

STAR TREK VOYAGER®

EPISODE #238

“ASHES TO ASHES”

Claiming to be a long-dead crewmember, an alien requests asylum on Voyager.

When Captain Janeway and her crew are hailed by an alien claiming to be Ensign Lindsay Ballard, they are skeptical. The ensign died three years ago during an away mission with Harry but says she was reanimated by the Kubali, who procreate by salvaging the dead. Although they altered her DNA, the Doctor does find traces of human DNA that match Ensign Ballard's. Janeway cautiously welcomes their former crewmember home, as does Harry, who was her close friend.

Harry and Ballard reminisce over their years of friendship, and Harry even shares the eulogy he gave at her funeral. Just then, the Doctor calls them to sickbay with news that there is not enough DNA left in Ballard to make her human again. However, he can inject her with a compound that will affect cosmetic changes. She quickly agrees, and before their eyes she begins to look a little more like her old self.

Ballard's first full day back as a member of the crew does not go as planned. Neelix prepares her favorite meal, but it tastes metallic to her Kubali taste buds. She fixes an alignment error in engineering and impresses B'Elanna, but she unconsciously begins speaking Kubali in the process. Following dinner with Janeway, Ballard blurts out her belief that the Captain is responsible for her death by sending her on that away mission. Later, Ballard has a nightmare in which the crew is attending her second funeral. Finally, she wakes Harry to share her troubles, and he reveals his feelings for her.

A Kubali ship suddenly hails Voyager, and Ensign Ballard's Kubali father asks to be beamed aboard to speak with his daughter. He implores her to return home with him, insisting that her life as Lindsay is over and that she can never be human again. Ballard is upset and leaves the meeting, but the Kubali warns that he will be back with others to take her by force. Meanwhile, the ensign's face begins to revert back to its alien form.

The Doctor finds that the pathogens are adapting to his compound, meaning Ballard will experience more frequent cosmetic relapses unless she has injections twice a day. The ensign finally accepts that she doesn't fit in on Voyager anymore. She is a Kubali, and trying to regain her old life is futile. As the Kubali begin their attack on Voyager, Ballard asks to be beamed back to her ship. Although Harry is heartbroken, he realizes he lost the girl he loved three years ago, and that this was just a second chance to say goodbye.



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CAST

CAPTAIN KATHRYN JANEWAY
CHAKOTAY
B'ELANNA TORRES
TOM PARIS
NEELIX
THE DOCTOR
TUVOK
SEVEN OF NINE
HARRY KIM

KATE MULGREW
ROBERT BELTRAN
ROXANN DAWSON
ROBERT DUNCAN MCNEILL
ETHAN PHILLIPS
ROBERT PICARDO
TIM RUSS
JERI RYAN
GARRETT WANG

GUEST STARRING

KIM RHODES
MARLEY MCCLEAN

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ROBERT DOHERTY

Story by:

RONALD WILKERSON

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TERRY WINDELL

HIGHLIGHT LISTING

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