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*The Tzenkethi Coalition stands at the brink of war.*

*On one side: the Romulan Star Empire, who have offered alliance to the Tzenkethi in exchange for the use of their state-of-the-art war fleet.*

*On the other: the Cardassian Reclamation, who stand ready to engage the fleet the moment it launches to spark the next galactic war.*

*Standing between these three titanic powers: Captain Benjamin Sisko and the U.S.S. Theseus.*

*But peace has been brutally elusive. Much of the Theseus crew has been killed or injured on Tzenketh, including communications officer Lily Sato, whose personal trauma with the Tzenkethi drives her toward a dark path.*

*Now, as the planet itself continues to exhibit strange tectonic behavior, the Tzenkethi fleet prepares to launch.*

*The time for peace has passed.*

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TIME'S UP, BENJAMIN.



I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT. AS LONG AS THERE IS AIR IN MY LUNGS, I WILL NOT CEDE THE FUTURE OF TWO WORLDS TO ANNIHILATION.

IT'S NOT YOUR CALL ANYMORE. THE INTEL'S CLEAR. THE TZENKETHI FLEET IS GOING TO LAUNCH AND THE CARDASSIANS WILL MEET THEM ABOVE THE PLANET. WHEN THEY DO, IT WON'T BE TO PLAY EDOSIAN SPRINGJACK.

WHOEVER WINS, STARFLEET LOSES.



ALL THE MORE REASON WE CAN'T BACK DOWN NOW.

THE ROMULANS ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY MANIPULATING TZENKETHI LEADERSHIP TOWARD CONFLICT. WAR IS THEIR INTENT, ADMIRAL SATO, AND ORDERING THE THESEUS HOME WILL PLAY DIRECTLY INTO THEIR HANDS.



YOUR JOB WAS TO CONVINCE THE TZENKETHI TO SIDE WITH US. IF THAT'S NOT DONE, BEN, IT'S NOT THE ADMIRALTY'S FAULT.

HRRN. THERE'VE BEEN CERTAIN... COMPLICATIONS.



THIS PLANET PLAYS HARDBALL.



BEN, THIS IS MY FAULT. I GAVE YOU AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION, HOPING FOR A MIRACLE. AFTER ALL, IF ANYONE COULD HAVE DONE IT, IT WAS GOING TO BE YOU.

BUT YOU'RE FACING A LANDSLIDE ON TZENKETH...AND IT WON'T STOP BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE STANDING IN ITS WAY.



SIR, RESPECTFULLY, TO DO **NOTHING** WOULD BE TO TURN OUR BACK ON EVERYTHING STARFLEET STANDS FOR. WAR DOES NOT NEED TO BE THE ONLY OPTION. WE CAN **AND WILL** FIND ANOTHER WAY.



APLOGIES, BEN. I WASN'T CLEAR. THAT WAY HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND.



IN FACT, WE'VE HAD THIS CONTINGENCY IN PLACE FROM THE START.



*grp*

...KINGSNAKE.



THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, COMMANDER. NO SHIPS HAVE BROKEN ATMOSPHERE. HE HASN'T LEFT.

I WOULD HYPOTHESIZE THAT LIEUTENANT KIM IS UTILIZING AN **ANTI-SURVEILLANCE FIELD**, WHICH WOULD IMPLY THAT WHATEVER HIS CURRENT COURSE OF ACTION IS...

IT'S SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DOING.

FIND HIM, MR. DATA.

AT ANY COST.

SISKO TO DATA. I NEED EYES ON HARRY KIM.

ACCORDING TO OUR SCANS, CAPTAIN, HARRY KIM DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ON THE PLANET TZENKETH.

YES, SIR.



ADMIRAL...SECRETS DON'T HELP ANYONE ANYMORE. TO HELL WITH COMPARTMENTALIZATION.

WHAT ARE HIS ORDERS?

PROTECTING PEACE. AT ANY COST.



LIKE I SAID. STARFLEET COMMAND NEEDED A MIRACLE...

"...BUT WE'LL  
SETTLE FOR AN  
ACT OF GOD."





HARRY...  
ARE WE REALLY  
DOING THIS?



LILY...  
I KNOW THIS  
IS HARD...

...BUT  
IT'S ALREADY  
DONE.