

Subject: : Face-Off
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Scene: Turbo Lift, Bridge, Ready Room
Time: Directly After Dr. Grey's Post

Lt. Arrington: Come on! Let's get this to Command be`vaj!

Lt. Arrington and Dr. Grey dart out of Ten Forward and into the turbo lift.

"Bridge!", Dr. Grey shouts as the doors close behind them.

The turbo lift seems to take forever to get to it's destination. And when it finally does, Jake and Dr. Grey litterally force the doors open and run unto the bridge where a low ranking officer is currently in command.

"Where is Commander be`vaj?" inquires Arrington.

"She is in the ready room with Ensign Ashoka. They are not to be disturbed." the Lieutenant Commander explains keeping an eye on the console.

"This is important and she must be notified." Lieutenant Arrington stares at the ready room doors dreading what they must reveal to the acting captain.

"Well it's now or never Lieutenant." Dr. Gray nudges Jake towards the entrance. Zina taps the side of the door, sounding a chime requesting admittance.

A low growl escapes the lips of the Klingon, "YES."

"Sorry to disturb you Commander, but the doctor and I have heard some information we thought you should be privy to." The Security Officer Arrington and Doctor Gray both enter the ready room determined to reveal all the knowledge that they acquired.

Both move to the side so that the Ensign can depart the premissis while they begin their discussion. Taking their seats they await for be`vaj to acknowledge them. Watching Ashoka they hear him breath a sigh of relief as his meeting with her has come to a close and he exits onto the bridge. The Commander focuses her attention on the two officers.

"What is so important that you needed to disturb my meeting with one of the staff on board this vessel?" be`vaj whispers.

Jake held a small computer pad behind him, anxious to share the information he and the Doctor had just found with the Commander. Dr. Gray's hands rested in her lap twisting the end of her lab coat while Jake leaned closer to the Commander and handed her the computer pad he was holding. Commander be`vaj grabbed it and yanked it away from

him letting out a growl, almost ripping his hand off with it and began to study it. The Klingon considered the information on the pad for a moment and then looked up at the Lieutenant.

"Leutennant! How did you obtain this!", she shouted as she stood up and went to him, standing right in front of him.

"Sir... I'm afraid I cannot reveal that.", Jake said.

The Klingon got right in his face and he began to tremble a bit, but managed to stand still.

"Leutennant! You will reveal to me the traitor who provided this info or I will have you thrown in the brig for the remainder of this mission! There, you will wait until we turn you over to Starfleet Special Forces for treason!", she shouted.

"With all due respect... Commander, I haven't done anything that warrants a trip to the brig.", Lt. Arrington said.

"Oh really Leutennant? Then allow me to clarify your position!", Commander be`vaj began as she went back to the table and sat down. "The Captain's mission was deemed classified Lieutenant. What you have just demonstrated is an act of insubordination by not revealing to me the source of this rumor. All of this information you have received is false. Next time, choose your reference well."

"Permission to speak freely sir.", Jake said.

"Granted!", be`vaj growled.

"Sir... I'm sure I speak for everyone on this ship when I say, that we are all worried for the Captain's safe return to the ship. Time's-a-waistin Commander. The Captain could already be dead by now.", Jake finished, then stood there waiting for the Commander to speak.

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