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TEASER

FADE IN:

1 EXT. SPACE - USS/ISS ENTERPRISE 1

The Enterprise in orbit over the Halkan homeworld.

The IMAGE FLIPS... skips... and we suddenly SEE the Mirror Enterprise orbiting the planet in the opposite direction.

*[NOTE: This VFX shot is identical to that featured in 'Mirror, Mirror.']*

2 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - TRANSPORTER ROOM 2

*[NOTE: This scene plays out precisely the way it did in the closing moments of 'Mirror, Mirror.' All characters in this teleplay are their Mirror counterparts, unless otherwise indicated.]*

Mirror SPOCK is at the transporter controls, in mid-conversation with KIRK Prime. MARLENA MOREAU watching. McCOY Prime, UHURA Prime, SCOTTY Prime on the pad.

SPOCK

You must return to your universe.

I must have my captain back.

(beat)

I shall operate the transporter.

You have two minutes and ten seconds.

KIRK

With that time, I have something to say.

(beat)

How long before the Halkan prediction of galactic revolt is realized?

SPOCK

Approximately two-hundred and forty years.

(CONTINUED)

KIRK

The inevitable outcome?

SPOCK

The Empire shall be overthrown, of course.

KIRK

The illogic of waste, Mister Spock... the waste of lives, potential, resources, time. I submit to you that your Empire is illogical, because it cannot endure. I submit that you are illogical to be a willing part of it.

SPOCK

You have one minute and twenty-three seconds.

KIRK

If change is inevitable... predictable... beneficial... doesn't logic demand that you be a part of it?

SPOCK

One man cannot summon the future.

KIRK

(interrupting)

But one man can change the present! Be the captain of this Enterprise, Mister Spock! Find a logical reason for sparing the Halkans -- and make it stick! Push till it gives! You can defend yourself better than any man in the fleet.

SCOTTY

Captain, get in the chamber!

KIRK

What about it, Spock?

SPOCK

A man must also have the power.

Kirk and Moreau share a look.

(CONTINUED)

KIRK

In my cabin... is a device that will  
make you invincible.

SPOCK

(raises an eyebrow)

Indeed?

KIRK

What will it be? Past or future?  
Tyranny or freedom? It's up to  
you.

Moreau and Spock watch as Kirk moves to the pad.

SPOCK

It is time.

KIRK

In every revolution... there's one  
man with a vision.

Spock ACTIVATES the controls.

SPOCK

Captain Kirk. I shall consider it.

Kirk smiles as Spock ENERGIZES the transporter and the four  
officers BEAM AWAY.

Spock and Moreau share a look...

...and the transporter suddenly SPRINGS TO LIFE again. He  
works the controls.

Mirror KIRK, SCOTTY, MCCOY, and UHURA MATERIALIZE on the pad.

KIRK

(gruffly)

What the devil's going on?

MCCOY

Dammit, Spock!

UHURA

What happened...?

SCOTTY

Mister Spock! What did ya do to my  
transporter?!

Kirk notices Spock and Moreau.

(CONTINUED)

SPOCK

It is agreeable to see you again,  
Captain.

Spock and Moreau give the standard mirror 'fist' salute.

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SPOCK (cont'd)

It appears you were temporarily  
interchanged with counterparts from  
a parallel universe. Most of the  
crew are... unaware of these events.  
I was able to...

KIRK

(interrupting)

I know what happened. I want to  
know why. Who's responsible?

SPOCK

The ion storm created a  
transporter... 'irregularity'...  
resulting in a transposition of the  
landing party's quantum wave  
signatures. Chief Kyle was at the  
controls. He has been disciplined.

Kirk's eyes narrow.

KIRK

He'd better have been.

(beat)

Mister Scott!

Scotty steps forward.

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SCOTTY

Sir?

KIRK

Check the transporter relays. Make  
sure this doesn't happen again.

(to Spock)

I trust the Halkans have been dealt  
with.

Spock and Moreau share a glance. She swallows. Kirk frowns.

KIRK (cont'd)

I have to do everything myself,  
don't I.

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2 CONTINUED: (4)

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He PUNCHES a button on the intercom.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Kirk to bridge! Is the Halkan  
capital city in firing range?

The relief Helmsman -- LT. SMITH, 30s, female -- on the  
intercom:

SMITH (O.S.)  
(filtered, over comm)  
Coming around again in four  
minutes, sir.

KIRK  
Good. I'm on my way.

He turns to leave. Stops a moment to smile at Moreau.

MOREAU  
Welcome back... Captain.

KIRK  
(smiles)  
See you in my quarters.

He leaves, followed by Uhura and McCoy. Scotty moves to the  
transporter controls and begins to fiddle.

Spock and Moreau share one last look... and Spock follows Kirk  
out.

Off Moreau...

3 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

3

In orbit over the planet.

4 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

4

The turbolift doors WHIR open as Kirk steps onto the bridge...  
followed by Spock and Uhura. They take their positions.  
Smith at the helm. No navigator. REDSHIRT 1 at the  
turbolift. SUPERNUMERARIES about.

REDSHIRT 1  
Captain on the bridge!

Everyone salutes.

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4 CONTINUED:

4

KIRK  
Uhura, get the Halkans on screen.

Uhura WORKS her panel. As he sits:

KIRK (cont'd)  
Where's my navigator?

SMITH  
(confused)  
Captain... Mister Chekov...

But Kirk ignores her. He PRESSES his intercom.

KIRK  
(interrupting; into comm)  
Ensign Chekov, report to your  
station immediately.

Spock approaches and speaks quietly:

SPOCK  
(clears throat)  
It is merciful of you to forgive  
Mister Chekov after his  
assassination attempt, sir. I  
agree that the agony booth made a  
sufficient impression.

Kirk looks puzzled momentarily. Then catches on.

KIRK  
(to Uhura)  
What's the hold up, Lieutenant? Do  
you have them?

UHURA  
Council leader Tharn standing by.

5 THE VIEWSCREEN

5

SPRINGS to life. THARN's face.

INTERCUT:

6 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

6

As before.

(CONTINUED)

KIRK

Your time has run out. I'm tired of playing with you.

THARN

(filtered, on screen)

This is no game, Captain Kirk.

KIRK

No, it's not. You have thirty seconds to relinquish your dilithium crystals or this face will be the last you ever see.

THARN

(filtered, on screen)

That would be most unwise, but we are prepared to die to protect what we hold dear.

KIRK

Have it your way.

(to Smith)

Start the countdown. Ready phasers.

(beat)

No... wait.

(grins)

Load photon torpedo tubes. Full spread.

Smith frowns, uncomfortable.

SPOCK

Captain... the Halkans have no planetary defense grid. A torpedo barrage is unnecessary. The radiation fallout would likely annihilate their entire population.

KIRK

Likely. Fitting, isn't it? An example to all who defy the Empire.

Spock takes a deep breath. Something about this feels wrong.

He steps forward:

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6 CONTINUED: (2)

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SPOCK  
(thinks)  
Captain... if I may...

Kirk turns and looks at him.

SPOCK (cont'd)  
Logic dictates that the survival of  
the Halkan civilization may prove  
profitable for the Empire... for a  
long time to come.

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Kirk looks at him, examining. His deadpan expression hiding  
his concern. Something's wrong with Spock... something's  
different.

SPOCK (cont'd)  
You could be the first to set a  
precedent of nonviolence that could  
yield long-range benefits. I  
recommend... lesser measures.

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KIRK  
(nods)  
You've given me a lot to think  
about, Mister Spock.

He holds his look for a moment... then his expression drops.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Fire.

Spock swallows, watching.

7 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

7

A BARRAGE of PHOTON TORPEDOES lets loose from the ship, as  
we...

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

8 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE 8

SUPER episode titles as the Mirror Enterprise orbits the Halkan planet, a large fiery spot clearly seen on the surface.

9 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE 9

Kirk, Spock, Uhura, Smith, Redshirt 1 as before.

SPOCK (V.O.)  
First Officer's personal log.  
Captain Kirk has annihilated the  
Halkan people... and I was unable to  
prevent it.

Kirk watches the destruction on the

10 INSERT - VIEWSCREEN 10

The planet burns.

SPOCK (V.O.)  
I find myself... torn. Between  
loyalty to the Empire... and the  
logic which predicts its inevitable  
demise.

11 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE 11

As before.

KIRK  
Status report.

SMITH  
(uneasy)  
All torpedoes impacted, Captain.  
The Halkan cities have been...  
destroyed.

(CONTINUED)

KIRK

Thank you, Jones.

SMITH

(frowns)

The name's 'Smith,' sir...

Kirk ignores her. Stands and turns to Spock.

KIRK

Mister Spock. You mind telling me what just happened? Since when do you question imperial orders?

Spock raises an eyebrow.

SPOCK

I merely pointed out the obvious advantages of an alternative course of action... which you elected to ignore.

Kirk takes a moment. Then:

KIRK

Uhura. Contact Starfleet. Inform them that we... I... have completed the mission. Notify them that strip-mining of the planet's dilithium can proceed.

(thinks)

And be sure to make note of Mister Spock's... 'objection.'

UHURA

Aye, sir.

The turbolift doors WHIR open. CHEKOV steps onto the bridge. Salutes.

CHEKOV

Ensign Chekov reporting!

(beat)

Captain. I wish to thank you for permitting me to resume my duties.

KIRK

I trust you've learned your lesson, Ensign?

(CONTINUED)

11 CONTINUED: (2)

11

CHEKOV

Yessir!

KIRK

Good.

(to Redshirt 1)

Take him back to the agony booth.

(CONTINUED)

11 CONTINUED: (3)

11

The Redshirt grabs Chekov by the arm.

CHEKOV  
But Captain...!

KIRK  
I changed my mind.

CHEKOV  
But sir! You said...

KIRK  
I changed my mind.

Kirk nods to the Redshirt, who drags Chekov back into the  
turbolift as the doors CLOSE.

KIRK (cont'd)  
(to Uhura)  
Lieutenant. Have Mister Leslie  
report to the navigator station.

UHURA  
Aye, sir.

Suddenly:

SMITH  
Captain! I'm reading additional  
detonations beneath the planet's  
crust.

KIRK  
(frowns)  
What sort of 'detonations'...?

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SMITH  
It looks like our torpedo barrage  
triggered a reaction in the  
planet's dilithium strata. The  
crystal lattices... They're being  
destroyed.

Kirk reacts. Spock moves to his science station.

SPOCK  
Piezoelectric booby traps, Captain.  
No doubt planted by the Halkans.

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11 CONTINUED: (4)

11

Reactions from all.

KIRK

(keys intercom)

Kirk to transporter room! Beam as many dilithium crystals as possible directly to the cargo bay immediately!

INTERCUT:

12 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - TRANSPORTER ROOM

12

Scotty and REDSHIRT 2 (red coveralls) working on repairs.  
Scott PRESSES the comm.

SCOTTY

(into intercom)

Captain... with all those explosions... there's no way to get a lock. Besides, the transporter circuits are still damaged from..

KIRK (O.S.)

(filtered, on comm)

I don't want excuses, Mister Scott!  
I want solutions!

INTERCUT:

13 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

13

KIRK

(into comm)

Are you capable of providing them?

INTERCUT:

14 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - TRANSPORTER ROOM

14

Scott shares a look with the Redshirt. Swallows.

SCOTTY

(into comm)

I'll get right on it, sir.

INTERCUT:

15 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

15

Kirk SWITCHES off his intercom. Turns to Spock now:

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KIRK

The dilithium was rigged to  
explode! Why didn't you detect it?

SPOCK

Captain, I advised against this  
course of action. The logical  
decision was to...

KIRK

(interrupting)  
You aren't paid to lecture me in  
logic! You're paid to do your job!

SPOCK

I believe I am, sir.

KIRK

(speechless)  
I'll be in my quarters.

And he's GONE.

Uhura and Spock share a look. She begins to ACTIVATE her  
comm panel.

SPOCK

(to Uhura)  
Lieutenant...

UHURA

(coldly)  
Don't look at me, Commander. The  
Captain's enemies aren't around for  
long. I don't intend to be one of  
them.

An ALERT LIGHT flashes on the helm. Smith studies her  
viewer... reacts:

SMITH

Commander. Two Andorian vessels  
are dropping out of warp just  
outside the system.

Spock sits in the captain's chair:

SPOCK

Computer. Analysis of the  
approaching ships.

(CONTINUED)

15 CONTINUED: (2)

15

A distinctive male COMPUTER VOICE:

COMPUTER (V.O.)  
(filtered)  
Working.  
(beat)  
Kumari-class battle cruisers.  
Armaments: one-hundred-eighty-  
degree particle cannons. Hull  
composition: duranium alloy.

SMITH  
Top of the line.

Uhura puts a hand to her earpiece.

UHURA  
We're receiving a transmission from  
the Andorians.  
(beat; concerned)  
They say they witnessed the  
destruction of the Halkans...  
(eyes widen)  
...and no longer recognize the  
authority of the Terran Empire.

SPOCK  
(nods knowingly)  
It has begun.

Uhura stands.

UHURA  
What has?

SPOCK  
(beat)  
Revolution, Lieutenant.  
Revolution.

16 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

16

The door WHIRS open as Kirk steps in and makes a direct line  
for a bottle of brandy. Pours himself a drink. Paces.

From the shadows, Moreau steps forward.

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MOREAU  
(not really a question)  
What's wrong?

KIRK  
I'll tell you what's wrong. What's  
wrong has pointed ears and a knack  
for insubordination.

He sits. SIGHS. Takes another drink.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Spock's been the best first officer  
I could ask for.  
(beat; to himself)  
What's he playing at?

Marlena just swallows. Isn't sure what to say.

The INTERCOM BEEPS.

SPOCK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
Bridge to Captain Kirk.

KIRK  
(smirks)  
Speak of the devil.

He switches on his VIEWER.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Kirk here.

INTERCUT:

16A INSERT - VIEWSCREEN - INT. BRIDGE

16A

Spock's face.

SPOCK  
(filtered, on screen)  
Captain. Long-range sensors detect  
Andorian rebels on an intercept  
course. Their armaments...

INTERCUT:

16B INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

16B

KIRK  
(interrupting)  
If they show any sign of  
aggression... destroy them. Kirk  
out.

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He reaches for the button, but:

SPOCK  
(filtered, on screen)  
Captain. The Andorian government  
will not...

KIRK  
(interrupting)  
Again offering your opinion when  
none was requested, Commander. If  
they charge weapons... destroy them.

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SPOCK  
(filtered, on screen)  
I will not.

Kirk smiles now. Shakes his head.

KIRK  
(laughs)  
Oh Spock.  
(gets serious)  
All right. You're angling for  
something. What is it you want?  
Did that imposter offer you  
something?

INTERCUT:

16C INSERT - VIEWSCREEN - INT. BRIDGE

16C

SPOCK  
(filtered, on screen)  
What he offered me, Captain... is  
something you cannot give.

The screen goes BLACK.

INTERCUT:

16D INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

16D

Kirk frowns angrily.

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16D CONTINUED:

16D

KIRK

I was right. The galaxy has gone  
crazy.

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(to Moreau)

What happened... while I was gone?

She hesitates fearfully. Looks away. He notices. Eyes her  
suspiciously.

KIRK (cont'd)

The imposter's obviously been in my  
chair. Where else has he been?

Moreau doesn't answer. Smiles. Almost laughs it off.

Kirk turns to a wall panel. PRESSES IT as it WHIRS open to  
reveal the Tantalus Field device.

Marlena watches as Kirk activates the device. Swigs his  
brandy.

On the Tantalus SCREEN, Spock speaks with Uhura on the  
bridge:

SPOCK (O.S.)

(filtered, on screen)

The actions taken against the  
Halkans have been... illogical. They  
shall likely serve as a catalyst... a  
catalyst which may jeopardize the  
Empire's very survival.

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17 INSERT - TANTALUS VIEWSCREEN - INT. BRIDGE

17

SPOCK

(filtered, on screen)

There is, however, a path to the  
future. But that path may not  
involve our present command.

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18 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

18

Kirk studies the Tantalus SCREEN. Shakes his head,  
disappointed.

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18 CONTINUED:

18

KIRK

Spock.

(beat)

We had a good run, you and I.

(CONTINUED)

18 CONTINUED: (2)

18

He PRESSES THE GREEN BUTTON.

A electrical WHINE. The VIEWSCREEN goes black. SILENCE.

KIRK (cont'd)  
(to himself)

No...

Kirk frowns. Presses the button again. Again.

Nothing. Moreau's eyes widen in surprise.

KIRK (cont'd)  
No!

He suddenly rages. PUNCHES the wall.

MOREAU  
James...!

KIRK  
What's wrong with it?! Why isn't  
it working?!

MOREAU  
I don't know...!

KIRK  
Why isn't it working?!!!

Now he takes a beat. Thinks. Just as quickly as he got  
worked up, he calms down. CLOSES the Tantalus panel.  
Presses the INTERCOM.

KIRK (cont'd)  
(into comm)  
Security detail -- report to my  
quarters.

He shares a look with Marlana. PRESSES the intercom again:

KIRK (cont'd)  
(into comm)  
Belay that order.

Suspiciously, he FLIPS open his hand communicator:

KIRK (cont'd)  
(low; into communicator)  
Kirk to Farrell.

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FARRELL (O.S.)  
(filtered, over comm)  
Farrell here, sir.

KIRK  
Send two of my personal guards to  
my cabin on the double.

FARRELL (O.S.)  
(filtered, over comm)  
On the double, sir.

KIRK  
And keep this channel secure. Kirk  
out.

MOREAU  
What are you going to do?

KIRK  
I'm putting a stop to this insanity  
once and for all.  
(beat)  
Why?

He moves toward her and takes her in his arms.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Worried about me?

MOREAU  
I am the Captain's woman.

KIRK  
You are. Aren't you.

MOREAU  
Always.

She looks at him expectantly. Hoping for the best.

He kisses her.

And as he pulls away, we PLAY Moreau. In her eyes, we can  
SEE her disappointment. This isn't the man she loves.

The door BUZZES. Kirk turns.

KIRK  
Enter.

(CONTINUED)

18 CONTINUED: (4)

18

It WHOOSHES open. Two tough-looking crewmen -- KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1 and KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 2 (blue coveralls). They salute.

KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1  
Captain.

KIRK  
Escort me to the bridge. We're taking Commander Spock into custody.

KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1  
Sir?

Kirk crosses to him.

KIRK  
You have a hearing problem, mister?

KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1  
(swallows)  
No sir.

Kirk nods. Moves to leave. Over his shoulder:

KIRK  
(to Moreau)  
Wait here. I'll be back in an hour.

They GO.

Off Moreau...

18A EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

18A

In orbit.

19 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - TRANSPORTER ROOM

19

Scotty on the floor, underneath the transporter controls. A panel hangs open... circuits everywhere. Redshirt 2 assisting him.

The door WHIRS open as Spock enters with his PERSONAL VULCAN GUARD (blue coveralls). Scott gives him a glance.

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SCOTTY

Commander... what the Captain's  
asking for... it's not possible...!

SPOCK

Mister Scott. I must speak with  
you.

(beat)

Off the record.

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SCOTTY

Sir.

SPOCK

When you were in... the 'other'  
reality...

He trails off.

SCOTTY

Aye?

SPOCK

What did you see?

Scotty frowns; stands.

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Scott is torn. Shares a look with the Redshirt. Is this a  
trick question?

SCOTTY

I... I saw weakness, Commander.

Spock sees through him.

SPOCK

(beat)

Perhaps... what you saw... was peace.

(off his reaction)

Is that possible, Mister Scott?

SCOTTY

(eyes widen)

Commander! That kinda talk... it'll  
only lead to one place! The agony  
booth!

He starts to back away from Spock. Puts a finger on the  
intercom, ready to press it.

(CONTINUED)

SPOCK

You speak of weakness. But the true weakness lies in the Terran Empire. It is held together by tenuous bonds of fear.

That strikes a chord with Scott. He slowly lowers his finger.

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Spock paces.

SPOCK (cont'd)

The destruction of the Halkan civilization will serve as the final straw for the outer colonies. Insurrection was inescapable... but it has now been accelerated.

(beat)

We cannot survive a full-scale rebellion. But the peace you witnessed... over there... is not impossible in our reality as well.

SCOTTY

(concerned)

Mister Spock... what you're saying... it's...

SPOCK

(nods)

Mutiny.

Off Scotty's reaction...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

20 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE 20

In orbit.

KIRK (V.O.)  
Captain's log, supplemental.  
Something happened during my time  
away from the Enterprise.  
Commander Spock has become  
emboldened to seek the Captain's  
chair. But he's questioned my  
orders for the final time.

21 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE 21

The turbolift doors OPEN as Kirk steps onto the bridge,  
accompanied by Kirk's Personal Guards 1 and 2.

KIRK  
Mister Spock, you're under arrest  
for...

He trails off. Spock isn't here. Uhura, Smith stare at him.

Kirk turns to Redshirt 1, stationed near the turbolift.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Where's my science officer?

REDSHIRT 1  
I... I don't know, sir...

Kirk grimaces. PUNCHES the man. He drops to the floor.

Reactions.

Now Kirk steps to Uhura. Puts a hand on her shoulder, near  
her neck. Menacingly.

KIRK  
Lieutenant?

(CONTINUED)

21 CONTINUED:

21

UHURA

(gulps)

I believe... he's in the transporter  
room.. Captain...

KIRK

(grins)

Good girl.

Kirk turns to his Personal Guards.

KIRK (cont'd)

Phasers at the ready.

They nod... move with Kirk into the turbolift. Kirk grabs one  
of the wall handles.

The turbolift doors WHIR shut.

SMITH

I would not want to be Mister Spock  
right now.

Uhura kneels down to help the injured Redshirt. Shakes her  
head.

UHURA

I'm not so sure I even want to be  
on this ship.

Smith's eyes widen. She stares at Uhura (unsaid: 'Don't talk  
like that out loud!') But Uhura stares right back at her:

UHURA (cont'd)

Don't tell me you haven't thought  
about it too. Things can't stay  
this way forever. We all know it.  
(beat)  
Spock's just the only one with the  
courage to say it.

22 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - TRANSPORTER ROOM

22

The door OPENS as Kirk and his Personal Guards step in.

Redshirt 2 is here, alone.

Kirk frowns.

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KIRK  
Where's... Mister... Spock?

REDSHIRT 2  
(swallows)  
Captain...

KIRK  
Where is Mister Spock?! What did  
you witness??

The man hesitates for a moment... then pulls out his phaser.

In an instant, Kirk KARATE CHOPS his arm.

A STRUGGLE...

The guards GRAB him. Their phasers are pulled.

C.U. follows Kirk's hand to the agonizer on the man's belt.  
Kirk slips it off and raises it to the man's face.

KIRK (cont'd)  
(darkly)  
I'll give you one last chance,  
Crewman. Mister Spock is a  
traitor... and I want to know where  
he is.

Redshirt 2 is silent. Kirk hits him with the AGONIZER. He  
crumbles.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Take him to sickbay. Let McCoy  
reason with him.

The Personal Guards grab Redshirt 2... pull him out of the  
room.

Off Kirk, as he moves to the intercom on the console...

Spock, Scotty, and Spock's Vulcan Guard on the move.

They approach REDSHIRT 3 (red coveralls) stationed outside  
the Aux Control Room. The door WHIRS open and they step in. \*

23 CONTINUED:

23

The door CLOSES behind him. PLAY the sign: 'AUXILIARY CONTROL.'

Suddenly, over the LOUDSPEAKER SYSTEM, we hear:

KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, over comm)  
All hands, this is the Captain.  
First Officer Spock has mutinied  
and fled the bridge. He is to be  
incapacitated on sight and placed  
under arrest. The crewman who  
accomplishes this will be promoted  
two steps in grade. Captain out.

Now, from inside the Auxiliary Control Room, the sound of PHASER FIRE. Redshirt 3 frowns. Pulls out his weapon. Steps IN...

24 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL

24

The door OPENS as Redshirt 3 enters. Unconscious BODIES litter the floor. Spock, Scott, and the Vulcan Guard have phasers drawn.

SCOTTY  
I suggest you put down your weapon,  
laddie.

Redshirt 3 reacts. Raises his hands in surrender.

25 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - SICK BAY

25

C.U. on Redshirt 2, strapped to a medical bed, writhing in pain.

REVEAL Kirk and his Personal Guards watching. McCoy holds a hypospray.

KIRK  
Doctor.  
(beat)  
Another dose.

MCCOY  
I've never used this much.  
(sadistically)  
I wonder what'll happen...

(CONTINUED)

McCoy INJECTS him. Redshirt 2 SCREAMS.

Subtly, the Personal Guards frown. This bothers them.

McCoy loads the hypospray with another chemical. Moves to inject him.. but:

KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1  
(aside to Kirk)  
Captain... he's of no value dead...

Kirk thinks for a moment. He's right. He nods to McCoy to take a step back.

McCoy frowns, disappointed.

Redshirt 2 PANTS in pain. Kirk draws close to his face.

KIRK  
Doctor McCoy is enjoying this. So  
unless you want him to continue...  
(beat)  
Where's Mister Spock?

REDSHIRT 2  
(winces)  
He... he was headed to Auxiliary  
Control...  
(beat)  
With Mister Scott.

Kirk reacts... shares a look with McCoy.

KIRK  
He's all yours, Doc.

MCCOY  
(smiles darkly)  
Yessir! And give that traitorous  
elf a slap for me when you catch  
him, Jim.

In b.g., McCoy INJECTS the Redshirt again. He SCREAMS as Kirk moves to the INTERCOM on the wall.

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25 CONTINUED: (2)

25

KIRK  
Kirk to Sulu.  
(beat)  
Security Chief Sulu. Come in.

INTERCUT:

26 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - SULU'S QUARTERS

26

It's relatively dark. Sulu -- with his Mirror Universe facial scar -- sits up in bed. Presses an INTERCOM. Drowsy. He runs a hand through his hair.

He's shocked to hear the Captain calling.

SULU  
(into comm)  
Sulu here...?

INTERCUT: \*

26A INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - SICK BAY

26A

KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
Take a team to Auxiliary Control.  
Apprehend Commander Spock and  
Lieutenant Commander Scott. Lethal  
force is authorized.

SULU  
(into comm)  
Lethal force, Captain? There'll  
likely be casualties... on both  
sides...

KIRK  
(into comm)  
Then bring Chekov with you. Put  
him in front. Kirk out.

\*

INTERCUT:

26B INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - SULU'S QUARTERS

26B

Sulu SHUTS OFF the intercom.

SULU  
I need to go.

(CONTINUED)



26B CONTINUED:

26B

MCKENNAH sits up in Sulu's bed.

MCKENNAH  
(playfully)  
Don't be a party pooper, Hikaru.

SULU  
I'm serious! It's not often the  
Captain gives anyone a second  
chance... and I intend to take it.

He grabs his red uniform shirt. Pulls it on.

SULU (cont'd)  
Besides... with Spock and Scott out  
of the way... guess who's next in  
line for First Officer.

Sulu smiles. Doesn't turn to her.

MCKENNAH  
And you'll write me up for that  
commendation?

SULU  
(bluntly)  
I told you I would, didn't I?  
(beat)  
Same time next week?

MCKENNAH  
Always.  
(smiles)  
You're my favorite.

Sulu grins. EXITS.

Off McKennah, dropping the show...

27 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL

27

C.U. on a memory tape being PULLED from the computer bank.

REVEAL Spock doing the honors.

Scotty WORKS a control console. Redshirt 3 here as well, now  
working together.

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27 CONTINUED:

27

SCOTTY

I've locked out the bridge controls. Transferred navigation, helm, and long-range communication to us.

SPOCK

Seal off the armory. Secure as many decks as possible.

SCOTTY

Aye sir.

Spock steps to him now.

SPOCK

Thank you, Mister Scott.

He hands the memory tape to Scotty.

SPOCK (cont'd)

Broadcast this recording on all ship channels.

Scott shares a look with him. Nods.

28 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - CORRIDOR

28

Sulu, Chekov, and REDSHIRT 4 (red coveralls) approach. Phasers drawn.

They peer around a corner... toward the door of Auxiliary Control.

Spock's Vulcan Guard stationed at the door.

Sulu gestures to Chekov... unsaid: 'Move in.'

Chekov OPENS FIRE.

His PHASER BLAST misses... HITS THE WALL near the Vulcan Guard.

The Guard springs to life, RETURNING FIRE. Redshirt 3 EMERGES from the door, FIRING as well.

Sulu FIRES...

...and his SHOT CONNECTS. The Vulcan Guard EVAPORATES as Spock emerges from the Auxiliary Control door, phaser drawn.

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28 CONTINUED:

28

They RETURN FIRE.

A few MISSES...

...and a HIT! Sulu is shot. He COLLAPSES onto the ground, stunned.

Chekov and Redshirt 4 share a look.

CHEKOV

Their phasers... they're only set to  
'stun'...

SPOCK

(calls out)

Murder is the way of the empire...  
the way of the Captain... a way that  
must change.

(beat)

Join us, Mister Chekov. Be part of  
the future... not the past.

Chekov and Redshirt 4 swallow... nod to each other.

Their phasers are THROWN OUT around the corner. Dropped.

Chekov and Redshirt 4 emerge. Hands up.

Surrendering.

Spock nods to Chekov.

Suddenly, they react as a RED ALERT sounds.

29 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

29

Kirk steps onto the bridge, rather agitated. Uhura, Smith at their stations.

*[NOTE: Redshirt 1 is now gone. The bridge crew is being whittled down, one by one.]*

KIRK

Status report!

SMITH

The Andorian vessels have entered  
orbit, sir. They're charging  
weapons.

(CONTINUED)

KIRK

General quarters. Ready main  
phaser banks.

UHURA

They're demanding we surrender,  
Captain.

BOOM! The ship SHAKES with a particle cannon blast.

SMITH

That was a warning shot across our  
bow.

(beat)

Shields are holding.

KIRK

Warning shot... cowards. Lock on to  
their lead ship and fire.

SMITH

(shocked)

Captain?

KIRK

I said 'fire'!

SMITH

Aye, sir!

Smith works her controls. Shakes her head.

SMITH (cont'd)

Weapons are locked out.

KIRK

'Locked out'? From where?

The intercom WHISTLES to life.

SPOCK (O.S.)

(filtered, on comm)

Attention, crew of the ISS  
Enterprise. This is First Officer  
Spock. By now, you are aware of  
the annihilation of the peaceful  
Halkan people.

Kirk frowns.

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29 CONTINUED: (2)

29

The ship ROCKS with another BLAST.

KIRK

Kill that broadcast, Uhura!

Uhura frantically ATTEMPTS to do so.

SPOCK (O.S.)

(filtered, on comm)

This action has served only to  
hasten the fall of the Terran  
Empire.

(beat)

A civilization built upon a legacy  
of violence and terror cannot  
survive.

KIRK

Kill that broadcast!!!

UHURA

I can't, sir...

30 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - CORRIDOR

30

Spock's MESSAGE reverberates all over the ship.

SPOCK (O.S.)

(filtered, on comm)

The time has come to embrace a new  
vision. One of equality, of  
morality... Of galactic peace. A  
philosophy based upon infinite  
diversity... infinite combinations.  
Such a future is within our reach...  
but not under our present Captain.

\*

31 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

31

As before. Kirk fumes.

SPOCK (O.S.)

(filtered, on comm)

Join me. Together, we shall be the  
architects of that future.

(CONTINUED)

31 CONTINUED:

31

DOLLY IN on Kirk, glaring... as we:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

32 EXT. SPACE - ANDORIAN SHIPS 32

In orbit. Two ANDORIAN KUMARI BATTLE CRUISERS are firing PARTICLE CANNONS.

KIRK (V.O.)  
Captain's log, supplemental. The Andorians are seeking vengeance for the Halkans... and First Officer Spock is a traitor to me and the Empire.

(beat)  
I will not lose the Enterprise.

33 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL 33

RED ALERT. Spock, Scott, Redshirt 3 and Redshirt 4 at the controls.

*[Note: SPOCK'S RECORDING PLAYS in the background.]*

The ship SHAKES with a cannon blast.

SCOTTY  
Our shields won't hold forever,  
Commander.

Suddenly, the door WHIRS open.

It's Chekov, with Moreau. He's holding her by the arm. The redshirts draw down on her. She puts her hands up.

CHEKOV  
Sir. She says she needs to speak  
with you.

SPOCK  
She poses no threat.

They nod. Lower their phasers.

Chekov goes back outside as Moreau turns to Spock.

(CONTINUED)

MOREAU

Commander. We need to get to  
Captain Kirk's quarters. Quickly.

SPOCK

Lieutenant Moreau, it would be  
extremely unwise...

MOREAU

(interrupting)

Dammit, Mister Spock. I can help  
you! Just come with me. Please!

Spock raises an eyebrow.

SPOCK

Mister Scott. Encode a message to  
the Andorians. Inform them that we  
have control of the Enterprise... and  
that we are prepared to join their  
cause.

(beat)

I shall return momentarily.

Spock EXITS with Moreau.

SCOTTY

(to himself)

Or ya won't return at all.

Scott turns to his panel and GETS TO WORK as the ship JUDDERS  
again, continuing into:

34 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

34

RED ALERT. Uhura, Smith at their stations. Kirk pacing in  
fury.

*[NOTE: SPOCK'S RECORDING continues to PLAY in background.]*

KIRK

Lieutenant! Shut off that damn  
recording!

Uhura struggles with her CONTROLS.

Suddenly, the SHAKING and RED ALERT stop.

(CONTINUED)



SMITH

Sir... the Andorians are powering  
down their weapons.

UHURA

I'm detecting a transmission... from  
Auxiliary Control, Captain.

(beat)

We're suing for peace.

Kirks fumes. He SLAMS his fist against a console.

KIRK

The hell we are.

(to Uhura)

Where's Leslie?!

UHURA

(hesitates)

Mister Leslie... didn't report for  
duty, sir.

KIRK

Find somebody to take this shift!  
I want a navigator and I want one  
now!

Uhura works her controls to no avail.

\*

SMITH

(swallows)

I can navigate the Enterprise, sir.  
Whatever you need.

Kirk takes a breath. Sits in his chair.

KIRK

(burning inside)

Set course for Starbase thirty-  
four. Maximum warp.

Smith steps over to the navigator station. FLIPS a few  
switches. No response.

(CONTINUED)

SMITH  
(frustrated)  
I'm sorry, Captain. Controls  
aren't responding..

Kirk makes a beeline to the conn. Almost pushes her out of  
the way before she steps aside.

SMITH (cont'd)  
I've tried, sir. I can't...

KIRK  
You 'can't'?  
(beat)  
You said you can fly my ship... but  
you can't even take us out of  
orbit?!

SMITH  
(desperate)  
Navigation's been rerouted to  
auxiliary control... there's nothing  
I can do...

Kirk stares her down. Red with anger. For a moment, she's  
terrified of him.

CUTAWAYS: Reactions from Uhura and the remaining bridge  
supernumeraries.

But Kirk holds in his rage. Looks eyes with her:

KIRK  
(coldly)  
Lieutenant. You're relieved of  
your commission. Report to the  
brig.

SMITH  
Sir...

Uhura can't believe what she's seeing. She stands:

UHURA  
Captain! It's not her fault...!

KIRK  
(to Smith)  
I said 'report to the brig'!

(CONTINUED)

UHURA

That's enough!

Kirk turns to Uhura, anger in his eyes...

But the turbolift doors suddenly OPEN. Kirk's Guards enter, with Sulu in tow. Sulu's holding his head, dizzy. He salutes.

KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1

We found him unconscious on deck  
eight, sir.

SULU

Chekov and the other men... they've  
turned.

Kirk takes a moment. Looks around. Realizes that he's  
losing them.

KIRK

(quietly; to Smith)  
Resume your post.

She sits. He puts a hand on her shoulder. It's downright  
creepy.

KIRK (cont'd)

Am I not... merciful?  
(turns to Sulu)  
You have the bridge.

Kirk steps into the lift with his Guards. Over his shoulder:

KIRK (cont'd)

I want control of my ship. Or it's  
the booth for the lot of you.

The lift WHIRS shut as Sulu sits in the captain's chair.  
Just as Spock's speech reaches this point:

SPOCK (O.S.)

(filtered, on comm)  
Such a future is within our reach...  
but not under our present Captain.

\*

Uhura shares a look with Smith. Both thinking the same  
thing.

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34 CONTINUED: (4)

34

SULU

You heard the Captain. Get to  
work!

Off their reactions...

35 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - CORRIDOR

35

REDSHIRT 5 (red coveralls) stands silently outside the  
Captain's Quarters.

Moreau approaches from down the hallway. Nonchalantly.  
Sexy.

The redshirt eyes her. Smiles.

REDSHIRT 5

I was hoping you'd come back during  
my shift.

MOREAU

Happy to see me?

REDSHIRT 5

Always.

But before he can say anything more, Spock approaches from  
the opposite direction. Gives him a Vulcan nerve pinch. The  
redshirt COLLAPSES.

Moreau presses a button and the door WHIRS open.

36 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

36

Moreau and Spock enter... SECURE the door behind them.

She steps to the wall. Touches the panel at its key points.

The Tantalus Field OPENS.

SPOCK

The device of which the other  
captain spoke, I presume.

(beat)

I am surprised that Captain Kirk  
did not use it on me.

(CONTINUED)

36 CONTINUED:

36

MOREAU  
(smiles)  
Oh, he tried.

Now she produces an electronic tool from her boot. She ACTIVATES the tool near the Tantalus field and it WHIRS to life.

Moreau WORKS the controls.

37 INSERT - TANTALUS VIEWSCREEN - INT. TURBOLIFT

37

Kirk rides in the lift. Fuming. Personal Guards 1 and 2 with him.

38 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

38

As before. Spock studies the Tantalus Field.

SPOCK  
Fascinating.

MOREAU  
(smiles)  
James met an alien scientist at the Starfleet penal colony on Tantalus Five. He pillaged her laboratory... after he dispensed with her... and stole this device.  
(beat)  
One touch... and your problems are over, Mister Spock. This will change everything.

Moreau hovers her finger over the green button. She studies Kirk's IMAGE:

39 INSERT - TANTULUS VIEWSCREEN - INT. TURBOLIFT

39

Captain Kirk's face.

40 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

40

Spock studies Marlena. Frowns.

(CONTINUED)

SPOCK

You would see me use this device on him?

MOREAU

(swallows)

I would.

SPOCK

But you are... the Captain's woman.

MOREAU

(sadly)

Yes.

(beat)

But not this Captain.

Spock studies the device. He takes the tool from Moreau's hand and ACTIVATES it. The device WINDS DOWN.

SPOCK

No revolution can succeed utilizing the same methods which failed the previous one.

He steps away from the panel.

Moreau moves toward him. Puts a hand on his arm.

MOREAU

Commander...

(beat)

Spock.

(off his reaction)

Please find a way... a way... to send me where he went.

He turns to her sadly.

SPOCK

I cannot.

MOREAU

Please.

SPOCK

It is not within my power.

Moreau's face drops.

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40 CONTINUED: (2)

40

SPOCK (cont'd)  
But you can make a difference here.

41 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - CORRIDOR

41

A turbolift door OPENS as Kirk and Personal Guards step into the hallway.

ANGLE

as they round a corner and stop in their tracks. At the Captain's Quarters door, Redshirt 5 lies unconscious.

Reactions. Guard 1 moves toward the quarters...

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42 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

42

It's dark. Personal Guard 1 does a sweep of the room.

No one here.

Kirk STEPS IN. Frowns.

\*

KIRK'S PERSONAL GUARD 1  
Clear, sir.

KIRK  
Wait outside.

\*

The man nods. LEAVES.

Kirk thinks. What next?

\*

After a beat, he crosses to his desk intercom. PUNCHES a button.

KIRK (cont'd)  
(into comm)  
Captain Kirk to Mister Spock.

INTERCUT:

43 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL

43

Scott, Chekov at the controls. The DOOR OPENS as Spock and Moreau step in.

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43 CONTINUED:

43

KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
Captain Kirk to Mister Spock.

Spock PRESSES an intercom.

SPOCK  
Spock here.

INTERCUT:

44 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

44

KIRK  
(grins)  
Commander... there's no reason we  
can't talk about this like  
civilized men.  
(beat)  
I've listened to your... logic... and I  
find it compelling.

INTERCUT:

45 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL

45

As before. Spock and Moreau listening.

KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
There is merit... in what you say,  
Spock. I see the potential for  
change. The opportunity to better  
the Empire.

INTERCUT:

46 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - KIRK'S QUARTERS

46

KIRK  
Spock.  
(beat; smiles)  
I have the Bridge. You have  
Auxiliary Control. Who makes the  
next move?

SPOCK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
What do you propose?

(CONTINUED)



46 CONTINUED:

46

KIRK

We meet. Somewhere neutral. Deck  
five Officers' Lounge. Half an  
hour. No weapons. No tricks.  
Just you and me. We've had many  
successes together, you and I,  
Spock. I know we can work this  
out.

\*

INTERCUT:

47 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL

47

Marlena and Spock share a look. She shakes her head.

SPOCK

(into comm)

Very well. Half an hour.

He SWITCHES off the intercom panel.

SCOTTY

Ya dun actually trust him, do ya?

SPOCK

(raises eyebrow)

Of course not.

MOREAU

It's some kind of set up! Why play  
his game?

SPOCK

(beat)

If there is any hope for the Empire  
to change... I must give Captain Kirk  
the opportunity to do so as well.

He turns to GO. Off Moreau and Scotty...

48 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

48

In orbit.

49 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - OFFICERS' LOUNGE

49

Spock waits alone.

A chess game rests on the table.

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The door OPENS. Kirk steps in with Personal Guards 1 and 2.

SPOCK  
Captain.

KIRK  
Commander.

Kirk raises his arms.

KIRK (cont'd)  
No weapons.

Spock does as well.

SPOCK  
No weapons.

Kirk stares at Spock for a moment. Nods. Guards 1 and 2 leave. The door SHUTS behind them, leaving Kirk and Spock alone.

SPOCK (cont'd)  
I have... considered our game. While  
you were away.

Spock indicates the table.

SPOCK (cont'd)  
Bishop to queen's level two.

Kirk takes a beat. Smirks.

KIRK  
Knight takes bishop.

SPOCK  
You have left your king vulnerable.

KIRK  
As have you.  
(beat)  
Seems we're at a stalemate.

Spock raises an eyebrow at that. Says nothing.

KIRK (cont'd)  
(smiles)  
Spock. You can't win.  
(beat)  
What's your next step? Kill me?  
(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

49 CONTINUED: (2)

49

KIRK (cont'd)

Take command of the Enterprise?

(beat)

There are a dozen other starships  
out there... all loyal to the Empire.

SPOCK

As am I. But the Empire... as it  
stands today... is at a crossroads.

(beat)

Eventually... all kings are  
vulnerable.

Kirk paces.

KIRK

(re: Kirk Prime)

He put these thoughts in that  
Vulcan head of yours, didn't he?  
That... other captain...

(beat)

After all we've been through? All  
we've accomplished -- earned for  
ourselves? You would trust a  
stranger from another universe?

SPOCK

(thinks)

I believe I would. That Captain  
had a vision for an imminent future  
which you fail to see.

Kirk shakes his head.

KIRK

Then you're an even bigger fool  
than I imagined.And he pulls a type-1 hand phaser from inside his sash. Aims  
it at Spock.

KIRK (cont'd)

Your mutiny ends. Right here and  
now.

Off Spock's reaction...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

50 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE 50

In orbit. Forboding MUSIC.

51 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - OFFICERS' LOUNGE 51

Kirk pointing phaser at Spock, as before.

KIRK

You didn't really think I'd let you  
walk out of here, did you? And now  
it's come to this. Checkmate.

He fires.

Nothing.

Kirk reacts. Presses the phaser again. No dice.

SPOCK

Perhaps not.

(beat)

Mister Scott implemented a level  
three energy dampening field on  
this deck.

Kirk reacts.

SPOCK (cont'd)

Yet another act of treachery... which  
proves, once again, why your  
command must come to an end.

Suddenly, the ship SHAKES violently.

52 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE 52

The bridge is nearly deserted. Sulu in the chair. Uhura,  
Smith working their controls.

SULU

Report!

(CONTINUED)

52 CONTINUED:

52

SMITH

The tectonic explosions... they're  
destabilizing the planet's orbit.

53 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - OFFICERS' LOUNGE

53

Kirk and Spock TUMBLE as the ship SHAKES.

Kirk shares a look with Spock... and seizes the opportunity.  
He CHARGES him.

Spock FALLS to the ground with the force of the BLOW.

54 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - AUXILIARY CONTROL

54

Scott, Chekov, Moreau working the controls.

MOREAU

(to Scott)

We've run simulations of dilithium  
generator strata in the chem lab.  
I've seen this sort of thing  
before.

The ship SHAKES again.

CHEKOV

The Andorian ships have broken  
orbit and gone to warp, sir.

SCOTTY

They've got the right idea, lad.  
Put some distance between us and  
that planet.

55 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

55

Massive EXPLOSIONS on the planet's surface. The Enterprise  
JUDDERS in the shockwaves as it starts to break orbit.

56 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - OFFICERS' LOUNGE

56

Spock and Kirk in a STRUGGLE for their lives.

Kirk SLAMS Spock against a wall, near an intercom panel.  
Spock swallows... glances at it...

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Now he THROWS Kirk violently across the room. Kirk flies across the table and crumples to the floor. He gets up and charges... and TACKLES Spock.

Kirk and Spock STRUGGLE, each with their hands around the other's throat.

LIGHTS FLASH as the ship SHAKES again.

In the flickering light, Spock's eyes narrow. Dark. He squeezes Kirk's neck.

Kirk smiles... a little.

KIRK

There's the human side!

(beat)

I always knew you'd kill me to get the Captain's chair! You're no better than the rest of us...

He trails off as he starts to CHOKE. GASPS for air.

PLAY Spock. Torn.

He stops squeezing.

SHAKING STOPS as the ship STABILIZES.

Spock stands and composes himself as Kirk CATCHES HIS BREATH. Spock steps back... near the wall with the intercom on it.

SPOCK

Captain Kirk. The future is coming. You are the past.

Kirk stands, still rubbing his throat. Spock turns to him:

SPOCK (cont'd)

I offer this crew an alternative.

KIRK

This crew? This CREW?

(laughs mockingly)

They don't need 'alternatives'!

They're pawns. Pawns need a king!

They serve for my conquests. My victories!

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56 CONTINUED: (2)

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He violently WIPES the game pieces from the table. They CLATTER to the floor.

KIRK (cont'd)  
You think they're smart enough to follow you? They're mine!  
(beat)  
I can use them... break them... and send them to their own slaughter... and they'll thank me for it!

Spock raises an eyebrow. Takes one step to the side...

And we SEE the comm panel on the wall behind him is FLASHING in a way to indicate something special.

PUSH INTO it... it's LIVE. It begins to REPLAY what Kirk just said:

KIRK (O.S.) (cont'd)  
(filtered, on comm)  
This crew? This CREW?

Spock raises an eyebrow. Kirk fumes.

57 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - CORRIDOR

57

Personal Guards 1 and 2 wait outside the Officers' Lounge door. They listen to the INTERCOM:

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KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
They don't need 'alternatives'!

ANGLE

on another group of supernumeraries listening.

KIRK (O.S.) (cont'd)  
(filtered, on comm)  
They're pawns. Pawns need a king!  
They serve for my conquests. My victories!

58 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

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C.U. on Sulu listening...

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KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
You think they're smart enough to  
follow you? They're mine!

PULL BACK... REVEAL Uhura and Smith holding Sulu at knifepoint.

59 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - OFFICERS' LOUNGE

59

Kirk frowns as he HEARS his own voice over the comm:

KIRK (O.S.)  
(filtered, on comm)  
I can use them... break them... and  
send them to their own slaughter...  
and they'll thank me for it!

The doors WHIR open. Kirk's Personal Guards 1 and 2 step in  
and grab him by the arms.

SPOCK  
James T. Kirk. You are hereby  
relieved of command.

KIRK  
You... double crossing... half breed...  
traitor!

Kirk struggles...

KIRK (cont'd)  
Let go of me! Do you realize what  
you're doing?!

Kirk tries to break away from the men and CHARGE at Spock...

But Guard 1 KARATE CHOPS his neck. Kirk falls to the ground,  
stunned.

SPOCK  
I do.

Kirk is dragged away. Off Spock...

60 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

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In space.



61 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - SHUTTLEBAY

61

CAMERA SWINGS AROUND from the back of the SHUTTLECRAFT GALILEO to REVEAL Kirk and Spock facing each other as guards herd McCoy, Sulu, and a few supernumeraries into the shuttlecraft.

Spock and Kirk lock eyes.

KIRK

You're a coward, Spock. You don't even have the guts to execute us like a real leader.

SPOCK

This shuttlecraft is at your disposal. I recommend setting a course for the nearest habitable system. You have sufficient supplies to last until then.

Kirk shakes his head.

KIRK

You think this changes anything? So you've taken command of one ship. So what?! What now? 'Peace'? 'Freedom'? You're a traitor. The Empire will hunt you down like the mangy dog that you are.

SPOCK

Perhaps. But I must try.

Kirk GRUNTS.

And with that, Spock nods to his men. They direct Kirk, McCoy, Sulu et al into the shuttlecraft, phasers pointed.

As they go, Kirk turns over his shoulder:

KIRK

You won't get away with this, Spock... you're only one man.

PUSH IN on Spock.

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SPOCK

In every revolution... there is one  
man with a vision.

Kirk LAUGHS.

KIRK

Who told you that?

Spock looks him in the eye.

SPOCK

You did.

The shuttlecraft hatch starts to CLOSE, as:

KIRK

(building)

SPOOOOOOOOCK...!

The hatch SLAMS SHUT.

The craft LIFTS OFF... PIERCES the SHUTTLEBAY FORCEFIELD.

DISAPPEARS into the depths of SPACE.

Off Spock, watching them go.

DISSOLVE TO:

62 INT. ISS ENTERPRISE - BRIDGE

62

Uhura, Scott, Chekov, Smith at their stations.

PULL BACK. No security guard at the doors.

And now... Moreau at the science station.

The turbolift doors OPEN. Everyone turns.

PLAY: A set of boots exit the turbolift and begin to walk.

CUTAWAYS of all watching.

The boots end at the captain's chair and sit. TILT UP to  
REVEAL Spock, in a standard officer's gold uniform (not a  
dress uniform).

SPOCK

Commander Moreau... status report.

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MOREAU

All decks reporting in, Captain.  
The Halkan survivors are safely on  
board.

Spock nods.

SMITH

Captain. Shuttlecraft Galileo...  
it's leaving sensor range.

Spock takes a beat. Turns to the helm.

SPOCK

James T. Kirk chose his path. It  
is time to choose ours.  
(beat; to Chekov)  
Warp two, ensign.

CHEKOV

Heading, sir?

Spock thinks for a moment.

SPOCK

Forward.

Smith and Chekov nod as they WORK the controls.

63 EXT. SPACE - ISS ENTERPRISE

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The ship SAILS into space.

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE