

**STAR TREK: FALCON**

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## TEASER

EXT. ROMULAN STAR SYSTEM - SPACE (OPTICAL)

A galactic overview of the alpha quadrant slowly appears and starts moving at light speeds to a zoomed in shot of the Romulan star system (Hobus). Several planets and systems pass by (including Romulus and Remus) until we start to see the Hobus star getting bigger on the screen as we approach the star. A starship flies past on its way to the star whirring as it goes. A Romulan mining ship in pursuit. The sun starts to turn a deep Red color and starts to expand and exhibit signs of instability. A close up of the sun shows the little science vessel ejecting the Red Matter capsule towards the sun as a Romulan mining ship is attacking just as the star starts to show signs of going nova. The weapons fire triggers a subspace vortex.

EXT. STARSHIP USS BELLEROPHON - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The sun starts to brighten as the Romulan sun starts to go Nova. The nova starts to expand and destroy the Hobus system and starts sending energy waves and stellar debris towards the ship as the ship is barreling towards the NARADA Mining Ship.

INT. STARSHIP USS BELLEROPHON - BRIDGE

The ship is at Red alert and the commander is ordering pursuit of the mining ship.

COMMANDER COLE

Ensign intercept course of that intruder now.

Peoples voices from the tracking stations in the Hobus system as heard yelling and screaming one by one as the energy wave destroys the system. The romulan home world is in the path of the destruction and there is a lot of comm chatter. Captain Phillip's rushes out of his office to the bridge after seeing the flash and orders a pursuit course away from the wave. The mining ship disappears into the vortex with a flash of white light. Ambassador Spock's vessel enters the vortex seconds behind it as it tries to escape.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Oh my god, the Ambassador! Ensign reverse course, get us out of here!

ENSIGN

Engaging now! Going to be a close one!

OPS OFFICER

Nova wave energy contact in 5, 4, 3...!

TACTICAL OFFICER

Shields won't hold against a wave of that magnitude Captain! We're going to scrape the edge of the shockwave!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

All hands! Brace for impact!

ENSIGN

Maximum Warp engaged but its no use!

EXT. STARSHIP USS BELLEROPHON AT MAXIMUM WARP - SPACE  
(OPTICAL)

The starship is riding the energy wave and takes heavy damage and jolts out of warp as the wave blows past them while at warp. The wave Dissipates knocking the ship out of warp and damaging both nacelles which start leaking plasma. The ship drops out of warp and is drifting in space. The ship's bridge is damaged and multiple hull breaches with power offline. Emergency power is active.

INT. STARSHIP USS BELLEROPHON BRIDGE - DAY

The crew slowly recovers from the hit while the bridge is ruins due to multiple explosions and power spikes damaging consoles and electrical systems.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Status report!... Oh no.. Terry!  
Bridge to Sick bay, we've got casualties up here.

DOCTOR

On our way

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Computer.. Transport COMMANDER COLE to sickbay.. Hang in there Brian...  
Emergency transport..

COMPUTER VOICE

Primary command processors are offline, main power grid is offline, switching to emergency backup systems.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Lieutenant Fischer, Do we have sensors available? Scan for the Ambassador's science vessel!

LT. FISCHER

Sir! Long range sensors are offline! Bringing the sensor array back online through secondary bypass systems, now. We have short to mid range sensors only available.. Scanning! I'm not detecting anything in Hobus or the Romulan system.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What do you mean, nothing?

LT. FISCHER

No radio signals. No industry, No vessels! Sir! Romulus & Remus, They have disappeared!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

How far out did the nova energy wave go? Also, why aren't we dead..

LT. FISCHER

Sir last scans indicated some sort of dampening effect which could have been created by the Red matter on the super novae.. It's full destructive power was never reached but... enough to..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Do we still have communications online?

LT. FISCHER

Yes sir

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Contact Star Fleet Command and inform them of our situation and tell them to get a relief vessel here ASAP... were going to need a tow!

(MORE)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Things just got crazy in the Beta  
quadrant, oh and tell them...  
Ambassador Spock is missing.

LT. FISCHER  
Sir Romulan warbirds on an  
intercept course!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Perfect.

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. USS FALCON - HOLODECK 2 - TRAINING SIMULATOR - DAY

Several weeks later. The crew are all sitting at there stations with clear anxiety about what is happening. Buttons and proximity sensors start to go off and the commander gets out of her chair

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Do it.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ

Ma'am?

Enemy Romulan warbirds close in and several warbirds are trying to flank Falcons position but several are flying in tight formation directly aft as seen on the view screen.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Bikkir.. When that lead ship gets to with-in weapons range.. Lock all tractor beams on the lead middle ship. Ensign when those tractor beams engage, I want you to 270, mark 0 go to full impulse

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ

Aye.. Remind me never to play chicken with you!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Steady... (pause) Now!

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Locking tractor Beam

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Now battle section come to heading 145, mark 10 and deploy drones.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Drones launched

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Veer off battle section! Stealth section vector in and provide cover.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 3 enemy targets destroyed.. We're  
 getting flanked by the two  
 warbirds. Commander! I'm detecting  
 incoming Fighters from their  
 carrier group!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
 Deploy Fighters and  
 countermeasures.

All of the Federation attack fighters launch from their bays  
 and multiple photo launchers and pulse phasers start to fire  
 for the incoming fighters.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 Battle section reports its taken  
 damage and is on its way back to  
 us. Stealth section reporting its  
 covering and is continuing to carry  
 out hit and run attacks on the main  
 enemy battle group.

The stealth section and battle section continue to fight  
 against the Romulan's. Two more Romulan raptors explode.

LT. CHARLIE WONG  
 Commander, I'm picking up another  
 energy pattern.. Looks like another  
 romulan battle group is closing  
 ahead.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
 We can't fight this many... Time to  
 retreat.. Radio the other sections  
 to rendezvous in sector...

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 Battle Section is disabled! Romulan  
 warships are closing!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
 Get us out of here. Maximum warp

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
 Heading 017, mark 4 Warp 8 engaged.

Just then a hologram materializes on the bridge.

EC3H  
 I really liked that part of me you  
 know!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Birdie, what the hell were in the  
middle of a simulation here..

EC3H  
Oh sorry.. You know I could offer  
some tactics that might help you  
here.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Computer freeze program..

Just then the Holodeck door opens and CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
enters

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Well looks like the first run in  
the simulator was a little rough..  
How was the chair though, comfy  
right?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Starfleet can't be planning to send  
us alone against that many ships..  
There are limits to every ship  
design..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Starfleet wants us to be ready for  
anything. Personally I'd like  
nothing more than fleets of these  
Falcon class ships on the upcoming  
missions but Star fleet's got a  
tight budget and has other plans..  
Who knew warfare could get so  
expensive..I seem to recall the  
Dominion playing a major part in  
that about 15 years ago (smiles).

EC3H  
Captain.. Is there a winning  
scenario or are you just quoting  
Captain Kirk in these games?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Much like Kirk, I don't believe in  
the no-win scenario but we are  
potentially going up against  
ROMULAN'S.. So I'm not blind to the  
facts either. Alright.. training  
ended for today.. Lets take this up  
again at 13:00.



INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - DAY

Shot of the USS Falcon exterior flyby (OPTICAL)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (O.S.)  
 Captain's Log USS Falcon, Star date  
 65004.10 The Crew has been working  
 hard to get the ship in order and  
 complete all of the upgrades and  
 systems completed in dry dock. It  
 won't be long before were under  
 way.

Captain Phillips walks the corridor and walks into the turbolift from Engineering deck. As he is standing he flashes back to when he was teaching at the academy about Romulan government and politics as he discusses romulan aggression his mind slingshots to the moment in slow motion of his parents death and him screaming at the romulan boarding parties kill his parents and then get killed themselves. The turbolift beeps and the captain snaps back to reality. The doors open and the captain walks onto the Bridge with a PADD looking over the daily security news while walking by several engineering crews on the bridge on his way to the ready room when ENSIGN ALVAREZ stops him momentarily

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
 Sir, Admiral Janeway is waiting in  
 your office.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 What? Why wasn't I informed?

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
 All Communications are temporarily  
 down due to the installation of the  
 new hyper space and federation  
 encryption module.. (pauses) you  
 know how the Admiral is sir..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 (smiles) carry-on Ensign.

INT. USS FALCON CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM - DAY

The Captain's office door opens and Captain Phillips

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Admiral.. Didn't expect you until  
 tomorrow, can I get you anything?

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
I was in the neighbourhood and  
thought I'd drop by a little early.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Okay, what's wrong?

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
(concerned smirk) Does the  
replicator work yet?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Just had them calibrate it last  
week.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
Cup of coffee then... black..  
(skeptical)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
One Coffee...Black... Hot

Replicator replicates a cup of coffee and CAPTAIN PHILLIPS  
hands it to the Admiral and pulls up a chair.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
Damn... It's just not the same as  
Voyagers coffee.. You'd think after  
all this time they'd get the  
replicators to make a great cup of  
coffee..the Same way every time.  
They just don't make them like they  
used to..

The EC3H materializes

EC3H (O.S.)  
Admiral if I were to interject  
here. The replicator has several  
varieties of coffee each from every  
variety on...

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
I didn't realize coffee was a  
keyword trigger. Oh wait don't tell  
me, you're the new EC3H right? Do  
you always listen in on  
conversations?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Still getting used to that myself..  
 Starfleet wanted an ALL-IN-ONE  
 Emergency Counsellor, Command,  
 Combat hologram that also doubles  
 as a concierge occasionally to act  
 as support to the crew on these  
 longer voyages.. I think they felt  
 bad after .. No offence.. The  
 failed earlier Mark 1-5s .. No were  
 okay Birdie. Private mode.  
 Deactivate EC3H.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
 Oh I don't know.. Our doctors got  
 us through a lot... but BIRDIE??  
 (chuckles)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 That's what the crew call him. Were  
 on the Falcon so were going with a  
 bird theme.. BIRDIE seemed  
 appropriate.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
 Well I guess its better than  
 E3CH... VOYAGER's EMH didn't choose  
 his name until we got home from the  
 Delta Quadrant.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Yes I know, I had a chance to meet  
 him!

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
 A hologram as a counsellor though?  
 Voyager never had a counsellor  
 onboard. Probably could have used  
 one in hindsight. Having a hologram  
 do that job though, that's going to  
 take some getting used to even for  
 me. It may take a while for the  
 crew to accept the change.

Admiral Janeway takes a sip of her coffee and has a day dream-  
 like look on her face.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
 I do envy you Nathan taking these  
 first steps with a new crew and  
 interesting times ahead. Hell, who  
 am I to argue with a holographic  
 counsellor.

(MORE)

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)

The doctor was practically one anyways albeit a bad bedside manner in the beginning. Things worked out. Ultimately its whatever gets your crew through the rough times and makes it easier to complete your mission and improves the crews moral.. I mean this coffee I'm drinking.. It's growing on me and coffee in general has got me through a lot of bad times.

(momentary pause)

Holograms aren't going away any time soon. I will confess flesh and blood people are still the reason why Starfleet wants us out here.. We are explorers after all hopefully we get back to doing that soon. Speaking of people.. How is your crew shaping up?

The Admiral gets up and starts inspecting the office a bit and looks out the window and then turns back to Nathan

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

You know it was the doctor who made those recommendations to Starfleet about counsellors.. (smiles) And yes we are starting to bring it together. This Falcon class vessel keeps challenging us technically. Starfleet really did design a masterpiece.. I'm just not sure they had enough time for field testing in real situations. The tri-axialating warp core and power systems are giving us a bit of problem. She's got a bit more power than a small star base but our engineer is having a rough time trying to balance the intermix and power ratios while operating in the different modes.

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Vorik will figure it out, he had a good teacher. If I had this ship and its technology in the Delta quadrant... let's just say the threats we encountered on the way home would been a walk in the park! Let's talk about Romulan's...

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Yes the Romulan's..

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
You've never spoken much about your  
past with them other than what  
little is in your Starfleet  
record..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
The Romulan's killed my parents in  
an assault on star base 247. My  
parents were both star fleet  
science officers.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
247's that's near the Devlin  
system..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
There were reports that the  
Romulan's opposed the Research  
Starfleet was doing there and  
things escalated with the Tal shiar  
very quickly. The Romulan's  
attacked boarded the star base. The  
attempt failed. The federation  
council got involved and the  
skirmish ended but not before 29  
dead and major damage to star base  
247. The star base was rebuilt. Not  
much is left of the original. Keep  
in mind this was about 45 years  
ago, at that time Romulus was  
pretty much silent in terms of its  
Federation dealings. Most of the  
rest of Starfleet hadn't even seen  
a romulan for a 80 years or so,  
this was the exception. My parents  
paid the price. Most didn't even  
know there was an attack until much  
later.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
That must have been an awful  
experience for you, being in that  
time and place to grow up. I'm  
surprised the federation didn't  
respond more actively. The records  
are really clear what started it.  
Who was the commander of the star  
base at that time?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Admiral Black was in charge  
although not an admiral at the  
time, the federation did respond  
but not in an effective way. The  
young Tal Shiar officer involved  
was brought in for questioning by  
the Romulan's or so the federation  
was told but extradition never  
happened and he escaped justice.  
Starfleet was just trying to avoid  
a war. After that incident he  
disappeared and the Romulan's claim  
they had no idea what happened to  
him.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
I'm so sorry about your parents  
Nathan..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thank you.. But you didn't come  
here a day early to talk about my  
past..

The Admiral walks towards the door and motions CAPTAIN NATHAN  
PHILLIPS to follow her.

Both of them exit the briefing room and walk into the hallway  
adjacent to the bridge where there are several other rooms  
and the main turbolift shaft.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
There's been some concern by some  
of the counsel members at Starfleet  
and there might be an short  
inquiry.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
An Inquiry? On what?

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
Your conduct on the BELLEROPHON.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
But the inquiry and incident report  
was closed..

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
Well... some are questioning if you  
are the right Captain for this  
mission.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
You mean the mission you haven't  
given me yet..

They enter the main turbolift

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ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
Engineering, Command section, Deck  
15!

Turbo lift door closes and engages.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
Alright, look.. There's no easy way  
to say this so I'll just say it.  
Some of the other admirals don't  
feel you are ready or fit for  
dealing with the Romulan's. They  
think there's too much baggage and  
that entrusting their latest ship  
to a captain after the last  
incident didn't sit well.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Okay.. When does this inquiry take  
place?

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
On my authority, I've had them put  
it off for now.. I like you Nate  
and I don't want to see a good  
captain get tangled up in what I  
refer to as "Economic politics".

Turbolift stops

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
Hold Door!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Economic politics?

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
You know as well as I do.. The  
Federation isn't as resource  
friendly as in the past. There a  
little "bent" out of shape on the  
extent of the damage to the  
BELLEROPHON. That's part of the  
issue, but losing Ambassador Spock  
was a huge blow to the federation.

(MORE)

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
I personally think they are looking  
for scape goats here. Look I don't  
want to bring all of this up now  
before an important mission..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Door Open!

He turns back to Admiral Janeway

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Thanks for giving me a heads up..

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ADMIRAL JANEWAY and CAPTAIN PHILLIPS enter engineering and  
meet at the main station.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Admiral on Deck!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Admiral

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
At ease everyone.. Thank you all  
for joining me, Normally I'd just  
send over the mission briefing and  
have CAPTAIN PHILLIPS relay this  
mission briefing himself however I  
decided that this mission is too  
important to the future of the  
Alpha quadrant to leave the crew of  
Starfleet's most advanced Vessel  
out of and I wanted to speak to you  
all personally. Also, I won't be  
joining you on this mission however  
many of Starfleet admiralty will be  
visiting and staying with the ship  
where oversight is needed along the  
way.

Just then the EC3H appears

EC3H  
I must have missed my memo?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Birdie, don't interrupt the  
Admiral.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
That's my fault. I forgot to  
include you.



ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Birdie how did you find out about  
this meeting anyway?

EC3H  
I am not only an officer but the  
ship too remember?.. I simply read  
everyone's memos.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
We will discuss Starfleet privacy  
later...

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
Alright everyone lets get focused  
here. We've got a lot to cover..

She draws the crews attention to the mission briefing on the  
LCARS DISPLAY in engineering

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
The mission.. Is to assist the  
temporary Romulan government with  
supplies, resources and security  
while the shift in power takes  
place. Since the loss of the  
Romulan star system and surrounding  
areas.. The political climate has  
shifted. Star fleet intelligence  
has been working hard over the  
years behind the scenes to bring  
the Romulan's into the fold. Your  
job is a carry out diplomatic and  
escort duties for the temporary  
ruling counsel. Your first mission  
is to bring them here to federation  
space for initial planning talks  
for the basis of establishing long  
lasting diplomatic relationships  
with them and to investigate and  
prevent, if possible, a Romulan  
civil war.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
You each know your duty and are  
continuing to run tactical drills.  
We will continue those as get ready  
to approach Romulan space.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
I know this is a new crew but its a  
good crew. You have a fine ship at  
your disposal and a great Captain  
to guide you all.

LT. WONG

One question Admiral, the Romulan's haven't exactly been allies in the past, they usually serve their own interests by using the Federation. What type of limits are we imposing here on getting involved. Does the prime Directive still apply?

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Lt. Wong, your absolutely correct. The prime directive should apply and the federation normally does not get involved in other sovereign nations conflicts however this circumstance is a little different. The federation has been involved and is part of the target of the hostility from some of the romulan sects. Other sects are looking for genuine help and we need to provide that. Were the only organization that can at the moment and has the will to do so. Ambassador Spock once said, that "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the one or the few" and then proceeded to make peace with the Klingons. This time its our turn only with the Romulan's. If we can make that happen the Alpha quadrant will be a much safer and open place to live. I mean think of it.. Peace in the alpha quadrant, means we can get back to exploring and really venture further into the galaxy or even beyond.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Coming from you Admiral, going far means a great deal further. Alright everyone, This is what you all went to the academy for and what this ship was designed to do... Lt... You looked troubled..

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Forgive me Admiral but I've lived with the Romulan and Klingon threat for years on Nassauica. The Romulan's are not going to voluntarily change over night nor are they particularly trust worthy..

(MORE)

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (CONT'D)  
Losing Romulus means all out war.  
Things are going to get violent  
fast. Then there's the Tal Shiar...  
The even bigger threat to us and  
the ones we really need to focus  
on. Is the Federation completely  
prepared for this?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
(turns to Janeway)  
Bikkir also suffered at the hands  
of both the KLINGONS and ROMULAN'S  
during his time in the Nausicaan  
border wars and Klingon expansion  
years...

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY  
I know.. I read his file.

Admiral Janeway turns back towards Lt. Vuum

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
Mr. Vuum I can't promise your not  
going to run into trouble. In fact  
trouble is probably more than  
likely and Starfleet is definitely  
concerned about the Tal Shiar as  
well as other possible power  
grabs... but take it from me, I  
survived the delta quadrant with  
much less.. This ship of yours is  
only starting to scratch the  
surface and your crew is a  
fantastic crew and you will have  
some fleet support in case things  
go awry. Trust in your team and  
you'll do fine.

Admiral Janeway starts to walk back towards the display and  
then towards the entrance way to ENGINEERING

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)  
The Romulan crisis is at the heart  
of Starfleet's discussions right  
now..With that I am late for a  
staff briefing with Captain Riker,  
he's heading the emergency task  
force preparedness drills on The  
Enterprise. Falcon is scheduled to  
leave orbit 1600 tomorrow, Oh and  
Nathan?

(MORE)

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)

Send me a status report as soon as you meet with the Romulan Ambassador and prepare a full report on your way back, the brass is looking at this in a lot of detail. I'd love to hear about Romulus.. That's one place Voyager never visited!

The Admiral starts to walk away but then turns abruptly back towards the crew before they break up the meeting

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)

Oh.. I almost forgot.. Your new science officer will be coming onboard along with the Ambassador when you arrive at NEW ROMULUS.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Admiral? I thought you told me Lt. T'Pang was...

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

There's been a change in plans.. The New Romulan acting proconsul wants to send one of theirs instead... Starfleet is calling it an exchange program for now.. Something we had to agree to.. I know I know... I'm not crazy about it either.. Keep an eye on whoever they send but if we want to build relationships with the government we have to concede to deals like this occasionally. Oh and there's the little issue of a federation cloaking device on the stealth section.. Treaty of Algeron? Still in effect.. at least for now as that's another reason they want someone here on the bridge

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Romulan on the bridge...This mission is shaping up to be interesting.. Okay thank you Admiral. Okay Dismissed everyone.. We have work to do.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Good luck Everyone.

The Captain turns towards Lt. Vuum

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Lt. Vuum, please escort the Admiral  
to the transporter room. We will  
reconvene at 16:00 hours today for  
more battle drills. Dismissed.

INT. ROMULAN STARSHIP "KATAR" BRIDGE - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The romulan scout vessel's screen shows blurred sensor  
readout of the USS FALCON deck 10 engineering and plays the  
last 5 seconds of audio of the Admirals briefing to the crew.

ROMULAN SUB-LIEUTENANT  
Sir we've confirmed location and  
timing for the Falcons mission to  
new Romulus. They will approach the  
new romulan government sector  
tomorrow. It appears they are in  
fact going to interfere in our  
affairs after all.

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
I think this information will be  
quite useful to the Military high  
command... Back us off slowly and  
head for one of their gas giant's  
moons at impulse. That should mask  
our warp field departure from the  
system. Then head back to romulan  
space.

ROMULAN LIEUTENANT  
Sir our spies have been able to  
download a partial schematic of the  
Falcon's engineering core and  
defensive systems... and our spy  
has indeed planted the device..  
Transmitting data to HQ...

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
No, not yet. I want to learn all I  
Can first and use this as leverage  
with the Tal Shiar.

ROMULAN SUB-LIEUTENANT  
Sir, That's in direct violation of  
the Tal Shiar's orders.

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
The Tal shiar are not in command  
here. Carry out my orders..

ROMULAN SUB-LIEUTENANT  
Sir, The orders come from the Tal  
Shiar directly and you must follow  
them!

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
My loyalty is to the Romulan  
people! The Tal Shiar are nothing  
but mindless rule pushers with no  
great agenda, they are weak and  
bureaucratic... Do you agree sub-  
lieutenant?

ROMULAN SUB-LIEUTENANT  
(the crew start looking at the  
captain as if something is going to  
happen... the lt. Clearly confused  
and is a little bit annoyed with  
the captain)..

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
Well? I suggest you make your  
choice now.. I'm not going to ask  
you again.. Where are your  
loyalties with...

Another Romulan lieutenant reaches for his DISRUPTOR with the intent on aiming it at the captain. The captain sees this action happen but is unfazed.. The Lieutenant fires the weapon and the weapons officer fires at the same time vaporizing the Lieutenant. The Captain's chair force field disperses the blast and protects the rest of the crew.

ROMULAN CAPTAIN (CONT'D)  
Ha-ha, you see!.. I knew we had a  
traitor onboard. Let that be  
message to all traitors.. The Tal  
Shiar are no longer our masters of  
fear!.. We will rid ourselves of  
them and build our own forces to be  
reckon with.. By the raptors claw..  
I vow we will achieve what others  
have failed to do for all these  
years... The Romulan Senate.. The  
Praetor.. The Remans.. All failed  
to lead Romulus to glory and they  
have failed us and we have paid the  
ultimate price! Romulus may be no  
more but we still exist and will  
make our enemies pay and anyone who  
aligns themselves is a traitor!

The Captain gets out of his chair and starts walking around the bridge and touches each officer on the shoulder.

ROMULAN CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

The Federation wants peace but what they really want is to assimilate us and take away our way of life. They plot and poison our minds with foolish concepts. We can't let that happen! Once our enemies are all gone we can finally restore order and peace to our people and build Romulus in our image and our voice! The masses will rejoice in our glorious unity. That same single voice will shake the very core of each world. When you say our name... Romulan! They will tremble once again! The Federation wants to interfere? We will show them the price of their arrogance!

The Captain points to the screen.

ROMULAN CAPTAIN (CONT'D)

And were going to start with that vessel. The USS FALCON!

INT. USS FALCON MAIN FIGHTER BAY - DAY

A fighter pilot Ensign walks through the corridors with his helmet in hand gets into the turbolift.

ENSIGN

Flight Deck - Command Section, Deck  
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Turbolift runs and then opens and enters the hallway and sees a sign that shows the direction to FLIGHT DECK 1 or FLIGHT DECK 2 turbolift. The Ensign enters the lift and then exits and turns another corner and heads to Flight Deck 1 Where a LCARS SIGN shows the status of the flight deck that says LAUNCH STATUS. The ensign enters the flight deck upper level to see a giant flight deck operation under way. The Ensign proceeds to the COLLAPSABLE ELEVATOR SYSTEM and heads down to the deck floor. The Flight Deck is current fully extended. The Ensign hands the Lt. A PADD.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN

Thank you Ensign

The Lieutenant reads the PADD about the Drills and Flight roster approvals. Just then he sees the Chief on the Deck Floor as they are trying to prepare some of the new DRONE FIGHTERS.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (CONT'D)  
Chief! My main navigational  
deflector and secondary systems are  
malfunctioning again..

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
I'll get right on it.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Chief were on the clock here..  
Captain wants us running formations  
and space side now!

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
These new AUTONOMOUS NIAGARA CLASS  
ATTACK FIGHTERS have proved  
problematic at best Lt. We'll get  
the problems solved but we need to  
delay the trial runs until we can  
be sure all the secondary systems  
are operational.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Never mind we'll take them up  
without them.

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
No way..Absolutely not.. One wrong  
move and you'll have no shields or  
emergency transporters to back you  
up.

Just then CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS walks towards the two

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Captain on Deck! (salutes)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
At Ease gentlemen.. How are things  
shaping up down here.

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Sir, these new automated attack  
fighters Starfleet sent us  
yesterday are giving us a ton of  
issues.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
The Chief says we can't launch them  
yet.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
What's the problem exactly?



CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
The power systems. The human interface, remote guidance, secondary systems and navigational deflector are all giving us some odd programming issues... There are a list of other issues that need to be addressed as well before I can clear them for launch or even run them through testing.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
(the captain looks over to the RUNABOUT LAUNCH AREA)  
What about the Runabouts?

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
They are all working perfectly and cleared to take off but I thought you wanted drills of the autonomous systems?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I did but we need to some training time in for the pilots before we leave for Romulus.. Okay Lt. Take the runabouts out, we'll use them for the drills. Chief, Get those fighters working.. Were going to need them.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Aye Sir. (walk away)

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Are we expecting trouble, sir?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Going into Romulan space during a potential civil war?.. I think trouble is an understatement

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Aye sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Oh and Chief?

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Yes sir

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Don't break our new toys (smiles)

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE

Yes sir.

INT. USS FALCON - COMBAT SECTION - MAIN SICKBAY 1 - DECK -  
DAY

The large medical area has several nurses and doctors readying supplies and engineers are working on sick bay equipment when the captain walks in.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Doctor. How are things shaping up.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL

Ah Captain.. Yes Sickbay 1 is nearly ready.. Command and Stealth Sickbays are loaded and staffed and Staff are also busy prepping the Trauma, ER and plasma burn units as well were busy training staff on Romulan physiology and getting inoculated..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Inoculated?

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL

Yes there's currently a Romulan Flu virus outbreak on New Romulus that's somewhat more virulent towards humans. The entire crew will need an inoculation.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Any issues with the new BIOBEDS?

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL

We had a few minor issues them but engineering sent a team. There working perfectly now...

Nathan rubs his temple a bit

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL (CONT'D)

Headache? Here.. This ANALGESIC HYPO should help. I've also added the inoculation in there as well.

(Doctor Abbul hyposprays the Captain)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Thanks.. Got a lot more rounds to do.. Seems to be working quickly.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
Workplace Stress can kill just as  
bad as a phaser, it just takes  
longer. I don't know how many times  
I've told people that. How long has  
it been since you had a real  
vacation?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Too long..

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
After this mission is over maybe  
you should consider taking one?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
When the current Romulan threat is  
over doctor.. I'll think about it.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
Everyone talks about Risa but my  
favorite destination is still  
Earth. Great food, locations,  
multiple climates and of course...  
it's home!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Your Starfleet file says you grew  
up on Earth? Don't you consider  
that home?

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
Yes.. Born and raised but Earths  
got a lot of great holiday spots  
too.. Captain.. Just a suggestion  
but why don't you take a couple  
hours and visit the holodeck? Were  
several hours from Romulus... I  
know a great restaurant serving  
Indian food in downtown Mumbai that  
the holodeck does a nice  
approximation of..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thanks, I may take you up on that,  
after my rounds. Thanks Doctor,  
Keep me informed on this Romulan  
virus front.

The Captain leaves sickbay, heads to the turbolift and gets  
in and doors close.

INT. MAIN ENGINEERING LEVEL 1 - COMBAT SECTION - DECK 15 -  
USS FALCON - DAY

Main Engineering is very busy with several engineers working to solve various calibrations and diagnosing power systems and other engineering work. Some of Utopia Planitia personnel are packing up getting ready to leave.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

Ah Captain, was just about to call you.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What do you got for me Vorik?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

Starfleet really has neglected a few operating protocols on some of new security routines however the fine tuning of the power systems is moving along.. What I wanted to show you was this.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What am I looking at? Why is Lt. Vuum here?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

Sir I called Lt. Vuum here because we don't know exactly what we are dealing with. We suspect it to be of Romulan origin..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Romulan's? What makes you say that? Also Where was it found exactly?

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR

We say Romulan because of the components. We analyzed the materials and found that the power source does in fact use a Romulan design. Our teams found it on a maintenance interface console, Combat Section Deck 18 Auxiliary control room. Normally that Control room is manned and secure at least by 2 people but We've had Engineering teams from Utopia Planitia all over the ship Today.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Clearly there's been a security breach. I'll assist the Commander and well see what the Romulan's have planted.. (under Breath - Something in scum)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Easy there Bikkir.. Lets focus on  
getting answers.. Vorik.. I want  
you to do a level 1 diagnostic and  
anti-virus scan on all primary and  
secondary systems.. If the  
Romulan's have planted something, I  
don't want to go to warp until we  
figure out what that is.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Aye Sir, a wise precaution.

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
Are you going to tell him about the  
Tachyon emissions?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Tachyons?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
We detected what we think were a  
weak tachyon signature in the Aux  
control room during our standard  
sensor scans.. Nothing was  
conclusive however and we were not  
able to track down the source.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
That's all we need! Time travelers  
or inter-dimensional saboteurs..  
It's definitely possible  
Lieutenant, that our saboteur is  
using some kind of new technology  
to transport the device on-board,  
in which case we may never track  
them down.

The Captain taps his combadge

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Captain to the bridge!

LT. WONG (O.S.)  
Lt. Wong here sir

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Run a Level 1 scan for Tachyon  
emissions on Deck 18. See if  
there's any residual trace. Then  
run an external Sensor scan to see  
if you can detect anything out of  
the ordinary.

(MORE)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
 Contact me when you have the  
 results and send them to  
 Engineering and Security as well.

LT. WONG (O.S.)  
 Aye Sir.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 I will contact UTOPIA PLANITIA  
 SHIPYARD SECURITY about the  
 breach.. The saboteur may still be  
 on the station.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Okay. I also want you to check the  
 new crew rosters see if you spot  
 any anomalies. We've had a lot of  
 new transfer in recently. If there  
 is a connection we should find  
 something. Well Gentlemen.. Looks  
 like this mission is getting a  
 little bumpy before it even  
 begins.. Lets hope we get to leave  
 space dock.

The Captain exits engineering and heads to the Holodeck

EXT. SPACE - USS FALCON SPACEDOCK - SPACE (OPTICAL)

Shows images of the work bees finishing maintenance to the  
 USS Falcon and leaving.

INT. MONTAGE OF DECKS - DAY (OPTICAL)

The camera starts at the lowest decks and seems to pass right  
 through the ship slowing down showing officers and crewman  
 working on various parts of the ship when the camera stops  
 outside the holodeck doors finally.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (O.S.)  
 Captains Log Supplemental:  
 Engineering is continuing to  
 analyze the device found in the  
 Auxiliary control room on Deck 18.  
 The threat of Romulan Sabotage  
 aboard the Falcon is distressing  
 before such an important mission.  
 To top it off, Tachyons.. time  
 travel technology or some sort of  
 new way of using them may be at  
 play here. Last thing I need is a  
 visit from Temporal Investigations  
 before Falcon is even launched.

(MORE)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (O.S.)  
I have too much on my plate. In any event, we are proceeding with the mission and everyone has a job to do.

INT. HOLODECK 4 - COMBAT SECTION - DECK 16 - DAY

Captain walks up to the holodeck door and taps the console

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Computer, what type of relaxation programs do you currently have?

COMPUTER VOICE  
Inquiry, Do you wish to have the Ship wide Concierge appear and assist you on any future ship requests regarding Holodeck functions?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
No.

COMPUTER VOICE  
Acknowledged. There are over 4000 relaxation Holo-programs available with others able to be downloaded from Marketplace Epsilon. Please specify by location, climate, interior or exterior and activities you are looking for?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ummm... Let's pick Los Angeles early 21st century...umm... pick me a Nice Sports car, driving along the coast

COMPUTER VOICE  
Program complete enter when ready

The Captain enters the holodeck and sees a brand new TESLA ROADSTER with the glass top off. He's at a parking inlet on the coast and gets in the drivers seat.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ah.. Now that's what I'm talking about. Computer a little mood music..

The computers selects some good driving music and the Captain takes off behind the wheel down the California coast driving towards the beaches.

EXT. FIGHTER WING IN FORMATION - AROUND JUPITER - SPACE  
(OPTICAL)

The Fighter Squads take turns in formation and use the runabouts to do some maneuvers.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Alright Alpha Wing lets practice  
torpedo runs at the enemy target.

ENSIGN #1  
Sir we have no targets to shoot at.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
We will in a second.

ENSIGN #1  
Sir?

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Starfleet gave us a brand new  
prototype to play with today. It's  
called an Isomorphic holographic  
training simulator. The holograms  
actually become real hard targets  
so we can use real weapons here.  
Hit your target and it will contact  
enough to explode. No more shooting  
with holographic systems.

ENSIGN #1  
So if we target our weapons at a  
specific location it will emulate  
the real thing.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
I don't know all the details but  
essentially yes. All I know is that  
the matter energy generator  
equipped on the exterior of our  
Runabout has enough power for one  
vessel to appear as though it were  
real and solid.. At least on the  
outside..

ENSIGN #2 (O.S.)  
So are we to treat this as a live  
fire exercise? Couldn't we just do  
this in the holodeck?

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Yes and your right we could but the  
captain wants us to test out this  
generator in addition to training.

(MORE)



LT. MAX ARROWMAN (CONT'D)  
It may come in handy. Activating  
Generator now.

ENSIGN #1  
Sir! I'm detecting a Romulan  
warbird bearing 270 mark 5!

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Wow.. Check your sensors Ensign..  
That's the Generator, Its  
working... You see the power curve.  
A real warbird would have 10 times  
that power but I could definitely  
see it fooling a few sensors for  
awhile.. Okay Alpha wing, since we  
are generating that warbird the  
rest of you being practicing  
engaging the warbird. I want to see  
what this device can do!

The runabouts start practicing formations and attack patterns  
with phasers and photons to try to destroy the warbird.  
Physical hits from Phasers and photons interact with the  
shields on the actual warbird and the shields hold but are  
low.

INT. USS FALCON - HOLODECK 4 - COMBAT SECTION - DECK 16 - DAY

Captain Phillips is taking a sip of COLA and eating a  
SANDWICH near Venice Beach while sitting on the hood of the  
car and thinking while looking out over the beach and pier  
when suddenly Birdie Appears.

EC3H  
Captain, glad to see you are  
relaxing!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Birdie.. You know holodeck's are  
private time for officers right?

EC3H  
Oh I'm sorry Captain.. Would you  
like to be alone?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
That's alright.. Your hear now..

EC3H  
So Anything you want to talk about?  
The upcoming mission?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Not in particular.. Okay well there  
is this one thing.

EC3H  
What's that?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
This SANDWICH is delicious!

EC3H  
Glad your enjoying it..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
(smiles)

EC3H  
Captain I realize the Starfleet  
personnel are having a hard time  
adjusting to a holographic  
counsellor.. In fact the whole  
experiment that Starfleet is doing  
with technology these days is all  
to help crews with long voyages. I  
sometimes often feel as if  
holograms are still not treated as  
equals even in light of recent  
changes. I mean the holographic  
rights cases last year should prove  
that sentient holographic systems  
have recognition.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Birdie.. Your taking this way too  
far.. It's not about rights.. Its  
about comfort level.. And your  
right.. The crew is not accustomed  
to talking about feelings with  
holograms... including me. Being  
the captain means I should be  
setting a better example... You  
just have to give the rest of the  
crew some time to adjust.

EC3H  
Well the emotional well being of  
the crew cared for is not only a  
good thing to have, its also my  
job. If I fail at that Starfleet  
may just terminate my program. We  
have some time now? Feel like  
setting that example?

(MORE)

EC3H (CONT'D)  
(laughs cheekily) Tell me what's  
bothering you and I'll try to help!  
(fake smile on his face)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
...Earlier in the turbolift when  
Admiral Janeway was here.. I had a  
flashback.

EC3H  
What kind of flashback?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
One from my childhood...when my  
parents were killed..

EC3H  
That must still be quite painful  
for you after all these years..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
It brought back a lot of the fear,  
uncertainty and panic that I've  
tried to deal with since then.

EC3H  
I can imagine that this mission is  
having quite an affect on you..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I almost feel like Starfleet has  
chosen the wrong Captain for this  
mission..

EC3H  
Nathan.. Starfleet wouldn't have  
chosen you if they didn't think you  
could handle it, I mean you have  
had countless encounters with  
Romulan's in the last decade.  
Surely those experiences will help  
you through this mission.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I appreciate the confidence Birdie  
but things are different now. The  
Romulan's are even more aggressive  
than ever.. The Clock has almost  
turned back in time.. The Tal Shiar  
are hell bent on the Federations  
destruction and the Alpha quadrant  
is poised for another potential  
conflict.. All of that results in  
people getting hurt..

(MORE)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

It's inevitable.. During the Dominion War I was assigned to the USS Freedom.. I was commander of that ship.. That ship was part of the defense force at Chin'Toka when the Dominion took it back. Only 16 of us made off that ship alive.. We lost a lot of good people.

EC3H

I'm sorry to hear that Captain.. But correct me if I'm wrong weren't the Romulan's on our side at that time?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes.

EC3H

Did you have any issues with them then?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

The Romulan's pretty much kept to themselves.. The crews didn't mix much and the interaction that happened was tightly controlled. Starfleet was more worried about the Klingons and Romulan's in one place.

EC3H

No what I meant was.. Did you have an fear of the Romulan's for any reason even working with them at that time? I want you to think about what aspects of them that you fear most because that going to be the key with your therapy going forward.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I'll have to give it some thought.. I suppose when you think of it that way.. Thanks Birdie you actually made me feel a bit better!

All of a sudden the captains comm badge sounds.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Go ahead

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 Captain, Admiral Black is beaming  
 over. He wants to brief you.. He's  
 arriving in Transporter Room 1

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Acknowledged. I'm on my way..  
 Birdie we'll have to take this up  
 later.

The Captain cleans up his garbage and puts it into a garbage  
 can and Birdie dematerializes.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
 Computer Exit and save location!..  
 Love that car!

Computer beeps and then the Exit doors appear and the captain  
 walks out of the holodeck.

INT. USS FALCON - COMMAND SECTION - TRANSPORTER ROOM 1 - DECK  
 22 - DAY

Captain Phillips arrives through the doors just as the  
 Admiral and company is materializing and Commander Durham is  
 standing there as well.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Admiral Black. I didn't expect you  
 sir.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
 (shakes Nathan's hand)  
 Nathan! Great to see you. Starfleet  
 has asked me to tag along on this  
 mission.  
 (Motions his people off  
 the transporter)  
 My staff is going to need some  
 quarters and you and I need to  
 brief you, is there somewhere we  
 can go?

The Admiral and guests step off the pad and out in the  
 hallway

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Absolutely, Commander will you  
 escort the Admirals staff to their  
 quarters and also take them and  
 show them the Diplomatic Quarters  
 on Deck 20, they will have full  
 computer access...

ADMIRAL BLACK

(interrupts) Actually I'd prefer if the staff was set up on the Stealth Sections Conference Room and had bridge access. I also need to speak to your Communications and liaison officer.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

(looks oddly at the Admiral) Any particular reason Admiral?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Let's get to the Command Bridge and I will tell you as much as I can in your ready room.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Very Well.

INT. USS FALCON CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM - COMMAND SECTION - DECK  
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CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Admiral.. Is Starfleet concerned about something I should be aware of?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Starfleet wants oversight on this mission.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I realize were expecting trouble but the ship hasn't even left space dock yet.

ADMIRAL BLACK

I realize this isn't the most traditional way to launch a brand new vessel class.. All the fan fare will have to wait. The mission is has everyone worried.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I've already been over most of this with Admiral Janeway.. If there's a specific concern

ADMIRAL BLACK

Nathan.. Relax, I'm not here to take command.

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ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

I'm simply here to assist and to gather as much intel on the Romulan Dealings as I can. I will stay out of your hair..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Coffee?

ADMIRAL BLACK

No thanks. Stomach can't handle the stuff.. Starfleet is sending two Galaxy Class Ships with us to Romulus. Starfleet wants a little backup in case things go sideways.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Are you commanding the mission from there?

ADMIRAL BLACK

No, my flag will be on Falcon for the time being. Starfleet wants to make sure that Falcon doesn't fall into enemy hands.. Not that it will under your command Nathan however even though Falcon's not an NX class, she's still really new and dangerous tech, so starfleet wants me to come along on this one. You probably could also use my help too. Starfleet is also worried the new security systems installed recently for counter measures and those two large damned doomsday weapons sitting in your Armory don't fall into the wrong hands. They are not taking any chances first time out. You understand the climate were in here.. The Death of Ambassador Spock was too much for Starfleet..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes I... sort of agree to most of that? Admiral... Why the staff? We have our own additional command staff?

ADMIRAL BLACK

They are here to assist me with some other business for Starfleet intelligence. It's a classified need to know situation at the moment.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
My fleet liaison officer, Lt. Fang  
can assist you with whatever you  
need.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Yes.. I understand she's a Caitian?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Yes, One of the few in Starfleet  
and one of the best cryptographic  
and linguistic officers in the  
fleet.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
I'm looking forward to working with  
her..

Just then the Ready room Door beeps

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Enter!

Commander Vorik Enters

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
What is it Vorik?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Sir we've completed our diagnostics  
and scanned every ship system.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
And?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
The Romulan's planted a Virus in  
our main propulsion systems.. The  
virus was supposed to take effect  
after we picked up the ambassador  
from Romulus.. Or so we think  
anyways. The Engines would have  
exploded. We've had to recover most  
of the operating protocols and  
systems from our protected  
archives.. Fortunately.. Falcon  
hasn't even really received any  
updates to those system yet and the  
virus did not infect any User data  
areas..

ADMIRAL BLACK  
What is he talking about Nathan?



CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
The Security and Engineering teams  
discovered an unknown suspected  
Romulan device planted in the  
AUXILIARY CONTROL ROOM..

ADMIRAL BLACK  
What? You mean we have a saboteur  
onboard?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Well its unclear Admiral.. I did  
send a security alert to the  
Shipyard and were taking  
precautions..

ADMIRAL BLACK  
I will have a chat with your  
security officer as well.. There  
may be some information I can  
provide that may assist.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I see no issue with that.. I don't  
know what else you could provide  
though. You weren't on the Falcon  
during that period. Also, Residual  
Tachyon particles were present.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Tachyons? Hmmm.. I know The  
Romulan's have been experimenting  
with newer tech but Tachyons are  
tricky business.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Sir?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Never mind.. This device do you  
still have it?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Yes of course.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
I want it and all the data you have  
on it transferred to my team in the  
stealth section and also have that  
Lt. Liaison of yours have a look at  
it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
The device should be sent to  
Starfleet intelligence shouldn't it  
Admiral?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Yes it will be but first send it my  
team. I want to have them examine  
it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thank you Vorik, is this going to  
delay our launch?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Not at all. Were on schedule.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thank you, Dismissed Commander.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Well I better get back to my team  
and liaison with your officer  
before the mission briefing at 1600  
hours.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Yes.. Falcon is scheduled to depart  
the shipyards after the briefing.  
The Dock Administrator assures me  
their teams will be out of here  
shortly.

EXT. SPACE TRAINING AROUND JUPITER - SPACE

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Alright Teams well done, that's  
enough for today. Lets head back to  
the hanger.

ENSIGN #1  
Sir were picking up a faint  
neutrino energy source. Its moving.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Can you get a fix?

ENSIGN #1  
No its gone now.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
Tachyons... that doesn't seem  
naturally occurring.

ENSIGN #1

Neutrinos could be natural but they don't typical move. Could be a subspace anomaly?

LT. MAX ARROWMAN

Could also be a cloaked Romulan vessel.. Let's scout the area a bit before returning to Falcon and report this back. Alpha team flyby and sensor sweep of the Jupiter orbit.. Lets see if we can get a closer look before heading back to the Falcon.

The Team banks off and heads into the planetary and moon orbits of the gas giant.

INT. USS FALCON - MAIN CONFERENCE LOUNGE - DECK 20 - DAY

The senior officers start coming into the Main conference room and the captain and admiral are standing in front of a giant 3D display screen while the crew watches from the conference chairs.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Alright people, listen up Admiral Black has joined us on this mission and he's going to fill us all in on what he can about the current situation on Romulus. Admiral?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Thanks Nathan, I realize Captain Janeway has already briefed you on the general mission, I have a few more detailed points to quickly add and then I'll hand you back to Captain Phillips for tactical planning.

The Admiral changes the display from the mission briefing and Starfleet insignia to a display of the romulan system.

ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

As you all know the super nova that destroyed the Romulan system was devastating and presumably took the life of Ambassador Spock..

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## ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

What you don't know is that Ambassador Spock's sacrifice turned a few heads in the Romulan government in the rest of the empire to the federations favor. Recent talks over subspace have prompted this mission to Romulus.

The Admiral expands his hands as if to gesture to the machine to zoom into the presentation and it displays a 3D representation of a prominent Romulan Tal Shiar leader

## ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

On the other hand, we have a few disturbing pieces of intelligence. The Tal Shiar has now split from the main Government, The Tal Shiar recently attacked several key Federation outposts along the neutral zone border. They are now considered a rogue military organization. Romulan Tal Shiar vessels are now waging a campaign on their own to what end the Federation doesn't yet know. All we know is that they are massing resources and building ships and recruiting loyal Romulan soldiers in an attempt to possibly seize control of New Romulus and the new Romulan Republic.. The Federation can't let that happen. Falcon's role in the coming days and months and possibly years will be in the interests of establishing better relations with the Romulan new government, one of those goals is to find, undermine and ultimately eliminate the Tal Shiar.

The Admiral waves his hand to the next 3D Scene.

## ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

Other intelligence suggests some key Romulan Captains and Generals have also split off from the main government and have gone rogue or in some cases as mercenary outfits. This man General Atam Vreenak who's son was the late Senator Vreenak who's killing was the turning point in the war against the Dominion..

The Captain gets completely uncomfortable at seeing this person's face and starts sweating and has a brief flashback of his parents death.

ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

And there are others who we've yet to identify. The power vacuum is having a ripple effect. Starfleet's secondary mission is gather intelligence and then try to broker a peace or ceasefire and convince some or all of these rogue military that Starfleet isn't their target and that they should re-join with the Romulan republic. We don't expect this to be easy.. We have to find them first. So far the message isn't reaching them.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Admiral! Is this the same General Atam Vreenak That is responsible for the attack on Star base 247 about 50 years ago?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Yes..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

With all due respect Admiral, Starfleet can't trust this man. We also have Prime Directive issues here and to be direct, he murdered my parents!

The Bridge crews and senior officers are in shock at that revelation and the Captains emotional response towards the Admiral.

LT. M'MORA FANG

I'm sorry to hear about your family Captain.. Admiral, the captain is right, we can't trust these people. Starfleet doesn't get involved with rogue outfits either. Murder is not exactly a great starting point to any relationship.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

I'm sorry to hear as well. That is really awful sir, my condolences.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

I agree terrible! On my world the violence caused blood feuds that lasted years! What Starfleet is asking the Captain to do is beyond comprehension! Captain you have my sympathies. Starfleet needs to re-think this strategy as it puts Falcon in harms way needlessly and without proper support of the fleet. We need to find these units and eliminate them. They are already attacking our outposts.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Everyone! This is a briefing not a debate! Starfleet and the Federation council have made their decision on this. You all will follow the orders as cited.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I apologize for my outburst Everyone.. The Admiral is correct as much I disagree with some elements, those are the orders and we must carry them out.

The crew starts discussing amongst themselves then the Captain leans over to the Admiral

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

What other secrets are you keeping from me today Admiral?

The Admiral continues his briefing

ADMIRAL BLACK

I will remind everyone that the Federation's primary goal here is to help the Romulan New Republic get on its feet and mold them to become a powerful ally. The Alpha quadrant and what it will end up looking like may very well be decided in the coming months and years. Starfleet is more concerned now then when the Dominion first invaded. That tells you the stakes of having a failed Romulan Empire.

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ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

The last thing the Federation needs is more Terrorism and isolated rebels causing havoc for their own purposes, that violence will and has already spilled over. Admiral Janeway laid out your mission, I'll be laying out your long term and strategic planning. Falcon was built for this, you have all trained for this role and we will continue as planned.

The Crew isn't totally paying attention at this point and the Admiral notices.

ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

Alright everyone, this part you need to pay attention to, Captain will you do the honors? Good luck and Godspeed everyone!

Motions to the screen to change the presentation to off and then the Admiral and his staff leaves the mission briefing room.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

This is our maiden voyage and we know not what our journey will bring.. The Falcon will keep us safe if we take care of her. Over the past number of months you all have shown great dedication to your duties. Now it's time to do what this ship was designed to do. Fact of the matter is, Starfleet IS putting us all in harms way. The name Romulan pretty much guarantees that.

The crew chuckles.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

We all have a job to do and you all have been working hard up to this point but there is a lot more to do and were going to get it done. Let's get to work, everyone to departure stations, get ready to launch, Dismissed.

Most of the senior officers and crew exit the briefing room and head for the bridge or turbo lifts to the other bridge areas.

END OF ACT ONE



ACT TWO

INT. USS FALCON C&C BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

The Main Bridge crew, officers and senior officers arrive on duty for the Bridge and relieve Delta shift.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Mr. Wong, Ship Status report

LT. WONG  
The last of the Engineering teams  
have left sir!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Captain to Main Engineering, Vorik  
its 16:00. What's our status on  
that Problem we were having  
earlier?

The scene switches to Engineering where Everything looks in order as crew are working away.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
We've purged every system sir and  
power systems are now operating  
within recommended tolerances.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Tactical..

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Tactical and security reporting as  
ready Sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Captain to Sickbay, Doctor what's  
your status.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
(O.S.)  
Medical and Sickbays ready to go  
sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ensign Alveraz, release docking  
clamps, clear all moorings and Set  
course for IO at Jupiter,  
maneuvering thrusters only until we  
clear the Yard's hanger

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ

Aye Sir

Shows the Falcon leaving the Shipyard completed (OPTICAL)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Set speed to Half Impulse and  
rendezvous with our squadrons

EXT. SPACE AROUND JUPITER - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The Falcon arrives around Jupiter at half impulse as the fighter squadron approaches and Falcon launches its remote controlled Fighters.

INT. USS FALCON C&C BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

The Captain and Bridge crew are getting ready to test out the manned and autonomous Fighter control systems in an engagement with the returning Runabout fighter wings

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Captain to Lt. Arrowman, were here!  
Is your team ready?

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (O.S.)

Good to See Falcon's left the nest  
sir! Team is standing by for mock  
battle simulation

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Alright lets see what these new  
Fighters can do, Lt. Vuum, let's  
fire them up!

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Yes sir! Engaging Autonomous  
Tactical simulation Alpha. Engage  
weapon safeties. Ensign Vickers and  
Beta squad, were going to try fully  
autonomous mode with standby neural  
link modes.. Ready and Engage.

The new fighters initialize and start making formations against the Alpha team, initial maneuvering and tactics are incredible compared to the Runabouts. (OPTICAL)

LT. WONG

Sir i'm getting a strange reading  
from the lead Autonomous fighter.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Confirmed. It appears there a logic failure in the primary AI pre-processor. The link between each vessel is shutting down. I can't compensate.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Phillips to Lt. Arrowmen, we got a slight problem with the fighters autonomous computers. Standby.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (O.S.)  
Acknowledged.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Wait systems are coming back online.. Oh no.. Weapons are fully charged!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
RED ALERT, Shields up. Phillips to Arrowmen, get your people to the hangers now, we've got a problem.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Sir! The fighters are changing course and heading towards us!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
What the hell happened, Phillips to Vorik, we got rogue Alpha fighters closing on our position, is there anything you do from there?

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Sir, I'm analyzing the signals coming back over the neural link we have, its been altered. I don't know by who but its got a Romulan codebase to it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
The Romulan Virus!

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Of course! It must have gotten downloaded into the Fighters systems while we were updating our systems. Sorry Captain we missed it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Worry about blame later, how do we  
fix it? In about 5 seconds, I'm  
going to have to destroy them.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Has the lead ships shields been  
activated.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Bikkir?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Yes. However I may be able to  
bypass it, I think I know where  
your going with this.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Care to fill the rest of us in?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
If we can hit the lead ship with a  
resonance pulse along the neural  
link we should be able to trigger  
an overload in the main processor.  
That should buy us a few seconds  
where the shields will be  
alternating. Then we can beam  
someone into the cockpit and take a  
phaser to the main computer core.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Alright, it'll be me.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
What good will hitting the computer  
core do?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
The system will kick in the auto-  
regeneration units and the core  
will re-initialize and load the  
default operating system which  
shouldn't have the romulan virus  
onboard.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Alright lets do it but Commander,  
be careful. I'd hate to loose you  
before our first mission!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Oh I think you are going to have to  
put up with me a while longer yet  
sir. Site to site transport,  
energize

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Feedback initiated.

LT. WONG  
Beaming the commander to the  
fighter... Now.

INT. LEAD AUTONOMOUS ALPHA FIGHTER - SPACE

The commander hurries to get to the cockpit but the fighter's virus detects that she's onboard and initiates evasive maneuvers and she gets knocked to the ground.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Going to play rough are you?

The commander finally makes it to the cockpit and locates the master computer console and unlocks the primary core hatch at the rear of the fighter in the floor. She takes her phaser and sets it to level 7, damaged but not disintegrated and the fighters power shuts down.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM (CONT'D)  
Durham to Falcon, I've shut the  
fighter down. Have the rest  
shutdown as well?

Just then one of the fighters jumps to Warp but all the others power down (OPTICAL)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Commander, the lead fighter and all  
of the others have shut down except  
one. Were going to have to after  
it. Initialize the auto  
regeneration process so we can dock  
the fighters.

The commander goes to a second console with a special command key sequence and a computer voice warns her that doing so will restore all system software.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
 Reinitialize Alpha fighter  
 operations security clearance,  
 Durham, Omega  
 0,9,Charlie,Delta,8,7,Tango,  
 Execute.

The system starts regenerating the computer core and all damaged systems and starts reloading the operating system and reconnects to Falcon's controllers.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM (CONT'D)  
 Durham to Falcon, I'm done here.  
 Energize.

She beams back to the C&C Bridge

EXT. UTOPIA PLANITIA SHIPYARDS - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The Shipyards in the distance then all of a sudden the rogue fighter approaches the Shipyards and opens fire. Several work bees and crews scramble as the assault starts as Falcon Warps in right behind the fighter.

INT. USS FALCON C&C BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Fire.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 Firing Phasers and torpedo's!

The Fighter avoids some of the fire but takes 2 direct hits and keeps going

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Quantum torpedoes! Fire!

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
 Firing!

The fighter takes direct hit and is destroyed.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Phillips to Utopia Planitia  
 control, is everyone okay down  
 there?

UTOPIA PLANITIA SECURITY  
 Captain, thanks for the  
 assistance..

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## UTOPIA PLANITIA SECURITY (CONT'D)

Our weapons were not a match for those new fighters of yours, upgrades are not online yet down here. Workmen report they had to scramble a bit but everyone's okay. The Odyssey took a bit of damage but no casualties.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Glad to hear it, I advise checking your own systems for the Romulan virus in case it migrated, my engineer can assist if necessary by subspace. Falcon Out. Stand down from Red Alert.

## LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Sir were getting a communication from McKinley Station, its Admiral Janeway.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Put her on screen

Lt. Bikkir puts The admiral on the main view screen

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Admiral?

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Just wanted to see how things were going.. I trust not too badly.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Our adversaries are just getting friendly but were coping.

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Good luck to all of you on your mission, and Nathan?

(smirks)

Try to relax. Janeway out.

The Captain goes to his chair and hits the ship-wide button.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

This is the Captain! It appears the Renegade Romulan factions really don't want us to start our mission. Glad we can disappoint them. Prepare for Warp Speed, see you all in Romulan Space. Captain out.

The captain clicks a button on his command chair to turn off ship wide communications.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Ensign, Set course for the Romulan  
Neutral Zone border then on to New  
Romulus, Warp 8.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Course laid in.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Engage.

EXT. USS FALCON - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The Warp Engines Engage and Falcon goes to warp

EXT. USS FALCON - SPACE (OPTICAL)

Falcon drops out of warp and enters formation with two GALAXY CLASS vessels and they continue on to the middle of the neutral zone.

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - DAY

Falcon and the galaxies slow to impulse just as two Romulan D'Deridex warbirds de-cloak in front of them

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Helm full stop. Go to Yellow alert.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Admiral Black to the Bridge.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Open a channel to the lead Romulan  
vessel.

Admiral Black comes to the bridge rather quickly.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Channel open.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
This is Captain Nathan Phillips of  
the Federation Starship Falcon. We  
are here at the request of the new  
Romulan Government.

The Screen changes and a Romulan commander appears.



ROMULAN COMMANDER SARTEK  
This is commander Sartek of the  
Imperial.. Err.. The new Romulan  
Militia. We are here to escort you  
through romulan space to meet with  
the Ambassador. Ah.. Admiral Black,  
good to see you again.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Good to see you as well.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Friend of yours?

The Admiral ignores the captain momentarily.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Commander, Captain and Galaxy  
escorts. Set course for the remains  
of the Romulan system Warp 8.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Lt. Bikkir, signal the Galaxy  
Captains.. Helm, proceed with the  
order and engage. Admiral a word in  
my ready room?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Of course.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Commander you have the bridge

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Aye sir

INT. USS FALCON CAPTAIN'S MAIN READY ROOM - COMMAND SECTION  
DECK 20 - DAY

The Admiral and Captain walk into the large ready room.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Admiral, I need to clarify a few  
things here.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Okay.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
First, Can you explain how a  
Romulan Captain knows you so well?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Oh.. ha-ha, Commander Sartek and I.. Let's just say we've had a few dealings over the years in the romulan neutral zone. Since then we've established a dialogue.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

That was when you were commanding the EXETER right?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Yes, before it was destroyed at Wolf 359. Those were dark days.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Indeed.. Admiral.. I want to know what your planning here.

ADMIRAL BLACK

What do you mean?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What can you tell me about what is really going on in Romulan space and what our mission is. You can't expect me to believe that Star fleet would send the newest starship and crew with a couple escorts for a milk run.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Starfleet has the utmost confidence in your ability here Nathan and your crew.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

With all due respect Admiral, if they did they wouldn't have sent you with me.

ADMIRAL BLACK

I see where this is going.. Nathan, I'm here in a diplomatic and coordination capacity, I have a few items I will be taking care of but its a need to know. You are in command of Falcon. Admiral Janeway explained this to you did she not?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes I know that Admiral but we've known each other too long! And I know Starfleet!

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CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

When it comes to the Romulan's,  
there's always a hidden agenda.  
What is Starfleet really concerned  
about and what are they planning?

ADMIRAL BLACK

I can't tell you much.. I will say  
this.. The mission you are on is  
only the start of something much  
larger and more important than just  
Starfleet, New Romulus, ourselves  
or a few ships. Have faith. Now If  
there's nothing else.. I have to  
get back to the Stealth Bridge.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I don't like secrets..

ADMIRAL BLACK

Try being an Admiral in Starfleet.

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

The crew looks alert and work is being conducted as normal.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ

Approaching Hobus Star system sirs.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Helm signal the fleet to drop out  
of warp at the edge of the Romulus  
and Remus debris fields.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ

Cap?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Carry out the Admirals orders  
ensign. What are we doing here  
Admiral?

The Admiral gets up and walks towards the turbolift.

ADMIRAL BLACK

I'm going to take my leave of you  
for a while Nathan on an important  
mission. I'm taking the Stealth  
section. I will rendezvous with you  
at New Romulus shortly.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Admiral!

ADMIRAL BLACK

Protest noted. I hereby take command of the stealth section for fleet security reasons.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Captain, Admiral with all do respect, Falcon is more vulnerable without the stealth section. If we are to go into Romulan space...

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Oh I agree Commander.. The Admiral is well aware without the stealth section Falcon has reduced power capability as well as tactical options. It seems you do have more secrets after all Admiral. I must formally protest this action. Lt. Vuum please enter into the Log that this action by Admiral Black is being taken with my strict objection. Get ready for Stealth section separation.

The Admiral takes the turbolift to the Stealth section bridge.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Sir, what is happening here.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I'm not sure but whatever the Admiral is planning is clearly not for Falcon's benefit. We need to be ready for anything.

LT. WONG

Sir, Stealth section disengaging

The ship has a slight shake as the stealth section detaches.

EXT. USS FALCON - HOBUS STAR SYSTEM ROMULAN DEBRID FIELD - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The Stealth section detaches from the Combat Sections hull and starts to head into the Romulan debris field. One of the Romulan Vessels joins the stealth section and escorts them.

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20 - DAY

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Lt. Wong, see if you can scan the debris system. I want to see what the Admiral is up to. See if you can find anything out of the ordinary. I don't like being left in the dark.

LT. WONG

Scanning.. Sir i'm detecting a faint energy reading. Were too far to away to determine the source, but the signature appears to match a warp signature

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

A warp signature.. Who is the Admiral Meeting with?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Your guess is as good as mine...

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Sir. We could try to go after the Admiral.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

There's not much we can do with our Escorts overlooking our shoulders. Did you send a message to the other captains Bikkir?

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Captain Ramses and Captain Pine are both in the dark or they simply aren't saying much about the Admiral. Did you want me to send Starfleet a message.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

No.. We are in Romulan space. Rebel factions could be listening.. We don't want to spook our Romulan friends here either. Were going to continue the mission.

The Romulan ship signals Falcon for an update.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Incoming transmission from the remaining Romulan vessel sir..

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LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (CONT'D)  
 They are asking why we have  
 separated and when can we get  
 underway again.

Bikkir checks his console

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (CONT'D)  
 They have now canceled their  
 request for an update. Looks like  
 some comm traffic between the  
 romulan vessels.. They have changed  
 their query to ask when will be  
 getting under way again.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Bikkir, stay at Yellow alert and  
 signal the Romulan's were getting  
 under way now.. Lay in a course for  
 New Romulus, Warp 8. Looks like  
 were going without the Admiral.

EXT. USS FALCON AND ESCORTS - HOBUS STAR SYSTEM ROMULAN  
 DEBRIS FIELD - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The Falcon and escorts warp to New Romulus along with one of  
 the Warbirds.

INT. NEW ROMULUS SENATE - DAY

The senate chambers are full and there is a lot of  
 conversation going on as large explosions start to go off  
 outside getting stronger and stronger. The defense minister  
 rushes in.

ROMULAN ACTING PRAETOR  
 My fellow senators, a temporary  
 alliance with Starfleet is in our  
 peoples best interest for survival.  
 With old Romulus gone, We cannot  
 continue to build a society in the  
 old ways. We must..

ROMULAN DEFENSE GENERAL  
 My Apologies to the council but we  
 must evacuate the senate to a more  
 secure location

ROMULAN ACTING PRAETOR  
 What's happening General?

ROMULAN DEFENSE GENERAL  
The Rebels are staging an attack on  
the city. We need to get the  
council and senators to the  
underground facility.

ROMULAN ACTING PRAETOR  
What's the status of our defense  
forces?

ROMULAN DEFENSE GENERAL  
Reinforcements are on the way but  
the rebels have cut off the city  
and have us surrounded.

ROMULAN ACTING PRAETOR  
We need to get the Ambassador and  
our exchange officer to the  
Starfleet vessel when it arrives,  
will you see to that?

ROMULAN DEFENSE GENERAL  
Yes sir. I know a place they can  
hide until they arrive.

ROMULAN ACTING PRAETOR  
Everyone, the senate is being  
evacuated, follow your emergency  
plans and relocate to the bunker.

EXT. USS FALCON - NEW ROMULUS ORBIT - SPACE (OPTICAL)

Falcon and escorts arrive in orbit around new Romulus.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
All scans.. Hail the surface

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Sir! A number of vessels are in  
orbit with several energy  
distortions further out.. We are  
also receiving a planetary  
defensive emergency signal but no  
response to our hail.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Something's wrong! I don't like it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Agreed, Leslie. Take your team to  
the Combat Section and get ready.

Commander Leslie Durham gets up and on her way to the turbo lift on her way to the combat section.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Combat Section Bridge crew report  
for duty.

She leaves the bridge.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
This is Damn odd. Red Alert..

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Wait a minute! We are getting a  
signal from the surface.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
On screen

MISC ROMULAN COMMANDER  
Captain, I apologize for the delay.  
We've been testing our new  
emergency systems and i'm afraid  
they couldn't be shut off. You and  
party are clear to beam down now..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I appreciate the invitation but  
those are not my orders commander.  
I'd like to speak to the Ambassador

MISC ROMULAN COMMANDER  
The Ambassador is indisposed at the  
moment. If you and your team would  
beam down I'm sure he will be with  
you in a minute.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Sir!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Mute.. What is it?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
I am detecting weapons fire on the  
planet. It appears there are  
several romulan life signs inside  
the capital. Orbit scans showing  
groups of people firing at each  
other.



CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Close the channel.. Can you scan  
for the emergency diplomatic  
transponder?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Scanning.. No. There's a dampening  
field surrounding the city. I'm not  
even getting the normal civilian  
travel updates. Sir, lots of comm  
traffic between the Romulan ships.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
This doesn't look promising..

Just then a garbled transmission comes in

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
USS Falcon, this is Ambassador  
Vorlek and party, please beam us  
aboard we are outside the city, We  
need medical attention..  
Authentication code.. Falcon-  
Charlie-259-Delta.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Transporter room, Beam the  
Ambassador and party up.

TRANSPORTER CHIEF (O.S.)  
We got the Ambassador and party  
sir, there being transferred to  
sickbay.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Captain! Our romulan Escort is  
moving off and several vessels have  
de-cloaked. A new Romulan Fleet is  
approaching the system.

A romulan fleet of ships moving towards New Romulus

ROMULAN GENERAL VRENAK (O.C.)  
Attention New Romulan Government..  
I am Admiral Vreenak, leader of  
Imperial Romulan Star Command and  
whom some of you are calling the  
Raptors Claw Rebels. Today we have  
seized New Romulus in order to  
restore power to the romulan people  
and to reunify our people under a  
strong unified wing.

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ROMULAN GENERAL VRENAK (O.C.)

Fellow Romulan commanders, join  
with us or lay down your arms and  
reject the Federation and the weak  
minds of some of our brothers at  
all costs. Destroy the USS Falcon!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

My God... He's still alive..  
Captain to all Hands! Battle  
stations!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. USS FALCON - COMMAND SECTION - BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

Several Romulan Vessels start to open fire on the Galaxy escorts and the Falcon.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Signal the Galaxy escorts to follow  
us and get us out of here.

LT. WONG  
Detecting a Large energy build up  
Sir!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Full impulse, Evasive maneuvers!

The Falcon manages to evade several large explosions but the Galaxy escort take heavy damage.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Sir Galaxy Escorts have taken heavy  
damage and are disabled.. Mines!  
The Romulan's have stealth mined  
the system, we need to leave now.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
This must have been their plan all  
along. Emergency transporters! Helm  
get us out of here as soon as you  
have them. Bikkir launch mine  
counter measures.

The Ships anti-mine countermeasures fire and take out several cloaked mines.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Sir! What about the other ships?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
They aren't the targets. We can't  
let them get their hands on this  
vessel or the ambassador.

LT. WONG  
Sir Emergency Transporters are now  
offline and we took some damage  
when the shields went down.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
How many made it?

LT. WONG  
About 1748 sir. 300 unaccounted  
for.

The Ship takes multiple hits but is returning fire but makes it into warp with several Romulan warships in pursuit. There are also several vessels who do not pursue and simply stand down.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Lt. Fang signal crisis teams to get those people situated.

LT. M'MORA FANG  
Already on it sir.. Medical reports crew are being moved into Guest and Ambassadorial quarters on Decks 14, 17 & 22 and were doubling up in some officers quarters.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Captain to Doctor what's your status?

INT. USS FALCON - COMMAND MEDICAL BAY 1 - DECK 23 - DAY

Several doctors and nurses are filling Bio-beds in a very large medical facility while working to stabilize patients and performing triage.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
We are a little busy right now Captain, suffice to say we are handling it but currently 500 injured and 100 of them didn't survive their injuries.. I'll keep you posted, Doctor out.

INT. USS FALCON - COMMAND SECTION - BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Were not going to be able to outrun the Romulan Rebels all the way to the border. Helm set course for the Hobus Romulan Debris Field, maximum warp.

The Ship warps into the Debris zone with rather large asteroids, dust and gas all around with Romulan warships in pursuit.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
We need to find a place to lay low  
for a bit.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Sir there's a large asteroid patch  
about 50,000km away, I think I can  
fit Falcon between them.

LT. WONG  
I see it. There should be enough  
diamagnetic ore in those asteroids  
and some ionized particulate to  
shield us from their sensors, at  
least for a while.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Set course Ensign. M'Mora, get down  
to sickbay and see to the  
ambassador and his staff's needs.

LT. M'MORA FANG  
Yes sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I'll join you when I can.

M'Mora fang leaves the bridge.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
3 Romulan Vessels entering the  
system sir but they don't appear to  
have found us yet.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Phillips to all senior pilots and  
staff.. I think its time for a  
strategy session meet me in the  
Command conference room.

The Senior Officers and bridge crew all get up and go to the  
Command conference lounge.

INT. USS FALCON - MAIN CONFERENCE LOUNGE - DECK 20

The Staff is all situated in the conference lounge and  
anxiously awaiting the briefing as the captain starts his  
discussion.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

We knew going into this mission there were going to be some hiccups but now we are here, hiding in the old romulan star system debris against overwhelming odds. Starfleet is too far away to send reinforcements and worse yet, Falcon isn't even at full power thanks to Admiral Blacks special mission. We will get through this but I want some suggestions, that's why I've called this meeting, Commander?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Everyone we realize this is not the most ideal first mission however we do have a few tactical options. Bikkir has a couple good plans.. They are risky but I think we can get through this in one piece. Delta Shift, you had some thoughts as well?

LT. COMMANDER BRICE

Captain what if we simply set up a trap for the Romulan's using our mines and finish them off with our drone assault system?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

The problem Commander is that the minute we engage the Romulan's they will know where we are.. Falcon's Combat section is fine but as you know the Command section has less options when its separated. Mines are a good option but we don't have time to deploy them effectively and I don't the Romulan's will sit around and let us deploy them, its only a matter of time before the Romulan's find us. We're out numbered and outgunned and our shield strength and other systems aren't as strong as it usually is without the Stealth section. What we need is a diversion.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

A diversion would seem to be in order but a diversion of what kind?

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CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

The Romulan's have pretty sophisticated sensors.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN

We could launch the alpha fighters to engage and then draw the Romulan's away from Falcon, then attack them from all sides. The Drone system could defend the two sections..

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

That could work but the problem you are forgetting about is that the romulan fighters and the numbers game still isn't in our favor, if they attack falcon with fighters they could overwhelm our drone defenses pretty rapidly..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Alright.. What we need is a change of scenery.. Change the battle to our favour. Ensign Alveraz.. That newly formed nebula on the way to Romulus how far is that from our current position?

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ

It's part of the surrounding system sir, I'd venture about under a light year to reach the densest part.

LT. WONG

Sir, keep in mind, there are several radioactive particles and going in there will cause sensor echo's for us as well as the Romulan's.. There are also plasma and highly charged ionic storms present. We'd be flying blind

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I'm counting on it. Max, Remember Simulation Beta Two Gamma? Were going to need your team for that diversion I'll have Bikkir send you the mission details once Falcon is in position. I will say this.. You are a great crew.. You are smart, daring and well trained.

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CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
We will get through this crisis and  
many more, just think of it as more  
simulator practice.

Just then The EC3H materializes

EC3H  
Red Alert, Romulan warbirds  
attacking, whatever you are going  
to do you'd better do it fast  
Captain!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
All hands to Battle stations! Helm,  
evasive maneuvers! Commander, get  
your team to Combat section and  
prepare to disengage, it looks like  
they found us a bit early.

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20

3 Romulan warbirds are attacking The Falcon and its taking  
some hits to its shields but some shots are hitting the  
surrounding asteroids as well.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ensign move us out of the Asteroids  
and deeper into the system!

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Aye, 1/2 impulse, clearing the  
field in 3, 2, 1..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Commander, Time to shine!  
Disengage! Condition Black, launch  
fighters!

INT. USS FALCON - MAIN FIGHTER BAY - BAY 1

The fighter launch bay is gearing up to launch the new alpha  
fighters but is having an issue with the command and control  
AI system.

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Dammit!

LT. MAX ARROWMAN  
What is it James?



CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Flight to Captain.. No go on the  
alpha's...

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (O.S.)  
What's the problem now? Never mind.  
There's no time to mess around, you  
need to get those fighters up  
anyway you can.

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Aye Sir!

Just then Birdie materializes.

EC3H  
Chief! May I be of assistance?

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
I don't have time for talking right  
now Birdie..

EC3H  
I just wanted to put forward that I  
can pilot the fighters. All of  
them!

The Chief stops for a sec..

CHIEF FLIGHT ENGINEER JAMES MALONE  
Is there anything you can't do?  
Okay I'll handle pre-flight for  
you, launching!

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20

The crew is taking hits and some consoles are exploding on  
the bridge

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Fighters have been launched sir!

EXT. USS FALCON IN SPACE - SPACE

Falcon's fighters and the drone weapon is deployed. One of  
the attacking Romulan warbirds is heavily damaged in the  
assault.

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20

The bridge crew is happy to see the Romulan's taking some damage

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Finally something going our way..

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
5 more enemy ships just entered the system sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Number One, can you handle the other Romulan vessels, we got 5 more on the way. We need to move quickly.

Falcon sections work together and destroy 1 Romulan warbird but the Second one hits Falcon with an impressive blow to the Combat section.

INT. USS FALCON - COMBAT SECTION - BRIDGE - DECK 13 - DAY

A couple consoles explode on the bridge and the crew momentarily loses their balance but the ship is still functional

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Engineering give me a status report!

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
Ma'am, we've take a direct hit to the primary power couplings and we have a minor coolant leak in the deuterium system! Warp power still available but until I seal that leak I don't recommend going to warp yet!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Tactical! What's our status?

LT. FLETCHER  
All weapon systems fully operational, drone fleet is now regenerating and launching shortly.

The Last romulan vessel targets Falcon's command section and starts attacking it.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Concentrate fire on that last  
Romulan Vessel and put us between  
them and the Command section.

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

The Falcon Command section take a couple direct hits. The alpha fighters and the Combat section intercept the Romulan vessel and attack it and the vessel is destroyed. A 4th newer heavily armored warbird de-cloaks.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Well done everyone. Phillips to  
Durham.. Get everyone back..

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Sir, romulan warbird de-cloaking  
and firing on the Combat section!

EXT. USS FALCON - COMBAT SECTION - SPACE

The Romulan heavy cruiser attacks with a full volley on the Combat section and does significant damage.

INT. USS FALCON - COMBAT SECTION - BRIDGE - DECK 13

The bridge has some plasma conduits and oxygen lines explode and Leslie and others are knocked down by the impact. Small fires are being put out and Emergency lights come on. Crewman are injured.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Is everyone alright? What the hell  
was that?

LT. FLETCHER  
Sir, Romulan Warbird Attacking from  
Rear! Forward shields down to 20%,  
Rear shields are gone!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Damage report!

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
That last hit took out our primary  
power and warp engines nacelles  
have taken damage. We've suffered  
moderate damage to the primary  
power grid, switching to secondary  
grid now, its barely holding.

Just then the primary warp Core and power systems start fluctuating and go to emergency power causing the shields to shut down.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (O.S.)  
Are you guys alright over there?  
Leslie?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Set course 180 mark 0. Launch  
Quantum torpedoes full spread,  
Drone Fleet engage target Alpha...

All weapons fire and the Command section also assists and the 4th warbird is severely disabled.

LT. FLETCHER  
Sir main power and drone system and  
Point defense all just went offline  
and we have enemy fighters closing  
in. Weapons are in emergency firing  
mode only.

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
The Romulan virus just took our  
systems offline!

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Captain, your going to have to come  
get us! Can you deal with those  
fighters?

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20

Falcon's command section heads towards the Combat section

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Bikkir?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Point defense firing.. Remaining  
romulan fighters are retreating.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Alright, we need to get our people  
and get out of here. Computer  
initiate reintegration sequence and  
recover fighters.

COMPUTER VOICE  
Warning Combat section automated  
systems not responding, scanning  
and checking Combat section status.

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COMPUTER VOICE (CONT'D)  
Implementing counter measures for  
contaminated operating system.  
Automated docking continuing.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Fighters are returning to the  
hanger bays.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Tell Lt. Arrowman to stand by to  
implement his plan. Lt. Wong  
coordinate repair teams to the  
Combat section as soon as they are  
docked.

EXT. USS FALCON - SPACE

Reintegration with the damaged combat section is proceeding  
and the Command section recovers its fighters.

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ensign set course for the nebula,  
maximum warp.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Aye Sir, helm answering maximum  
warp, we'll have to drop to impulse  
in order to proceed sir in 3... 2..  
1.. Impulse.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Romulan's are in pursuit and will  
be within weapons range in 4  
minutes.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
How long until we reach the densest  
part of the nebula Ensign?

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Reaching the deepest nebula in  
approximately 10 minutes at full  
impulse sir.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
We won't make it entirely

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Helm, just get us into that nebula  
so the romulan sensors can't track  
us!

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Shields and sensors dropping to  
minimal levels now..

LT. WONG  
The nebula also consists of smaller  
asteroid and stellar debris.  
Radiation is also increasing  
slightly. Hull temperature rising  
but within acceptable limits.

ENSIGN ALVERAZ  
Taking us deeper in.. Sensor range  
has decreased dramatically, I'm now  
having a tough time seeing what's  
ahead.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ensign Z axis minus 10,000 Km's,  
change heading to 60 mark 15. Lets  
try to keep the enemy guessing  
where we are..

LT. WONG  
Were getting some fluctuations and  
feedback from the impulse drive,  
stellar debris could be clogging up  
the intake manifolds. I recommend  
we go to one quarter impulse.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
One Quarter impulse Ensign.  
Engineering, we are entering the  
Nebula.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Aye Sir.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK (O.S.)  
Aye sir, Switching Bussard  
collectors, impulse intake and wake  
reduction generators to Nebula  
atmospheric mode.

The ship moves slower but deeper into the nebula and debris  
fields and suddenly comes across some larger planetary  
debris.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Ensign can we navigate around that  
debris field and hide behind it?

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
I'll try sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
What's the status of those ships  
Bikkir?

LT. BIKKIR  
Sensors are now at minimal levels,  
I have lost sensor contact with  
them.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Lets hope they can't see us either.

EXT. USS FALCON - ROMULAN STELLAR DEBRIS NEBULA - SPACE

The Falcon is sitting behind some larger stellar and  
planetary debris and has lowered its power output in order to  
make repairs.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (O.S.)  
Captain's log: mission update.. As  
feared the mission has not gone  
according to plan and Falcon's very  
survival is hinging on the next  
several hours. There's been no word  
from Admiral Black after his  
departure with the Stealth section  
on his secret mission and now I am  
faced with a relentless pursuing  
enemy intending on killing the  
Romulan ambassador. Were alone..  
Our escorts are destroyed and were  
being hunted. The Romulan virus is  
also causing my engineers grief.  
Repairs are continuing and I have  
prepare for a new science officer.

INT. USS FALCON - COMBAT SECTION - AMBASSADOR'S QUARTERS -  
DECK 14

The Captain approaches Deck 14 in the turbolift as it opens  
to see two guards standing by on the floor and access to the  
ambassadorial wing. Other crewman are doing repairs and its  
bustling with activity outside of the wing.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Gentlemen. Any issues?

SECURITY GUARD #1  
No sir, its pretty quiet. The  
Ambassador is eager to speak with  
you.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Computer grant access to  
Ambassadorial wing Alpha - Security  
Clearance Falcon-Beta3-9Charlie.

COMPUTER VOICE  
Clearance granted, welcome Captain  
Phillips

The Captain Enters the Ambassadorial wing

INT. USS FALCON - COMBAT SECTION - DECK 14 - AMBASSADOR WING  
#1 - DAY

The Captain rings the Ambassador's door chime

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
Ah Captain.. Good to finally meet  
you. I trust my former Romulan  
compatriots are keeping you busy?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
You could say that.

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
Change is difficult. My people will  
learn the correct path in time.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Right now I'm more focused on  
keeping us alive to complete the  
mission.

The Ambassadors door chimes

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
Indeed.. Come in! Captain, As part  
of the Federation New Romulan  
Agreement, I'd like to introduce  
you to your exchange program  
Science officer, Subcommander  
Talura Matar.



SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
It's an honor to meet you Captain..  
Reporting for duty.. I will serve  
you well and Pledge my loyalty to  
crew. Live long and prosper.

The captain looks confused.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Good to meet you as well..  
Ambassador. I Mean no disrespect to  
the subcommander but I think  
there's been a miscommunication  
here? I was told by Starfleet to  
expect a Romulan science officer  
and was supposed to meet up with  
her after the mission to new  
Romulus?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
The Subcommander is in fact half  
Vulcan and half romulan. To answer  
your second concern, it was decided  
for her to accompany me instead.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I didn't even know that having a  
child between a Romulan and a  
Vulcan was possible but I guess it  
makes sense.. Romulan and Vulcans  
do share a common ancestry.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
That is a common reaction. My  
father was Vulcan, my mother was a  
Romulan dignitary. Together they  
have helped Ambassador Spock's  
underground movement in the early  
years. They unfortunately were  
killed in an attack by the Tal  
Shiar not long ago.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I'm sorry for your loss. I am a  
little confused as to why you  
didn't report for duty when you  
first arrived onboard? It's  
standard procedure.

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

That was at my insistence Captain. I required some help recovering after visiting your medical bay and the subcommander was able to accommodate me.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Ambassador, we do have a full service Holo concierge and staff who can assist if you need anything further.

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

Yes I know I've started studying this luxury vessel of yours.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Ambassador? Spock's work those many years ago was tremendously important for the federation and the Romulan people. The whole reason we are here is to continue that goal of unity and tear down the walls of so many years of mistrust. On a personal note, I hope we can do just that here on Falcon as well.

The captain turns to the subcommander

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Subcommander? When I have more time, I'd be interested in hearing more about your parents and learning about your experiences. If you are ready to assume your duties, I could really use you on the Command bridge right now. Ambassador I need to get back to my ship. If you need anything, please contact my liaison officer Lt. Fang and she can assist you.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR

Captain, I am ready to serve as needed.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Indeed. I think you and Vorik are going to get along just fine.. Yes, I'll have Commander Durham get you settled in...

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
Vorik? He's here serving on the  
ship?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Yes, do you know him?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
Yes sir! It's just that.. we used  
to know each other.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Interesting response for a half  
Vulcan.. (smirks) I look forward to  
hearing more Talura.. Anyways,  
Ambassador, I have to cut this  
short unfortunately. Until later  
then?

ROMULAN AMBASSAOR  
Yes of course! Captain, if you need  
my help at any point please don't  
hesitate to ask. I can provide some  
tactical and political information  
on the adversaries Falcon is  
currently up against. There are  
opponents in the Romulan military  
who would rather see me dead than  
tell you anything. I'd not hesitate  
to assist with their destruction.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Survival is really on my mind at  
the moment, were not here to wage  
war.. However your information may  
help. Any tactical data you have,  
please send to my tactical officer  
on the bridge. We will talk soon.  
After you subcommander!

The Subcommander and the Captain exit the Ambassadors  
quarters and head to the Bridge turbolift to the Command  
Bridge.

INT. USS FALCON - MAIN CONFERENCE LOUNGE - DECK 20

The crew is sitting around the large Conference lounge table  
waiting for the captain to arrive. The captain and  
subcommander walk in and the crew are confused.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

At ease everyone, this is  
SUBCOMMMANDER TALURA MATAR of the  
new Romulan Science Academy. She's  
your new science officer on the  
exchange program. Lt. Fang, please  
see to it that the Subcommander  
gets a proper uniform and quarters  
set up while she is here. Her  
exchange is long term and she will  
hold the rank of Lt. Commander  
while she is here.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Sir? I'm a little confused.. Why is  
she getting a Starfleet uniform?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Orders commander. Starfleet's  
changing and we must change with  
it.

The captain whispers to the Commander

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Starfleet has had a shift in policy  
regarding recruitment lately. It's  
a complicated political decision,  
I'll fill you in later.

He continues back towards the crew

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Subcommander.. I mean I should say  
Lt. Commander Matar please take a  
seat and we can get started.

Talura Matar takes a seat

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

I need a status report from all  
departments on Falcon's condition  
and repair times. Vorik, what's our  
situation in engineering.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

Sir were continuing repairs to  
Combat sections engineering  
section. Warp core is still offline  
but we've been able to restore  
power through secondary conduits to  
most of the section from the  
command section's core.

(MORE)

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

Life support has been restore to most of the combat sections primary living quarters and operational areas. Hull and structural damage is contained and minimal. Weapons and defensive systems are currently offline.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Okay, concentrate your efforts on primary power, then shields and weapons. Utilize repair teams from command section to speed up the repair process. Do not launch the automated repair drones for the exterior hull repairs until our combat situation improves. I don't want the enemy detecting their power signatures. That brings us to tactical?

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

As you said Captain, Weapons and Shields at the ready for the Command section. Minimal damage to the command section. We are low on alpha drones. Most of the pilots did manage to emergency beam back to the ship in the last engagement. We have runabouts and shuttles at the ready. Without the Combat section operational and only one core working our shields are extremely weak. Captain if I say something here?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

...We will get to strategy in a moment Lieutenant. Doctor how are we doing with the injured?

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL

18 dead, 200 wounded in total. Not including the 300 or so lost or presumed dead on the galaxy escort vessels we couldn't rescue. Crewman who are able to return to work are doing so and are being released. The GALAXY1 and GALAXY2 crews are also eager to help out as well.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Lt. Fang, please see that any  
crewman with skills and experience  
we can use are made use of and  
assigned duties immediately.  
Coordinate with Vorik for Damage  
control teams.

LT. M'MORA FANG  
Yes sir.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
There's still the issue of  
notifying the families of the  
deceased..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
There will be plenty of time to  
grieve but for right now let's  
focus on getting ourselves  
operational and survive the next 24  
hours.

The captain looks at Subcommander Matar

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Subcommander, what can you tell me  
about the Romulan's who are  
pursuing us?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
Their a faction of the old Romulan  
Military with their leaders having  
strong opposition against the  
federation.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Are we in fact dealing with the Tal  
Shiar forces here?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
Its possible they are involved but  
its not the Tal Shiar's way. When  
they strike, no one survives or  
they don't and you usually never  
see them coming. Since Romulus was  
destroyed many factions have been  
vying for power. Most of the old  
guard Generals branched off and  
controlled their own factions,  
waiting for an opportunity to seize  
power. This is causing a lot of  
confusion, aggression and conflict  
amongst the people.

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SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR (CONT'D)

Civil War may not be far away. The Tal Shiar is very much still an active player and control and influence a lot of resources. When the time is right you can bet on them stopping at nothing to seize control over the entire government and wipe out all opposition but the hardliners hate them as much as they do the federation.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

How many factions are there?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR

We are dealing with at least 7 different factions that I know of. Perhaps maybe 4 of them have real power and motive to control Romulus. While the remainder are still finding their footing. The Ambassador knows more than I do sir, it might be best to discuss this with him.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I want you to Coordinate with Lieutenant Commander Bikkir and figure out any tactical weak points we can exploit. We're going to need all the advantages we can get.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR

Aye, Sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Lt. Arrowman? How are your fighter crews handling things?

LT. MAX ARROWMAN

We've had a few casualties but we are in fair shape sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Keep running the simulators and coordinate with tactical. Alright Good.. I'm going to be counting on your teams going forward.

Pulsed Spatial charges start exploding near the ship in a many volleys but do no real damage.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Captain to helm, take us out of  
this debris and set course for the  
next debris field further into the  
nebula and engage 1/8 impulse!

HELMSMAN #1 (O.S.)  
Aye Sir! Setting course and  
engaging.

COMPUTER VOICE  
Warning, Increased Radiation and  
hull damage to high impact particle  
bombardments detected. Shield  
strength low. Recommend radiation  
exposure protocol. Medical staff  
has been notified.

The E3CH appears

EC3H  
Captain the ships integrity is  
starting to degrade. I have started  
evacuations of crew from outlying  
areas of the ship. Cargo bays 1 and  
2 are being used as shielded areas.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thanks birdie. Computer discontinue  
radiation warnings. Any signs of  
the enemy ships Lt?

TACTICAL OFFICER (O.S.)  
Lt. Purcell here sir, the enemy  
hasn't spotted us yet but the  
frequency of the spatial charges  
suggest they are closing in our  
position.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Well, we can't stay in this nebula  
for much longer! I want solutions  
and a final tactical plan in one  
hour. Crew dismissed.

END OF ACT THREE



ACT FOUR

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20 HALLWAY - NIGHT

The Captain walks down the hall to the Turbolift and waits for the door to open and gets in

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Deck 9!

The doors close and the turbo lift takes him to Deck 9

INT. USS FALCON COMBAT SECTION - DECK 9 - HALLWAY - NIGHT

The Captain gets out of the turbolift and walks towards the Observation Deck as he sees crewman repairing and coming and going from the Secondary Bridge access of the combat section.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (V.O.)

Captains Log: Falcon and her crew are being hunted by The Romulan factions who seek nothing less than destruction of the Federation. The Romulan Ambassador and my new half romulan science officer indicate that they will not give up. The ship is missing its 3rd section thanks to admiral black who I still don't know what mission or agenda the admiral is on and part of the ship is still crippled. The crew is handling things well but I'm stressed. The sooner we get back to federation space the better. I've had enough of the Romulan's for one mission.

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR

Captain? I did not expect to see you up here.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I'm just passing by Lieutenant.

The captain stops for a sec.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Is anyone working in the Observation lounge?

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
No and that section wasn't hit so  
it's clear. All yours sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thanks. I don't often get a chance  
to get up here and have a look  
especially without the stealth  
section attached. Might as well  
take the opportunity.

The captain walks into the Observation lounge.

INT. USS FALCON COMBAT SECTION - OBSERVATION DECK - DECK 9 -  
NIGHT

The Captain walks through the doors into the large empty  
observation room and heads toward the window. The EC3H  
appears.

EC3H  
Is this a bad time to talk?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Birdie.. I was hoping to spend what  
little time I have alone before the  
battle.

EC3H  
I can come back if you...

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
No.. Its alright. What's on your  
mind?

EC3H  
I just wanted to remind the Captain  
that he has a great crew and that  
he should rely on them more in  
situations like this.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
What do you mean, I am relying on  
them..

EC3H  
I've seen you like this before.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Huh?

EC3H

Or rather, your medical file indicates that behaviour but since I'm a hologram and I handle patterns pretty well, I'd say your thought processes haven't changed.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Birdie, you either need a level 1 diagnostic or I have no idea what you are talking about?

EC3H

I'll get right to it.. Don't take too much upon yourself and blame yourself for everything going wrong. Not everything is your fault. This current situation requires you to ask for help from each and every crew. They know the situation and can help. You have to live with those choices. That is part of being a captain, making the hard choices. Don't shy away from it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Am I worried? Yes. What captain wouldn't be? Taking his ship into battle while being at a severe disadvantage against Romulan's bent on killing you!

EC3H

There always are. Don't let the Romulan's get to you. Your crew is an asset. Also, I am also an asset. Did you know I can fly the alpha fighters?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

No I didn't. You are just full of surprises today.

EC3H

There are a lot of systems and programming that can be adapted to me. Since I am also a combat system.. I can be virtually upgraded indefinitely.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Birdie.. I think you gave me an idea..

EC3H

Glad I could help. Now just remember, this isn't the end Captain. It's just the beginning. Trust your gut and your crew.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

No. It's not the end. Thanks for the pep talk.

INT. USS FALCON - MAIN CONFERENCE LOUNGE - DECK 20

The crew is sitting around the conference table and talking. The captain looks at Chief Engineer Vorik.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Vorik?... Alright everyone, lets get started.

MONTAGE

INT. USS FALCON - MAIN HANGER BAY #2 - DAY - MONTAGE

The crew is busy working on outfitting the shuttles and work bees in the main hanger bay #2

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

The first part of the plan is to outfit our work bees and Runabouts with enhanced Power generators and Holographic systems. Generating a large power signature will be difficult but we think we can match Falcon's warp signature to a few of the runabouts. The work bees will act as alpha fighter signatures.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - SPACE - MONTAGE

Work bees and the shuttles fly into position deep inside the nebula and debris fields.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (V.O.)

All shuttles will control the work bees behaviour with the help of our EC3H and will move into tactical formations to appear that Falcon is making a last stand.

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LT. MAX ARROWMAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
Pilots will engage the Holographic  
generators for each section of  
Falcon giving the Enemy the  
impression that we have separated  
the ship.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - DEBRIS FIELD - SPACE - MONTAGE

Falcon moves behind a large debris field and hides half of  
its Alpha fighters behind debris waiting for the Romulan's.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (V.O.)  
Falcon itself will be hiding behind  
this large debris field and will  
launch half of its alpha wing and  
hide them on the other side of the  
debris field. We don't anticipate  
all of the ships to go after the  
decoys though.. Romulan fighters  
will be sent in to investigate and  
confirm Falcon is actually there  
and not a decoy, when they do alpha  
wing will engage their fighters and  
take them out. Decoy wings will  
move out of range of the romulan  
fighters sensors, and make it look  
as if Falcon is emerging from the  
nebula.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - ROMULAN SHIPS - SPACE - MONTAGE

3 Romulan warships enter the nebula after the sensor data  
from the fighters being engaged.

LT. WONG (V.O.)  
At this point the Romulan Captains  
will get distress calls and  
telemetry from their Romulan  
fighters and send in 3 warships  
while keeping two back in reserve.  
At least we hope so.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - DEBRIS FIELD - SPACE - MONTAGE

3 Romulan Vessels Rush to aide their fighters but get hit by  
stealth mines and are heavily damaged and disabled while also  
being attacked by the second wing of Falcon's alpha fighters  
in a barrage of torpedo hits.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM (V.O.)

At this point our Stealth Mines will move to intercept the Romulan vessels intercepting our Fighters engaged with theirs crossing the no return line.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (V.O.)

At which point Falcon Launches its Drone Weapon system at the remaining ships and destroys them.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (V.O.)

Only if necessary Bikkir. Try to disable them first

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (V.O.)

Yes sir.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - DEBRIS FIELD - SPACE

The Romulan vessels are shown with heavy damage as Falcon emerges from the hiding spot.

ENSIGN ALVERAZ (V.O.)

At which point Falcon emerges from the debris field and rearms its drones, picks up the decoy team, separates and engages the other two Romulan ships?

END MONTAGE

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Sir the only part of the plan I am concerned about is that Falcon may still be outmatched against the two other romulan ships. Also, if they decide to send in more fighters for assistance from the other vessels, we could find ourselves out matched and outgunned fairly quickly.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

That's true we could. In that case as a last result, I will launch the Temporal Heavy Weapons.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Sir those weapons have never been tested yet. Also, the devastating effects of temporal energy are still unknown.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I know, I don't like the idea of  
using it anymore than you do! The  
TACYON TEMPORAL HEAVY WEAPON or  
more accurately called, the Planet  
Killer.

The Captain pulls up a display showing the weapons stats.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Terrible weapon.. It's Designed for  
swallowing whole planets and  
erasing them from time or just  
making them disappear from our  
universe. The ultimate destructive  
power. It's partly based on the  
Genesis device and partly based on  
Borg Temporal technology. The  
potential damage to subspace and  
the time-space continuum alone is  
enough to give anyone pause. I  
argued with Starfleet over the  
development of this weapon. It's  
too powerful and its irresponsible  
and they put it on my ship! Like I  
said a last resort but I would use  
it to protect this ship and crew  
and I'd use it without hesitation.

A short silence comes over the crew.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Alright! Are there any questions on  
the plan? Does everyone understand  
the plan? This is a good plan and I  
think we will put up a good fight.  
You're a fantastic crew and we will  
get through this. Dismissed! All  
hands to battle stations.

EXT. USS FALCON - ROMULAN DEBRIS FIELD - OPTICAL

USS Falcon moves into position and deploys mines and then  
moves to debris field to hide in a tactical position near the  
kill zone.

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20

The Crew is at their posts and the Captain stands ready

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Alpha wing and decoy units, happy  
hunting.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (O.S.)  
Acknowledged Falcon, you too

The decoy team and fighters move into their respective  
positions.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - DEBRIS FIELD - SPACE (OPTICAL)

The decoy units and runabouts move into position to look like  
3 convoy groups from Falcon and they energize their hologram  
generators.

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20 - DAY

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Computer go to silent Red Alert and  
grey mode!

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK  
Vorik to Engineering, Set condition  
Emergency power standby and  
initiating Grey mode Captain. Lower  
warp core matter anti-matter  
reactions to lowest levels and  
plasma flow slowed to 10%. All  
systems ready. Emergency mode  
completed sir.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Ships is now operating in Emergency  
grey mode until you give the signal  
sir!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Thank you Number one. Tactical  
what's our status?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Enemy Fighters are on approach to  
the decoys. They haven't yet passed  
our little surprise yet. Drones on  
standby. Romulan vessels are  
closing but still too far.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
We want those vessels past our  
lines.



LT. WONG

Sir the Romulan's are using some kind of tachyon pulse in the nebula. They may be trying to locate or confirm the sensor echo's.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Have the Romulan's spotted our decoys yet?

LT. WONG

Unknown. The Romulan fighters are changing course.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Yes! The Romulan fighters have spotted the fleet.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Falcon to decoy fleet, the stage is set!

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (O.S.)

Aye sir, taking evasive maneuvers

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Alpha wing engage Romulan fighters wings 1 through 5.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (O.S.)

Alpha wing encountering heavy resistance sir!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Beta Wing engage!

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Beta Wing engage Romulan flank.

A massive battle of fighters ensues while the decoy holographic Falcon segments fall back but support with limited weapons fire from the rest of the runabouts.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Bikkir, What's happening with the Romulan ships?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

The Romulan's have sent in.. Five heavy cruisers into the nebula!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Five? That unfortunate.. Where are  
they now?

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Approaching the line! Wait.. Three  
of them have stopped Two are  
approaching the line! Five more  
Romulan squadrons are launching.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
We can't fight off that many!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Bikkir Launch all our drones and  
target the Two Romulan Cruisers  
approaching the mine field..

LT. WONG  
Sir. Mines are exploding! Minor  
damage to the Romulan vessels!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Damn!

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Sir, Three Romulan vessels are  
going for decoys and the other 2  
are heading here, two fighter wings  
are on approach!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Engineering Full power! Tactical,  
Launch Charlie wing and all  
remaining drones in defensive mode.  
Intercept all photons. Looks like  
the plan isn't going to work as we  
expected. Helm, Take us out of this  
hiding spot, 1/4 impulse.

Falcon starts launching everything they have and sets up a  
defensive posture for the incoming Romulan forces.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Birdie? Launch Battle Section,  
Black Alert!

E3CH  
Battle section's operating at forty  
percent. Warp power unavailable  
switching to primary, secondary and  
tertiary fusion generators at one  
hundred thirty percent. Shields at  
fifty percent.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Helm! Take the command section to a  
defensive posture. Lock all weapons  
on those fighters. Fire.

Falcon engages the oncoming fighter wings and manages to take them out. All fighters then regroup and head for the Romulan Heavy cruisers incoming.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Romulan Heavy Cruisers incoming.  
Sir, Alpha and Beta wings have  
taken casualties, Romulan's fighter  
wings are down to 2 wings left.  
Decoy wings report the 3 romulan  
cruisers are turning towards Falcon  
now!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Okay the gig is up, this is it  
people.. Decoy wings, assist  
fighter wings.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Sir, Battle Section is engaging the  
Romulan's. Taking moderate damage.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Continuous fire on the Lead Romulan  
Cruiser Bikkir!

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
I am sir..

The Falcons forces are getting out gunned but holding just barely.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (CONT'D)  
Sir, Drones are depleted. Alpha  
fighters report they are out of  
ordinance, phaser only. Sir, we  
can't hold the Romulan's much  
longer.

The other romulan Vessel comes for the Command section

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (CONT'D)  
Shields are down to 50%... Make  
that 25%..

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Sir, shall I get us out of here?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Negative ensign we have people out  
there. Evasive pattern Delta!

The captain looks increasing stressed and erratic for a moment.

EXT. ROMULAN NEBULA - DEBRIS FIELD - SPACE

The Admiral and the stealth section de-cloak and take aggressive Tactical fire on the Attacking Romulan Vessels, destroying the lead ship.

INT. USS FALCON COMMAND BRIDGE - DECK 20

The crew breaths a sigh of relief as they see the Stealth section engage the enemy on the view screen.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Sir the Admiral is hailing.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Admiral? A little late than never?

ADMIRAL BLACK (O.S.)  
What's your status?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Took heavy damage and most of our  
people are in trouble. Timing was  
impeccable as usual Admiral! Hope  
you brought back some souvenirs?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
No. Much better than that! We'll  
finish up here and head over to the  
other group. You've done a great  
job here today Nathan! Oh and I  
brought some friends. Docking  
shortly, Admiral Black out.

The Admiral switches his screen to show several dozen Romulan, federation and newly built Vulcan warships.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Admiral, what type of ships are  
those? They are registering as  
Vulcan?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Lieutenant you are correct, those  
are Vulcan warships.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Vulcan warships sir? Isn't that a  
little outside of their beliefs?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
No time to fully go into details  
now Nathan, suffice to say the  
Vulcans are adaptive to new ideas..  
I'll brief you later. Admiral Black  
out.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Certainly does know how to make an  
entrance doesn't he?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Tell me about it.

LT. MAX ARROWMAN (O.S.)  
Arrowman to Falcon! Alpha and Beta  
wings here, the new romulan fleet  
along with Admiral black have  
forced the Romulan fighters and  
warships to retreat. Were on our  
way back in to the barn.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Acknowledged.. Doctor, please get  
ready to receive casualties from  
fighters wings..

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER HAMID ABBUL  
(O.S.)  
Already on it sir, You'll have my  
report soon. Doctor Abbul out..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Lt. Fang, please see to the Admiral  
and Ambassador once the Admiral has  
docked. He's going to want to  
schedule a meeting I'm sure.

LT. FANG  
Aye Sir!

INT. ROMULAN REBEL WARSHIP - BRIDGE - SPACE

A romulan warship sits with its fleet somewhere in the  
romulan system as a romulan captain arrives in a damaged  
vessel and transports over.

GENERAL VREENAK  
So.. What is the status of my task  
force Captain?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
We were defeated...

GENERAL VREENAK  
Defeated? How is that possible?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
Sir, the Federation, the new  
romulan government and now a secret  
Vulcan fleet surprised us.

GENERAL VREENAK  
You mean, the Falcon with the  
ambassador is still alive?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
Yes.

GENERAL VREENAK  
You know the punishment for  
failure?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
Yes sir!

GENERAL VREENAK  
Your family will be cared for and I  
will train your son as one of my  
own...

ROMULAN CAPTAIN  
Thanks you..

(Vreenak cuts the Captain's throat and then shoots him with a  
disruptor).

GENERAL VREENAK  
Get this stench of failure out of  
my sight!

Two romulan lieutenants come and remove the deceased captain

GENERAL VREEENAK  
How are our ground forces fairing?

ROMULAN SUB-LIEUTENANT  
Not well sir, They failed to  
capture and secure the Government  
buildings. Also we have another  
problem.

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## ROMULAN SUB-LIEUTENANT (CONT'D)

The Tal shiar have attacked two of our shipyards in the HAAKONA Sector as well as a federation star base and the Federation fleets are on full alert along the borders.

## GENERAL VREEENAK

Dammit, those stupid impetuous obsessive Demons! Looks like I will have to deal with Captain Phillips and the Federation at a later date. Alright.. Set course for HAAKONA IV. Warp 8. Tell the fleet Captains to rendezvous there. Looks like this war is going to take a lot longer than we expected.

INT. USS FALCON CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM - COMMAND SECTION - DAY

The Captain walks over to the replicator and orders beverages for everyone

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Computer, Three Vulcan Dark Mocha's, 2 cream, 1 sugar, Admiral?

## ADMIRAL BLACK

No I'm fine thank you Nathan.

The replicator materializes and he hands the tray with the rest of the beverages to his first officer to hand to the others.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Admirals, Ambassador. We have a mission to complete however the Ambassador asked us to discuss the matter here together, I've also got Sector Admiral Stevens and Admiral Janeway on subspace. Admirals? Ambassador please go ahead.

## ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

Thank you for meeting with me. I must plead the case to postpone my mission to arrive at star base for my debriefing, the situation on New Romulus is at a critical stage. I have lost contact with my staff and I have not been able to contact the acting Proconsul or his aides office since the assault on the city.

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## ROMULAN AMBASSADOR (CONT'D)

I have received word through my sources in the intelligence division that there are now at least 4 Romulan factions trying to seize power from the government from within as well as militarily. I simply must go back before we continue on to Federation space.

## ADMIRAL STEPHENS

Ambassador, the Federation needs the information you have to deliver as well as debrief you on the situation. We sympathize with the current New Romulan state however I must ask you, what is to gain by risking USS Falcon further by returning to New Romulus. The federation council has already scheduled the meeting and is standing by.

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Gentlemen! I happen to agree with Admiral Stephens on this one. The Ambassador needs to complete his mission and Falcon is in no shape in the event there is a problem, the council needs that information. Its too risky. I do agree New Romulus is a major agenda item however. Let me ask you Ambassador, what good will returning to New Romulus at this stage do? The City is under siege and its an internal matter to the Romulan people to stop these attacks. While the federation is upset this is happening, we can't interfere.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I agree with Admiral Janeway, the situation in New Romulan territory is volatile and Falcon is in no shape for any more engagements and we are not going to violate the prime directive! The stealth section is near fully operational however and it's cloak is working.

## ADMIRAL BLACK

Captain, Admirals, I have to disagree here.

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## ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)

The New Romulan issue is Starfleet's main mission priority, If New Romulus falls, it will fracture the population destabilizing the entire Alpha quadrant and there will be a surge in terrorism and warfare as the region falls into chaos. Falcons involvement has been crucial on this mission and will be in the next while however the overall mission will fail if New Romulus falls to the factions. With all due respect to Captain Phillips.. Falcon is expendable in the greater mission here.. The Federation council places the highest priority on the success of several key developments in operation. The Ambassador should be allowed to return to the New Romulus to retrieve more info and also maintain his connection to the leadership at this point. Also, we can gather more information on the ground as we are currently blind to who and what the threats actually are.

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Admiral Black, we're on the same side in terms of getting new romulus to a positive outcome and getting more intelligence however this could get ugly quick and we are not going to break the prime directive here either!

The Admiral takes a brief pause while she thinks it over

## ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)

Admiral Black is correct. Starfleet's agenda is pretty clear as is the federation council. Nathan, it's your ship, I'll back whatever plan you think has the best chance here. The information the Ambassador possesses will aid the federation going forward in helping the Romulan people, we must complete that mission. Its not data or information that be transmitted over subspace and must be delivered in person.

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ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY (CONT'D)

If you feel Falcon can take on this away mission with reasonable success and then return the Ambassador to Federation space. I'll support your plan. Admiral Stephens?

ADMIRAL STEPHENS

I am in agreement with Admiral Janeway.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Looks like its in for a pound in for a penny I suppose?

(Nathan moves towards the window)

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

I think Falcon may be up for one last mission for the Ambassador. I agree that we need more information and the only way we are going to get it is by going tot he surface. We all want a stable safe New Romulus. If it means one more contact or line of communication to support the Romulan's in this then it's worth trying the Ambassador's plan. I will of course take a few precautions, Oh and Admiral? We are going to do this my way! It's my crew, my ship and my mission. Are we on the same page Admiral?  
(Nathan looks at Admiral Black)

ADMIRAL BLACK

I don't like the tone you are giving me right now but I agree to your terms. I will be accompanying you as oversight though. That isn't negotiable.

ADMIRAL KATHRYN JANEWAY

Alright, Good luck everyone, I expect a full report Captain when you get back! Starfleet out.

ADMIRAL STEPHENS

Good luck.

View screen communication ends.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Nathan a moment?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Admiral?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
I just wanted to say, I was surprised your initial position on this! I'm glad you changed your mind.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Jeff, I don't like leaving a mission unfinished, breaking the prime directive or taking needless risks with my ship and crew! I'm doing this because its the right thing for the federation. I don't know what other agenda you have going on here but I have to trust you have my crew's and Starfleet's best interest at heart. If that changes or you compromise the safety of this vessel or crew further, I will have you removed from this vessel and be filing an official complaint with the JAG office. Now you are my superior officer and my friend and you may take whatever action you deem necessary but I think I've made my intentions clear.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Nathann... that's a bit harsh for your old friend and mentor don't you think? Part of being an Admiral is looking at the big picture and yes sometimes we have to order the friends and people under us to do the things we need getting done, you know this as a Captain. You really surprised me today..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Permission to speak freely?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
This ought to be good, okay permission granted!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
You are worse than my ex-wife!  
Patronizing me about the rigors of command? Really Jeff?

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CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

My wife by the way also didn't tell me much during our marriage, which is why it ended so abruptly. Maybe I wouldn't be so antagonistic with you if I wasn't getting surprised every 5 minutes from you! Tell me what's really going on and maybe I'll start trusting you a bit more..

ADMIRAL BLACK

I can't Nathan.. It's classified

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

It's classified.. I know.. that doesn't change my feelings about where things may be headed. I don't like being in the dark, its dangerous without a flash light Admiral!

The Admiral takes a look back at Nathan and walks out and Nathan walks over to Commander Durham.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Leslie, I need you to start searching for through all records relating the Admirals Missions as of the last year while I'm gone with the Admiral and Ambassador.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Thinking he's up to something?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes and I'm not sure how this is going to play out yet, but I have concerns. His relationship to these particular Romulan's for example.. See what you can find out. It may be nothing but I want to make sure. Oh and keep this to yourself and Lt. Vuum for now..

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Will do. Anything else?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

No. Let's just hope the Admiral is still on our side.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Our side or the federations?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
That's an odd question number  
one?.. Both of course! I think  
you've been hanging out with LT.  
VUUM a little too much (grins)

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Probably...(smirks) That Naussicaan  
disposition I suppose.. I'll get  
right on it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
(taps combadge) Captain to  
Operation Team Alpha, join me on  
the Stealth section, Deck 1 for  
immediate departure... Phillips to  
ROMULAN AMBASSADOR please join me  
on Deck 1, Stealth Section.

ROMULAN AMBASSAOR (O.S.)  
Yes, Captain, I will meet you there  
momentarily.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
Captain, I request to accompany you  
and the away team for the  
Ambassador on this mission..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Right.. Talura.. You're with me.  
Ensign, Lieutenants?

The Captain motions to Lt. Wong, Lt. Alveraz, Lt. Vuum and  
Subcommander Talura to follow him to the turbo lift and get  
in.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
Deck 1, Stealth Section

The Doors close.

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - STEALTH SECTION - DECK 13 - SPACE

The Admiral and Ambassador are already on the bridge when  
alpha team arrive from the turbolift.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Helm Go to Separation Mode and  
clear all umbilical's, prepare to  
disengage from Falcon.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Aye Sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Set course back to New Romulus and  
engage cloak once we are clear...  
Warp 9.. Engage.. Admiral, are your  
friends coming with us?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Not this time i'm afraid but they  
will be in range if we need them.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Funny.. I thought we did need  
them.. Bikkir, what do long range  
sensors tell us about any ships  
near the planet..

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM  
Long range sensors show multiple  
Romulan Vessels, but you can count  
on most of them being cloaked.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Any way to tell how many are  
friendly?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
Captain, typically Romulan vessels  
remain under cloak unless they are  
attacking, offloading cargo or are  
performing fleet operations or  
simply want us to know their  
numbers and are making a statement.  
I advise caution as there are many  
factions involved in the military  
actions as of late.. The uncloaked  
vessels could also be decoys or be  
using a tachyon detector fields to  
try to detect cloaked vessels.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Interesting! How can you be sure?

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Captain, it makes sense. You're  
going to have to trust the  
Ambassador on this one I'm afraid.  
We should try to avoid getting too  
close to those ships. Don't forget  
we have our life line if needed if  
things go sideways.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Comforting knowing that more  
 potentially hostile Romulan's are  
 around to help! No offense  
 Ambassador.

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
 None taken. Once we arrive at New  
 Romulus, I need to signal the  
 surface and I will let them know I  
 am.. rather, that our landing party  
 is arriving.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Lt. Vuum can assist you with that.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
 I believe I can be of assistance to  
 the Ambassador once we reach new  
 Romulus sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Okay, do it. Lt. Vuum can assist

The captain gives an odd expression and nods at Lt. Wong and  
 he presses a few buttons.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
 Ambassador, once we reach New  
 Romulus what are your intentions?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
 I plan to pay the Proconsul's  
 office a visit in the capital and  
 get an update on the ground  
 offensive in and around the  
 capital.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
 Is that wise Ambassador?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
 Are you questioning my decision  
 subcommander?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
 No ambassador, only urging caution!  
 If the capital is under siege?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 I'd have to agree with Talura here,  
 the situation is unknown and we  
 could be beaming into a rough  
 situation.

ADMIRAL BLACK

We'll one things for sure, we won't find out what's going on down there unless we go down and have a look.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Agreed however Admiral you can't go down there without protection! Knowing you however I know you are not going to stay behind so that means i'm coming with you.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Sir! As your acting first officer..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I know what you are going to say Lieutenant! Don't worry I want you and a team of security personnel to beam in first and secure the landing zone. Lieutenant Wong will be in command while i'm gone. Telura, What can you tell me about the building we are beaming into?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR

There are several security positions and systems that in the event we are not greeted, will need to be disabled. Also, that is assuming the shield codes work otherwise this is going to be a very short trip or we could end up on the other side of the planet..

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

(says under his breath) Romulan's! Over dramatic security practices!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Anything else we need to know?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

Once we beam in and the area is secure I will try to contact the Proconsul myself alone.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

With all do respect Ambassador, we go together, there's no telling whether he's been compromised or what the state of the building or leadership is.



ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

Very well.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Okay we'll go with your plan  
Nathan. Are you ready Ambassador?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

Signaling the surface now!

LT. WONG

Getting a response sir, the signal  
is pretty weak and garbled.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Let me see if I can clean that up  
for you! Ah yes.. The Romulan's  
have a knack for encryption. Our  
decryption routines are only  
partially working. Ambassador did  
the New Romulan government create a  
new protocol?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR

Let me assist. Okay, that should  
clear it up.

LT CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Hmmm... Later you will have to tell  
me about this new encryption  
protocol, if we are going to be  
allies? Audio only captain, coming  
through now. Channel open.

The view screen is garbled but audio is working

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

This is Ambassador Pentar -  
diplomatic access code - Raptor-5-6-  
9-Authenticate

ROMULAN TRANSMISSION AGENT (O.S.)

Code confirmed, hello ambassador.  
This is relay station 4-1-5. The  
Proconsul has been unreachable due  
to the communications blackout and  
the factions have been scrambling  
our comm channels. I must admit we  
are surprised to hear from you and  
thought your mission was underway.  
Standby..

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ROMULAN TRANSMISSION AGENT (O.S.)

I'm sending you a set of landing coordinates for the proconsul's office and a deactivation code so you can transport in. City Center is currently safe and secured, the siege is currently taking place outside the capitol walls however. That's as much as I can tell you. Sending code.

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM

Code received.

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

Please be advised ACCESS LEVEL PRIORITY 2, I am bringing guests, Relay station control. Please allow more bandwidth and a second beam in cycle for security personnel ahead of my beam in.

ROMULAN TRANSMISSION AGENT

Confirmed. Bandwidth and second code approved and submitted to the Defense net. Is there anything else Ambassador?

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

No that should suffice. Ambassador out.

ROMULAN TRANSMISSION AGENT (O.S.)

Have a good day Ambassador, Relay station out.

INT. NEW ROMULUS - BEAM IN SITE - PROCONSUL'S HALLWAY - DAY

The away team transports into an adjoining hallway with Romulan guards and Starfleet security personnel in a protective circle.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Lieutenant! Status report?

SECURITY LIEUTENANT

All clear sir, Romulan Guards were expecting us, no hostiles...

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR

The Proconsul's office is this way

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
The Admiral and I will accompany  
you Ambassador.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
As will I Ambassador

ROMULAN AMBASSAOR  
As you wish... although entirely  
not necessary Captain, I am quite  
safe.

The group enters the office.

INT. NEW ROMULUS - PROCONSULS OFFICE - DAY

The office is quite large and 2 guards standing by the  
entrance and 2 by the proconsul and 1 man are sitting down.

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
Pro Consul?

ROMULAN PROCONSUL  
I am a little confused Pentar? Why  
have you returned so early?

The Ambassador moves closer

ROMULAN AMBASSADOR  
To give you a message..

ROMULAN PROCONSUL  
What?

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR  
Look out!

The Ambassador shape shifts and takes out the 4 guards  
guarding the Proconsul just as The Subcommander starts firing  
at the Ambassador while the Captain covers the Admiral and  
the other Starfleet security personnel rush in.

ADMIRAL BLACK  
Its a changeling!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
A what?

Just then the Changeling like creature is destroyed before it  
has a chance to attack the proconsul by automated and  
security personnel.

SECURITY LIEUTENANT

Cease fire!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Can someone explain to me what the hell just happened? Admiral? Was that a Dominion Changeling?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Damn! I think we can discuss this later Captain? I will explain later.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Proconsul are you all right?

ROMULAN PROCONSUL

We've had growing concern over their being a potential assassination attempt.. With the fighting outside, I figured someone would slip in through the military, not from your ship Captain.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Were going to figure out what happened here today but for now we need to return to our ship.

SUBCOMMANDER TALURA MATAR

Sir, I'd like to get a sample of the remains for analysis aboard my ship.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Is that okay with you Proconsul?

PROCONSUL

Yes of course! We will do the same. I find it hard to believe the Dominion is involved however as they are not even operating in the Alpha quadrant anymore.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Were going to get to the bottom of this sir! We will keep you informed. I do have a pressing concern that with the Ambassador or whatever he was, dead, my ship may be in danger and I need to return!

## ROMULAN PROCONSUL

Of course! Captain, but before you go i'm giving you a data module on our current status and a new communications frequency code and encryption matrix. You and Starfleet should be able to communicate with us and if the real ambassador is still alive he may also need this. Have him contact me as soon as you find out what happened to him. I will also say.. it is good to meet you even if under these circumstances! I have heard good things about you and I look forward to getting to know better in the coming time. (he looks at the Admiral in recognition). You can tell Starfleet that we are currently handling the siege and civil order is being restored. The New Romulan Government is working to restore control and it shouldn't be long until that is completed.

## ADMIRAL BLACK

Starfleet will be glad to hear that Proconsul and the federation is positioned to assist in anyway that we can. I look forward to communicating further with you as well.

## CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Thank you Proconsul. Admiral? let's get everyone back. Phillips to Falcon, 6 to beam back, Energize.

INT. USS FALCON - STEALTH SECTION - BRIDGE - DECK 1 - SPACE

The crew has a concerned look on their faces as they hear the argument going on in the Captain's ready room.

INT. USS FALCON - CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM - DECK 1 - SPACE

The Captain and Admiral are standing arguing with each other over the meeting table.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Admiral I told you if you endangered my ship over this business.. This is exactly the kind of surprises that could get us all killed.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Nathan I told you I couldn't talk about it in front of the Romulan's! And for gods sakes! Please remember here that I'm your friend and your commanding officer! I do what I have to! I know you have history with the Romulan's that might cloud your judgment and my suggestion is..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Are you really going to go there? This has nothing to do with my parents death.. You're not telling me the whole truth Admiral! Romulan changelings infiltrate my ship and pose as an Ambassador? I mean when were you going to mention that part or did Starfleet even know about this?

ADMIRAL BLACK

I didn't know the Ambassador was a changeling assassin and I certainly didn't know he was planning to Assassinate the Romulan Proconsul!

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

But you did know of "A" threat? Starfleet is going to hear to get my report on this incident.. I can't protect you forever Jeff especially if the trust is running one way! I understand secrecy but this put the mission in jeopardy! For god sakes.. give me something.. you owe me that much!

ADMIRAL BLACK

Nathan.. you need to calm down and listen to me. Starfleet is NOT going to hear about this incident..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What? What are you talking about? The Romulan's..

ADMIRAL BLACK

The changeling or whatever that attacked the Proconsul is... a rogue weapon and classified by Starfleet intelligence....

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What? What are you talking about? How do you know that?

ADMIRAL BLACK

I have certain friends at Starfleet Intelligence.. My security clearances go higher than yours do and I also have a lot higher friends in the security division. Need I say more?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes! That's the whole issue here.. Admiral? You already knew about this before we left spacedock didn't you? Wait.. Are you now telling me that the Federation developed a changeling Assassin?

ADMIRAL BLACK

First off it's not a Changeling.. it's not organic or close to being anything found in nature.. It's an artificial lifeform similar to Nuien Soon's work but was based on bio-engineering based on tech starfleet's Security R&D came up with. The prototype you saw was a morphagenic weapon or called PMW for short. The whole thing is Classified Ultra violet or above. I could be stripped of my command just for mentioning it.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

How could the federation create such a monster? Were not in the assassination business!

ADMIRAL BLACK

Not entirely, Section 31 stole the prototype, materials, schematics and testing equipment and developed their own unit.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 What? Section 31? What is that?  
 Has Starfleet gone crazy? This is  
 right out of Mary Shelley  
 Frankenstein and the Body  
 snatchers.. When the Dominion finds  
 out about this...

ADMIRAL BLACK  
 I'm not familiar with those  
 references Nathan but All I can  
 tell you is that the Dominion won't  
 find out and they wouldn't really  
 care anyways unless it crosses the  
 to the Gamma quadrant. Deep Space  
 Nine is on high alert over this  
 issue and there is only one  
 prototype at large. Now that we  
 know we destroyed it...

Admiral black recomposes himself

ADMIRAL BLACK (CONT'D)  
 To answer your question.. Section  
 31 is a secret organization within  
 the Federation that adheres to the  
 "section 31 of the charter".  
 Essentially a loophole that this  
 intelligence agency aligns itself  
 to. The Federation has had a lot of  
 "encounters" over the years with  
 them, Deep Space Nine, Captain,  
 Archer.. of course all of those  
 encounters classified secret by the  
 federation intelligence division.  
 Only Admirals and above are aware  
 of section 31 activities now.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 You should read more classical  
 Earth literature...

ADMIRAL BLACK  
 Pardon?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Frankenstein.. good book.

The captain paces around the room a bit



CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

So, You're telling me that the Federation has a rogue intelligence agency operating within the federation? Who all is part of this agency? Starfleet intelligence personnel? Are you part of this?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Section 31 is not run by Starfleet and yes there are personnel who are in Starfleet that are part of it however they remain hidden from us. It's not an official organization and to be honest with you, its an organization that the federation tries to take out on a regular basis as it challenges its legitimacy...however there have been some cases of Section 31 involvement where the outcomes were favorable. They see themselves as protecting the federation from the federation when the rules don't allow the federation to act in the best interests of itself, if that makes sense.. They protect but they also do things that need doing that Regular law abiding federation personnel are unable to do or at least that's their philosophy.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

You didn't answer my question Admiral, are you part of this Section 31?

ADMIRAL BLACK

No.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Okay putting aside the fact that we have a rogue intelligence agency that has its own agenda to undermine Federation values of which I just found out about, how do we know that this changeling is the only prototype? Is Starfleet certain there are not more of these things lurking around? Oh I don't know working for the Borg maybe? I mean why stop there? We could have Cardassian looking androids working for the Bajorans!

ADMIRAL BLACK

(laughs) It's good to know your sense of humor is still there. Listen I know this is a lot to take in at the moment, you're upset..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Upset? What you just told me goes against everything the federation stands for.. Section 31 or whatever secret organization its called exists and is now in the business of building artificial changeling assassination lifeforms to target anyone it doesn't agree with without impunity! That puts every federation citizen and Federation Vessel and crew in the line of fire! I can't believe were going back to the fear mongering of the Dominion War again!

ADMIRAL BLACK

Well.. we're not since the rest of the Dominion isn't involved here but i get your point! I'm not happy about it either Nathan but its the way things have been for a VERY long time. Besides, It's more of a machine hunt. The bottom line is, we don't know Section 31's motives yet for this technology but what do know is that the prototype is destroyed.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

What are we telling the New Romulan Government about the attempt?

ADMIRAL BLACK

For now, it was a rogue changeling attack and that the Dominion have already described it as not in their interests or concern and that the Changeling in question was coerced into it.. Which of course they will try to verify with the Dominion. Our spies on the founders council will take care of that for us.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

The Romulan's aren't going to buy that!

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CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

As soon as they do their analysis  
they will discover the technology  
behind the remains of the  
prototype!

ADMIRAL BLACK

Yes however none of that is  
traceable to us or section 31.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Good thing Romulan's don't value  
trust or anything. Not a great way  
to start diplomatic relations!  
Dare I ask how you know that the  
prototype can't be traced back to  
us? I mean the Federation?

ADMIRAL BLACK

Because unlike the remains of a  
real changeling.. when they die  
their cells fully destroy  
themselves and turn to charred non-  
organic compounds. All of the  
evidence is essentially erased.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Theres no evidence to suggest they  
don't have others ways of figuring  
it out? There is no way you could  
know that information for sure,  
unless Section 31 stole it from the  
Federation weapons Research  
division either. So let me guess,  
the Federation not only designed it  
and made parts, they actually had a  
working Assassination training  
department in operation too didn't  
they? Care to tell me about that?

ADMIRAL BLACK

That is classified Nathan.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yeah I bet.. So how far is the  
federation in bed with Section 31  
then? The Romulan's will retaliate  
against the Dominion and us if they  
ever find out the truth about this!  
We can't afford another war  
Admiral! I lost my oldest son in  
the last war!

ADMIRAL BLACK

Nathan, you are running under the assumption i'm not on your side.. I am. I don't want another war either.. no one does but there are certain.. realities... for lack a of a better word that Starfleet feels they need to keep on top of. Besides, the Dominion won't find out. We've promised the Romulans and the Dominion support and evidence to suggest otherwise. So far the New Romulan government is satisfied that any attack that might have occured was not the Dominion and they are quick to drop the matter and move on to more pressing issues at hand. I have been in further contact with the Proconsul's office right before you called me in here.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Well i guess thats something at least. Admiral.. My duty requires me to file a report to Star Fleet Command on this.. Your conduct on this mission has quite frankly been erratic. This has also strained both our friendship as well as my professional confidence in your leadership out here Jeff. My report will reflect that. I'm sure Admiral Janeway will also agree with me.

ADMIRAL BLACK

I'm sorry you feel that way Nathan.. we can discuss our friendship later. We still have a job to do and I intend on carrying it out. I am still in command here of the overall mission strategy until the Federation Security council says otherwise. You will remain in command of the Falcon unless i feel we need a change. Do we understand each other?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Perfectly!

ADMIRAL BLACK

We need to put our personal feelings aside and focus on the issues at hand. I won't be going anywhere for awhile, we have a lot of work to do to see the Romulan's through this period. Just to be clear, what i've told you in confidence you need to exclude from your Starfleet report. Section 31 is still out there and we now have a potential threat with one of the factions being able to steal our access codes, impersonate our Ambassador and almost assassinate the New Romulan Proconsul. There's definitely a leak which means we can't disclose any of what I just told you, especially in a report.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

File a false report Admiral? I won't do that.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Not a false report, just leave out certain key details.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I can't believe i'm hearing this Jeff.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Listen! I'm also concerned that the Romulan virus you first encountered when you left spacedock may have been the same information leak due to a surveillance program and could have been part of the PSW's second agenda.. Is your team confident they have erratticated the virus from Falcon's systems?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes they are.

ADMIRAL BLACK

Okay good to hear. I'm ordering you not to include the prototype information or Section 31 involvement to Starfleet for now in your report and to compartmentalize the information to your senior staff and anyone who was involved down on the planet for now, understood?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Yes Sir!

The comm chirps

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (O.S.)

Security to the Captain.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Go ahead Bikkir

LT. CMDR. BIKKIR VUUM (O.S.)

Sir we've found the Ambassador and he's alive! We're taking him to sick bay on Deck 3.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

We will be docking with Falcon shortly. As soon as we are docked, escort him to the main Sickbay on Deck 16, Doctor Abbul can have a look at him. I'll signal him to expect our arrival, Phillips out.

The captain turns back to the Admiral

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Admiral, I think were done here for now? I have some things to do before Falcon is read to depart for Federation space.

ADMIRAL BLACK

I'll leave you to your duties Nathan.. We can talk more later, if you want.

The Admiral Exits the briefing room

EXT. USS FALCON - SPACE (OPTICAL)

USS Falcon's Stealth Section re-docks with the Combat and Command Sections

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20 - DAY

The Captain arrives on the bridge along with the other crew and then heads to his ready room.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Status Report

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Good to have you back Captain.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Good to be back! Rough mission..  
long story.. you'll have to read my  
report. Walk with me Commander.

INT. USS FALCON CAPTAIN'S MAIN READY ROOM - COMMAND SECTION  
DECK 20

The two enter the Captains ready room and get comfortable.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Yes, it seems the Admiral..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I haven't had a meal nearly all  
day. Do you want anything?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Ah. No, I'm fine thanks

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Computer, Chinese Food: Chicken  
Balls, Moo Goo Guy Pan, Rice and  
Mixed vegetables and a fortune  
cookie. Oh and a large glass diet  
coke.

REPLICATOR  
Please specify Chinese food region  
of preference

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Toronto, Canada, China town area..

Turns toward the Commander

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)  
I visited there once, they had some pretty amazing Chinese food. The Replicators can only approximate but its still half decent.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Chinese food in Canada? I've never been to Canada before.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Really? Oh you gotta visit sometime.. Lots of nice scenery and the people are fantastic.. My Great uncle is Canadian, we used to visit there when I was a kid.. Anyways sorry i went on a tangent.. You are anxious to talk about what you found?

The Commander hands the Captain a PADD

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Bikkir and I have a strong suspicion that the Admiral may be working for Section 31.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
I have that suspicion too. What evidence do you have?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Over the last year the Admiral has been in frequent contact with some rather odd characters. There have also been monetary withdrawals from the Federation funds usually made to pay for disaster relief to worlds outside the federation. As you know within the federation there is no real currency exchange for resources now but outside there are. These were siphoned off to certain Romulan and.. get this, Human contacts..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Humans operating outside the federation? Interesting, but that doesn't quite mean the Admiral is Section 31 or that hes not working within the guidelines.



COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
No.. but the fact that the Admiral has been operating in the dark from the Federation Admiralty and that he seems to have ships under his command that only recently were decommissioned... I checked and the two Galaxies that originally escorted us, were only recently decommissioned a bout 2 weeks before they escorted us. Their Federation transponders were never turned off so they appear to be federation.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Are you telling me that our escorts were in fact not working for Starfleet? That the Captains of those ships of whom one of them I know went the academy withme, were working for Section 31?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
It appears so, or possible some other organization..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
How is that possible? That means the federation has no idea they just lost two of its Captains and vessels and we have no proof other than our sensor logs... Wait, tell me we still have the sensor logs?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
Deleted, I'm afraid.. And so are the backups. I am guessing this was either one by The Admiral, one of his staff or the Romulan Ambassador.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
Why would the Admiral have his own escorts that the federation knows assumes are their vessels and then risk them against the Romulans to help us? Nothing about this makes sense to me and Admiral Janeway is not going to like this! My New command on Falcon is turning out to be more than I bargained for.

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CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (CONT'D)

Okay, Tell Bikkir to increase security around the main computer core and implement "paranoia mode" please, at least temporarily until we can figure out whats going on. We need a lot more information and evidence on the Admiral and his activities before we can do anything.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Aye sir.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Until we can absolutely prove the Admiral is a traitor or working for section 31 or god forbid worse, and outside government, we will continue to monitor him for now. Leslie, I'm definitely going to need your help with this, Jeff knows me inside and out, He may anticipate my actions better than i can.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Yes Sir. Did you want to talk about the mission and how it went?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Just another day in international terrorism! Suffice to say it could have gone a lot worse but we do have another problem to worry about now, assassin changeling like weapons. I'm going to finish this meal, write the report which you can should read and then I'm going to get some rest. I'll fill the rest in later. How are the rest of Falcon's repair's coming along?

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Falcon should be good to go operationally in a few hours and then we can get underway. No signs of enemy vessels or issues currently. The Romulan factions are keeping their distance. Probably too busy pulling their troops out of New Romulus.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Okay we'll touch base in a few  
 hours.

The Commander walks out of the Ready room.

INT. USS FALCON - OFFICERS DECK - NEAR CAPTAINS QUARTERS -  
 DECK 23

The Captain walks the corridors and turbolift to his personal quarters and yawns as he approaches his quarters door.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS (V.O.)  
 Captains Log supplemental, Falcon's repairs are proceeding nicely and I'm looking forward to returning to Federation space after an eventful mission. The crew performed excellently in the face of overwhelming odds as did Falcon herself. The Romulan situation is far from over but I can see a small light at the end of the tunnel. I suspect this military coup is just a start of what may be a very long and drawn out conflict.

The Captain opens his door to find M'Mora Fang laying down comfortably on his bed.

LT. M'MORA FANG  
 Its about time..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 Sorry, been a busy day.. I see you've made yourself comfortable. Did anyone see you come in?

Nathan takes off his Uniform jacket and gets more comfortable.

LT. M'MORA FANG  
 You're too worried about it Nathan. No one saw me come in.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 It's been a very long and stressful mission, how did you make out with the other crews from the other vessels? Did you get them all assigned?

LT. M'MORA FANG

Yes and all trained on Falcon's operations. I think we've integrated the ones were keeping for duty until we reach star base where the Admirals may decide to shift personnel again. Its never easy these days. How did it go down on New Romulus?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Horrible, but that's not what I want to talk about right now..

LT. M'MORA FANG

Ohhhh what do you want to talk about?

She leans in to flirt

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Jeff.. I mean, Admiral Black.

LT. M'MORA FANG

That's not the topic I had in mind, what about him?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

You've been close to his staff now for a while right? What's your take on what's going on with them?

LT. M'MORA FANG

Well, they are a secretive bunch that's for sure.. they don't tell me much other than routine things.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Nothing out of the ordinary?

LT. M'MORA FANG

Define ordinary? Starfleet in general has been very secretive as of late in regards to even routine things. Most of the comm traffic and fleet liaison and personnel transfer stuff has all been a bit odd lately..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Odd? How?

LT. M'MORA FANG

Lets just say, it appears Starfleet is like 3 different organizations right now with each third not knowing what the other thirds are up to.. it's actually quite weird. Its caused a lot of confusion with trying to get things approved or personnel changes etc..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Keep an ear out.. we may be headed for trouble. Never a dull moment when there are Romulan's around.

LT. M'MORA FANG

Okay enough talk my captain..

She starts to undress her top in front of the Captain and sits on his lap.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

I'm supposed to be resting..

LT. M'MORA FANG

You can rest after..

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

You know I could get in a lot of trouble for "collaborating" with a subordinate...

LT. M'MORA FANG

You like trouble! Besides its never stopped you before.

She touches his nose in a flirtatious way.

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS

Computer.. Lock the door and turn off the lights!

FADE OUT:

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20

Two hours later, The crew is attending to tasks and duties on the bridge.

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK (O.S.)

Engineering to Bridge..

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Go ahead

CHIEF ENGINEER COMMANDER VORIK

Sufficient repairs are complete you  
have Warp drive capability.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM

Thank you Vorik, Helm lay in a  
course for Star base 7-One-8 and  
Engage at Warp 8.

HELMSMAN #2

Aye Commander, Course laid in and  
engaging at warp 8.

INT. ROMULAN BATTLESHIP - BRIDGE - NIGHT

A Large Romulan Bridge with a Tachyon tactical map shows  
Falcon's icon appear from the nebula and then warp out of the  
sector towards federation space. There are several Romulan  
commanders, and crew standing in formation around the Bridge  
in anticipation of an execution of the Ground command  
Generals who are kneeling waiting for the Warlord to arrive.

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

My friends! We have been betrayed.

ROMULAN CAPTAIN

But sir!

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

DO NOT interrupt me sir. You will  
have your chance.. I see you have  
neatly lined up our Ground assault  
generals for my attention today...

ROMULAN CAPTAIN #2

We reviewed the performance of each  
of them and not one of them scored  
any victories. We thought you might  
have something to say about that.

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

I do, however I don't fault the  
Generals! This wasn't a fair fight!

ROMULAN CAPTAIN #3

I don't understand! It's clear they  
failed!

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

Silence! The failure was everyone's! You see.. when we fail to convince our own people to follow us rather than the Federation, who do you think is at fault?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN #4

Sir, I agree we are all to take blame here but we are fighting a war of minds as well as division! You cannot expect us to kill our own kind and win that kind of a battle easily. Many have friends and family down there!

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

Cannot expect us to kill our own kind? Yet you blame our General's here for the loss and are willing to sacrifice them in a heartbeat?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN #1

A price has to be exacted or the men will not follow another order sir.

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

Are you telling me what to do Captain? Are all of you telling me how to command now? Perhaps you think I am weak? A fool?

ROMULAN CAPTAIN #2

There is division even amongst this room. That must be stopped.

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

Shall we take a vote then?

The Romulan Captains start to talk to each other and chaos ensues.

Each Romulan Captain and General is given a voting object in his or her hand and the Generals all stand up.

GENERAL VREENAK

General's stand up! You also get a chance to vote. It appears we need a vote on who is to blame! The new Romulan Government likes to vote.. the people like to feel confidence in their leadership.

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK

You know what I like to feel?  
Loyalty and unity. There is a  
failure in this room!

Just then 3 of the 10 voting machines start killing 3 of the groveling Romulan Captains by agonizing disintegration and they scream in agony as the rest of the leadership watches in horror.

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK (CONT'D)

This is your federation democracy in action! And it's result is Death! Each and every time you disobey me or fail me and our people in this way, the responsible will die! Is that understood? I do not enjoy listening to your lies, your federation sympathies and your problems! We are at War! Do not blame others for your own traitorous and cowardly acts on the battlefield or in the skies above! Our generals did exactly what they were told to do. They should have died there defending Romulan freedoms but they didn't because I ordered them to retreat! I am disappointed they did not die themselves to prove their worthiness to the cause and their men but then again we are not Klingons and the strong will live to fight another day! Generals you get a second chance! Do not fail our people again! Are you with me?

The Generals all cheer Vreenak

GENERAL ATAM VREENAK (CONT'D)

The Captains do have a point, this was a loss due to not winning the hearts and minds of our fellow Romulan's but also a divided loss, we must regroup, seek allies in our cause and fight another day! Victory this day goes to the New Romulan Republic and the Federation but not for long as I vow to make the federation pay for it's interference and to find allies in our goal of reuniting and make Romulus strong once more!"



Cheers all around from the leadership erupt.

END OF ACT FOUR

ACT FIVE

INT. USS FALCON - GRAND MESS HALL - DAY

A lot of crew are unwinding and sharing meals as the ship is traveling at warp.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
So he says to the guy, what? No  
Romulan Ale? and the guy says..  
no.. The Andorians hate the color!

The group of junior officers laugh as Subcommander Telura Matar enters the mess hall along with Engineering assistant and few of the flight and engineering crews.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ (CONT'D)  
Hey! Does anyone else think its  
weird that we have a Romulan  
Subcommander who gets to tell us  
what to do?

ENSIGN DAVIES  
Its odd but not unheard of..

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
That woman gives me the creeps..  
always looking over my shoulder..  
Hey! Lieutenant! How are things in  
Engineering?

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
Drop the Rank, Alvarez.. I'm off  
duty. To Answer your question,  
horrible.. we've been doing double  
and triple shifts in Engineering  
around the clock just to keep the  
warp drive going until we get home  
and repairs are extensive. The  
Romulan's did a number to our  
systems during the engagements, not  
only that but the major battle  
damage on the hull and micro  
fractures all over the combat  
section's exterior and interior  
structure that we didn't notice  
before. Were going to be in  
spacedock I think for about a  
month.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Thanks for the update.. but i'm not  
your superior asking for a full  
report!

(the rest of the crewman chuckle)

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
Shut up Alveraz!

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
So, What do you think of our new  
Science officer Talour?

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
To be honest I haven't met her  
yet.. too busy with repairs. Why?

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
Don't you feel having a Romulan  
onboard is ummm a bit weird?

CHIEF ENGINEERING ASSISTANT LT. TALOUR  
As opposed to having a Cardassian  
or a Nausicaan on the bridge  
Alveraz? I know what this is,  
Alveraz thinks she hot! I know that  
look Eddy!

The rest of the crewman laugh, then Lt. Wong walks over and  
the crew come to order.

LT. WONG  
How is everyone doing here?

EVERYONE  
Fine sir! Good

LT. WONG  
Were coming into spacedock in a few  
minutes, you should all get to duty  
stations.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
I'm so looking forward to some  
R&R..

LT. WONG  
You should get a chance while were  
back in space dock, ensign, repairs  
to Falcon are quite extensive.

ENSIGN EDWARD ALVAREZ  
 Holy crap.. maybe i'm not going to  
 get that R&R...

Just then the USS Falcon comes out of warp far from the station and there is a ton a debris from Romulan and federation ships but the Station appears damaged but intact and Red Alert is sounded and the crew scrambles from the mess hall.

INT. USS FALCON BRIDGE - COMMAND SECTION - DECK 20 - DAY

The bridge is listening to a Federation news broadcast message just and watching the screen while the clip plays

FEDERATION NEWS SERVICE BROADCASTER  
 (V.O.)

As we have been broadcasting Star base 718 was attacked about 30 minutes ago and reports are coming in that the station survived. A group claiming to be the Tal Shiar are taking responsibility for the destruction. We received a recorder a short time ago from an anonymous source claiming to be the Tal Shiar leadership and we are playing that now.

COMMANDER LESLIE DURHAM  
 I thought the Tal Shiar were destroyed?

CAPTAIN NATHAN PHILLIPS  
 So Did I.

An image of the Tal shiar logo and a blacked out silhouette and masked voice is displayed on screen.

TAL SHIAR VOICE (O.S.)  
 The Tal Shiar have come out of the Shadows for this important message to the Federation and its rogue warriors that call themselves section 31! New Romulus is still strong and will never bend its will to the inferior rebels, the Orion Syndicate, the New Republic or any other disloyal servants or enemies of the state in its attempts to rebuild the empire!

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## TAL SHIAR VOICE (O.S.) (CONT'D)

For every Romulan citizen or loyal subject of the empire killed 10 times will be killed in return! Today our operatives destroyed several Federation vessels and cripple a federation star base along the border. This will continue as long as the Federation interferes in our affairs. This is the order of things in the Tal Shiar and honor will be restored. The Romulan Empire is strong and we will not tolerate intrusion! For all our Romulan brothers and sisters of the Raptors claw, we will unite once more and make Romulus whole again!

The crew is a little stunned as the Captain and Commander look at each other with concern.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT FIVE