



Episode 3 “Just The Two Of Us”

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Space the final frontier, these are the continuing missions of the Starship Eagle, our goal is to advance federation knowledge and explore the unknown regions of space, we are the federations first lines in exploration and defense, The Year is 2290 and these are the adventures of the USS Eagle.

=\=Prologue=\=

“HELP, SOMEBODY, PLEASE HELP ME” Ensign Sabrina Allen was running down a corridor and behind her were three Klingon warriors. To her surprise none of the other crewmen seemed to notice the Klingon’s and the Klingon’s also didn’t seem to notice the Starfleet personnel. Sabrina continued to dodge crewmen when she reached the end of the corridor and turned the corner where she ran into another Klingon and fell to the floor. The next thing she saw was the Klingon raise a knife and plunge it down towards her chest.

=\=Chapter One=\=

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARGH” Sabrina shot straight up from her bed, and sat there to try to control her rapid breathing, and put her hands on the area where the Klingon had stabbed her and she let go a sigh of relief “Oh, thank goodness, it was just a dream” she says while sitting on the edge of the bed. She pushed a button on a stand beside her bed “Computer, what time is it.”

“The time is 0730 hours” came the reply of the female computer voice. Sabrina decided she might as well get ready for the days work, according to her schedule she has two counseling sessions for today. She had also agreed to meet Chief Engineer William O’Dell for breakfast in the Mess Hall at 0830 hours, so she decided to go to the mess hall early. To her surprise she didn’t see anyone in the corridors and no one in the mess hall. **That’s Odd** she thought to herself **I always see at least a dozen of the crew either in the mess hall ore the corridor**. But she just figured it must be one of those days. She waited until 0900 hours for O’Dell, but he never showed up. Sabrina walks over to back wall, where the door to the mess hall is and pushes a button on a panel beside the door “Allen to O’Dell.” There was no response. “O’Dell, this is Sabrina, are you there.” Still no response. She decided that she should try going to his quarters and see if he’s there. On route to his quarters there was still no one in sight. Sabrina started to get worried. As she arrived at his quarters, she pushed a button on the panel beside the door and there was still no response from O’Dell. Sabrina then started knocking on the door and hollering to O’Dell “O’Dell, its Sabrina, are you in there.” Again no response. She tried two more times and waited one minute. She then decided to try Engineering, maybe O’Dell simply forgot about their plans for breakfast, but that would not explain why he would not answer he hails. Again the corridors were empty. This really didn’t make any sense to

her. When she entered Engineering, there was not a single person in sight. “Hello”, she waited a few seconds “HELLOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO” she waited another few seconds as she walks around on the main floor “HELLO, IS ANYONE HERE?” she asks. She then went to the second floor, which confirmed what she feared, No one was there.

“Allen to Captain Carter”, there was no response. “Allen to Commander Torrell”, again there was no response. “Allen to anyone on the ship, come in.” at this point, Sabrina was not surprised that she did not get a response, as she figures she is the only one on board the ship. Sabrina went back down to the main level of engineering and went to the main console in Engineering and decided to try to contact someone on the crew one last time, she knew it would most likely be useless as no one will answer, but figured she should try at least one more time, she tapped the button for communications on the control panel “This is Ensign Sabrina Allen, to anyone listening, if you can hear my voice, please respond”

“Communications are down” came a reply from someone behind Sabrina.

Sabrina turns around and is surprised to see Communications officer Riley Berry, but decides to get straight to business “Where is everyone else”

“I don’t know, when I noticed no one was here, I tried to contact the crew, and then eventually went to the bridge where I noticed that the bridge was empty and communications were offline, both ship bound and we also cannot send transmissions from the ship either. I was able to determine that you and I are the only two people left on the ship”

“How can that be?” Sabrina asks, knowing that this should not be possible “Where did they go”

“A very good question, but all shuttlecraft are accounted for and no records of transporters being used, I can’t see any reason for them leaving” he says walking over to a few controls and tapping in a few commands. Berry has basic engineering training, but he does not know how long he can possibly run a ship with just two people. “I suggest we get to the bridge, work on repairing the communications and review the sensor logs, and see if we can determine what happened to the crew.”

“And if the scans don’t show anything, I hope you know how to fly this thing.” Sabrina said referring to the Eagle. “Because I don’t have a clue on how to fly a starship.” Before Riley could respond they hear beeping. “What, what is that?” Sabrina asked panicking. “I don’t like the sound of this.”

Riley ran over to a nearby consol and read the display, “it says here the anti-matter containment field is collapsing and we are heading to a warp core breach.”

“What does that mean?”

“It means the ship is going to explode if we don’t regain containment.”

“Sabrina starts panicking again. “THEN DO SOMETHING”

“I’m trying, but I’m not an Engineer.”

“Warning, warp core breach in two minutes!” came the warning of the computer voice. The two officers search control panels to find the right buttons to fix problem before the ship is destroyed. “10...9...8...7...6...5...3...”

“GOT IT” Berry screams as he presses a button that should fix the problem and preying that he does not here the last two numbers, as he knows what will happen after the number one. Sabrina squeezes her eyes shut afraid that they didn’t fix it, after 3

seconds, she slowly opened her eyes and knowing that it must have worked as she did not hear another number.

“Containment field re-established.”

Sabrina breaths a sign of relief, “Thank you, how did you know that would fix it”

“I didn’t” replied Riley. “Berry’s forty-second philosophy of life says, When your life is in danger, and don’t know what to do, try something, you have nothing to lose.” Berry smiles. “By my definition, the ship was about to explode, I had no idea what to do, and if we do nothing, the ship blows up and we die, I try something and it does not work, same thing, so we had nothing to lose.”

“I like it.” Sabrina says chuckling. “So how many of these Philosophies of life do you have.”

“It is Berry’s 150 philosophies of life.”

“Very interesting indeed, I’ll have to get you to tell me these some day.”

Berry nods and says “We better get up to the bridge, attempt to repair communications from there. The two leave Engineering and walk through the ships empty corridors on route to the bridge. As they take a turbolift to the bridge and enter the bridge, Riley Berry goes to his communications station and starts to work on it, while Sabrina takes walk over to the Captain’s chair. “Why don’t you give it a try?” Berry suggested.

Sabrina smiles as she sits down in the chair. “I’ve always wanted to do this, to see what it is like in the Captain’s chair. The bridge looks very nice from this spot.” She says as she turns the chair around slowly, looking at the bridge as she turns.

Berry finishes what he thinks will work to fix the communications and pushes a few buttons on his control panel. “This is Lieutenant Commander Riley Berry of the Federation Starship Eagle, to anyone who can hear me, we are in need of immediate assistance, I repeat, this is Lieutenant Commander Berry, of the starship Eagle, and we require assistance.” Berry then presses the button again to end transmission and waits a few seconds with Sabrina watching silently.

“Well, what’s happening?”

“As far as I can tell, we should be transmitting, and either no one is close enough to receive our transmission or no one cares.” Riley pauses for a few moments figuring out what his next move should be. He figures that has to be a reason why the crew was not there. He decides on a course of action. “I’m going to see I can get the sensors online, maybe we can check the system for human bio signs that may show where the crew may have gone to.

“There is one thing I have been wondering, why take the whole crew, but leave 2 left on the ship?”

“I’m not sure Ensign, that’s a very good question.” Berry said trying to find a better answer, but is unable to come up with one. “Ensign, please check the helm station, and let me know if it shows our location.

Sabrina gets up from the Captains chair and checks the helm station and shakes her head. It does not show anything here. Riley and Sabrina work on the systems for another 12 hours and getting no where and decide to pick this up again tomorrow, maybe getting some sleep might help clear their minds. The two officers head off to their quarters to catch 4 hours of sleep.

“There you are Ensign, I’ve been looking all over the ship for you” Captain Carter said.

Sabrina gets the biggest smile on her face. “CAPTAIN, your back.”

“Back, I never left.”

“The ship was empty; no one was on board except for myself and Commander Berry.”

“You must be mistaken Ensign, This ship has a crew compliment of 600, no one has left the ship in days.”

“Captain, Where is Berry?”

“He should be arriving on duty shortly Ensign”. At this point, nothing here makes sense; she knows she did not imagine the ship being empty, so how did all 600 crewmen arrive back to the Eagle without her knowing it. Before she could continue her train of thought, she sees Riley Berry arrive on the bridge. “Berry, you were here, please tell the Captain that the ship was empty with just the two of us.”

“Ensign.” Riley says confused.

“I’m not making this stuff up.” Sabrina says getting frustrated, and turns to see the captain, but now its not the Captain, but it’s a Klingon with a Knife about to attack Sabrina. As he thrusts the knife towards her, she falls to the deck while trying to avoid the blade.

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARGH.” Sabrina shoots straight up from her bed breathing heard and shortly after regains her composer and whispers to herself. “I hate it when that happens.” After Sabrina takes a quick sonic shower she heads down the empty corridor to the mess hall to get a quick breakfast before she goes to the bridge to see what she can do and hopefully get in contact with Starfleet or find out what happened to the crew. As she enters the mess hall she is surprised to see Riley there.

“Good morning Ensign.” Berry says as he sees the Ensign walk in. “Have a good sleep Ensign.”

“I dreamt that the crew was back and that no one remembered that they were gone except for me, even you didn’t know.” She laughs then continues. “At least until the Captain turned into a Klingon.

Riley laughs. “A Klingon, when the Captain gets back, better not tell him he’s a Klingon in your dreams.”

“I don’t know why, but I’ve been thinking about the renegade Klingons from two months ago. I don’t know why as they have nothing to do with our current situation.” Sabrina pauses for a few seconds so she can pick up her breakfast and take it over to the table where Riley is sitting. “Have you had any luck with the communications yet?”

“I have not yet had a chance to go to the Bridge today yet, I so far went to Engineering to check on the systems there and see if there is anything I am capable of doing, It seems reasonable, I don’t think I’ve ever seen an Engineering on a ship empty before and I know it requires constant supervision which I am no way qualified in doing so.” They continue to talk for awhile until they decide its time to head to the bridge.

Once they arrive on the bridge, Riley heads over to the communications station while Sabrina takes the seat beside it and watches Riley as he works on his Station until she sees a puzzled look on his face. "What is it?" Sabrina asked.

"I've found an encrypted file; I don't know who did it or what it is." Replied Riley Berry.

"Do you know how to access it?"

"I believe I can decrypt it." Riley says. "But it's going to take a few minutes to do so." Riley continues to work as Sabrina watches and waits to see what happens when she then notices Riley's smile and he continues. "Its from the Captain, it says the Eagle is Boarded and most of the crew were captured within minutes, some were able to fight back, and most of those who fought back were stunned, and was able to determine where they were taking the crew just before he was captured, his last order in here was if anyone was left, is to take the ship back to Starfleet and inform Starfleet of the situation."

"Who took the crew?"

"The Captain did not say, he probably does not know who took the crew, but I think we should go get them ourselves."

"What about the Captains orders?" Sabrina asks, knowing that its best to follow orders and take the ship back to Starfleet, ~What can two people do to save an entire crew~, she asks herself.

"We can sending a message to starfleet and I believe what can do is follow the ion trail, assuming there still is one"

"Do you know how to fly this thing?" Sabrina asked.

"I've had some experience in piloting, but it was mostly in a shuttle." Replied Riley.

"I guess its going to have to do."

Riley continues to work on the helm station and sets the course to the location of the crew. At warp 6 it took the ship twenty-five minutes to reach their destination where Riley and Sabrina spent the time coming up with a plan on how to rescue the Captain and the rest of the crew without getting themselves killed or captured in the process.

In a dark room, Captain Carter and a few other Starfleet officers are laying on surgical tables. Above them is some surgical tools with a big needle type tool with a light beside it is hovering above their heads. It appears that someone is trying to perform experiments on them. The captain is conscious and in the background he can hear screams of fellow officers, as he assumes that they are probably being experimented on as well and there is nothing he can do about it. "Hello." He waits a few seconds. "My name is Captain Austin Carter of the Federation Starship Eagle, what are you doing to my crew." There was no answer, the Captain tried again and yet again there was no response. "Your making a big mistake here, kidnapping a Federation crew is an act of war." The Captain finally gets a response, but not the response he was hoping for. Out of the corner of his eye he sees a green hand with long fingers reaching towards his head with a needle in the hand, and feels it press up against his neck and then the Captain passes out.

“I hope we don’t have to use one of these things” Ensign Allen says as she picks up a phaser from the weapons room.

“I agree.” Berry replied. “But these people did kidnap the crew; we need to be repaired to defend ourselves down there.” They continue for a little while they head down to the transporter room where Riley Berry sets the transporter for a ten second delay to transport them to the surface.

After they beam into a building they look into a room and see a few Starfleet officers hooked up to machines. But they continue down the hall as their primary mission right now is to get the captain and hoping that he will be able to end it diplomatically, which seems slim at the moment. They continue their search for five minutes where they see other crewmen in other rooms going to different types of procedures, until they find the room with the captain in it and they see the Captain tied down to the table and it appears that he has been prepared for the procedure as well. Riley and Sabrina enter the room and find the Captain just starting to regain consciousness. “Captain, are you alright.” Berry asked.

“Commander, what are you doing here?” The Captain asked.

“We are here to rescue you Captain, we noticed the note you left in the communications when you and the rest of the crew were captured, we have not yet figured out why they left myself and the Councilor on board.

“My orders were to go directly to Starfleet and inform them of the situation.”

“I sent an encrypted priority one message to inform Starfleet of the situation, it should not take long for Starfleet to send a ship here,” He explains to the Captain as he releases the restraints that are holding the Captain to the operating table. After the Captain is released, Riley Berry and Sabrina Allen help the Captain off of the table and head out of the room. The three of them continue to walk to other rooms as fast as the Captain can possibly walk. They were able to release six other officers before they were captured by one of the aliens.

The Aliens are pointing weapons at the officers and the leader walks up to the Captain. “I cannot permit you to leave here.”

“My name is Captain Carter, why are you holding us here?”

“I am called L’Shrat of the Loonas Empire. You have been brought here for testing, we have spotted your ship trespassing in our territory, and we do NOT accept trespassers.” The Loonas are a humanoid life form with dark red skin, they have 4 eyes, two of which are in the same location as human eyes would be located and the other two are located on top of a pair of antennas on the top of their head which can move so they can see what is behind them, it makes sneaking up on them very difficult. They have 6 fingers and a thumb for both hands. They are at an average 8 feet tall. And the military tends to wear black uniforms.

“You could have just simply asked as to leave.”

“NO WARNINGS, Any ship that enters our territory is immediately boarded and the crew taken prisoner, this will send a clear message to other Federation Starships from entering our territory.” T’Shrat sees a surprised look on the Captains face. “Yes

we have heard of your precious Federation, that is why we have brought you here for study, if any of your crew survives, we will transfer them to a detention center. Where they will spend the rest of their natural liv..." as he was saying that as an alarm started to blare and a voice came the communicator that is attached to a band that wraps around the neck.

"General T'Shrat, sensors have detected a fleet of Federation starships heading this way." Said the voice over the communicator.

T'Shrat presses the button on the front of the device that is at the front of the neck. "How many ships?" T'Shrat asked.

"6 starships sir, we do not have the resources at the present to take on 6 ships, reinforcements will not arrive in time."

The captain finds the opportunity to step in. "Those ships are here for my crew, if you let us go, I can have them leave this system, and you will not be harmed."

"NO, you are not going anywhere."

"If you do not let us go, those ships will attack this facility and they will destroy you."

"You will be killed also Captain."

"We would rather die then remain your prisoners."

"General, we are receiving a message from the lead ship, they say 'release the prisoners or be destroyed'" came the voice over the communicator.

"They wouldn't dare, they would be killing an entire crew."

The Captain cuts in again, "They would rather have us die then for us to remain in enemy hands." The captain pauses and considers what he should say and continues. "Let us go and survive or keep us here and we die together."

"ALRIGHT, you are free to go, but remember this Captain; you have made an enemy today, prey that we never cross paths again, because you will not live long enough to regret it." Shortly after the Captain was let go he and the Loonas security got all the crew ready for transport while the General contacted the fleet to let them know the Eagle crew is being Freed. After the entire crew minus the Captain, Commander Torrell, Lieutenant Commander Riley Berry and Ensign Sabrina are left the Captain opened up a communicator that he received after the crew started to go back to the ship. "Carter to Eagle, 4 to beam up.

Back onboard the U.S.S. Eagle

"Doctor Do you have any idea what they were doing to us down there." Captain Carter asked

"My tests indicated that they performed several different tests on different patients, some of the tests were to determine the blood type of the individual, some were to determine the anatomy of the patient, and some of the crew needed surgery when they returned to the eagle, Experiments were performed on them, some had broken bones, and damaged internal organs, It is logical to assume they were testing the crew to see how much they can withstand." Replied Doctor T'Mier.

“It can also be said that with the information about blood types. They now have the necessary information to create a biological weapon that can be used against the Federation.”

“It is possible Captain.”

“Starfleet is going to send a signal to Federation starships to warn them of the new threat.”

“Captain, everyone has gone through a lot down on the planets surface, I am issuing an order to the crew to their quarters for rest, which includes you to Captain.”

“Understood doctor. Keep me informed of your findings.”

Two Hours Later...
Mess hall on U.S.S. Eagle.

“So what was it like running the ship with just the two of you?” Lieutenant O’Dell asked.

“It was ok, once we managed to prevent a warp core breach.” Riley replies as he looks to Sabrina then back at William O’Dell. “We didn’t know where to find you until I was able to locate an encrypted file left by the captain with the coordinates of the facility where you were.”

Sabrina then cuts in “What I don’t understand is, why were we the only ones left on the ship, did they miss us, or did not think they needed us.”

“I wish I had an answer for you, but I don’t know, all I do know is, i’m sure glad to get out of there, I don’t know exactly what they were doing to me, but it was not pleasant.” Will said.

Sabrina then gets up “Well i’m going to turn in for the night, I’ll see you both tomorrow”

“Good night Ensign.” Both Riley and William say as they stand up and then sit back down after Sabrina leaves the room.

Once Sabrina is changed and ready to go to bed she sits at the end of her bed thinking about what has just happened the last few days, smiles and looks up, and then addresses the Computer so she can turn the lights off. “Computer lights.”

The End.

On The Next Story

Members of the Eagle's crew are being mysteriously murdered, one every 20 hours. As the murders continue, evidence points that the murderer is someone among them. The Crew must work together to find the killer, but with their suspicions about each other and mounting fears to the killer's identity, will they be able to succeed in

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