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TEASER

FADE IN:

1 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE 1

The USS Enterprise SPEEDS THROUGH SPACE at warp six.

2 INT. SPOCK'S QUARTERS - USS ENTERPRISE 2

SPOCK and MCKENNAH face each other across Spock's desk, eyes closed and fingers steepled. A Vulcan meditation lamp burns on the desktop between them.

Spock's eyes open. He lowers his hands and regards McKennah in the flickering light of the lamp. McKennah's eyes also open, and she smiles at him.

MCKENNAH

Thank you for allowing me to meditate with you.

SPOCK

This is normally done in private, counselor. But it is an honor to teach Vulcan techniques to one so willing.

MCKENNAH

These... 'sessions.' They're the only times Vulcans pay attention to their emotions?

SPOCK

We find it salutary to have an interval during which to ask ourselves the question no other Vulcan may: 'How do you feel?'

MCKENNAH

(smiles)

When this mission is over... I'm going to miss these times with you.

(CONTINUED)

SPOCK

And I with you.

(beat)

Doctor. I believe you may benefit from further training with masters on Vulcan.

MCKENNAH

(gently)

Perhaps you could as well. There's a discipline called *Dalhutnar*, isn't there? To help one accept the wisdom of vestigial emotions?

SPOCK

There is also the *Kolinahr*, to purge all remaining emotions.

(beat)

There is no chance of me undertaking the former -- nor the latter.

McKennah frowns. Unsaid: 'Why?'

SPOCK (cont'd)

I am rarely disposed to discuss matters of a personal nature...

McKennah begins to press, but Spock beats her to it.

SPOCK (cont'd)

...but our relationship is... special.

(off her smile)

I have served aboard this starship for sixteen years under two captains. I would not admit this in front of Doctor McCoy. But such a lengthy association with men and women from Earth has taught me to value my maternal birthright... in a way I never could, had I remained on Vulcan.

McKennah reaches across the desk and takes Spock's hand, squeezing it. Spock lifts an eyebrow... and then, honoring the words he just spoke, he squeezes her hand back.

Off McKennah, smiling warmly in the lamplight.

3 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE

3

The Enterprise CRUISES along.

KIRK V.O.

Captain's log, stardate six-nine-eighty-eight point four. The Enterprise is scheduled to return to Earth shortly.

4 INT. KIRK'S QUARTERS - USS ENTERPRISE

4

A weary KIRK is seated on the edge of his bed, hunched over. He's continuing to DICTATE his log into a tricorder.

KIRK

I always intended to bring her back in one piece -- but it's a bittersweet triumph. The recent loss of our sister ships still gnaws at me. Whatever caused the Hood's crew to lose their life-support -- killing all four-hundred-thirty men and women aboard -- is...

Kirk is interrupted by a COMM WHISTLE. He gets up, TURNS ON the viewer on his desk, and swivels it to face him.

KIRK (cont'd)

(into comm)

Kirk here.

UHURA V.O.

(filtered; over comm)

Priority incoming message from the Chief of Starfleet Operations.

KIRK

(into comm)

I'll take it down here, lieutenant.

INTERCUT:

5 INT. OFFICE - STARFLEET HQ - VIEWER INSERT

5

THESP, Andorian, APPEARS on the screen. Her appearance -- blue skin, antennae -- is so arresting, we hardly notice the standard gray 'The Motion Picture' uniform. Starbase patch. Rear admiral stripes.

INTERCUT:

6 INT. KIRK'S QUARTERS - USS ENTERPRISE

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KIRK  
(into comm)  
Admiral Thesp.

THESP  
(filtered; on screen)  
Captain. Priority One. We're  
diverting you to Aldebaran.

Kirk reacts, puzzled.

KIRK  
(into comm; reacts)  
Considering the ships we've lost in  
that system recently... are you  
certain that's a wise idea?

THESP  
(filtered; on screen)  
Wise or not... it's necessary. The  
Yorktown and Republic were severely  
damaged during their investigation  
into the Hood's loss. And shortly  
afterwards... the Federation colony  
on Aldebaran Three went completely  
silent.

KIRK  
(into comm; frowns)  
What do you mean... 'silent'?

THESP  
(filtered; on screen)  
Starfleet has a top-secret  
laboratory on that world. The  
supply vessel we sent to  
investigate -- the SS Halifax --  
never returned.

(MORE)

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                  THESP (cont'd)  
                  (off his reaction)  
                  Before we lost contact, the Halifax  
                  reported significant anti-proton  
                  residue on the planet's surface. I  
                  think you know what that means.

PUSH IN on Kirk, reacting:

                  KIRK  
                  Romulans.

Off Kirk, concerned and determined..

FADE OUT.

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

7 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE 7

SUPER episode titles as the Enterprise maneuvers into an equatorial orbit around Aldebaran III. A prominent, fresh crater is visible.

8 INT. TRANSPORTER ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE 8

SCOTT at the console. Spock -- equipped with phaser, tricorder, communicator -- is consulting the hooded viewer.

Kirk, DICKERSON ENTER. Carrying phasers and communicators.

SPOCK

Captain. Readings indicate that the colony has been destroyed.

KIRK

(reacts)

Romulan plasma weapon?

SPOCK

(shakes head)

Judging by the damage, it appears the central reactor suffered a containment failure.

KIRK

That's unusual.

SCOTT

It's impossible! I installed the safeguards myself five years ago.

KIRK

Perhaps some kind of sabotage?

Spock simply nods.

Kirk, Spock, Dickerson take their places on the pad.

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SCOTT

At least the Pandora Science Lab's intact. But it's underground... and it generates a particle scattering field. I'll have ta put ya down outside.

KIRK

(nods confirmation)

Just get us there in one piece, Scotty.

(off his nod)

Energize.

9 EXT. ALDEBARAN III SURFACE - DAY

9

Kirk, Spock, Dickerson MATERIALIZE. It's very bright: Aldebaran, a red sun, fills much of the sky. Kirk and Dickerson shield their eyes with their hands as they look around.

Spock SCANS with his tricorder (with his inner eyelid, he has no need to shield his own eyes).

SPOCK

The disruption field is obscuring my readings. I am detecting two life forms large enough to be humanoid.

Spock gestures with his tricorder toward..

10 EXT. PANDORA LAB - ALDEBARAN III SURFACE - DAY

10

The landing party approaches a small elevator bunker.

KIRK

I don't suppose they left a spare key under a rock?

Spock works his TRICORDER.

SPOCK

I can attempt to access the lift using standard Federation prefixes.

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Suddenly, a DEFENSIVE DRONE -- a floating sphere about the size of a basketball, with phaser turrets -- rises from atop the elevator bunker and heads their way!

DICKERSON  
Automated defenses!

The drone FIRES; Spock dives out of the way.

Kirk FIRES at the drone, but the beam BOUNCES OFF!

Spock joins in FIRING.

SPOCK  
We must maintain the barrage. The drone cannot fire through its own shield.

Dickerson starts FIRING too, but the beams continue to be DEFLECTED. The men duck for cover. Amidst the turmoil:

KIRK  
Got any other ideas?

SPOCK  
It is possible the turret's antigrav beam creates a gap at the bottom of its deflector screen.

KIRK  
(reacts)  
It's possible?!

Spock raises an eyebrow.

KIRK (cont'd)  
Well... if that's all we've got...

Kirk nods and does a barrel roll, dodging Dickerson and Spock's DEFLECTED PHASER BEAMS! He brings himself directly beneath the drone. SHOOTS his phaser straight up.

The drone is VAPORIZED!

Kirk gets up and dusts himself off. Spock studies the spot where the drone was a moment ago.

SPOCK  
Fascinating.

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A FEMALE VOICE:

LANA (O.S.)  
You're Vulcan?

The men whirl, phasers drawn. Standing in the now-open elevator door is LANA, human, 40s, gorgeous, in a standard Federation science colony jumpsuit. She wears wraparound sunglasses.

LANA (cont'd)  
(to Spock)  
You. You're Vulcan?

SPOCK  
Affirmative.

LANA  
(smiles)  
When a simple 'yes' would do.  
Vulcan for sure.  
(beat)  
Forgive the attack. The drone's sensors thought you were another Romulan invader. The bio-signs are almost identical.  
(to Kirk)  
You're in charge?

KIRK  
Captain James T. Kirk. Federation starship Enterprise.

LANA  
(mischievous grin)  
T for 'Tiberius.'

Kirk frowns. Unsaid: "How did you know?"

And now Lana removes her glasses. She has SILVERED EYES, like the mutants we saw in 'Where No Man Has Gone Before.'

All react with surprise.

KIRK  
Who are you? What happened here?

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LANA

You don't know?

(beat)

It was your starship that pierced the barrier around our galaxy five years ago. An energy field that 'enhances' humans with high ESP quotients. Uplifts them.

(off Kirk's silence)

Since then... certain Starfleet officials have been assembling us. Testing us. Experimenting. Twenty-five in total.

SPOCK

It would appear you have journeyed through the barrier yourself.

LANA

A trial run.

KIRK

'Trial?' For what?

LANA

The ultimate last resort.

Spock puts it together.

SPOCK

Protection... against invasion.

LANA

(nods)

In the event the Federation is ever invaded by a superior force, we were to fly through the galactic barrier...

SPOCK

...granting you superior powers. Effectively... weaponizing you.

KIRK

The Federation isn't in the business of 'weaponizing' its citizens.

(CONTINUED)

LANA

You should better familiarize yourself with the Starfleet Charter. Article Fourteen, Section Thirty-One.

(off his frown)

Captain, absolute power doesn't corrupt absolutely; it corrupts selectively. As you know from experience. Aboard your ship, one uplifted esper became a megalomaniac... while the other retained humanity.

KIRK

Which kind are you?

LANA

I follow *Sas-tar-po-harn*.

SPOCK

(off Kirk's frown)

A human spiritual movement which follows the pacifist teachings of Surak and T'Mord of Vulcan.

LANA

Psychologically unsuitable espers were excluded from this project.

KIRK

About my original question... What happened here?

Lana swallows. Closes her eyes. A painful memory.

LANA

A cloaked vessel arrived. They overwhelmed the lab. Destroyed the ship sent here to investigate.

KIRK

The Halifax.

LANA

(nods)

The Romulans vaporized our scientists. And kidnapped the espers.

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KIRK

What about you?

LANA

I used my powers to suspend my life signs.

(off Spock's frown)

I 'played dead.'

DICKERSON

What do Romulans want with a bunch of espers?

SPOCK

I believe I can surmise the answer, lieutenant.

(beat)

Despite my own advanced ESP rating, my experiences with the barrier did not 'uplift' me. I suspect Vulcan physiology renders us immune to its psionic effects. And if Vulcans cannot be 'uplifted'...

KIRK

...then neither can Romulans.

(off Lana's nod)

They want to use the kidnapped espers. To form an attack force.

LANA

But not against us, captain. Against the Romulan praetor. They oppose his termination of the Klingon alliance.

KIRK

Romulan politics aren't my concern. But getting our people back is.

(to Lana)

What's your name?

LANA

Lana.

KIRK

You'll be safe with us, Lana.

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SPOCK  
 Captain, a word.

Spock draws Kirk aside.

SPOCK (cont'd)  
 If you recall, it was extremely dangerous to have Mitchell aboard the Enterprise after his powers had been multiplied. If we leave Lana here, she remains as we intended him to be: isolated, where she can do no harm.

KIRK  
 You heard her, Spock. She's a pacifist.  
 (beat)  
 If we're gonna pursue a Romulan ship full of espers -- espers who may've been turned -- I wanna have one of our own.

SPOCK  
 A most logical position.

KIRK  
 You sound surprised.

SPOCK  
 (off Kirk's smile)  
 Captain. There is the matter of the other life form I detected.

A VOICE from O.S.:

SENTEK (O.S.)  
 That would be me, commander.

They whirl and see a male Romulan -- whom we will later know as SENTEK. He's wearing a full Romulan commander's uniform -- and has his disruptor drawn and aimed directly at Kirk.

Dickerson aims his phaser at the Romulan.

DICKERSON  
 Drop your weapon!

(CONTINUED)

SENTEK

Are you confident you can shoot me before I kill your captain? Disarm now.

KIRK

Hold your position, lieutenant!

Dickerson is torn. Sentek does something to his disruptor, and a THROBBING ELECTRONIC NOISE emanates from it. Reactions from all!

SENTEK

Surrender is not the Romulan way. Fire now, and this disruptor will detonate.

(beat)

I have no quarrel with you. Save yourselves. But the mutant stays with me.

The electronic THROBBING is INCREASING.

SPOCK

Captain. Given that particular model of firearm... I believe we have approximately twenty-eight seconds until a forced-chamber overload.

KIRK

(to Sentek)

We're not abandoning a Federation civilian!

SENTEK

You have little choice.

Lana sweeps her hand, and her telekinetic power YANKS the disruptor from Sentek's grip! It lands inside the elevator door, still BUILDING to an overload.

Sentek turns to retrieve his disruptor -- and Kirk JUMPS him!

The Romulan is much stronger than any human, but Kirk holds his own until Spock SURGES IN and administers a neck pinch. Sentek falls to the ground.

The THROBBING from the disruptor is increasing! Now an EAR-PIERCING WAIL!

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SPOCK  
(shouts; re: Sentek)  
Captain! We cannot leave him here  
to die.

Kirk FLIPS OPEN his communicator quickly!

KIRK  
(keys comm)  
Emergency! Five to beam up! Now,  
Enterprise!

The TRANSPORTER WHINES and the group DEMATERIALIZES -- just  
as the disruptor -- and the bunker -- EXPLODE!

FADE OUT.

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

11 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE 11  
The Enterprise at warp.

12 INT. BRIEFING ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE 12  
Kirk is conferring with Admiral Thesp, **VISIBLE** on the  
tabletop tri-viewer.

KIRK  
(into comm)  
Mister Sulu has detected the  
Romulan kidnappers on long-range  
sensors. We're on an intercept  
course.

INTERCUT:

13 INT. OFFICE - STARFLEET HQ - VIEWER INSERT 13  
THESP  
(filtered; on screen)  
Excellent.

INTERCUT:

14 INT. BRIEFING ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE 14  
KIRK  
(into comm; serious)  
Admiral, I won't lie. They got a  
head start. A good one.  
(beat)  
They'll cross into the Neutral Zone  
long before we can catch them.

THESP V.O.  
(filtered; on screen;  
mutters to self)  
A week before my retirement.  
(beat)  
Captain. I'm ordering you to  
pursue those *karskat* Romulans into  
(MORE)

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THESP V.O. (cont'd)  
 the Zone. All the way to the home  
 worlds if you have to. Just get  
 the espers back. No matter what.  
 (beat)  
 Starfleet out.

Thesp FADES OUT.

Kirk takes a beat to let that sink in. Then KEYS THE COMM.

KIRK  
 (into comm)  
 Kirk to bridge.

SPOCK V.O.  
 (filtered; over comm)  
 Spock here.

KIRK  
 (into comm)  
 Set a course for the Romulan  
 Neutral Zone. Maximum warp.

15 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE

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Spock in the chair. UHURA, SULU at their stations. CHEKOV  
 at science. SMITH at nav sub-systems. Relief NAVIGATOR at  
 nav. PALMER at engineering.

SPOCK  
 (into comm)  
 Acknowledged.

He SWITCHES off the comm.

Sulu turns to Spock.

SULU  
 Mister Spock?

SPOCK  
 You heard the order, lieutenant.

SULU  
 (swallows)  
 Yes sir.

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As he WORKS the controls, Spock steps over to Uhura's station. Hands her a microtape.

SPOCK

Uhura. Transmit this encrypted message on the following subspace frequency.

He PRESSES A FEW BUTTONS on her panel.

UHURA

(frowns)

Sir? That carrier wave is only used by...

SPOCK

(interrupting)

Please proceed.

(off her nod)

Direct any responses to my quarters.

And he LEAVES.

16 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE

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In flight.

17 INT. SICKBAY - USS ENTERPRISE

17

Lana is sitting on an examination bed. MCCOY consults his READOUTS.

MCCOY

Four-oh. Perfect.

LANA

(smiles)

I try to take the stairs instead of levitating whenever I can. Keep in shape.

Kirk ENTERS.

LANA (cont'd)

Captain.

(CONTINUED)

KIRK

We're in hot pursuit. We'll get your friends back.

LANA

And the Romulan?

KIRK

He's in our brig.

(beat)

Lana. Why was he still there? On Aldebaran Three?

LANA

(sighs)

I think he's a praetorian spy. Must've infiltrated the dissidents. He fled into the hills after they discovered him.

(beat)

We were the only people alive at the lab for weeks. Our paths crossed... frequently.

KIRK

Do you trust him?

LANA

About as far as I can throw him.

KIRK

In your case... I'd wager that's pretty far.

(off her smile)

Why didn't you? Use your abilities to subdue him.

LANA

He has... tremendous innate powers. And as I told you, captain... I'm a strict pacifist. I do not utilize my abilities to harm others unless they pose a direct threat.

Kirk frowns, as if he doesn't quite buy that. But he moves on:

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KIRK

Bones. Speaking of 'direct threats'... we'll be engaging the Romulan ship soon. I'm hoping I won't have to call on you. But...

MCCOY

If I had a credit for every time you said that.

(beat, serious)

I've got the chem lab synthesizing hyronalin. Best thing for radiation burns.

The COMM WHISTLE sounds.

SULU V.O.

(filtered; over comm)

Bridge to captain.

Kirk ACTIVATES the wall communicator.

KIRK

(into comm)

Kirk here.

SULU V.O.

(filtered; over comm)

The marauder's about to cross into the Neutral Zone.

KIRK

(into comm)

Sound battle stations, Sulu. I'm on my way.

Kirk EXITS as the KLAXON begins to SOUND and the above-door RED-ALERT LIGHT starts FLASHING.

McCoy gives Lana a reassuring nod. Unsaid: 'Don't worry.'

Off Lana, nonetheless looking very worried indeed.

18 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE

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[RED ALERT.] As before (Uhura at comm; Sulu at helm; Smith at nav sub-systems; Chekov at science; relief Navigator at nav; Palmer at engineering). Everyone's very serious.

Kirk ENTERS from the lift and stands near his seat.

KIRK  
How long to the Neutral Zone  
boundary?

SULU  
Ten seconds.

KIRK  
(to Uhura)  
Lieutenant...?

UHURA  
Our orders recorded and logged,  
sir.

SULU  
Five seconds.

KIRK  
Stay sharp, everyone.

COMPUTER VOICE (V.O.)  
Warning! Treaty violation!  
Warning! Treaty violation!

KIRK  
Uhura, mute that.

Uhura HITS a control; the computer voice STOPS.

SULU  
On course for Romulan space.

KIRK  
Keep an even hand on the tiller,  
Sulu.

CHEKOV  
Out of the frying pan, into the  
fire.

18A EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE 18A  
WHOOSHES by CAMERA.

18B INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE 18B  
[RED ALERT.] Sulu peers into the helm viewer.

SULU  
Scanning to one-half parsec.  
(beat)  
No sign of the marauder, captain.  
Could be cloaked.

Smith speaks up from the nav sub-systems station:

SMITH  
I've got something on the motion  
sensors.

KIRK  
Can we get a phaser lock?

SMITH  
No sir. But he's out there.

KIRK  
See if you can boost the  
directional beam. We need surgical  
precision... Take out his engines  
without endangering the habitat  
module.

She nods.

CHEKOV  
(re: science viewer)  
Captain... a Romulan ship is  
decloaking off our port bow!

KIRK  
Shields to maximum!

CHEKOV  
T'liss-class imperial bird-of-prey.  
I have wisual!

They turn to the VIEWSCREEN:

19 EXT. SPACE - IRW HAWK'S TALON - VIEWSCREEN INSERT 19

A classic Romulan bird-of-prey DECLOAKS.

20 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE 20

[RED ALERT.]

KIRK

The marauder?

Spock ENTERS from the lift.

SPOCK

(knowingly)

Negative. The vessel is registered  
as the IRW Hawk's Talon.

Kirk gives Spock a 'what the hell?' scowl.

UHURA

Captain. We're being hailed.

Kirk nods for Uhura to open the channel.

INTERCUT:

21 INT. CONTROL CENTRAL - IRW HAWK'S TALON - VIEWSCREEN INSERT 21

On screen, CHARVANEK -- the female Romulan commander from  
'The Enterprise Incident' -- APPEARS.

INTERCUT:

22 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE 22

[RED ALERT.] Kirk steps forward gallantly.

KIRK

Commander.

CHARVANEK V.O.

(filtered; on screen)

I received Mister Spock's message  
requesting a parley. Yet the fact  
remains... the Enterprise violated  
interstellar law by entering  
Romulan space.

(MORE)

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CHARVANEK V.O. (cont'd)

(beat)

Shall we call it 'war' now, Captain Kirk? Or await an official declaration?

Off Kirk, in shock...

23 INT. KIRK'S QUARTERS - USS ENTERPRISE

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[No longer red alert.] Kirk SLAMS his fist onto the table. REVEAL Kirk seated. Spock standing.

KIRK

Contacting the Romulans -- that Romulan! -- on your own initiative?! Why didn't you tell me?

SPOCK

You would not have agreed.

KIRK

Damn right I wouldn't have! You're lucky I don't rip one of those stripes off your sleeve.

SPOCK

Captain. I became aware of reports that Charvanek was granted command of a new bird-of-prey after she was repatriated. I am confident -- once I speak with her -- that she will see the wisdom of assisting us in pursuing the Romulan dissidents.

(beat)

She and I have a... 'rapport.'

Kirk reacts. Calms himself and nods.

KIRK

Bring her aboard.

Spock heads toward the door, but Kirk stops him.

KIRK (cont'd)

Spock. You've got thirty minutes to persuade her.

(beat)

(MORE)

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KIRK (cont'd)  
Is that long enough for your..  
'rapport'?

Spock raises an eyebrow. LEAVES. Kirk follows him out.

24 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE & IRW HAWK'S TALON 24

Hawk's Talon in foreground; Enterprise in background. The ships hover, motionless.

25 INT. TRANSPORTER ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE 25

Spock WORKS the transporter controls as Charvanek MATERIALIZES, accompanied by a male ROMULAN LIEUTENANT. Kirk, Dickerson stand waiting.

KIRK  
Welcome to the Enterprise -- again.

CHARVANEK  
Captain.

SPOCK  
Mister Dickerson. Please conduct the lieutenant to guest quarters.

DICKERSON  
Aye, sir.

The Lieutenant hesitates briefly... but Charvanek gives him an imperceptible nod. He gives a clenched-fist Romulan salute and -- with Dickerson -- LEAVES.

Spock and Charvanek lock gaze for a moment, a thought passing between them.

Spock now gives Kirk a look. Unsaid: 'If I may...' Kirk returns his look. Unsaid: 'This better work, Spock.' Kirk LEAVES.

Spock turns back to Charvanek.

SPOCK  
*Jolan tru.*

She steps down from the platform.

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CHARVANEK

And should I greet you as your people would? 'Live long and prosper'?

SPOCK

You may greet me as you wish.

(beat)

Human lore suggests I offer the 'other cheek.'

Charvanek cracks a small smile.

CHARVANEK

I confess, the humans did treat me well. Still, I was surprised an 'exchange' was arranged so quickly.

SPOCK

Logic dictated your return would entice the praetor into releasing the Tellarite merchants held on Remus.

CHARVANEK

You mean the Tellarite spies.

SPOCK

They would have sold the information they acquired; my terminology is apt.

CHARVANEK

(with another small smile)

Now who is being clever, Spock?

SPOCK

The praetor would seem quite loyal to you. Is your loyalty to him as great?

She gives him a questioning look. Spock steps toward her.

SPOCK (cont'd)

Commander. He needs your help.

(lower)

I need your help.

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A long beat, as she lets that sink in. They share a look... and she recovers:

CHARVANЕК

Your father negotiated the arrangement that led to my return. The house of Sarek has my gratitude. I will aid you.

(beat)

If I can.

Spock nods.

26 INT. CORRIDOR - USS ENTERPRISE

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Kirk, Spock, Charvanek move down the hallway.

KIRK

Commander, I appreciate your assistance.

CHARVANЕК

Spock mentioned Romulan 'dissidents.' And kidnapped humans with psionic abilities.

(shakes head)

Our intelligence sources know nothing of these 'marauders.' To track them, I'll require their ship's configuration, armaments.

SPOCK

Then we are -- to use an Earth expression -- 'in luck.'

(off her reaction)

We apprehended a Romulan commander on Aldebaran Three. An undercover member of the vessel's crew... still loyal to the praetor.

They approach...

27 INT. CORRIDOR/BRIG - USS ENTERPRISE - CONTINUOUS

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The HUM of the force-field door rises as they draw nearer. DRAKE is standing guard.

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Charvanek looks into the brig cell. Sentek, seeing the commander, gives her the clenched-fist Romulan salute.

SENTEK

*Jolan tru.*

But Charvanek doesn't reciprocate. Instead, she wheels to face Kirk and Spock.

CHARVANEK

I have never seen this individual before. He's certainly no Romulan commander.

KIRK

Are you sure?

Suddenly, we hear the TRANSPORTER WHINE. Inside the brig, Sentek DEMATERIALIZES!

Drake and Charvanek look astonished. Kirk POUNDS the wall intercom button.

KIRK (cont'd)

(into comm)

Transporter room! What the hell are you doing?

28 INT. TRANSPORTER ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE

28

The TRANSPORTER CHIEF activates the INTERCOM.

TRANSPORTER CHIEF

(into comm)

I beamed the prisoner out of the brig -- just as you ordered, sir!

29 INT. CORRIDOR/BRIG - USS ENTERPRISE

29

KIRK

(into comm)

Dammit, chief! I gave no such order!

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CHARVANEK

Captain, I know my fleet as well as  
you know yours! That man was an  
impostor!

KIRK

An impostor... who's now on the  
loose!

PUSH IN on Kirk as we...

FADE OUT.

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

30 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE & IRK HAWK'S TALON 30  
The Enterprise and Hawk's Talon hover in space.

31 INT. TRANSPORTER ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE 31  
Kirk speaks with the Transporter Chief, while Charvanek stands by. Spock studies the controls. Dickerson stands guard.

The Transporter Chief is confused. She rubs her head, in a daze.

TRANSPORTER CHIEF  
Captain, I swear I received orders to transport the prisoner. I just... I don't remember where...

SPOCK  
Sir, the targeting scanner's memory logs have been erased. But the impostor could not have traveled far. Our shields have remained at full power since Commander Charvanek beamed aboard.

CHARVANEK  
(realization)  
Then... he's still on the Enterprise...

KIRK  
Dickerson. I need security teams on all decks.

Before Dickerson can respond, the COMM WHISTLES.

SCOTT V.O.  
(filtered; over comm)  
Intruder alert! Main engineering!

KIRK  
Looks like we found our man.

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- 31 CONTINUED: 31
- Kirk, Dickerson, Charvanek RUN OUT of the room.
- 32 INT. ENGINEERING - USS ENTERPRISE - MOMENTS LATER 32
- Sentek moves with a purpose toward the crystal chamber in the room's center. He TOSSES aside two ENGINEERS, sending one crashing into the forced-perspective grille.
- Scotty watches helplessly as Sentek PULLS OPEN the dilithium assembly, exposing the pentagonal crystal pack. MIST fills the room!
- Sentek pulls the crystal out of the holder. Lights DIM as it comes free!
- 33 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE 33
- Sulu now in center seat. Chekov at science; Uhura at comm; Smith at helm; Palmer at engineering; relief Navigator at nav.
- The lights DIM!
- PALMER  
Sir! The mains are going offline!
- 34 INT. ENGINEERING - USS ENTERPRISE 34
- MIST everywhere!
- Sentek continues to FEND OFF Scott and other engineers as Kirk, Dickerson, Charvanek come BARRELING into the room! Dickerson draws his phaser.
- SCOTT  
(yells)  
Hold your fire! He's released the electro-plasma!
- KIRK  
Hand-to-hand!

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Dickerson LUNGES at Sentek. He's thrown backwards, and the dilithium crystal flies into the air!

Scott barely manages to catch it before it smashes!

SCOTT

Got ya, ya lovely!

Scott scrambles up the ladder and begins to WORK on a panel.

Kirk RUSHES Sentek as well. Sentek TOSSES the men aside like rag dolls. Dickerson's phaser goes flying!

Charvanek -- who also has Romulan strength -- CHARGES at Sentek! They STRUGGLE.

Scott WORKS quickly at the panel. The electro-plasma MIST begins to DISSIPATE.

Sentek brings his right hand up to grip Charvanek's face. She GASPS, and he brings his left hand up, completing a nerve pinch. Charvanek DROPS to the floor.

The MIST is finally gone.

SCOTT (cont'd)

Clear!

Kirk scrambles to recover Dickerson's phaser pistol. He scoops it up and FIRES.

Sentek collapses against a console, his head SMASHING into it. He falls to the floor, green blood oozing from his forehead.

Kirk kneels next to Charvanek, examining her motionless form. Reactions from all...

35 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE &amp; IRW HAWK'S TALON

35

As before.

36 INT. SICKBAY - USS ENTERPRISE

36

Charvanek lies on a bed in foreground. Kirk, Doctor M'BENGA, and NURSE hover by her.

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Charvanek's BIO-MONITOR shows her as dead. No pulse, no respiration; all arrows at the bottom. The red 'death lights' GLOW at the top of each column.

M'BENGA

(to Kirk)

If the nerve pinch was as you described, Charvanek will be incapacitated for at least three hours.

KIRK

We don't have that kind of time, doctor. Her subcommander is demanding her immediate return.

M'Benga takes a moment. A decision.

M'BENGA

They're better equipped to treat her than we are.

Kirk nods quietly.

KIRK

(to Nurse)

Burke, prepare the commander for transport.

Nurse stays with Charvanek, readying her for departure... as Kirk and M'Benga move to the far bed.

REVEAL Sentek, still unconscious, strapped to it with restraints. Now in medical coveralls. Drake stands guard over him.

KIRK (cont'd)

How's our Romulan 'friend'?

M'BENGA

I'm keeping him under. Pulse two-hundred; blood pressure twenty over ten. Romulan or Vulcan... they read the same.

KIRK

(reacts)

Vulcan?

(CONTINUED)

M'BENGA

The pressure hold he administered.

KIRK

(realization)

Spock's so-called 'Vulcan Death Grip.'

MCCOY (O.S.)

Bingo.

McCoy emerges from the dispensary...

MCCOY (cont'd)

I've been doing some digging. The Aldebaran colony's last census listed one Vulcan.

(re: man on bed)

A male anthropologist named 'Sentek.'

(off Kirk's reaction)

There's more, Jim. Federation records show Sentek and our friend Lana are married. And his ESP rating is through the roof. He's got natural psionic abilities that're way beyond normal... even for a Vulcan.

KIRK

If his powers were already so strong... why come to an esper lab?

DRAKE

Maybe to find a mate.

M'BENGA

(nods)

A human esper who could be uplifted by the barrier. Become his equal.

KIRK

One who'd already embraced Vulcan philosophy.

MCCOY

Wanna bet Lana's trip into the barrier wasn't authorized by Starfleet?

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Off Kirk's reaction...

37 INT. REC ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE

37

McKenna and Lana are alone.

MCKENNAH

To see all the scientists killed...  
to have everyone like you taken  
prisoner. It must've been very  
hard.

LANA

(nods)  
Friends. Colleagues. Neighbors.  
(beat)  
Awful.

MCKENNAH

It's important to allow yourself to  
grieve, Lana. I can help...

She's interrupted as the DOOR OPENS, revealing Kirk, Spock,  
McCoy, and Drake.

KIRK

A lie is a poor way to say 'hello.'  
(off her reaction)  
We know about Sentek. What the  
hell are you playing at?

MCKENNAH

Captain. She's been through a  
terrible ordeal.

KIRK

She scripted the ordeal, counselor.  
Didn't you, Lana? You and your  
husband.

McKenna is shocked. She shares a confused look with Spock...  
and he subtly nods to her.

KIRK (cont'd)

He wasn't about to commit suicide  
with a disruptor overload. He  
wanted to destroy the entrance to  
(MORE)

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KIRK (cont'd)  
that lab. Before we could find out  
what really happened.

McKennah studies her, stunned. Lana considers her options...

LANA

Human evolution has stalled,  
captain. A typical man of twenty-  
two-seventy -- like you -- is no  
different physically from a Cro-  
Magnon of a hundred-thousand years  
ago.

(beat)

But we are. We're superior.

KIRK

(shakes head)

You said 'absolute power only  
corrupts selectively.'

LANA

And selection -- whether natural or  
artificial -- is the engine of  
evolution. Your kind should  
embrace its fate. Instead, you try  
to control us. Use us.

KIRK

Chief.

Drake pulls his phaser. Nods for Lana to come with him. She  
complies... too easily. Smiles as she passes Kirk:

LANA

Why do you suppose the Preservers  
erected the barrier around our  
galaxy?

MCCOY

Why? Hell... prob'ly to contain us.  
To keep violence from spilling out  
into the universe.

LANA

(shakes head 'no')

No. It was so naturally superior  
individuals could be uplifted.  
Once we had the technology to  
venture into the stars.

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37 CONTINUED: (2)

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McCoy SNORTS dismissively.

MCCOY

You dunno what gods think.

LANA

(chillingly)

Yes. I do.

And Drake escorts her AWAY. Off Kirk et al..

38 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE &amp; IRW HAWK'S TALON

38

Hovering.

39 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE

39

As before. Sulu in center seat. Uhura comm; Chekov science; Smith helm; Palmer engineering; relief Navigator.

SMITH

(re: helm scope)

Still no sign of the marauder. He was there -- then he wasn't.

SULU

(to viewscreen)

Subcommander?

INTERCUT:

40 INT. CONTROL CENTRAL - IRW HAWK'S TALON - VIEWSCREEN INSERT

40

On SCREEN, an old acquaintance (from 'The Enterprise Incident'): Charvanek's first officer, the aquiline Subcommander TAL.

TAL

(filtered; on screen)

Subspace scan completed. We find no evidence of a cloaked vessel, Enterprise.

INTERCUT:

41 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE - CONTINUOUS

41

Uhura comes down to the captain's chair and hands Sulu a card reader.

UHURA

The sensor logs you requested.

(beat)

Our trace of the Romulan kidnappers disappeared after Sentek lost consciousness and Lana was put in the brig.

SULU

(re: the logs)

Must be why he tried to disable our power grid: to stop us from realizing that ship was an illusion.

TAL V.O.

(filtered; on screen)

So it would seem.

SULU

Mister Palmer. Run a level-three diagnostic on our long-range sensors. See how badly they've been compromised.

PALMER

Yes sir.

TAL V.O.

(filtered; on screen)

Lieutenant Sulu. If there is no 'Romulan marauder'... then the Enterprise entered our space without provocation. Starfleet is clearly the aggressor.

SULU

That's for diplomats to decide, subcommander. For now...

TAL V.O.

(filtered; on screen)

For now, you will stand down and

(MORE)

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41 CONTINUED:

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TAL V.O. (cont'd)  
surrender to the Romulan Star  
Empire.

CHEKOV  
(re: science scope)  
Sir. The bird-of-prey is charging  
its plasma weapon!

The RED ALERT LIGHTS and KLAXON are activated.

SULU  
(keys comm)  
Captain Kirk to the bridge.

Sulu takes a beat. A decision:

SULU (cont'd)  
Go ahead, Tal. Open fire.  
(beat)  
And tell your praetor why you  
destroyed a Federation starship  
instead of capturing it.

Tal SNICKERS.

TAL V.O.  
(filtered; on screen)  
Your ship's mission is about to  
end. It is scheduled to return to  
Earth. And our sources tell us  
only three other vessels of its  
class remain in service.  
(beat)  
We have no interest in obsolete  
technology.

CHEKOV  
(angry; under his breath)  
Obsolete...?!

TAL V.O.  
(filtered; on screen)  
A shame. Unlike you, lieutenant,  
your 'Mister Spock' had an  
agreeable cunning. May his *katra*  
find its way to *Vorta Vor*.

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41 CONTINUED: (2) 41  
 On the Enterprise's main VIEWSCREEN, his face is replaced by:

42 EXT. SPACE - IRW HAWK'S TALON - VIEWSCREEN INSERT 42  
 Its plasma-bolt emitter GLOWS.

43 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE - CONTINUOUS 43  
 [RED ALERT.] As before. Everyone holds their breath, scared out of their minds.

SULU  
 Evasive maneuvers!

SMITH  
 Romulan weapon reaching full charge in three... two... one...

They brace for impact... but nothing happens.

44 INT. CONTROL CENTRAL - IRW HAWK'S TALON 44  
 The Romulan Lieutenant is at the central console. Tal stands nearby.

TAL  
 Why haven't you fired?

ROMULAN LIEUTENANT  
 Subcommander... I have!

Tal moves to the weapons console. The lieutenant stabs at a prominent control button -- but his finger lands to one side of it, hitting an empty spot.

TAL  
 Stand aside.

Tal goes to press the button -- but his finger also lands next to it. He's just as oblivious to the fact that he's missed hitting it as the lieutenant was.

45 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE 45  
 [RED ALERT.] Smith peers into the helm viewer.

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45 CONTINUED:

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SMITH

Scans show their plasma torpedo  
fully charged and operational.

CHEKOV

Why didn't they fire?

SULU

I'm betting they think they did.

Off their realizations...

46 INT. CONTROL CENTRAL - IRW HAWK'S TALON

46

As before. Charvanek ENTERS. Reacts to the scene:

CHARVANEK

Subcommander! Power down our  
weapon. Immediately.

He swallows. Salutes her.

TAL

Sir. You have... 'recovered'  
sufficiently to return to duty...?

CHARVANEK

The second time you've had to  
relinquish command back to me.  
Isn't it.

TAL

(sheepishly)  
Your glory is mine, commander.

Charvanek eyes him. Paces to the side. Low:

CHARVANEK

Tal. We will assist the Enterprise  
in its mission. Is that  
understood?

TAL

(reacts)  
But... commander! We have them!  
Here, in Romulan space...!

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CHARVANEK

I have no intention of permitting human espers -- nor Romulan dissidents -- to attack the praetor. Or worse.

(off his reaction)

I suspect there is a greater plan here. A plan that may jeopardize both the Federation and our Star Empire.

TAL

Your loyalty to the praetor is... admirable.

CHARVANEK

(pointedly)

As -- I assume -- is yours.

TAL

(hesitates, then:)

Absolutely, commander.

Off Charvanek, studying him...

Lana is in the brig. Drake stands guard as Spock scans the door with a tricorder. Kirk approaches.

KIRK

What's our status?

DRAKE

Mister Scott enhanced the force field with the ship's shield grid.

(beat)

Nobody's gonna beam through that.

SPOCK

Indeed. Rather... ingenious.

KIRK

(smiles)

I'd expect nothing less.

(to Lana)

So. Sulu says you fooled

(MORE)

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KIRK (cont'd)  
Subcommander Tal. He thought his  
weapon 'malfunctioned.'

LANA  
No need to thank me, captain.

KIRK  
(hard)  
Just like you fooled us. Into  
thinking 'Romulans' kidnapped the  
espers.  
(beat)  
Your people stole the Halifax,  
didn't they?

Drake reacts, stunned.

KIRK (cont'd)  
You knew Starfleet would send  
another ship to investigate. And  
sooner or later, we'd track them  
down. So you and Sentek stayed  
behind. Projected the illusion of  
a marauding vessel -- to buy your  
compatriots the time they need to  
make it to the galactic barrier.

LANA  
Simple humans are so easy to  
deceive. They can be tricked into  
doing almost anything.

KIRK  
(realization)  
Like shutting off their own life-  
support.

DRAKE  
(reacts)  
The Hood?! My God... That's what  
happened to the Hood..

Lana smiles darkly.

KIRK  
But why, Lana? Why?

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LANA

To see if we could.

(beat)

There's nothing you -- or anyone --  
can do now. My brethren will be  
uplifted by the barrier. Even the  
great James T. Kirk will be brought  
to his knees.

Kirk is aghast. Off Lana's look..

FADE OUT.

ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

48 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE & IRW HAWK'S TALON

48

A wary standoff.

KIRK V.O.

Captain's log, supplemental. What have I done... bringing an esper mutant on board?

(beat)

I've been exhausted, yes -- but has my judgment been compromised? Have I put my ship at unnecessary risk?

49 INT. BRIEFING ROOM - USS ENTERPRISE

49

CAMERA PANS over Kirk, Spock, Scott, Sulu, Smith -- standing at the head of the table.

KIRK V.O.

In the hope that my senior staff can give insight into our situation, I'm assembling the personnel present when we first crossed the galactic barrier... what seems like an eternity ago.

Seated: McCoy, Uhura, Chekov, McKennah, Drake... and Charvanek.

SPOCK

Ladies and gentlemen. I direct your attention to stardate thirteen-twelve.

Spock inserts a memory card into the computer and FLIPS A SWITCH.

A GRAPHIC appears on the tri-screen viewer: a map of the galaxy... a supered flat 'bubble' surrounding it. Reactions.

SPOCK (cont'd)

The so-called 'galactic barrier.'  
A field composed of negative

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SPOCK (cont'd)  
energy, surrounding our galaxy.  
Effectively encasing it.

KIRK  
Early in the Enterprise's five-year  
mission... I ordered us across the  
barrier to investigate the  
disappearance of an old Earth  
vessel from two-hundred years ago.

SCOTT  
I think we all remember what  
happened...

KIRK  
(interrupting)  
Except for those of us who weren't  
yet aboard.

He nods to the seated officers.

UHURA  
We've read the reports, captain.  
Two crew members with high ESP  
ratings had their abilities...  
'altered.'

SPOCK  
Correction: their abilities  
boosted. Exponentially.

MCKENNAH  
So when the Halifax reaches the  
barrier, with all those espers on  
board...

SPOCK  
Counselor, that is precisely what  
we must prevent.

Spock FLIPS ANOTHER SWITCH. The graphic CHANGES to depict a  
potential course trajectory.

SPOCK (cont'd)  
It is logical that the espers will  
endeavor to enter the galactic  
barrier here...

(re: the graphic)  
(MORE)

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SPOCK (cont'd)

...at the point nearest the Aldebaran system.

MCCOY

The Halifax is a low-warp ship. That journey would take 'em weeks.

CHEKOV

But it's been weeks since they stole the wessel. What if they already made it?

Spock shares a look with Kirk. A beat... and:

SPOCK

Lieutenant Smith. As I recall, you were... holding Commander Mitchell's hand when the crossing occurred.

(off her embarrassed silence)

Are there insights you can provide? Anything unique you may have experienced via physical contact?

SMITH

(stiffly)

Nothing I didn't put in my report, sir.

SCOTT

Mister Spock. Defeating one god was hard enough. But a ship-full of 'em?!

KIRK

They're not gods, Scotty. They're humans.

(off his reaction)

With all his power, Gary was still subject to human fallacies. Frailties. Hell -- he couldn't even remember my middle name.

SPOCK

Precisely. An uplifted esper's strength weakens as it is expended.

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CHARVANEK

Then we may use that to our advantage. Strike first... before they grow stronger.

KIRK

We're not out to defeat them, commander. These are Federation citizens -- our brothers, our sisters -- even if they're misguided. Consider this a rescue mission.

The COMM WHISTLE.

PALMER V.O.

(filtered; over comm)

Captain. Transmission from the USS Kongo. They've picked up the Halifax's ion trail.

Sulu shifts to the computer and studies it... as:

KIRK

(keys comm)

Transfer it to this computer. And tell Captain Azmi we'll be joining the chase.

(to others)

You heard her. Let's get to work.

McCoy, Scott, Uhura, Chekov, McKennah, Drake, Smith LEAVE.

Sulu SPEAKS UP from the terminal:

SULU

Sir. Even at maximum sustainable speed, we can't catch the Halifax before it enters the barrier.

Kirk takes a beat, then turns to Charvanek.

KIRK

Commander... what are your ship's warp capabilities?

CHARVANEK

Our birds-of-prey do not utilize what you refer to as 'warp power.'

(MORE)

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49 CONTINUED: (4)

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CHARVANEK (cont'd)

We use... other methods to travel  
faster than light.

SPOCK

Indeed. There is speculation  
Romulans employ confined quantum  
singularities to 'bend' space.

CHARVANEK

I cannot confirm that.

SULU

(an epiphany)

What if a traditional warp field...  
and the fold from an artificial  
singularity... 'overlapped'?

Kirk and Spock turn to him, rather surprised.

SULU (cont'd)

(smiles)

A background in astrosciences comes  
in handy when you're a helm  
officer.

Kirk turns to Charvanek. Unsaid: 'Will it work?'

CHARVANEK

It may be... possible.

KIRK

Sulu, you're a genius.

SULU

Who am I to argue with you.

KIRK

Work with Scotty and the Romulan  
engineers to enhance our velocity.

(beat)

Let's see how fast we can get our  
girl to go.

50 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE &amp; IRW HAWK'S TALON

50

The Hawk's Talon moves into position above the Enterprise.  
The effect is as if the painted bird-of-prey on the underside

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- 50 CONTINUED: 50  
of the Romulan vessel has grasped the Enterprise with its claws.
- 51 INT. CONTROL CENTRAL - IRW HAWK'S TALON - VIEWSCREEN INSERT 51  
On the main VIEWER: Charvanek and Tal.
- CHARVANEK  
(filtered; on screen)  
Lower your deflectors, Enterprise.
- INTERCUT:
- 52 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE 52  
Kirk, Spock, Uhura, Chekov at usual stations; Smith at helm; Palmer at engineering.
- KIRK  
(nods)  
Mister Chekov?
- CHEKOV  
Shields are down.
- PALMER  
Rigging for tractor beam.
- On SCREEN, Tal turns to direct an order O.S.:
- TAL V.O.  
(filtered; on screen)  
Activate tractors. Extend superluminal fold.
- ENGINE WHIR BUILDS as the Enterprise SHUDDERS under stress. A COMM WHISTLE.
- SCOTT V.O.  
(filtered; over comm)  
Scott to bridge!
- 53 INT. ENGINEERING - USS ENTERPRISE 53  
Sulu and Scott sit at the control alcove.

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53 CONTINUED:

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SCOTT  
 (into comm)  
 I routed our primary tractor beam  
 through the shuttlebay. But  
 captain... she's not designed to take  
 this sorta strain for long!

54 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE

54

KIRK  
 (into comm)  
 You always say that. And she  
 always does.  
 (beat)  
 Mister Smith... punch it.

SMITH  
 Yes sir.

55 EXT. SPACE - USS ENTERPRISE &amp; IRW HAWK'S TALON

55

Locked together, the ships SURGE ahead at incredible speed.

56 INT. ENGINEERING - USS ENTERPRISE

56

The ship is RATTLING badly. People are bracing themselves by  
 holding onto consoles.

SULU  
 (into comm)  
 Six different systems red-lining!

KIRK V.O.  
 (filtered; over comm)  
 Let them red-line!

SCOTT  
 Aye.  
 (to himself)  
 Me poor bairns...

57 INT. CORRIDOR/BRIG - USS ENTERPRISE

57

The Enterprise is still SHAKING... but Lana stands as still as  
 a statue, her silvered eyes staring straight ahead.

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She raises her arm and makes a sweeping motion with her hand. The brig force field DEACTIVATES!

Drake and ANOTHER GUARD spin to face her... but she waves her hand and they FREEZE! Now struggling to fight the effect, Drake is forced to aim in his phaser at the other man... and he SHOOTS, VAPORIZING him!

Lana smiles. With a twist of her wrist, Drake turns his phaser on himself. A beat as realization crosses his face... fear... resignation.

He FIRES, killing himself.

58 INT. SICKBAY - USS ENTERPRISE

58

McCoy makes his rounds. He pauses at Sentek's bed. Something odd on the readout above catches McCoy's eye.

MCCOY  
(to himself)  
I'll be damned..

Sentek suddenly awakens and bolts upright, RIPPING through his restraints! He administers a neck pinch! McCoy DROPS.

59 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE

59

As before. The ship VIBRATES at top speed.

CHEKOV  
Sir! Galactic barrier... dead ahead.

KIRK  
Signal the Hawk's Talon. Full stop.

The ENGINE WHIR slows...

INTERCUT:

60 EXT. SPACE - GALACTIC BARRIER - VIEWSCREEN INSET

60

The GLOWING PURPLE-PINK BAND of the galactic barrier, as seen in 'Where No Man Has Gone Before.'

INTERCUT:

61 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE - CONTINUOUS

61

SPOCK  
(re: science viewer)  
As before, captain. Sensors and  
deflectors yielding inexplicable  
readings.

CHARVANEK V.O.  
(filtered; over comm)  
Charvanek to Enterprise. She's  
fiercely beautiful.  
(pointedly)  
Isn't she.

SPOCK  
(into comm)  
Indeed she is. And deadly.

CHEKOV  
Sir... we're picking up a wessel at  
the barrier.

KIRK  
Full mag.

INTERCUT:

62 EXT. SPACE - GALACTIC BARRIER - VIEWSCREEN INSERT

62

A small vessel -- an Antares-type freighter -- APPEARS on  
screen.

INTERCUT:

63 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE - CONTINUOUS

63

PALMER  
(re: engineering scope)  
Identification confirmed.  
SS Halifax.

KIRK  
Ship-to-ship.

UHURA  
Hailing frequencies open.

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KIRK

This is Captain James Kirk of the starship Enterprise. We're here to render aid.

(beat)

I understand you have grievances... and we offer our services as go-between with Starfleet Command. But it is crucial that you do not enter the barrier.

(beat)

Uhura, anything?

UHURA

No, sir.

(reacts)

There's no one aboard.

CHEKOV

Captain... detecting another ship nearby. A starship...

SPOCK

(re: science viewer)

Scanning... It is the Kongo, sir. We are receiving anomalous readings.

KIRK

What sort of 'readings'?

SPOCK

(shakes head)

Difficult to decipher. But it would appear there are only about two-dozen life-forms on board.

UHURA

I've tied into the Kongo's bridge, captain.

KIRK

On screen.

64 INT. BRIDGE - USS KONGO - VIEWSCREEN INSERT 64

The main viewer DISSOLVES to the interior of the Kongo's bridge. We SEE SUPERNUMERARIES facing us: their eyes are GLOWING SILVER.

65 INT. BRIDGE - USS ENTERPRISE - CONTINUOUS 65

Reactions!

Suddenly, the turbolift SWOOSHES open... and out come Lana and Sentek!

LANA

You're too late, captain.  
Relinquish command... or the  
Enterprise will suffer the same  
fate as the Hood.

PLAY Kirk's reaction as we SUPER:

TO BE CONCLUDED

FADE TO BLACK.

END OF EPISODE