

Subject: Jake's Awakening
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Scene: At The Edge Of A Forrest
Time: After Discoveries

Several hours passed. Caitlin and Ashoka had dashed off into the forrest in search of whatever it was Lt. Arrington was hearing, ((See Caitlins Post droning)) although they could hear nothing. The reason why Jake was the only one who could hear the screams was still unknown to the rest of the group. Dr. Gray, still knelt beside Jake with a medkit treating his condition, whatever that may be. Was it serious? Would it last only a few moments? Or would it last days? She didn't know. Dr.Gray reached into the medkit and pulled out a hypospray and put it to Jake's neck and was about to push the button to inject him with something to wake him up, when Jake's hand suddenly lashed out and grabbed her arm and held it tightly out in front him keeping the hypospray away from him. Dr. Gray, startled by his action jumped.

Jake: That won't be necessary Doctor, I'm perfectly alright.

Dr. Gray: Oh thank god! What happened to you?

Jake: I don't know. I was standing by the trees, the last thing I remember is telling you something about me only being half human, and that I was going through a first experience of what my people always believed to be a myth, and suddenly everything went black. Everything is blank up until the moment where I woke up just now.

Lt. Arrington sits up and looks around him, and notices only 1 security guard accompanying he and the Doctor. He put one hand behind him to brace himself, and Dr. Gray grabbed his other arm and helped him to his feet, then gathered up the medical equipment and put it in the medkit an closed it and put it around her shoulder, then strapped on her backpack and stood ready to continue on.

Jake: Where'd the others go?

Dr. Gray: They went off in search of the screams you were hearing. Which reminds me, what were you hearing anyway? None of us heard anything. The others took off to see if they could find anything, but I know they couldn't hear anything just as I couldn't.

Jake: I don't know. They sounded like somebody was crying out in horrible pain, like they were dying.

Dr. Gray: Where were they coming from?

Jake:(Pointing in the huge forrest) That way.

Dr. Gray: (Looking at the security officer) Then let's go.

Jake: I can't hear them anymore.

Dr. Gray: What?

Jake: I can't hear the screams anymore. They've stopped.

Jake pulls out his tricorder and starts panning around. He then points it in the direction where he heard the screams coming from before. Nothing. Everything was registering nothing. He closed it and put it in its pouch on his side.

Jake: My tricorder is not working.

The security officer pulled out his tricorder and checked the area as well. He then put it away and said, "Mine isn't working either sir." Jake looked at the Doctor and waited for a moment.

Dr. Gray: What? I only brought a medical tricorder. That won't help you, Lieutenant.

Jake: It might. Ever since we started this mission, we've been relying on normal procedure. But I've recently learned that normal procedure doesn't always help. May I have your tricorder please?

Jake held out his hand and Dr. Gray opened the medkit and pulled it out and handed it to him. Jake took it and opened it, and pulled out the scanner from the top of it and examined it for a few seconds. He scanned his vital signs. Nothing registered. He scanned the Doctor's vital signs. They registered nothing. Finally, he scanned the security officer's vital signs, and they also registered nothing. Jake put the scanner back in the top of the tricorder and closed it and handed it back to the Doctor and said, "You're right Doctor. None of our tricorders work. What's the deal with this place?"

Dr. Gray: I don't know, but I suggest we get moving. It's going to be dark soon, and I want to find out where those screams were coming from, help whoever it is that needs assistance, and set up camp.

Jake: Agreed.

They all gather their thoughts, and Lt. Arrington leads the way into the huge forest. Nothing but trees surrounded them. Big huge tall trees. They walked for about an hour, and Lt. Arrington stopped dead in his tracks. *HELP ME!* he heard.

Dr. Gray: (Bringing up the rear behind the security officer) Hey! What's the holdup up there!

Jake: I'll tell you in a minute Doctor, just hang on back there.

As Lt. Arrington began hearing the screams for help again, he cocked his head to the left so that his right ear faced directly in front of him, concentrating on the screams. He turned his head straight forward again and began staring straight ahead through the trees, his eyes focused straight on something that the others could not see. Suddenly, from Jake's visual point of view, the scenery began to get darker and darker, until the object he was focused on was the only thing he could see. He suddenly snapped out of it, and realized that what he was seeing was the Starfleet Shuttlecraft, about 500 meters directly ahead of them. It looked like only the rear compartment.

Dr. Gray: (Approaching his position) Leutennant! What are you looking at?

Jake: I see the shuttlecraft. But it's only the rear ompartment.

Dr. Gray and the security officer both stand next to him, one on each side of him and began looking straight ahead, and could see nothing.

Dr. Gray: Leutennant, I see nothing but trees.

Jake: Trust me, it's there. Bout 500 meters. I was right when I said the tricorders weren't working earlier when we were beamed down from the ship. They first registered it being about 30 meters from where we were. That lead us right to the edge of this forrest. And then... I don't know. I was looking straight ahead, and the wierdest thing happened.

Dr. Gray: What?

Jake: Well, I started hearing the screams again, and then, I found that if I concentrate on an object with my eyes long enough everything else around it goes dark, until all I see is the object. Just now, I saw the rear compartment of a Starfleet shuttlecraft.

Dr. Gray: My guess is that you're developing those abilities a little further. The ones your people always believed to be myths.

"HELP ME!!!"

This time, they all heard it. An echo of a man's voice through the trees, in the direction were Lt. Arrington was looking. They all started running in that direction. Dr. Gray decided that the pack she was carrying was too heavy to run with, so she removed it, and set it by a tree, and kept the medkit around her shoulder and ran after the security officer and Lt. Arrington. When she finally cought up to them, she saw a man in a Starfleet uniform pinned underneith what looked like the rear compartment of a Starfleet shuttlecraft. Or what was left of it. Lt. Arrington and the security officer were trying to push it far enough for the man to get out, but it didn't appear to be working.

Jake: (To The Security Officer) This isn't working! We have to find something to pry this thing off of him!

Jake looked around them. Thinking as quickly as possible, he pulled out his phaser and fired it at a thick tree branch a few feet away from them. The branch fell and hit the ground with a THUD. He picked it up and wedged the thick end of it between the rear compartment and a rock it was sitting on and began to push with all his strength. But he was only able to get the rear compartment to move up a few inches. Not enough for the man to get out. The security officer ran over to his position and grabbed part of the thick branch and the two of them used as much strength as they had and pulled down on it with all their weight. When the rear compartment was moved far enough, Dr. Gray ran to the man who was pinned and grabbed him by the arms and pulled him out. Lt. Arrington and the security officer let go of the branch, and the rear compartment smashed back down. The Doctor opened up the medkit and pulled out the tricorder and began scanning the man.

Jake: What are you doing Doctor, the tricorders are useless.

Dr. Gray: I might be able to get it to work if I can narrow the frequency... Got it.
(Scanning the man again)

The tricorder began emitting alert warnings.

Dr. Gray: He's in shock. Quick! Somebody go into what's left of the shuttlecraft and get a blanket out from under the seat compartments.

Lt. Arrington ran into the rear compartment and pulled up one of the seats and found a heavy blanket wrapped in plastic. He ripped the plastic open and handed the blanket to the Doctor, and she unfolded it and draped it over the man and pulled out the hypo spray and programmed it for Aniproviline and put it to the man's neck and pushed the button. She then began scanning him again.

Dr. Gray: His vital signs are slowly going back to normal. I think he's going to be alright.

Jake: (Staring at the man) Doctor, I think I know this man.

Dr. Gray: It's possible Lieutenant. He is a Starfleet officer.

Jake left the Doctor to perform her duties and went back into the rear compartment and looked around. From the looks of things, it looks as if this man has been here for a few days. There was a bedroll on the floor with one of the seat cushions from the chairs, a table with a computer on it near the back wall, a trash pail filled with what looked like wrappers from the standard Starfleet Rations. All the necessities of life. And the whole thing was being powered by what looked like a makeshift solar pannel wired outside to the top of the compartment itself. Next to the computer on the table was a coffee mug, and a Starfleet Identification Badge. He

went over to the table and picked up the ID badge and opened it.

Jake:(Reading what was on the ID badge) Ensign Jay Masterson, Starfleet, Serial #00-D1-4397.

He closed the ID badge and walked outside to Dr. Gray, who was continuing to monitor the injured man's vital signs with the half useless tricorder she had modified, and handed the badge to her. The Doctor opened it and read it to herself and then looked up at him.

Dr. Gray: A friend of yours?

Jake: Mmm hmm. A very old friend. But how did he get way out here? Last I saw of him, he was working as a Security officer on the Enterprise.

Dr. Gray: I don't know Leutennant, but he's here now, and we've got to keep him warm. What did you find in the compartment?

Jake: Just a computer and supplies. Looks like this has been his home for a few days. Strange that I should be meeting him here. I didn't expect to seem him for atleast another 20 years. He's always been so busy with his family, and the Enterprise and all.

Dr. Gray: I see. (To the security officer) Ensign, would you please go back and get my pack? I left it next to a tree where we were before you guys started taking off running.

Security Officer: Yes mam.

The security officer went off in the trees leaving the Doctor and Lt. Arrington with Ensign Masterson, who looked like he was having some sort of bad dream. His head was rocking side to side, and his body was fidgiting every few seconds.

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NRPG: I'll let my roommate take it from there ;)
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