

Subject : A Day To Remember
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Scene : Here And There ;)
Time : After Zina's Post (Sorry It Took So Long)

Security Office:

Jake stood outside the Security Office and stared through the double pane windows on the doors, peering inside. He had never been to the security office before, cause duty always called him to other parts of the ship, and other missions. He pushed the button and entered the large room. A huge round desk was in the middle of the room with a small opening for people to enter. An empty chair was at the desk, right in front of a computer terminal. Along the walls were shelves loaded with computer pads, each one labelled carefully in alphabetical order. He walked over to them and browsed through them. They appeared to be record pads on every member of the crew of the Independence, each pad labelled with a crew member's name, last name first, first name second, rank last.

After browsing through a few of the computer pads on the shelves, he went to the desk and sat down and relaxed back in the chair for a few moments, staring up at the ceiling looking off into nothingness, thinking about all the stress he had been through, and began to smile as he remembered the EMH program stating that the Doctor was going to be alright.

Suddenly, the comm chirped [Lieutenant Arrington, please report to Sickbay] he heard the EMH say.

He suddenly jerked up in his seat, a worried expression came across his face. He tapped his comm badge. <Sickbay, what's wrong with her?> There was no response. He ran out the door of his quarters and into the turbo lift.

Sickbay:

Lt. Arrington came crashing through the sickbay doors, looking around in fear, as if he had just seen a ghost. The EMH spotted him and left Zina laying on the bio bed where he had left her before and went to him. She smiled at him, and then looked over to the bio bed and then back to him and then left him standing there alone as she went to her office. Jake caught his breath and slowly approached the bio bed very slowly, getting ready to bust out in tears. He leaned over Zina and noticed her breathing peacefully, and smiled as the fear quickly left his system.

He just stood there by her side looking into her face, and taking her hand. Suddenly, she

opens her eyes and looks up at him and gives him one of her brilliant smiles that he loves so much. Jake was relieved that she was okay, and looking much better. The rosey red returning to her face, the warmth of her skin. He leans over and gives her a soft kiss on the lips and she puts her arms around his neck and hugs him.

Suddenly the comm chirped....

[To all hands, this is the Captain... We are on final approach to Starbase one, in six hours the Starfleet engineering corps will begin a baryon sweep, so I must ask all ships personal to exit the ship within that time, and please take all living organisms. The High frequency plasma field will kill any living matter left on board. So lets be sure"]

Jake pulled away from her and smiled deeply into her eyes, and helped her off the bio bed, and the two of them walked arm in arm out of Sickbay and into the turbo lift.

"Deck 8!", Lt. Arrington says as the doors close behind them.

Outside Zina's Quarters:

As the approach Zina's quarters, Jake slows down and looks at her as they stop right outside her door. "So... Where are you going for shoreleave?", he asked her softly.

"Home, to visit my family. Haven't seen them in a while.", Zina smiled at him as she pushed the button and opened the door to her quarters and slowly stepped inside, leaning out the door looking at him.

Jake's face turned to sadness, to hear that she was going to go somewhere else other than with him, and his head dropped to look at the floor, not wanting her to see his face. Zina smiled at him and said, "Would you like to go with me?"

Jake suddenly looked up and smiled brightly at her. "I'd love to.", his voice turning to joy.

"Okay, I'll see ya later.", Zina said as she kissed him softly on the lips, giving him one last warm hug before the doors closed behind her.

Jake went down the hall to his quarters and opened the door and walked inside.

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