

Subject: The Funeral (Part 4)
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Time: After "The Funeral (Part 3)"

[Targus to Arrington. Are you there?]

Jake suddenly jerked up in the bed. He had had a very disturbing nightmare. He was covered in sweat. He whipped his face and looked around. Then tapped his com badge.

[Yes Captain. I'm here. What is it?]

[I thought you'd like to know that we're 10 minutes away from Starbase. You might want to get ready. Evacuation for the Barion Sweep begins as soon as we get there.]

[Thank you Captain. I'll be right there. Arrington out.]

Jake stood up and pulled his civilian clothes out of his bag and got dressed. Then he took the comm badge off his soiled uniform and attached it to his plain white T-shirt and disposed of the uniform and exited his quarters and entered a turbo lift.

Jake: (As the doors close) Port Gates.

At The Port Gates

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Captain: It was good to meet you Lieutenant. Perhaps we'll meet again sometime.

Jake: I hope so captain. Meeting you has brought back some memories that I don't ever intend to forget. Perhaps when we next meet, we can talk more about the past, bring up old war wounds, and deal with them accordingly.

Captain: I'd like that very much. Have a safe journey.

Jake expected the Captain to extend her hand and they would partake in a standard hand shake, but instead, she threw her arms around him and gave him a hug. Jake returned the gesture, and turned for the port gates and parted ways.

He stopped at a desk where a guard stood and looked at him for a moment, then asked him his name. Jake replied accordingly, and the guard told him that a shuttle was waiting for him at gate 14, he then handed Jake a computer pad, which contained instructions on how to get there, and Jake took it and began to walk toward gate 14, following the instructions.

Gate 14

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Jake approached the doors to gate 14 and they opened, revealing the rear compartment of a small Starfleet shuttlecraft. Sitting at the command console was a pilot, looking none too nervously as Jake approached her. He set his bag down in a chair in the rear compartment then approached her and sat down next to her.

Pilot: (Standing Attention) Ensign Sherry Roderick at your service Commander.

Jake: (Smiling) At ease Ensign. Look, I'm not on duty right now, so there's no need for formalities here. Just drive the shuttlecraft.

Sherry: Yes sir. I'm sorry sir.

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NRPG: Just making it up as I go along :) Quite difficult since all the characters I'll be running into during the course of my journey to and from Earth don't even actually exist in the game