

Subject: Investigations (Part 3)
Author: Lt. Commander Jake Arrington
Stardate: 80809.1600
Time: Present
Scene: Security Office

Jake was sitting at the security desk studying a computer padd, sipping at a cup of coffee, occasionally looking at the monitor where the computer was working piecing together the deleted portion of the sensor log which supposedly showed Ensign Masterson being killed. Running through his stack of reports he had to catch up on, he had no idea of the task that awaited him, once the computer was finished restoring the image of the deleted sensor log. With the ship possibly in danger of an intruder on board, he had a lot on his mind as he continued to sip at his coffee and tap at the computer pad, preparing a report for his findings to present to the Captain.

<Process complete..>

Jake jumped up in his chair and set his cup of coffee and the computer pad on the desk and looked at the image. It wasn't very clear. From what he could see, the image was extremely fuzzy, but he made out a tall blonde figure with a sword. The face, even if he could make it out was unfamiliar to him.

Jake: Computer, replay from time index 412.

The screen went blank for a moment, and then an image popped onto the screen instantly. It was an image of Ensign Masterson in the archway of the holodeck, entering sequences for the program.

Jake: Magnify grid 227.

The image focused for a moment, then the image of Ensign Masterson's hand moving over the keypad in the archway was suddenly up close, with a clear view of the keys he was hitting. Jake followed the sequence Ensign Masterson was entering, and decided that it was nothing that Jay did wrong. The image then went back to normal automatically as Jake stepped away from the archway and prepared to train in the program.

And just then, Jake was suddenly shocked as he saw the blurry figure of the tall blonde male with the sword appear in front of him. There was a moment of stillness between the two figures, then the tall figure suddenly drew back the sword he held and shoved it right through Ensign Masterson's belly, leaving it there as Jay fell forward onto the handle, pushing it further into him, the blade piercing through his back. Jake then witnessed the blonde figure going to the archway and entering a few sequences and the screen suddenly went blank. Indicating to Jake that, that was the moment where that segment of the sensor log had been erased. The image of the figure then disappeared into nothingness.

Jake whipped the tears from his eyes and leaned forward and grabbed the computer pad and downloaded the entire log to it, took one more sip from his coffee, sent it on the desk and exited the security office. He walked down the corridor and entered the turbo lift.

Jake: (In a sad voice) Bridge!

And the doors closed.

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The doors opened on the bridge and Jake stepped off the turbo lift. He searched for the Captain, but he was nowhere to be found. The Captain's chair was empty. Commander Salvek turned from his seat next to the Captain's chair and stared at him for a moment. Jake pointed to the ready room as he looked at Salvek, and Commander Salvek nodded and stood up and went toward him as Jake pressed the signal on the panel next to the door.

the ready room. The Captain was seated at the desk across the room, with his feet up on the desk, studying reports. He looked up at the door as he heard the signal a second time.

Morris: Come in!

The doors opened and Jake and Commander Salvek entered and went over to the desk where the Captain was sitting. He put his feet on the floor and sat up in the chair and looked at the two officers.

Morris: What is it Lieutenant?

Jake: Captain, I have confirmed that the portion of the sensor log that had been erased during the time of Ensign Materson's death by another holodeck character. An independent program as a matter of fact. I have the entire log here for you to see.

Jake handed the pad in the Captain's direction, and Captain Morris took it and studied it.

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