

Subject: Building A Mystery
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Time: After Jake's Awakening

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 fidgeting every few seconds.

(Several Hours Later)

"How's he doing Doctor?", Jake asked as he sat down on the ground next to Dr. Gray and started staring at Ensign Masterson, who was lying peacefully on the ground next to the Doctor.

"He appears to have stabilized. But we still need to keep him warm. I'm worried about his elevated blood pressure levels.", The Doctor said.

Just then, Ensign Masterson jerked up fast in his sleep and screamed. "AAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!" The Doctor was startled by this and jumped to her feet. Jake, who had expected something like this, just sat there next to Ensign Masterson and smiled at the Doctor.

"Are you alright Ensign?", the Doctor asked.

"WOW! Where am I?", Ensign Masterson shouted, seeming to be just a bit excited.

"We don't know that yet Ensign. We came to this planet looking for answers as to why most of the life on it has been destroyed, and we found you and your shuttle craft..", the Doctor said.

"You guys will never believe where I've been prior to crash landing here, on the planet.", Ensign Masterson said.

"Oh, really? Care to enlighten us? After all, it's been awhile since I've heard one of your stories.", Jake said sarcastically.

"No, really Jake. What I'm about to tell you, really did happen. If you don't believe me, look at the other side of the shuttle craft. I'm sure you will find that shuttle crafts just

don't break in half on impact either.", Jay said to him.

Jake walked around the broken end of the shuttle, inspecting the charred, singed, remains. While Jake inspected the shuttle, The lovely Dr. tended to Ensign Masterson and his injuries. Grunting in pain as he tried to rise to his feet, the Beautiful Dr. lays him back down and says, "You need to rest. Lay here until the Ensign and I get your legs stable enough to be able to move you.

Smiling sweetly for an instant as Jay innocently gaze into her beautiful pools of deep, succulent love called eyes. "Just try to be still. Ensign, could you go into the forest and please get me a couple of thick stems from one of those trees?", the Doctor said.

"Any way, I was about to tell you what happened and where I've been prior to crashing here, mmmmm, let me see, ah yes, There was this anomaly that pulled the shuttle craft into it. The anomaly looked like a wormhole except for the plasma discharges that kept hitting the shuttle. The further, and further the shuttle went in, the brighter it got, and the more the plasma hit us. One of the blasts was so intense, that it melted the interior wall and then sucked everyone out of the shuttle, except for me of course because I got wedged behind the computer station. The next thing I knew, There were no more plasma blasts, no more sounds, just a beautiful sight. I unwedged my self from behind the computer station and found that the front half of the shuttle had been severed and was floating about 50 yards ahead and to my right a bit. I cautiously went to the edge to satisfy my curiosity. To my surprise...--swallows hard as the ensign returns with two splints--"

The Doctor and the ensign began wrapping his legs in the splints as he tells them what has occurred.

"I was on a planet and there were lots of people down below waving up at me as they shade their eyes from the bright light. I certainly indulged myself, and waved back. As my shuttle gently floated in the air, I saw something most curious. It was us! I took a double take just to make sure. I couldn't tell when I was much less where I was. I was stunned by my discovery and hobbled back into what was left of the shuttle and sat down at the computer station. Time travel with Picard and the Enterprise had taught me not to interact with or be a part of changing the future for the sake of personal survival or any reason what so ever. Any way, I saw the future of this mission on which we are about to embark.", I said looking into the Doctor and the ensigns eyes and nodding.

"Hey, Doctor. Come look at this!", Lt. Arrington said excitedly. The Dr. stopped what she was doing and went over to where The Lieutenant was standing and asked, "What is it Lieutenant? The Jake was squatting down and pointing at little metal fragments that seemed melted on the side.

"What are you pointing at Jake?", the Doctor asked, trying to see what Jake was looking at.

"I am pointing out that there are melted metal fragments on the side of this shuttle like nothing I've ever seen before.", said the Lieutenant curiously. He then gazed down to just below where he was looking to where the shuttle was resting on the ground and points to a puddle of liquid metal that seemed to be dripping off of the shuttle.

"There! Did you see that?", Jake said. "It's coming from the hull.", Jake said.

The doctor crouched down to see to her utter disbelief that the shuttle was indeed slowly turning into a liquid.

"Yes, I do see what you're talking about. But how could this be?", The doctor said.

"I don't know. Either Ensign Masterson is telling the truth, or there is something wrong with this planets atmosphere.", Jake said.

"I've got a strong notion to believe the ensign, don't you Lieutenant?", the Doctor said.

NRPG: Anyone care to take off from here? hint, hint,
Doctor, LOL!

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