

STAR TREK VOYAGER®

EPISODE #243

“LIFE LINE”

The Doctor seizes an opportunity to save the life of the man who created him.

With Lieutenant Barclay and Starfleet still working on the Pathfinder Project in the Alpha Quadrant, they are able to send a compressed data stream to Voyager. Using a cyclic pulsar from the Midas array, they can transmit information to the Delta Quadrant once a month, and Voyager will be able to respond. Once the Doctor learns that Doctor Zimmerman, who invented his holographic matrix, is dying, he goes to work researching a cure. Finding that a Borg regeneration technique could reverse the cell damage, the Doctor convinces Janeway to send his program to the Alpha Quadrant so he can save Zimmerman.

After all of his non-essential subroutines are extracted, the Doctor's program is compressed enough to send through the data stream. He arrives in the Alpha Quadrant to find that Zimmerman is surly and ungrateful for his long trip. In fact, he informs the Doctor that his Mark I model is now obsolete. Although insulted, the Doctor insists on being allowed to continue, but the examination is cut short by the irate patient.

Fed up with Zimmerman's bad attitude, the Doctor is ready to give up and return to Voyager. However, he has two weeks until the next transmission, so until then he tries to break through Zimmerman's tough exterior. He explains that he feels compelled to help the man who is responsible for his existence. Meanwhile, Barclay persuades his friend, Deanna Troi, from the Starship Enterprise to pay a visit to Zimmerman and offer counsel.

With Zimmerman and the Doctor still butting heads and refusing to compromise, Deanna tries to delve deeper into Zimmerman's psyche. His loyal assistant Haley reveals his obsession in perfecting the Mark I model, which he crafted in his own likeness. When it failed to meet Starfleet's standards, Zimmerman was crushed. Now, seeing the Doctor is a constant reminder of that disappointment. Suddenly, bigger problems are at hand when the Doctor's program begins to destabilize. His primary matrix is degrading, and there is nothing Barclay can do.

After more prodding from the others, Zimmerman agrees to repair the Doctor's matrix. In the process, he finally explains the humiliation he feels knowing the hundreds of Mark I's he created in his likeness were deemed so flawed that they are now scrubbing plasma conduits on Federation barges. The Doctor convinces Zimmerman to give him a chance to treat him and make him proud, which he does. Later, they discover that Barclay and Deanna intentionally set an algorithm to disrupt his matrix, hoping it would help the two doctors bond. Luckily, it worked.



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CAST

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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

SPECIAL GUEST STAR

DWIGHT SCHULTZ

AS BARCLAY

GUEST STARRING

HALEY
ADMIRAL HAYES

TAMARA CRAIG THOMAS
JACK SHEARER

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY

MARINA SIRTIS

AS DEANNA TROI

Teleplay by:

ROBERT DOHERTY
& RAF GREEN
AND BRANNON BRAGA

Story by:

JOHN BRUNO
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HIGHLIGHT LISTING

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He gave him life.

Now, can the Doctor return the favor?

