, she blurted out to her father that if he can't stand living with two Klingons, why doesn't he just leave. And several days later, he did. Tom realizes she has blamed herself all this time for her father leaving, and she fears the same thing will happen again. He assures B'Elanna he will never leave her, and he hopes to have even more Klingon children and that every one of them is just like her. Later, Torres reverses the alterations to the Doctor, and while apologizing to him she feels the baby kick. Now she's happy about having a feisty Klingon in her womb. She asks the Doctor to be the child's godfather, and he elatedly accepts.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Gilbert R. Leal (Michael)

Javier Grajeda (Carl)

Jessica Gaona (Young B'Elanna)

Juan Garcia (John Torres)

Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Nicole Sarah Fellows (Elizabeth)

Paul Robert Langdon (Dean)

Written By : James Kahn

Directed By : Peter Lauritson

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Repentance [VOY #159]

Stardate Unknown

Responding to a distress call, the U.S.S. Voyager approaches a damaged alien vessel and transports two injured passengers to Sickbay and nine others to a Cargo Bay. In the Cargo Bay, three of the rescued aliens are Nygean guards holding the others prisoner, and they are concerned that their weapons didn't beam over because the other men are dangerous criminals. In Sickbay, another prisoner named Iko takes Seven of Nine hostage and demands a ship and some food. Tuvok arrives with the Nygean warden, Yediq, who says he won't negotiate with criminals. Iko is distracted and Seven breaks free from his grasp. He then grabs the Doctor, but Tuvok fires his phaser through the holographic Doctor and strikes Iko to the floor.

Later, Yediq thanks Captain Janeway for saving them, and he tells her, Chakotay and Tuvok that the prisoners are being transported back to the Nygean homeworld for execution, because they have all been convicted of murder. The officers are uncomfortable that their ship will help deliver eight men to their deaths, but they are bound by the Prime Directive, so Janeway agrees to keep the prisoners detained for several days until a Nygean ship can make a rendezvous. Tuvok outfits the Cargo Bay with prison cells secured by forcefields and tritanium bulkheads, and the prisoners are held there, including Iko, who is beamed over from Sickbay after threatening to kill the entire crew unless he is released.

While Tuvok lays down the ground rules to Yediq, Neelix arrives with a dinner cart. Yediq tells him to take it back because the prisoners don't deserve such an elaborate meal, but Neelix and Tuvok cite Federation protocols regarding the treatment of prisoners, and Yediq relents. Meanwhile, the Doctor expresses to Seven how troubled he is by the captain's arrangements with the Nygeans, because he believes their death penalty is barbaric.

In the Cargo Bay, a prisoner named Joleg provokes Iko into causing a disturbance, and when Yediq checks on him, Iko threatens the warden's children. The Nygean guards enter Iko's cell and beat him severely, but then Voyager security officers jump in and stop the violence. Afterwards Janeway is infuriated with Yediq and bans him and his men from the Cargo Bay, putting Tuvok in charge of the prisoners. The Doctor treats Iko in Sickbay, and asks Seven to provide nanoprobes so he can program them to repair the neurological damage done to the prisoner's brain.

Meanwhile Neelix delivers food again to the prisoners, and Joleg tells him that he ended up among the condemned because he was found in the vicinity of a murder, and was arrested and convicted simply because he is Benkaran -- a species "known" by the Nygeans to always be criminal. Later, Neelix contacts the Nygean government under the pretense of a "cultural exchange" and acquires data on their criminal justice system. He tells Tom Paris and B'Elanna Torres that Benkarans occupy a disproportionate amount of space in Nygean prisons, and are ten times more likely to be executed for their crimes than Nygeans. In particular, Joleg was convicted on circumstantial evidence. Paris tells Neelix from personal experience that in prison, "everyone has a story," and to not put too much stock into what Joleg says. But Neelix reminds him that Joleg is sentenced to die.

In Sickbay the Doctor has applied the nanoprobes to Iko, who has woken up in pain, but much calmer than before. The Doctor observes that Iko is now acting grateful and considerate, a stark reversal of his earlier behavior. Iko complains to the Doctor that he is suffering nausea and that he can't stop thinking about the man he killed. Seven believes his discomfort is a manifestation of guilt. Iko's never felt guilt before, and blames the Doctor for making him feel so horrible. Looking at scans of Iko's brain, the Doctor finds that the nanoprobes have established new neural pathways in his brain. While the Doctor gathers more information about Nygean physiology, Iko tries to make conversation with Seven. She is intrigued when he regains his childhood fascination with stars and constellations.

Meanwhile in the Cargo Bay Neelix teaches Joleg how to play Kadis-Kot. In their conversation Neelix learns that the Nygean legal system is based on a principle called "Vekto Valek K'Vadim" -- ancient Nygean for "Favor the Victims" -- by which the victim's family dictates the convict's sentence. He also learns that if a defendant is wealthy enough, he can negotiate a monetary settlement with the family rather than serve a sentence. Neelix is appalled and wants to help Joleg, but the prisoner doesn't want to do anything that would imply he's guilty. Instead he asks Neelix simply to transmit a letter to his brother.

The Doctor determines that Iko was born with a congenital brain defect that made him prone to violence and sociopathic behavior, and the nanoprobes have inadvertently repaired it. He informs Janeway of this, and she realizes that Iko's "conscience" has been activated. The Doctor believes Iko is no longer a threat, and Seven notes that by some definitions he is not the same man who committed the murder. They tell a skeptical Yediq that Iko has undergone a fundamental change, and killing him won't accomplish anything. They persuade him to work with Tuvok to draft an appeal and submit it to the authorities on behalf of Iko. Iko doesn't want the appeal though, and tells Seven that he deserves to die. He demands to be returned to his cell, where he asks Neelix to give his meal to another prisoner, Egrid, whom he used to always steal food from.

Later, Janeway and Yediq inform Seven that Iko's appeal was rejected. Seven passionately insists on doing more to help him. Janeway realizes that Seven has an issue with atonement, that perhaps if Iko is found not guilty that she herself will somehow be not guilty for the violent acts she committed as a Borg. Just then the ship is jolted by alien fire. The attack causes a power loss in the Cargo Bay holding the prisoners. Joleg and the other inmates, except for Iko, overpower the guards and escape with weapons. The alien vessel tries to beam over the five Benkaran prisoners, but Voyager fires upon the vessel's transporter array and it retreats.

Meanwhile Tuvok tries to neutralize the prisoners in the ship's corridors, but Joleg takes Yediq hostage and demands a shuttle. Joleg backs into the Cargo Bay and has another prisoner seal the door with a phaser rifle. Joleg pushes Yediq to the floor and prepares to kill him, but Iko stops him, saying, "He's mine." Iko takes the phaser and points it at Yediq while Joleg laughs. But then he hands the phaser to Yediq, who immediately shoots down Joleg and the other prisoner. Yediq realizes that Iko really has changed.

Yediq subsequently uses his influence to convince the family of Iko's victim to hear his appeal. Iko speaks to them on Voyager's viewscreen, saying that he will accept death if it helps them find peace but if they let him live, he'll never hurt anyone again. Meanwhile Neelix tells the re-incarcerated Joleg that he found out the "note" sent to his brother was really meant to help him track down Voyager and attack. Joleg tries again to manipulate Neelix, and the Talaxian leaves disgusted. While Iko and Seven look at constellations in Astrometrics, Janeway arrives and announces that Iko's appeal has been denied. Iko must now be detained again and taken home for execution. Seven is devastated, and for at least a day cannot regenerate. Janeway learns that Seven feels remorseful for having murdered thousands without punishment, but Janeway reminds her that she lost 20 years of her life to the Borg, and that's punishment enough.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : F.J. Rio (Joleg)

Greg Poland (Voyager Security Officer)

Jeff Kober (Iko)

Tim deZarn (Warden Yediq)

Teleplay By : Robert Doherty

Story By : Mike Sussman

Robert Doherty

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Prophecy [VOY #160]

Stardate 54518.2

The U.S.S. Voyager finds itself under attack by a cloaked vessel. The bridge crew discovers it's an antiquated Klingon battle cruiser, which they can detect with a metaphasic scan. Captain Janeway orders return fire, disabling the vessel's cloak. Janeway hails the damaged ship, telling them to stand down, but Captain Kohlar declares they will not surrender to sworn enemies of the Klingon Empire. Janeway says there's been a misunderstanding since the Klingons and the Federation signed a peace treaty more than 80 years ago. Kohlar does not trust her, so Janeway tells him her Chief Engineer is a Klingon. He wants to meet that Klingon.

Kohlar boards Voyager and meets B'Elanna Torres. He sees that she is pregnant, and asks if the child was conceived during a holy month, which she confirms. Kohlar returns to his ship and tells the other Klingon leaders that the prophecies of the "Scrolls" have come true, and that the "Day of Separation" has arrived.

The Voyager bridge crew realizes the Klingon ship is having a warp core breach. Kohlar requests emergency transport, and all 204 Klingons from the vessel are beamed over into the shuttlebay. Voyager jumps to warp as the Klingon ship explodes. Janeway and Tuvok confront Kohlar with information that he made his ship self-destruct. Kohlar says it was the only way to get them aboard Voyager. He explains that they were following a sacred text that told them to embark on a long journey to find their "Kuvah'Magh" or "Savior." Kohlar believes that savior is the unborn child of B'Elanna Torres.

Janeway briefs the senior staff about the situation and asks them to respect the Klingons and make room for them by having the crew double up on quarters. The Klingons fill the Mess Hall as Neelix provides them meals of gagh, and when a fight breaks out between two of the visitors Harry Kim breaks it up, attracting the attention of a large, lustful Klingon woman. Meanwhile, Torres avoids contact with the Klingons for fear of being ambushed. Some of them start a hunger strike and won't eat until Torres meets with their Council of Elders, so Janeway asks her to cooperate. Torres reluctantly complies, and in the meeting a skeptical elder, T'Greth, realizes she is only half-Klingon and that the baby, with a human father, is also a "mongrel child." Captain Kohlar counters that the signs of the prophecy are there, but T'Greth believes he led them to a false savior.

Later, Kohlar tells Torres that whether or not her baby is the true savior, they must convince his people that she is. He explains that they have been searching for more than a hundred years, and have found nothing but hardship and isolation. He sees Torres and her child as an opportunity to end the wasteful journey. If the Klingons accept her child as their savior, Torres will hold great influence over them and point them toward a home. Torres and Janeway both tell him that they will not deceive his people. So Kohlar suggests that Torres study their scrolls and interpret them in a way that appears consistent with the events of her life, and then they will bring those consistencies to the attention of the council. Otherwise violence could break out.

Torres agrees to help out Kohlar, who makes her realize that the Scrolls can mean anything one wants them to. For example, a "glorious victory against an army of 10,000 warriors" could be interpreted as destroying a Borg vessel, which Torres has helped to do. After spending two days reviewing the Sacred Scrolls, she appears before the Klingon council and tells a spirited story about a heroic encounter with the Hirogen, exaggerating her role in the fight, to the pleasure of the Klingons. She also tells them that Voyager has set course for a planet very much like their homeworld. But T'Greth is still unconvinced, accusing her of saying what Kohlar tells her to. When Torres' husband Tom Paris comes to her defense, T'Greth tests his role in the prophecy by challenging him to a death match. Paris accepts, to Torres' dismay. Janeway refuses to allow such a death match, but at Paris' and Kohlar's urging agrees to a compromise bout where blunted bat'leths would be used and no one would be killed.

Meanwhile, Kim is trying to avoid Ch'Rega, the Klingon woman he restrained earlier and who now wants to mate with him. Neelix helps out by treating Kim with Klingon-style harshness, which causes Ch'Rega to get aroused over the Talaxian instead.

The match between Paris and T'Greth commences in the holodeck. Paris holds his own against his bigger opponent, but he is surprised that T'Greth seems to wear out so quickly. T'Greth collapses, and Kohlar realizes he's come down with the "Nehret," a fatal disease. The Doctor learns that all the Klingons aboard carry the Nehret virus, and have passed it to Torres and her child. Refusing to stay in Sickbay, T'Greth approaches his comrades and declares that since the child has the disease, she cannot be the Kuvah'Magh. They must resume their search, and to do so, they must seize control of Voyager.

The ship arrives at the planet that will serve as the Klingons' new home. Pretending to cooperate with Kohlar, T'Greth asks to beam down as part of the survey mission, rather than to die on Voyager. Kohlar agrees, but T'Greth takes the opportunity, with help from his supporters, to take over the Transporter Room and beam most of the Voyager crewmembers to the surface. Unable to beam out the Bridge crew, the Klingons transport themselves to the Bridge and do battle there with phasers, but T'Greth and his accomplices are eventually knocked out.

T'Greth wakes up in Sickbay and is informed that his illness has been cured -- the Doctor has synthesized an antiviral using hybrid stem cells from the unborn mixed-breed baby. T'Greth realizes the child has cured him, and Kohlar declares that she is truly their savior. The Klingons begin to settle on their new homeworld, and Torres accepts a bat'leth from Kohlar, given to him by his great-grandfather, as a gift for the baby. Later, Paris wonders if the child isn't truly the prophesized savior, given the coincidence of the two ships running into each other. Torres doesn't buy it, but she agrees to consider "Kuvah'Magh" as a name for their daughter.

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Cast : Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)

Paul Eckstein (Morak)

Peggy Jo Jacobs (Ch'Rega)

Sherman Howard (T'Greth)

Wren T. Brown (Kohlar)

Teleplay By : Mike Sussman

Phyllis Strong

Story By : J. Kelley Burke

Kenneth Biller

Larry Nemecek

Raf Green

Directed By : Terry Windell

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The Void [VOY #161]

Stardate 54553.4

Neelix presents an exotic dinner to Janeway, Chakotay, Paris and Torres, a meal prepared by Seven of Nine who is trying her hand at being a gourmet chef. Suddenly the ship jolts and a graviton surge pulls them toward a swirling funnel, and they wind up in a realm of complete blackness. Then, an alien ship begins firing upon them. As Voyager fires back, a larger ship swoops by and fires at the other ship. Then the second ship fires at Voyager, penetrating their shields, and transports several cargo containers, food, deuterium and other supplies from Voyager to their ship.

Another ship approaches Voyager and an Annarian named General Valen appears on Voyager's viewscreen, welcoming Captain Janeway to "the Void." Coming aboard, Valen tells Janeway that Voyager was sucked into an inert layer of subspace, nine light-years wide, through one of its "funnels." Valen and his ship have been in the Void for five years, and no one has ever found a way to escape from it. In order to survive, the trapped ships compete for resources from new ships that are drawn in.

Torres reports that the anomaly's graviton forces are draining the warp core, and they will run out of power in 10 days. Seven, Tuvok, Paris and Janeway come up with a plan to enter a funnel and jump to warp at exactly the right moment to escape. Implementing their plan, they peer through the eye of a funnel and prepare to jump warp. However, the eye suddenly closes and the funnel shoots Voyager back into the Void. Torres reports that the warp core is now off-line.

Torres thinks she can fix the warp core, but they need the deuterium that was stolen from them or basic systems won't last more than a week. Janeway gives orders to track down the ship that raided them and get back their supplies. They find that ship, but detect no lifesigns on it--apparently it was raided as well. However, one piece left behind--the ship's warp core casing--is composed of tricesium, which can be converted into a power source. Voyager beams the casing over, and when Seven and Torres scan it they find a small alien inside. The timid creature does not speak, and has a leg injury. In Sickbay, the alien won't let the Doctor close enough to treat him, and he eats voraciously. Janeway and Seven wonder why they didn't detect the mysterious being, but decide to make him comfortable until they can find a safe place for him.

Meanwhile, Tuvok and Harry Kim discover that General Valen raided the lifeless ship and now has Voyager's supplies. Janeway contacts Valen and demands the supplies back, but he refuses and the two ships exchange fire. Voyager manages to transport back about half of their stolen resources, and an opportunity presents itself to raid Valen's ship for additional food, but Janeway declines to do that. Later, Tuvok and Chakotay approach Janeway and suggest that the crew may need to be more opportunistic in order to survive in the Void. Janeway points to the Federation Charter as a statement of principles that they should not abandon. Using the Federation model of mutual cooperation, Janeway proposes forming an alliance with other ships to pool resources and devise a way to escape, on the condition that members of the alliance not resort to killing or stealing.

Janeway's first prospective ally is a Jelinian survey ship with a captain named Garon. Skeptical, Garon says he will consider her proposal. Janeway continues to make overtures to a ship of Nygeans and other potential alliance members. Meanwhile, the Doctor realizes the mute creature in his Sickbay loves music, and has named him "Fantome" after "The Phantom of the

Opera." Seven gets the idea of trying to communicate with the alien by way of computer-generated tones, and Fantome responds enthusiastically.

A funnel opens in the Void and another ship is pulled in. Two warships approach, including Valen's, and try to attack, but Voyager defends the newcomer. About to lose the battle, Voyager is joined by Garon's ship and forces the raiding vessels to retreat. Garon hails Janeway to accept her offer of an alliance.

With Garon on board, finding new allies becomes easier. Janeway hosts a visit by Commander Bosaal whose ship has technology that could aid in an escape. But he reacts adversely upon seeing Fantome in the Mess Hall, accusing his species of being vermin. Janeway tells Bosaal that they've figured out how to detect the creature's lifesigns and can transport those of his kind off his ship. With that, Bosaal agrees to be an ally.

Torres works with Garon to build a polaron modulator that will help the alliance ships escape the Void, but so far they have failed. Janeway hopes to trade with another ship for a polaron modulator. Meanwhile, Fantome joins others of his kind in learning how to communicate through tones generated by PADDs, creating a musical "conversation" that amazes Janeway. Later, Janeway learns that Bosaal has provided a fully compatible polaron modulator, but pressing him on how he got it, she realizes he stole it from another ship and killed its crew. Enraged, Janeway orders Bosaal off the ship along with the modulator -- although the technology would help them escape, she refuses to be accessory to murder. As a result, some of the other ships drop out of the alliance, and Torres has to continue trying to build a modulator from scratch.

Later, one of the remaining allies spies on Bosaal and discovers that he is attempting to form an alliance of his own with Valen and other adversaries, with a plan to attack Voyager. Without the resources to defend themselves, Janeway realizes they need to make an escape attempt right away, even though Torres hasn't had time to test her new modulator. The ship readies its plan with its allies, and Fantome's people -- who are native to the Void and live as nomads on ships -- want to help out. When a funnel is detected, the alliance ships prepare to go in. Bosaal and his fleet approach and begin firing. Firing back, Voyager manages to penetrate shields on two of the ships and transports Fantome and his friends over. Seconds later Fantome hails Voyager that they have sabotaged Valen's ship; Bosaal's vessel has also been disabled. That gives the four alliances ships time to enter the funnel in a "shield bubble" and jump to warp to enter normal space. The successful allies then wish each other well and go their separate ways.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Jonathan Del Arco (Fantome)

Michael Shamus Wiles (Bosaal)

Paul Willson (Loquar)

Robin Sachs (Valen)

Scott Lawrence (Garon)

Teleplay By : James Kahn

Raf Green

Story By : Kenneth Biller

Raf Green

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Workforce, Part 1 [VOY #162]

Stardate 54584.3

In a vast alien metropolis on a planet called Quarra, Kathryn Janeway enters a power distribution plant and reports in to a shift supervisor, who takes her to a workstation and explains her task. Janeway has taken a job among a multi-species workforce with no recollection of her previous life as captain of Voyager. When she has trouble working the controls, another worker named Jaffen comes over to help and tries to befriend her. They are chastened for fraternizing by Seven of Nine, who knows herself as "Annika Hansen" (her human name), the new Efficiency Monitor. Jaffen doesn't return to his station until he invites Janeway to go out for a meal after work, but she turns him down.

Meanwhile, Tom Paris--also unaware of who he really is--gets himself hired in a local tavern to wait and bus tables. That night Jaffen is in the tavern telling an anecdote to some friends, and he gets an uproarious laugh from Tuvok, whose behavior is very atypical. Janeway comes in, supposedly to eat alone while she studies manuals, but Jaffen joins her, and he ends up walking her home. They live in the same building, and he invites her to his place; she turns him down.

The next day, Janeway learns that all the workers must periodically receive inoculations to protect them against radiation. As a squeamish Tuvok is getting injected, he has a flashback of himself in his Starfleet uniform, struggling against a Quarren doctor giving him an injection. The strange memory leaves him trembling and perspiring.

All this time Chakotay, Harry Kim and Neelix have been in the Delta Flyer on a trading mission with the Nar Shaddan. When they return, Voyager is not at the rendezvous point. The starship is disabled inside a nebula, and the Doctor is the only crew member on board and is trying to make repairs. When the others find the ship and come aboard, the Doctor explains what happened: Voyager hit a subspace mine which deluged the ship with poisonous tetrion radiation, so Captain Janeway ordered the crew into escape pods, leaving the Doctor in charge of the ship as the Emergency Command Hologram. The Doctor then had to fend off scavengers trying to claim the abandoned vessel, and hid inside the nebula. He since discovered that the subspace mine was a deliberate attempt to disable Voyager. And he hasn't heard a word from the rest of the crew.

At the power plant, Tuvok has another flashback: He and Janeway were brought into a Quarren medical facility where a Dr. Kadan claimed to be treating Janeway for "Dysphoria Syndrome"; when Tuvok demanded her release, Kadan had him restrained and "inoculated." Shaken by this flashback, Tuvok approaches Janeway and says they know each other, that perhaps they met in the hospital, but she has no recollection of a hospital or of knowing him prior to her job. He gives up as Jaffen steps in, who makes dinner plans with Janeway. Meanwhile, Torres is sitting alone in the tavern, and Paris tries to get to know her. He asks to get together with her, but she reveals that she's pregnant, although unmarried, and leaves. The four people aboard Voyager complete repairs and begin searching for their crew. Kim finds them on a Class-M planet less than three days away, and they set course. Janeway and Jaffen have their date, where dinner is a disaster. But it doesn't matter -- they fall in love and kiss.

Voyager arrives at Quarra and Chakotay speaks with an ambassador who will not allow him to communicate with his crewmates. The ambassador says they are leading safe, comfortable lives there, and any attempt to disturb them would be met with force. Neelix learns there is a severe labor shortage in the Quarren system, so Chakotay gets the idea of applying for jobs themselves so they can infiltrate the plant where their people are working. Because he has spoken with authorities and could be recognized, Chakotay has the Doctor alter his features to look non-human, and he and Neelix prepare to go to the planet undercover, with subdermal transponders that will allow them to transport through the shield grid.

At the power plant, "Annika Hansen" orders Tuvok to go get the inoculations that he's been neglecting. Tuvok speaks her Borg name -- "Seven of Nine" -- and tries to mind-meld with her to make her remember herself. But security guards grab him and take the desperate Vulcan away. Chakotay secures a job at the plant and immediately approaches Janeway. She doesn't recognize him, so Chakotay continues the ruse of being a happy new employee. Neelix runs into Paris at the tavern, keeping up the same ruse, unable to jar his friend's memory. After Chakotay meets up with Neelix, they follow Torres in the streets and grab her. Kim beams Neelix and the struggling Torres up to Sickbay, where the Doctor tries to help her. Meanwhile Jaffen asks Janeway to move in with him, and she agrees. Tuvok is in the Quarren hospital where Dr. Kadan tells him he's experiencing "Dysphoria Syndrome" and will feel better after an injection. Chakotay is being pursued by security guards, but Kim can't beam him up because the ship has fallen under attack. The guards chase Chakotay through the facility up to a precipice overlooking the massive city, and he finds himself trapped.

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Cast : James Read (Jaffen)

Robert Mammana (Security Officer #1)

John Aniston (Quarren Ambassador)

Don Most (Kadan)

Tom Virtue (Supervisor)

Michael Behrens (Coyote)

Iona Morris (Umali)

Matt Williamson (Security Officer #2)

Akemi Royer (Med Tech)

Written By : Kenneth Biller

Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Workforce, Part 2 [VOY #163]

Stardate 54622.4

A disguised Chakotay is being pursued by Quarren security officers and is trapped at a forcefield. He smashes a control panel to disable the forcefield, then overpowers the guards and escapes, but not before getting a phaser shot in the arm. Meanwhile, Harry Kim and the Doctor are in command of Voyager as it is being fired upon by Quarren patrol ships. They disable the first two ships, but five more approach and they are forced to retreat. The injured Chakotay enters the tavern where a brainwashed Janeway has just decided to move in with her new boyfriend, Jaffen.

A Quarren investigator named Yerid enters the tavern inquiring about two people who disappeared earlier that evening--named B'Elanna and Neelix. The waiter, Tom Paris, points him to Chakotay, but he's already disappeared. In the Quarren hospital, Dr. Kadan orders a skeptical Dr. Ravok to do a memory sequencing treatment on Tuvok. Meanwhile in the power plant, Seven of Nine is on the job and has a flashback of life on a Borg cube. Connecting the flashback to her encounter with Tuvok earlier, she goes to her Supervisor's office and asks about him. Yerid arrives to inquire about the two missing employees, saying he believes that Amal Kotay--Chakotay's assumed identity--is responsible for their disappearance.

Janeway moves her things to Jaffen's apartment, but when she returns to her old place she finds Chakotay hiding out there. He tells her that B'Elanna and other people in the city were brought to the planet against their will and made to forget their real lives, and he's trying to help them. Janeway reluctantly lets him stay, and decides to do something about his injury. Voyager, meanwhile, has hidden in a moon's crater to make repairs and to treat Torres for her altered memory. Neelix takes Torres to her quarters to re-introduce her to her real life, and she is surprised to learn that the waiter from the tavern is her husband. At the plant, Seven catches Janeway taking a dermal regenerator, but she promises to return it. Seven is sidetracked when she has an opportunity to enter the Supervisor's office and use his console; she learns that Tuvok has accessed numerous employee files including Janeway's, B'Elanna's, and her own. Janeway returns to Chakotay to heal his injury, and he reveals that he's from a ship called Voyager. Chakotay observes that she seems happy in her job and her life, but she seems capable of so much more. Janeway responds that she wouldn't want more responsibility. Chakotay is contacted by Voyager through his subdermal transponder, and they inform him that the ship is two days away but need the planet's shield grid disabled so they can transport the crew members

back. Chakotay tells Janeway that she's the captain of that ship, but she has a hard time believing him. To prove himself, he takes the dermal regenerator and undoes the alterations made to his face, revealing that he is the same race as she. He tells her they are also friends.

Janeway tells Jaffen the story she just heard, but he thinks Chakotay is trying to manipulate her with promises of a better life. Meanwhile Chakotay is found by Yerid and is taken in for questioning. Chakotay tells him they are both investigating disappearances, and has questions of his own. Just then Dr. Ravoc enters with orders to transfer Chakotay to Neuropathology to be treated for mental illness. As he's taken away, Chakotay tells Yerid the truth about himself and his abducted crewmates.

On Voyager, Kim and the Doctor are discussing tactics and arguing over whether the Doctor should remain a Command hologram, when they are hailed by Chakotay. He says he's almost ready to shut down the shield grid, and gives instructions on where and when the ship should enter orbit. They don't know that Chakotay is being subjected to a mind control device and is sending them into a trap.

At the tavern, Seven meets discreetly with Yerid to share her findings that more than a hundred employees--most of the same species--began work on the same day, which is unusual during a labor shortage. Also, they were all processed through the Neuropathology division, including herself, which she doesn't remember. Seven wants Yerid to interview Tuvok in the hospital, but Yerid reveals he was relieved of duty that morning. So Seven goes to the hospital herself and visits with Dr. Ravoc, reporting that she's been having "disturbing thoughts." Ravoc looks up her file and sees she was previously treated for Dysphoria Syndrome. She asks to speak to an expert on the condition, so Ravoc steps out to get Dr. Kadan. She takes that opportunity to use his computer. Meanwhile, Yerid contacts Janeway and asks to know everything Chakotay told her.

At the hospital, Kadan is enraged that Ravoc allowed Seven to access restricted files and leave. Ravoc is suspicious that an apparent "outbreak" of Dysphoria Syndrome occurred under Kadan's watch, and realizes that he had made false diagnoses on patients, altered their memories and sent them to work at the power plant. Kadan admits it's true, but claims it was to cure the labor shortage and improve the patients' lives. Ravoc threatens to report him, but Kadan says the authorities are behind him. Meanwhile, Paris harbors Seven, Janeway, Jaffen and Yerid at the tavern, who are collaborating about Chakotay's story and how to prove it. Janeway and Jaffen go to the power plant to use a subspace transponder to contact Voyager, while Seven and Yerid return to the hospital to help Chakotay and Tuvok.

With Jaffen's help, Janeway succeeds in hailing Voyager, where she sees B'Elanna in uniform and hears Kim call her "captain." B'Elanna asks her to find a way to shut down main power so the shield grid will be disabled. Just then Voyager comes under attack by three ships, and Janeway is surrounded by security guards. Jaffen helps her evade them, then she works the computer to make it think the reactor core is overloading so it'll automatically shut down main power. Meanwhile in the hospital, Seven and Yerid point a weapon at Kadan to force him to release Chakotay and Tuvok from the mind control devices. On Voyager, Kim gets the idea to use three escape pods as armed decoys to disable the attacking ships. They succeed, and B'Elanna gets the transporters back on line. Janeway's own plan works, and power goes out all over the city. With the shield grid down, Voyager beams up all of its crew members. The Doctor treats them and they recover, but in the meantime he, Kim and Neelix confer with Yerid and the Quarren Ambassador about undoing the conspiracy, with a promise that all of Kadan's "patients" will be treated and repatriated. Janeway says a final good-bye to Jaffen, then resumes her role as captain and takes Voyager on its way.

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Cast : James Read (Jaffen)

Robert Joy (Yerid)

Matt Williamson (Security Officer #2)

Don Most (Kadan)

Jay Harrington (Ravoc)

Joseph Will (Security Officer #3)

Tom Virtue (Supervisor)

Damara Reilly (Alien Surgeon)

Majel Barrett (Narrator)

John Aniston (Quarren Ambassador)

Michael Behrens (Coyote)

Teleplay By : Kenneth Biller

Michael Taylor

Story By : Kenneth Biller

Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Roxann Dawson

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Human Error [VOY #164]

Stardate Unknown

Seven of Nine programs Holodeck 2 to be a rustic cabin where she practices the piano to the steady beat of a metronome, with her hair down and her Borg implants gone. Later, she attends a simulation of B'Elanna Torres' baby shower, where she again appears fully human and interacts with holo-crewmembers more freely than usual. She even makes a toast to the new baby. Just then the real crew on the Bridge detects mysterious energy discharges ahead, and Seven gets called to Astrometrics. Captain Janeway, Tuvok and Tom Paris meet her there, but Seven cannot find the source of the discharges. Opting not to alter course, Janeway turns her attention to the actual baby shower the crew will surprise Torres with later that day. Janeway asks Seven to be there, but she makes an excuse not to.

Instead, Seven returns to the holodeck where she creates new quarters for herself, and a holo-Neelix gives her advice on how to decorate the empty space. A holo-Chakotay arrives with a housewarming gift, a Native American dreamcatcher. Seven invites him back the following night for dinner.

At Seven's weekly physical in Sickbay, the Doctor tells her that Tom and B'Elanna missed her at the baby shower. Noting that her shoulder implant is out of alignment and her electrolyte levels are down, the Doctor learns that Seven missed her regeneration cycle. She claims it was because she was conducting "research" that had something to do with her personal life, which surprises the Doctor. Just then Voyager is rocked by another energy discharge, which produces a shockwave that then hits the ship violently and damages its warp drive. In Astrometrics, Seven discovers the explosion came from a subspace warhead that destroyed an unmanned probe. Since warp drive is down until repairs are complete, Janeway asks Seven to find a way to detect the warheads before they emerge from subspace, to give the crew a few seconds' warning.

Later, Icheb comes to Astrometrics to relieve Seven, because the Doctor wants her to spend more time regenerating. But instead of going into her alcove, she takes a belated baby shower gift to Torres in Engineering, and tries awkwardly to engage in small-talk. Then she modifies her holodeck program to fully decorate her quarters and put herself in an alluring dress for her date with holo-Chakotay. They prepare dinner together, and the mood gets increasingly romantic until they kiss. Suddenly Seven is distracted by a shrill noise, but she ignores it as she embraces her new simulated boyfriend.

The next morning Seven has disturbing dreams where she sees herself as a drone and her metronome appears as Borg technology. She wakes up when the real Chakotay summons her, which is odd because she's next to the holo-Chakotay. She arrives in Astrometrics where Icheb has picked up a warning beacon revealing that Voyager has entered a munitions testing ground. Chakotay is concerned that Seven was late for her duty shift, but she denies being distracted.

Later Seven is back in Holodeck 2 playing the piano for holo-Chakotay to the beat of the metronome. He's impressed by her flawless technique, but then he stops the metronome and tells her to play with more feeling. She's frustrated and anxious at first, but gradually she's able to play more from the heart, without needing to be perfect. Just then three alien missiles emerge from

subspace and destroy a target probe, sending out shockwaves that rock Voyager. The real Chakotay calls on Seven for her sensor calibrations, but she needs a moment to return to her station. While the ship shakes hard, Seven gives Paris coordinates for other warheads about to emerge, but they turn out to be wrong. She corrects herself, and Paris is able to re-orient the ship to withstand the next shockwave.

In her Ready Room, Janeway chides Seven for being late with her sensor calibrations and for being away from her post, and asks why she's logged so much time in Holodeck 2. Seven tells a direct lie--that she's been running a simulation to improve ship systems--and apologizes for dividing her time while the ship is on alert. Janeway accepts her story and her apology, and looks forward to seeing her simulations. Seven returns to Astrometrics, where Icheb detects a strange attitude from her. Admitting she's been negligent, Seven leaves again to go "correct an error."

In the holodeck, Seven activates the Chakotay simulation again to end her relationship with him. Holo-Chakotay argues that every time she moves closer to her emotions, she backs away again, afraid that embracing her humanity will make her weak. She argues back that the ship needs her, but then she hears the mysterious high-pitched noise again, this time piercing through her head. She summons Sickbay and faints. The Doctor arrives and finds her going into neural shock. Seven wakes up in Sickbay, where the Doctor reveals that her cortical node began to shut down, but he managed to stabilize it. He asks what she was doing before she collapsed. She admits that she's been conducting simulations to explore different aspects of her humanity, such as social activities and intimate relations. She reveals that since Unimatrix Zero was destroyed, she's been trying to re-create some of the experiences she had there and feel some of those emotions again. But she plans to delete her holodeck programs because her "personal life" has distracted her from performing her duties efficiently.

Torres succeeds in getting engines back on-line, and Voyager jumps to warp. But then a subspace warhead locks onto the warp signature and targets the ship. The missile neutralizes a spread of photon torpedoes and continues closing in. Seven scans the warhead's detonator in an attempt to disarm it, but is unable to. Then she believes she can extract the detonator by transporting it out, but only at very close range. With no time to spare, she accomplishes the transport and the missile breaks apart harmlessly.

Later, the Doctor approaches Seven with bad news: Her cortical node did not malfunction, but in fact was designed to shut down her higher brain functions when she achieves a certain level of emotional stimulation--not surprising for a Borg implant. The Doctor believes he can reconfigure the node so she can continue her simulations, but it would be a difficult and lengthy process. Seven declines the procedure, saying that she's experienced enough "humanity" for the time being and the "failsafe" device will ensure that she's no longer distracted. The next day Chakotay invites Seven to a get-together in the Mess Hall, but she turns him down. He suggests that a little more socializing might do her good.

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Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Teleplay By : Brannon Braga

Andre Bormanis

Story By : Andre Bormanis

Kenneth Biller

Directed By : Allan Kroeker

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Q2 [VOY #165]

Stardate 54704.5

Captain Janeway is caught by surprise when she is paid a visit by Q and his son, Q ("Q2"). She last saw the young Q as an infant four years ago, but he already looks and acts like an adolescent, and his father wants to leave him on Voyager to learn about humanity. The crew quickly learns that the boy is trouble, being as bored and out-of-control as any teenager but with omnipotent powers. Q2 throws a party around the warp core, he makes Seven of Nine's clothes disappear, and he gives the computer a rebellious personality. Neelix is shocked to find him initiating a war between two cultures, and when he tries to talk him into using his powers more constructively, Q2 takes his vocal chords away. Then Q2 lures three Borg Cubes to attack Voyager, putting the crew in danger.

The father Q then shows up, sets things back to normal and speaks privately with Janeway. He tells her that his son was supposed to inspire peace and compassion, but instead has brought chaos to the universe, so the Continuum is hounding him to straighten the boy out. He was hoping that Janeway's "Starfleet ideals" would rub off on him, but she tells Q to act more like a parent and spend time with him. Q loves the idea, kisses her on the lips and disappears. Minutes later, Q appears again in Janeway's bubble bath, telling her he just spent years with his son smothering him with attention, and things have only gotten worse. Janeway tells Q that he needs to make his son understand that there are consequences to his actions. In response, Q turns his son into an Oprelian amoeba, and when he restores him, tells the boy he will be sentenced by the Continuum to an eternity as an amoeba unless he becomes an upstanding citizen of the cosmos. He gives Q2 one week to change his ways, and strips him of his powers.

Forced into playing "mommy" to the now-mortal boy, Janeway assigns Q2 quarters and devises a strict curriculum for him with crewmates as his instructors. For instance, Chakotay runs a diplomacy scenario on the holodeck where Q2 is instructed to settle a mining dispute among several races. But when Chakotay leaves the room, Q2 alters the aliens' personalities to assure speedy success. He is also assigned to write a historical essay on the Q Continuum, but Q2 manipulates Icheb into writing it for him. Janeway tells Q2 that she knows he's been cheating, and orders him to his room to wait for his father to return. Not wanting to live as an amoeba, Q2 explains that it's not easy to live up to his father's expectations and tells her she's his only hope. Janeway agrees to give him one more chance.

Janeway and the Voyager crew become impressed with Q2's determination to improve himself. Janeway is also pleased with Q2's new essay on the Q Continuum. She rewards Q2 by allowing him to go with Icheb on his piloting lesson with Lt. Paris. After helping Icheb navigate the Delta Flyer through an asteroid field, Paris lets Q2 take a "turn at the wheel." Q2's nervousness gives way to a sense of adventure, and he and Icheb become friends. Meanwhile, Q returns to Voyager to check up on his son's progress. Janeway has Q2 read his essay to his father, but Q is not at all impressed, hurting his son's feelings. When Q2 leaves the room, Q tells Janeway that the boy needs to demonstrate nothing less than exemplary "Q-ness." Janeway prods him to explain what that is, but he just says he knows it when he sees it, and an essay is not it, and disappears. Janeway visits Q2 to console him, telling him that if the Continuum won't take him back, she'll ask them to let him stay on Voyager as a human. But Q2 doesn't want to be human -- he wants to be a Q, like his father.

Later, Q2 convinces Icheb to help him repair an ion imbalance on the Delta Flyer to surprise Paris. After making the repair, Q2 launches the Flyer without permission, telling Icheb he knows how to open a spatial flexure to another system. Icheb strongly objects, but Q2 wants to hide from his father. He breaks free of Voyager and jumps through the rift to the Clevari system. The Flyer is met by a Chokuzan ship, whose commander accuses them of trespassing and demands their surrender. Q2 fires on the ship and tries to escape into another flexure, but the Chokuzans fire back, and a bolt of energy knocks Icheb out. Q2 returns to Voyager to bring Icheb to Sickbay, but the Doctor can't treat him unless he knows more about the weapon that struck him. Q shows up again, and Q2 pleads with him to save his friend's life, but Q refuses, telling the boy he has to face the consequences of his actions.

To save Icheb, Q2 agrees to return with Janeway to the ship that he attacked. Q2 apologizes to the ship's commander and asks for his help, but when the commander threatens to hold Janeway accountable for the boy's actions, Q2 objects and insists on accepting punishment, even if it's torture or execution. The Chokuzan commander laughs and reveals himself to be Q in disguise. All along the Chokuzan incident was a test, which Q2 passed with flying colors. After Q assures Janeway that Icheb will make a miraculous recovery, the two Q's and Janeway appear before a tribunal of Q-Judges. Although Q argues that his son was willing to sacrifice himself to save another, the judges rule that Q2 has not made sufficient progress and must suffer the fate of staying human. Q is outraged, and disappears with the judges. Q2 dejectedly returns to Voyager, where he asks if he can stay and continue his training, feeling he still has a lot to prove to Janeway. But Q comes back and explains that he told the judges he wouldn't stay in the Continuum without his son, and claims they "begged" him not to leave. In fact, Q2's powers have already been restored. Q2 fills Janeway's ready room with flowers to thank her, and leaves on Q's promise to be a better father.

Q reveals to Janeway that he had to agree to one minor condition--eternal custody of the child. In thanks, Q gives Janeway data on a shortcut home, but he won't take Voyager all the way because it would be a bad example for his son.

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : John de Lancie (Q)

Michael Kagan (Alien Commander)

Keegan de Lancie (Q2)

Lorna Raver (Q-Judge)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Anthony Holiday (Nausicaan)

Scott Davidson (Bolian)

Teleplay By : Robert Doherty

Story By : Kenneth Biller

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Author, Author [VOY #166]

Stardate 54732.3

While the Doctor creates a working draft of his new holonovel, the U.S.S. Voyager prepares for "Operation Watson," whereby the ship will establish a two-way com link with Starfleet using a tachyon beam bounced off a quantum singularity. Reginald Barclay and Admiral Paris from the Pathfinder project on Earth appear on the Astrometrics domescreen and tell Captain Janeway that the com link will only work for only 11 minutes a day. Three people can talk to their loved ones in the Alpha Quadrant for three minutes per day, so Neelix has the crew draw numbered isolinear chips. The Doctor draws number one, so he contacts a well-known Bolian publisher on Earth--Ardon Broht of Broht & Forrester--to discuss the holonovel which he had previously transmitted to him. Broht raves about the piece and wants to distribute it right away, but the Doctor insists on making revisions first. Later, the Doctor brags to Lt. Tom Paris about his conversation with the publisher, which raises Paris' curiosity about the hologram's opus. He convinces the Doctor to let him experience the holonovel, which he learns is titled "Photons Be Free."

Paris finds himself in the role of the Emergency Medical Hologram (EMH) aboard the "Starship Vortex," and he sees that the first chapter starts out almost identically to the Doctor's own experience of being first activated. The other characters resemble the real crew, but altered slightly in their appearance -- for instance, Chakotay is a Bajoran. When Paris, as the Doctor, decides to treat a critical patient ahead of a bridge officer, Captain "Jenkins" (Janeway with black hair) enters Sickbay and kills the dying crewman, so that the bridge officer can now be treated. Shocked at how the crew is portrayed, Paris tells B'Elanna Torres and Harry Kim about it, and they think he's overreacting. So Paris tells his crewmates to try it out themselves.

Torres experiences for herself how badly the "Vortex" EMH gets treated by the holo-crew, especially her own look-alike; Neelix, in the same role, is scolded and threatened by Captain Jenkins; and Kim becomes part of an escape plan with help from "Three of

Eight." Finally, Janeway experiences the final chapter of the holonovel, where the EMH is brutally decompiled. She immediately orders the Doctor to report to her Ready Room.

The Doctor defends the piece, claiming it's a work of fiction with an important message. Janeway wonders if the Doctor sees himself as oppressed, but he explains he intended to draw attention to the plight of his "brothers" in the Alpha Quadrant, other EMH Mark Ones like him who have been condemned to menial tasks. Janeway asks him to consider how his writing makes his friends feel, but he won't compromise on his self-expression. When he returns to the holodeck to make final revisions, he finds the program altered with a holo-Paris as the narrator, and the story about the assistant to the Chief Medical Officer who has to learn to tolerate his overbearing manner and obnoxious behavior. Incensed, the Doctor confronts Paris about distorting his work. Paris assures him he kept the original intact, but was simply trying to make a point that someone running a program like that would think the characters were based on the real people. But what bothers Paris most is that the immature, self-indulgent character that bears his likeness apparently reveals what the Doctor really thinks of him.

Neelix talks to the Doctor and helps him realize that by publishing his program, he may hurt the people he cares about, and he can make adjustments so that it's not so obviously based on Voyager without sacrificing his theme. But a rewrite will take weeks and the publisher is expecting a final draft tomorrow. Neelix tells the Doctor to give the publisher a call, and hands him his numbered chip. Broht is not happy to hear that the work will be delayed, but the crew is grateful to the Doctor for taking their feelings into account, and Paris agrees to assist with the revisions.

Meanwhile, members of the crew get to talk to family members they haven't seen in years. Kim's parents wonder when he's getting a promotion, and offer to write Captain Janeway a letter, which Harry strongly discourages. Torres begrudgingly agrees to talk to her father, who abandoned her when she was a child; during their awkward conversation, John Torres expresses regret and hopes they can get to know each other again. Even Seven of Nine uses her com time to contact her nearest living relative, an aunt on Earth; Irene Hansen tells Seven about how she was as a child, and calls her Annika.

Janeway receives an urgent message from Admiral Paris: He just learned from Barclay that the Doctor's holo-novel has been distributed and is being played in thousands of holosuites. The Doctor contacts Broht demanding a recall and a public apology, but Broht refuses. Janeway points out that authors have rights, but Broht responds that under Federation law, holograms have no rights.

After discussing legal options with Tuvok, Janeway decides to request a hearing to seek the same rights for the Doctor as any flesh-and-blood person. A Federation Arbitrator hears arguments from Broht and from the Voyager crew, who testify that the Doctor has demonstrated the traits of a "person" such as creativity, ambition, friendship and fallibility. After several days of arguments and deliberations, the Arbitrator announces he is not prepared to rule that the Doctor is a "person" under the law, but he is willing to extend the definition of "artist" to include the Doctor; therefore he orders all copies of the holo-novel recalled immediately. The Doctor apologizes to Janeway for the damage that's been done, but the crew encourages him to continue revising his work and to find a new publisher. Four months later, on an asteroid in the Alpha Quadrant where hundreds of EMH Mark Ones (all identical to the Doctor) are now mining dilithium, word gets around among the holograms that there is a very provocative new program in the holo-lab called "Photons Be Free."

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Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Barry Gordon (Broht)

Dwight Schultz (Lt. Reginald Barclay)

Juan Garcia (John Torres)

Richard Herd (Admiral Paris)

Joseph Campanella (Arbitrator)

Robert Ito (John Kim)

Irene Tsu (Mary Kim)

Lorinne Vozoff (Irene Hansen)

Brock Burnett (Male N.D.)

Jennifer Hammon (Female N.D.)

Heather Young (Sickbay N.D.)

Teleplay By : Phyllis Strong

Mike Sussman

Story By : Brannon Braga

Directed By : David Livingston

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Friendship One [VOY #167]

Stardate 54775.4

Now that the U.S.S. Voyager has established two-way communications with Starfleet, Captain Janeway receives her first official assignment in seven years: Locate and retrieve the Friendship 1, a probe launched from Earth in 2067 with a message of peace to other worlds. Contact was lost 130 years ago, but its known trajectory would place it in the Delta Quadrant near Voyager's current position. After five days of searching, the probe is detected on a planet darkened by a nuclear winter caused by antimatter radiation.

An away team consisting of Tom Paris, Harry Kim, Chakotay, Neelix and Lt. Joe Carey take the Delta Flyer to the planet, who go searching for the probe wearing environmental suits. While Paris, Neelix and Carey follow their tricorder readings into a cavern, Chakotay and Kim are surprised to find a field of missile silos containing active warheads. Paris, Neelix and Carey see evidence that the cavern is inhabited, but sensors have detected no lifesigns. They find a piece of debris labelled "Friendship 1" and prepare to transport it to the Flyer, but then are suddenly surrounded by armed aliens who are cloaked in heavy robes and breathing equipment. Meanwhile Chakotay and Kim discover the Flyer has been invaded by one of the planet's inhabitants, who attacks them but then gets knocked out by Chakotay's phaser. Then antimatter weapons start rocking the Flyer, so Chakotay is forced to fly it back to Voyager, leaving the others behind. In the cavern, the native people show themselves to be highly malformed and mottled from radiation exposure, and their leader, Verin, is very hostile to the away team. When Verin learns they're here to retrieve their probe, he accuses them of causing his people's suffering.

Verin contacts Voyager and tells Janeway he's taken her crewmen hostage, demanding the relocation of his people to another planet starting in three hours. Janeway confers with the Doctor, who has examined the unconscious alien Chakotay brought back, and learns that his tissues are saturated with antimatter radiation, explaining why no lifesigns were detected on the planet. The Doctor wakes the alien, named Otrin, who reveals that his planet's devastation was caused by an antimatter containment failure. And he blames the human race for it because until the Friendship 1 arrived and introduced that technology, his people had never conceived of anything like antimatter. After decades of suffering, they came to the conclusion that humans intended to contaminate their world so they could eventually come and conquer it.

Tuvok locates a Class-M planet 132 light-years away, and determines it would take almost three years to completely relocate all 5500 of the aliens. Meanwhile Seven of Nine extracts nanoprobes from her bloodstream so the Doctor can reprogram them to cure Otrin of his radiation sickness, and Janeway asks Otrin to elaborate on his efforts to neutralize the planet's radiation. On the surface, Neelix tries to tell Verin that humans are not so bad and never meant to harm his people, but he remains unconvinced. Janeway later contacts Verin and tells him that relocation is impractical, offering an alternative: help Otrin carry out his theories on how to counteract the radiation. Verin won't budge on his demands, so Janeway asks to exchange a supply of food and medicine for one of the hostages. Verin picks out Carey and tells him to set up the transport enhancers. Just before Carey is beamed out, Verin shoots him in the heart and he arrives in Sickbay dead.

Janeway tells Verin she will start evacuating his people in an hour, but then she calls Tuvok and Chakotay into a meeting. In Sickbay, Otrin is getting much better after his nanoprobe treatment, and hopes that Voyager can heal all his people. But Seven points out that Verin has refused their help, and suggests to Otrin that he would be a better leader than Verin. Meanwhile Paris

helps a woman on the surface deliver a baby, which arrives stillborn, but Paris is able to bring it to life. Just then a patrol captures another Voyager crewmember, Tuvok, making Verin believe he has another hostage. But it turns out one of the alien guards is the Doctor in disguise, and he helps Tuvok overpower the captors. The hostages can now beam out, but before leaving, Paris tells the new mother the baby won't survive without further treatment, so she lets him take her son to Voyager.

Once the baby is stabilized, Janeway plans to send him back along with some food and medical supplies, but then leave. Paris and Neelix appeal to the Captain to help these people in spite of their refusal to cooperate. So Janeway and Seven work with Otrin to develop a plan to neutralize the planet's radiation with an isolitic chain reaction, using photon torpedoes to deliver the catalytic agent.

Otrin brings the now-healthy baby back to the surface and confronts Verin to accept Voyager's help and begin trusting them. Meanwhile the ship enters the planet's atmosphere to detonate the charges that will counteract the radiation. When the ground begins to shake, Verin arms an antimatter missile and prepares to launch it at Voyager. But his own lieutenants--and the grateful mother--aim weapons at him to prevent him from ruining their only chance for survival. Verin realizes Otrin is in command now. Just then a child runs in and urges everyone to come outside. They see that sunlight is starting to break through the dark clouds, for the first time in decades. Voyager retrieves the Friendship 1 and resumes course for the Alpha Quadrant, but the success of their mission cost them the life of a crew member.

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Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

Jeri Ryan (Seven of Nine)

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Josh Clark (Lt. Joseph Carey)

Bari Hochwald (Brin)

John Prosky (Otrin)

Ashley Edner (Yun)

Peter Dennis (Admiral Hendricks)

Ken Land (Verin)

John Rosenfeld (Technician #1)

Wendy Speake (Technician #2)

David Ghilardi (Alien Lieutenant)

Written By : Michael Taylor

Bryan Fuller

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Natural Law [VOY #168]

Stardate 54827.7

While travelling in a shuttle to the planet Ledos for a conference on Warp Field Dynamics, Chakotay and Seven of Nine take a detour to admire the natural landscape of one of the planet's subcontinents, and in doing so they scrape a mysterious energy

barrier that starts to break the shuttle apart. Seven uses phasers to open a rift in the barrier, and they beam to the surface before the shuttle explodes. They find themselves stranded in a lush jungle, and in spite of Chakotay's leg injury, set out to find the shuttle debris in hopes of constructing a beacon to send a distress signal.

Meanwhile Tom Paris flies the Delta Flyer somewhat recklessly through the bustling Ledosian spaceport, and learns from the Port Authority that he has committed a piloting violation. Captain Janeway later informs Paris that his penalty, under local law, is to take a three-day course in flight safety, and since she has decided to grant the crew shore leave on the planet, he'll have time to complete it -- much to his chagrin.

On the surface, Chakotay and Seven discover a tribe of primitive humanoids living in the jungle. Agreeing they should avoid contact with them, Chakotay--who is developing an infection--rests while Seven continues searching for debris. While she's away, three native men sneak up on Chakotay. Just then Seven finds a working piece of the shuttle and summons Chakotay, and the natives, startled by her disembodied voice, grab his combadge and destroy it. Seven returns and finds that Chakotay has been taken into a cave. It turns out the natives are friendly, and they are treating his wound. Chakotay talks Seven into staying the night, but she is uncomfortable with the degree of fascination the unspeaking natives have for them, especially an adolescent girl who is intrigued by her Borg implants.

As Harry Kim, Neelix and B'Elanna Torres prepare to beam down to the planet for shore leave, they tease Paris for having to attend "pilot school." Paris is confident he can skip right to the test and join them in a couple of hours, but then the flying instructor, Mr. Kleg, beams aboard and makes it clear he intends to take as much time with Paris as he deems necessary.

The next morning, Chakotay begins to learn the natives' sign language as he draws a map in the ground to get his bearings. Seven tells him she can construct a beacon by connecting the components she found with the shuttle's deflector, which she has detected six kilometers away. Since he's still injured, Chakotay suggests letting one of the locals guide her, but she won't because she's still trying to limit contact with them. As she makes her way through the dense jungle brush, she takes a fall and loses her tricorders into a crevice, and has to proceed without it. Meanwhile, Chakotay makes a startling discovery: the native men have started painting tattoos on their foreheads that look like his.

That night, Seven has to endure cold and rain, but then the adolescent girl shows up and brings her a blanket. The girl builds a fire and offers Seven food, which she turns down. The next morning Seven finally accepts the food, and allows the girl to guide her through the jungle. Along the way, though, the girl insists they stop and admire the view of spectacular triple waterfall. Back at the encampment, Chakotay is worried about Seven, and when he tries to communicate that he needs help to find his friend, a native man misunderstands him and brings out a woman who has strapped a small piece of shuttle debris to her forehead, to emulate Seven. Chakotay finds out they have retrieved several pieces of technology from the shuttle, and gets them to lead him to where they found it. Meanwhile, Seven and the girl find the shuttle deflector.

On Voyager, Tuvok reports to Janeway that Chakotay and Seven have failed to report in, and they never showed up at the conference. Tuvok and Kim have located a wing from their shuttle resting on top of the energy barrier surrounding the southern subcontinent, which means the missing crewmen are probably there, but they cannot be sure because the barrier is deflecting all their scans. Janeway contacts the Ledosian Ambassador, who informs her that the barrier shields the territory of the indigenous Ventu, and it was erected centuries ago by aliens to protect the Ventu from having their culture destroyed by the Ledosians' own unenlightened ancestors. But the technology is a mystery to them, so they can't lower the barrier, and since it's generated from the inside, the Ambassador holds no hope that the crewman, if alive, can ever get out.

On the surface, Chakotay meets up with Seven, and they recruit help from the Ventu men to move the deflector to a spot where Seven believes she can generate a deflector beam to temporarily neutralize the barrier, thus allowing them to escape and Voyager to beam away all their technology. Meanwhile Voyager is attempting to penetrate the energy barrier with phasers, but feedback from the barrier is interfering with the ship's systems, forcing them to cease. A short time later, though, the crew learns the barrier is being deactivated from the inside. Seven has successfully generated a dampening field, but the Ventu girl gets too close to the deflector and receives a serious shock. When Janeway's voice comes through telling the crewmen to stand by for transport, Seven reports that she needs to remain behind to treat an injury.

After the Ventu girl recovers, Seven says goodbye and accepts the girl's blanket as a gift. Just then she hears voices approaching -- a Ledosian expedition has arrived to conduct scans and evaluate the habitat for development. Barus, the expedition leader, tells Seven she did the Ventu a great favor by lowering the barrier, because now they can benefit from education and technology. On board Voyager, Seven, Chakotay and Janeway debate whether or not the Ventu would be better off losing their isolation, but decide their unique way of life is worth preserving. When Janeway announces to the Ledosian Ambassador her intention to restore the barrier, he protests, but says he will remove his people from the territory. However, when Voyager tries to beam up the deflector assembly, a Ledosian vessel fires and knocks out their transporters. Janeway then contacts Paris, who is still in the Delta Flyer maneuvering through a training course with Mr. Kleg, and gives him encrypted orders. Over Kleg's objections, Paris suddenly peels away from the course and rushes to the planet. He beams up the expedition team, then finds the deflector and

vaporizes it with phaser fire, and zooms away a split second before the energy barrier goes back up. Mr. Kleg tells Paris he has failed the course.

Back on board, Seven tells Chakotay she's concerned that the Ledosians may have scanned her deflector modifications and could find a way to remove the barrier themselves. She realizes if she hadn't made those modifications, the *Ventu* would be safe, but they would still be stranded. All she and Chakotay are sure of is that they're glad to be back on *Voyager*.

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Paul Sandman (Healer)

Autumn Reeser (Girl)

Robert Curtis Brown (Ambassador)

Neil C. Vipond (Kleg)

Ivar Brogger (Barus)

Matt McKenzie (Port Authority Officer)

Brooke Benko (Transporter N.D.)

Teleplay By : James Kahn

Story By : Kenneth Biller

James Kahn

Directed By : Terry Windell

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Homestead [VOY #169]

Stardate 54868.6

Neelix is hosting a party to celebrate First Contact Day, the anniversary of the Vulcans' arrival on Earth, when Chakotay interrupts with news that sensors have detected Talaxian lifesigns a few light-years away. The U.S.S. *Voyager* follows the readings to an asteroid field, so Tom Paris, Tuvok and Neelix take the *Delta Flyer* to track down the Talaxians. They discover their lifesigns inside a large asteroid, but then an explosion forces the *Flyer* to crash-land on that asteroid.

Neelix regains consciousness to find a pretty, widowed Talaxian woman named Dexa tending his injuries. She tells him his friends are safe, and that the explosion came from miners who are using charges to break apart asteroids for their mineral resources. Dexa wonders why Neelix is living with aliens, and keeps him locked behind a forcefield. Meanwhile on *Voyager*, the crew is preparing a rescue mission when Commander Nocona, the leader of the miners, hails them and explains that a mining operation is in progress. He warns Captain Janeway to stay out of the field and says his people will search for the missing crewmembers.

Neelix is visited again by Dexa, this time with Talaxian council regent Oxilon, who tells him he's free to go. While they're willing to let Neelix stay awhile, they want his alien friends to leave as soon as possible, prompting Neelix to take his leave as well. As Dexa escorts him back to the *Delta Flyer*, Neelix learns that 500 Talaxians live inside the asteroid, which they excavated

and developed using technology from their disassembled ships. Neelix rejoins Paris and Tuvok in the Delta Flyer, feeling let down that the encounter with his people fell short of his expectations. As repairs are being completed, an intruder alert reveals that Brax, Dexa's young son, has snuck on board. When Neelix takes the boy back to his mother, he finds her and Oxilon in a confrontation with the miners. Nocona is ordering the Talaxians to evacuate the asteroid so it can be demolished. Dexa stands up to him in defense of her home, and he pushes her aside. In response Brax throws a rock at Nocona, and when the miners attempt to grab the boy Neelix defends him and gets into an altercation with the miners. They reach a standoff, so the miners give the Talaxians three days and leave.

Oxilon is worried that the fight may have made things worse, but Dexa suggests it's time to defend themselves rather than run away. Neelix offers to help out by asking Captain Janeway to negotiate with the miners, and asks Dexa, Oxilon and Brax to visit Voyager. Neelix gives Dexa and Brax a tour of the ship, and while Naomi takes Brax on a holodeck adventure, Neelix and Dexa have dinner together. He learns that her people -- refugees from the Haakonian takeover of Talax -- first settled on a planet called Phanos where they were restricted to a very small area. When her husband attempted to farm outside their allowed zone, he was killed by a government patrol. Then they came to the asteroid, where they thought they wouldn't be bothered. Neelix reassures her there's still hope, and the attraction between them grows.

The next day Janeway leads discussions between Nocona and Oxilon, but the miners won't compromise except to extend their deadline for evacuation. After the failed negotiation, Janeway agrees to ferry the homesteaders and their supplies to the nearest M-Class planet. Concerned for their safety, Neelix asks Tuvok for advice on how to devise a defense strategy for the Talaxians' new home. Tuvok proposes that their current home could be defended by a shield perimeter, but with the miners monitoring the asteroid they would need competent leadership to defend against a pre-emptive attack. Tuvok suggests to Neelix that he could be that leader.

With Janeway's blessing, Neelix takes his own ship to the asteroid and proposes to the homesteaders a plan to establish a shield grid, by using their one remaining ship to implant 16 forcefield emitters into the asteroid's surface. The miners will attack, so Neelix will provide cover from his own ship. Oxilon protests that people will get hurt, but Neelix counters that their home is worth defending, and Dexa agrees. As the Talaxians prepare for the operation, Neelix and Dexa share a passionate kiss.

Oxilon pilots the ship that fires the emitters into the asteroid, and as he gets into position to plant the last one, the miners intercept and attack. After Neelix retaliates, the miners start dropping charges to demolish the asteroid. He manages to neutralize one of their charges, but then the miners knock out his weapons, so when the next charge is dropped Neelix attempts to collide with it. But then the Delta Flyer arrives and obliterates the explosive, saving Neelix's life. Janeway contacts him and says they just came to help a friend in distress. The final emitter is planted and Dexa activates the shield, successfully repelling the miners' attacks.

As Neelix says goodbye to his new friends, Brax asks him to stay. After returning to Voyager, and especially after realizing that Naomi is growing up, Neelix finds himself in a dilemma. When he tries to talk to Janeway about it, she offers him a chance to serve as Starfleet's permanent ambassador in the Delta Quadrant. He accepts, and after a touching send-off by the crew, leaves Voyager for good to join his people, and become a family with Dexa and Brax.

Crew : Ethan Phillips (Neelix)

Garrett Wang (Ensign Harry Kim)

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Robert Duncan McNeill (Lt. Tom Paris)

Robert Picardo (The Doctor)

Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Rob Labelle (Oxilon)

Scarlett Pomers (Naomi Wildman)

Julianne Christie (Dexa)

John Kenton Shull (Nocona)

Ian Meltzer (Brax)

Christian R. Conrad (Miner)

Written By : Raf Green

Directed By : LeVar Burton

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Renaissance Man [VOY #170]

Stardate 54890.7

Captain Janeway and the Doctor encounter a problem as they travel back from a medical symposium on the Delta Flyer. When Janeway returns to the U.S.S. Voyager, she tells Chakotay that they encountered a race called the R'Kaal who have outlawed conventional warp travel through their territory, and insist on punishing Voyager by dismantling the ship. Janeway says she agreed to surrender their warp core in exchange for letting the crew settle on an M-Class planet. Chakotay is concerned that the captain is giving in so easily, but Janeway insists she's tired of continually risking her people on a slim chance of making it home, and orders Chakotay to set a course for the planet.

Janeway then asks Torres to modify the Flyer's tractor beam so that if the warp core is ejected, it can be safely towed at warp speed. Chakotay learns of this order, and tries to find out from Janeway what's really going on. Janeway acts strangely distant, and retires to her quarters with a "headache." Chakotay visits Sickbay and calls for the Doctor, who beams in from elsewhere on the ship. Chakotay asks him to re-examine Janeway to see what the aliens may have done to her. Later, Chakotay gets a message from Supreme Archon Loth of the R'Kaal Imperium, warning that if Voyager does not surrender its warp core in ten hours, his armada will destroy the ship. Chakotay asks Seven of Nine and Harry Kim to pinpoint the source of that transmission. After finding out from the Doctor that the captain is normal, Chakotay confronts Janeway in her quarters about her decision. He makes up a story about Janeway's past that she pretends to remember, thus exposing her as an imposter. The imposter then overpowers Chakotay and knocks him out with a hypospray injection.

The imposter places the unconscious Chakotay in the ship's morgue and keeps his combadge, then returns to Sickbay and uses the mobile emitter to restore his identity -- the imposter is the Doctor. The Doctor has been hearing the voices of two "Overlooker" aliens -- the species that learned how to tap into the Doctor's perceptual subroutines over a year ago -- and forced to do their bidding because they are holding the real Janeway hostage on their ship. On top of procuring the warp core, Zet, the leader, orders the Doctor to also acquire a series of gel packs. When Tuvok summons Chakotay, the Doctor downloads the commander's holographic template and takes on his identity. Tuvok informs him that the Flyer's com system is not damaged as the captain had reported. Meanwhile Janeway, being held behind a forcefield by the Overlookers, tries to convince them that the Doctor is fooling them, but Zet refuses to abandon his plan because the warp core is worth too much money.

On Voyager, the Doctor, using Janeway's voice, summons B'Elanna Torres to the captain's quarters so he can draw her out of Engineering in order to impersonate her there. While loading up gel packs in a case, the Doctor is approached by Tom Paris, Torres' husband, for a romantic interlude. After that awkward encounter, the Doctor goes to Astrometrics as Chakotay where Seven and Kim reveal that the R'Kaal transmission originated from inside Voyager, specifically Holodeck 2. The disguised Doctor goes there with Kim, who uses residual photonic displacement to find out who was last there. He realizes the R'Kaal was actually a hologram, and the underlying template was that of the Doctor's. Exposed, the Doctor injects Kim with a hypospray, and hides him also in the morgue.

Back in Sickbay, the Doctor talks to the Overlookers while listening to "The Blue Danube" waltz. Tuvok arrives and reveals that he's learned the Doctor downloaded the captain's holographic template while on the Flyer. When the Doctor tries to inject him with a hypospray, Tuvok is ready for the attack. The Doctor leaps through solid objects and grabs his mobile emitter to escape from Sickbay. Tuvok pursues him to a holodeck, where he's faced with a roomful of holographic copies of the Doctor. While Tuvok tries to disable the decoys, the Doctor takes a Jeffries Tube to Engineering and becomes Chakotay again, ordering an evacuation due to an imminent core breach. Paris informs Torres that he's detected the Doctor's emitter in her section, so the Doctor traps Torres behind a forcefield, activates his Emergency Command Hologram protocols and uses his command codes to eject the warp core. The Doctor then makes his way to the Delta Flyer and, using its modified tractor beam, tows the core away at warp speed.

Meanwhile Janeway helps the second Overlooker, Nar, repair a salvaged component, realizing she may be able to take advantage of his friendliness. Zet puts a stop to their interaction, just as the Doctor arrives in the Delta Flyer with the warp core. Zet says he will release the captain in exchange for the core, but instead he beams the Doctor over to their ship and imprisons him with

Janeway. Janeway chews out the Doctor for not following her orders to refuse cooperation, but he insists he wouldn't let her be killed.

Back on the stranded Voyager, the crew finds Chakotay and Kim in the morgue and revives them. As they try to figure out how to track down the Flyer, the ship's com system starts playing "The Blue Danube" and won't stop. But the music contains several incorrect notes, so the crew realizes it was altered intentionally. Seven analyzes the harmonics and finds a pattern that appears to be a warp signature. She scans for that signature and finds it 6.7 light-years away. Since Voyager doesn't have warp, Tuvok and Paris take a shuttle to that location.

The Overlookers, meanwhile, decide to use the Doctor to infiltrate their Hierarchy's Surveillance Complex to steal valuable information, and start uploading new data and holographic templates into his matrix. When the Doctor takes on the form of an Overlooker, he starts to destabilize and has a hard time staying in one form. At that point Tuvok and Paris arrive in the shuttle to take back the Delta Flyer, and they get into a phaser fight with the Overlookers. Zet decides to jettison Voyager's warp core and detonate it, and Nar realizes that would kill the people in the other ships. Janeway and the Doctor escape from behind the forcefield and, while the Doctor struggles with Zet, Janeway works the controls to transport the warp core back out into space, allowing Paris to reclaim it with the Flyer. Zet asks Nar to help him overpower the hologram, but Nar chooses to knock out Zet instead, putting an end to the struggle.

In danger of permanently decompiling because of the excess subroutines, the Doctor is rushed back to Voyager where Torres and Seven try to stabilize his matrix. Certain he won't survive, the Doctor starts making several "deathbed confessions" to the crew, include the revelation that he's in love with Seven. But then Torres succeeds in saving his program, ensuring a long life for the highly embarrassed Doctor.

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Roxann Dawson (Lt. B'Elanna Torres)

Tim Russ (Lt. Cmdr. Tuvok)

Cast : Alexander Enberg (Vorik)

David Sparrow (Alien / Doctor)

Andy Milder (Nar)

Tarik Ergin (Tactical)

Wayne Thomas Yorke (Zet)

J.R. Quinonez (Overlooker / Doctor)

Teleplay By : Mike Sussman

Phyllis Strong

Story By : Andrew Shepard Price

Mark Gaberman

Directed By : Mike Vejar

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Endgame [VOY #171-172]

Stardate 54973.4

It is the 10th anniversary of the U.S.S. *Voyager's* triumphant return to Earth after 23 years in the Delta Quadrant. Kathryn Janeway is an admiral, Harry Kim is a starship captain, Tom Paris is a full-time holonovelist, and the Doctor is married to a human woman and has named himself "Joe." At a reunion party, Admiral Janeway talks with B'Elanna Torres, who is now Federation Liaison to the Klingon High Council, about arranging a political favor for a Klingon named Korath. Later, the admiral serves as guest lecturer in Commander Reginald Barclay's Starfleet Academy class about the Borg, but when a cadet asks a question about Seven of Nine, Janeway evades the subject. She's pulled away from class to receive a message from Ensign Miral Paris, the daughter of Torres and Paris, who is on a secret mission to arrange some sort of exchange between the admiral and Korath.

Admiral Janeway stops to say goodbye to Tuvok at his hospital room where he is suffering a neurological disorder that has destroyed his mind, telling him she may never come back. She then has the Doctor over to her apartment and asks him to procure for her a supply of Chronexaline, an experimental drug that can protect biomatter from tachyon radiation, for "classified" reasons. She arranges to get some downloaded information and a shuttle from Commander Barclay, and finally she visits Chakotay's gravesite, promising that when she's through things will be better for everyone.

Twenty-six years earlier, when *Voyager* is still in the Delta Quadrant, the pregnant Torres is having repeated occurrences of false labor, and Seven of Nine is developing a serious romance with Chakotay. Tuvok is concerned when he is defeated by Icheb in Kal-toh, so he visits the Doctor and learns his neurological condition is slowly deteriorating. Seven is playing Kadis-Kot with Neelix by remote when she is interrupted by the detection of high neutrino emissions indicative of a wormhole. Seven later tells the crew that the center of a nearby nebula may contain hundreds of wormholes, any of which could lead to the Alpha Quadrant.

Back in the future, the Doctor visits Tuvok, who has become increasingly agitated about the "disappearance" of Admiral Janeway, and blurts out that she's never coming back. Curious, the Doctor visits Commander Barclay to get in touch with Janeway, and Barclay says simply that she's out of town. But when Barclay starts stammering, which he hasn't done in years, the Doctor knows he's hiding something. Meanwhile Admiral Janeway has taken the shuttle to a moon where she meets up with Miral Paris, who introduces her to the House of Koroth. After dismissing the Ensign, Janeway meets with Koroth, who has something for her but demands information on her shuttle's shield modifications. The admiral won't go beyond the original terms of their agreement, so she is shown out.

In the present time, *Voyager* enters the murky nebula and barely misses colliding with a Borg Cube. Captain Janeway orders the ship out of the nebula, refusing to go back despite Ensign Kim's appeal to not give up on those wormholes. Later, Seven asks the Doctor to perform a procedure he devised to remove a failsafe device in her cortical node, so she can pursue more intimate relationships -- specifically, with Chakotay.

Admiral Janeway tells Koroth she's "reconsidered" his offer -- she'll give him the shield emitter, but first she has to inspect the device he's offering. Korath allows her to scan the device, whereupon Janeway attaches a transport enhancer to the device and beams it and herself to the shuttle. The enraged Klingons send one of their futuristic ships to fire upon her, but Janeway deploys a new armor technology around the shuttle that absorbs the phaser blasts. She jumps to warp and escapes, but when she arrives at her destination, she is met with the Federation starship *Rhode Island*, commanded by Captain Kim, who orders her to stand down. Kim has learned of her plan from the Doctor, who coaxed it out of Barclay, but Janeway insists the consequences are too great if she doesn't follow through, and asks him to trust her judgment one last time. Kim helps her prepare Korath's device -- a chrono-deflector which is now affixed on top of the shuttle -- and realizes it will burn itself out with one use. Janeway already assumed this would be a one-way trip. Unable to talk her out of the scheme, Kim beams back to his ship, and Janeway activates the chrono-deflector. Two Klingon ships decloak and begin firing, and Janeway is unable to deploy the ablative armor. The *Rhode Island* comes back and distracts the Klingons while Janeway activates a tachyon pulse.

Meanwhile on the present-day *Voyager*, Seven of Nine and Chakotay are having their first kiss when they are summoned to the bridge. Some sort of temporal rift is forming in front of the ship, and Klingon weapons fire is being detected. But then a Federation vessel comes through the rift and hails *Voyager*. Captain Janeway sees the older version of herself on the viewscreen, ordering her to emit an anti-tachyon pulse from the deflector to close the rift before the Klingons come through. Startled, the captain hesitantly fulfills that order and seals the rift, then asks what the hell is going on. Admiral Janeway says she's come to bring *Voyager* home. What she doesn't realize is that the Borg Queen is monitoring her transmission.

Admiral Janeway beams aboard *Voyager* and meets her younger self, and is moved to see a healthy Tuvok and Chakotay again. In Janeway's Ready Room, the Admiral reveals to the Captain that *Voyager* did eventually make it back to Earth after another 16 years, and the ship became a museum on the grounds of the Presidio. But the Admiral came to tell Captain Janeway to take *Voyager* back to the nebula as a shortcut home, using technology she brought to get past the Borg. The Captain wonders why she would want to tamper with the time-line, but the Admiral asks for her trust. In Sickbay, the Doctor confirms that the Admiral is genetically identical to the Captain, but 26 years older. He has also detected an implant in her brain, which the Admiral reveals the Doctor himself invented in the future to allow her to pilot a vessel with a neural interface. Seven of Nine enters -- to an emotional greeting from the Admiral -- reporting that the armor and weapons technology on the shuttle can be adapted for *Voyager*, and the Captain orders it done.

The crew busily upgrades the ship with the futuristic technology, and feels optimistic they might actually make it home this time. When Seven takes a break to regenerate, she is visited in her mind by the Borg Queen, who warns her not to let Voyager return to the nebula or it will be destroyed. Seven wakes up violently in her sparking alcove, and upon being cared for by the Doctor, reports the Queen's warning to the two Janeways. The Admiral insists the Borg are 30 years behind compared to the technology and tactics she's brought, so the Captain maintains course for the nebula.

When Voyager approaches the murky nebula, Captain Janeway orders the armor deployed, and the ship's hull is completely covered. Three Borg Cubes engage the starship, but their weapons fire is repelled. They scan the ship, then focus their fire on a specific section of the armor which weakens it. Voyager responds with the launch of transphasic torpedoes, which completely obliterate the Cubes with one or two shots each. Voyager then finds the center of the nebula, where the crew sees a massive Borg structure. Admiral Janeway orders Paris to enter an aperture in the structure, but Captain Janeway belays that order until she gets an explanation. Seven of Nine reveals the structure is a transwarp hub, one of only six in the galaxy. Angered that the Admiral didn't tell her about this, she orders the ship out of the nebula.

The crew learns the hub connects thousands of transwarp conduits to endpoints in every quadrant of the galaxy, perhaps the most significant tactical advantage the Borg have. Captain Janeway wants to know how to destroy it. But Admiral Janeway strongly objects to any such attempt, and insists on taking the ship home before the Collective can counteract the armor and weapons. The Captain pulls the Admiral aside and wonders how she got so cynical, arguing that they have a chance to save millions of lives. The Admiral reminds her of the decision that got her ship stranded in the first place, putting the lives of strangers ahead of her own crew. The Captain is willing to make the same kind of decision, but then the Admiral tells her that Seven of Nine is going to die. And her husband, Chakotay, will never be the same, and neither will Janeway. Along with 22 other casualties, Tuvok will succumb to a degenerative neurological condition that he hasn't told her about. She can prevent all that and get home today safe and sound.

Captain Janeway approaches Tuvok about his condition, and learns he can only be cured by mind-melding with members of his own family. But she also learns that Tuvok would rather destroy the hub than save himself. Even Seven of Nine refuses to listen to the Admiral's argument. In fact, the entire crew agrees that they'll allow their journey to take longer if they can accomplish something they believe in. The Admiral had forgotten how much the crew loved being together, and admits she was wrong to talk the Captain out of something she had set her mind to. But then the Captain proposes that there might be a way to "have their cake and eat it too."

The Admiral boards the shuttle, and the Captain injects her with a hypospray. The Admiral takes the shuttle through one of the hub's apertures and enters the Unicomplex where the Borg Queen resides. Using her neural interface, she enters the mind of the Borg Queen and tries to make a deal with her, in order to save the Voyager crew from themselves. She wants the Queen to send a Cube to tractor Voyager back to the Alpha Quadrant, in exchange for telling her how to adapt to the transphasic torpedoes. But the Queen detects the Admiral's shuttle, beams her over and injects her with assimilation tubules. Meanwhile Voyager deploys its armor and enters one of the transwarp hub's apertures. While the Admiral is being assimilated, the Queen orders vessels to intercept Voyager. But she realizes she no longer has control over the Collective. She realizes that when Admiral Janeway was assimilated, she released a neurolytic pathogen into the Collective, designed to bring "chaos to order." While in a transwarp corridor, Voyager launches its transphasic weapons and begins to collapse the transwarp hub. The Borg Queen, meanwhile, begins to literally lose parts of her own body as her Unicomplex begins to crumble in an array of explosions.

In the Alpha Quadrant, Admiral Paris and the present-day Barclay detect a transwarp aperture opening up less than a light-year from Earth, and every ship in range is ordered to converge there. In the collapsing transwarp corridor, a Borg Sphere bears down on Voyager as its armor begins to fail. Captain Janeway orders Lt. Paris to adjust course. The Borg Sphere emerges into the Alpha Quadrant and Starfleet vessels begin firing upon it. But then it explodes in a spectacular fireball, and Voyager emerges from within the debris intact. Admiral Paris welcomes Janeway back home, and promises him a full report. Meanwhile, a baby is being born in Sickbay -- Tom and B'Elanna's daughter. Captain Janeway orders the new father to set a course for home, and a Starfleet armada escorts Voyager back to Earth.

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Cast : Dwight Schultz (Reginald Barclay)

Richard Herd (Admiral Paris)

Alice Krige (Borg Queen)

Vaughn Armstrong (Korath)

Manu Intiraymi (Icheb)

Lisa Locicero (Miral Paris)

Miguel Perez (Physician)

Grant Garrison (Cadet)

Amy Lindsay (Lana)

Ashley Sierra Hughes (Sabrina)

Matthew James Williamson (Klingon)

Richard Sarstedt (Starfleet Admiral)

Joey Sakata (Engineering Officer)

Iris Bahr (Female Cadet)

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