

STAR TREK VOYAGER®

EPISODE #130

"DEATH WISH"

A rebel Q escapes from incarceration and demands asylum on Voyager so he can commit suicide.

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 has been locked up for the past 300 years due to his repeated suicide attempts. The freed Q 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, the freed Q will be granted mortality so he can fulfill his death wish.

The escaped Q asks Tuvok to represent him at the hearing, where he explains he wants to end the tedium of immortality. Q counters by explaining that Q's suicide could have unpredictable consequences for the Continuum, which has never known anything but immortality. A courtroom drama ensues when Q calls himself to the stand along with other witnesses, including the Enterprise's William Riker, whose lives were profoundly changed by the escaped Q'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 the freed Q's request for asylum, and urges him to explore the mysteries of mortal life. But within hours, the escaped Q has committed suicide, using a rare poison that the other Q confesses he secured for his friend.



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CAST

CAPTAIN KATHRYN JANEWAY
COMMANDER CHAKOTAY
LIEUTENANT B'ELANNA TORRES
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LIEUTENANT TOM PARIS
NEELIX
THE DOCTOR
LIEUTENANT TUVOK
ENSIGN HARRY KIM

KATE MULGREW
ROBERT BELTRAN
ROXANN BIGGS-DAWSON
JENNIFER LIEN
ROBERT DUNCAN MCNEILL
ETHAN PHILLIPS
ROBERT PICARDO
TIM RUSS
GARRETT WANG

GUEST STARS

ESCAPED Q
ISAAC NEWTON
MAURY GINSBERG

GERRIT GRAHAM
PETER DENNIS
MAURY GINSBERG

and JOHN de LANCIE as "Q"

Special Appearance by JONATHAN FRAKES

Teleplay by:

MICHAEL PILLER

Story by:

SHAWN PILLER

Directed by:

JAMES L. CONWAY

HIGHLIGHT LISTING

STAR TREK: VOYAGER: "Death Wish" -- A rebel Q escapes from incarceration and demands asylum on Voyager so he can commit suicide.

ADVERTISING HEADLINE

"I WANT TO DIE!"

A rebel Q facing eternity in prison
demands the right to commit suicide.

