

Star Trek: Eternal Night
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1 EXT. SPACE

The Roleystone AT WARP.

RIXX (V.O.)

Acting Captain's log... stardate
62893.5. It's been two weeks
since Captain Mackenzie
disappeared and we're still no
closer to finding him or the
mysterious pilot from Unity One
who disappeared a few days later.

(a beat)

Meanwhile, a Federation listening
post along the Romulan Neutral
Zone has detected a scout ship
headed for Federation space...

2 INT. ROLEYSTONE. COCKPIT

RIXX, HARVEY and WELLS are at their stations.

WELLS

At it's current speed and
heading, the scout ship will
cross the Neutral Zone in thirty
seconds.

RIXX

Computer go to yellow alert.

The computer BEEPS in response and initiates the yellow
alert.

COMPUTER VOICE

Acknowledged, shields up...
diverting auxiliary power to the
engines.

HARVEY

I can see it.

REVERSE ANGLE:

The trio look out the big forward facing windows to see
the ROMULAN SCOUT SHIP maneuvering erratically, suddenly a
vapor pours from the engines...

RESUME:

On Steve ...

HARVEY

Those engines are over heating, I
don't think it'll survive much
longer.

(CONTINUED)

WELLS
We're being hailed.

RIXX
On screen.

WELLS
(shaking her head)
I can only get audio.

Sarah taps a control, and a voice starts speaking.

MENDAK'S COMM VOICE
Federation vessel, my name is
Sindari Mendak... I have urgent
information for the Federation
council.
(a beat)
I request asylum.

After a tense beat:

RIXX
Thoughts?

HARVEY
Could be a trap.

WELLS
Her life support is failing...

Another moment passes, then a bright flash...

HARVEY
Impulse and warp are gone, she's
adrift.

REVERSE ANGLE:

The trio are looking out the window again as a ROMULAN
WARBIRD DECLOAKS...

HARVEY
That's a Romulan warbird.

RIXX
Inside Federation space.

The comm panel chirps. Rixx presses a button and
COMMANDER SAREN TOMALAK APPEARS.

TOMALAK
Federation vessel, this is an
internal Romulan
matter. Withdraw immediately.

Rixx doesn't take too kindly to threats.

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RIXX
You are violating Federation
space...

Before any more can be said, the transmission ends.

3 INT. IRW DIVIDICES. CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

TELORUS sits at his desk reviewing a PADD. The door
CHIMES.

TELORUS
Enter.

The CENTURION ENTERS.

CENTURION
Sir, we've just received word
from Commander Tomalak.
(a beat)
They've tracked down the scout
ship.

There is a long pause, he's still thinking about what Ryan
said earlier in the interrogation room. Are the Chodak
really to be trusted completely?

TELORUS
(slowly, measured)
Let them go.

CENTURION
Sir?

TELORUS
Do you have a Ferengi grub worm
in your ear? I said let them
go. Order Tomalak back to
Romulan space.

CENTURION
Yes, sir.

4 EXT. SPACE

A tense standoff. The runabout staring down the gigantic
warbird while the Romulan scout ship hangs precariously in
the middle.

5 INT. ROLEYSTONE. COCKPIT

As before.

HARVEY
(to Rixx)
You do realise that we're out
gunned here right?

RIXX
Don't blink yet, Commander.

Suddenly the warbird turns to leave, cloaks and is gone. The scout ship hails...

MENDAK'S COMM VOICE
Federation vessel, whatever you
did... thank you.

RIXX
This is Commander Rixx of the
Federation starship
Roleystone. Prepare for
transport, we'll discuss your
claim here.

MENDAK'S COMM VOICE
Standing by.

Rixx taps a few controls, as Harvey grabs a phaser from a weapons locker.

WELLS
(to Harvey)
Is a phaser really necessary?

HARVEY
Do YOU want a Romulan roaming
freely on this ship?

Before Sarah can answer Sindari Mendak MATERIALISES on the transporter pad. Sarah stands up and approaches the Romulan with a medkit. She motions for her to sit down.

MENDAK
(to Wells)
Thank you.

RIXX
I'm Commander Rixx. Why have you
fled the Empire?

Mendak senses hostility from the Bolian, and the Human pointing a phaser at her.

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MENDAK

(to Harvey)

You won't need to use that, I promise.

HARVEY

You'll forgive me if I don't take the word of a Romulan.

RIXX

(motioning him to calm down)

Easy Commander. No one has done anything yet.

(to Mendak)

Why have you requested asylum?

MENDAK

For the past ten years I have been on a scientific mission to discover the origins of the Sar'Kell octavos.

(a beat)

They led the Gortanans to derive a social structure that has lasted for one thousand years.

(a beat)

Ever since the Gortanan people were subjugated by the Empire over two hundred years ago, we've been trying to locate the third octavo.

Harvey stands guard, still untrusting of the uninvited guest.

HARVEY

Why?

MENDAK

The third Sar'Kell octavo describes a powerful ancient device that could control an empire across a thousand light years.

(a beat)

It could also be used as a doomsday weapon.

RIXX

Did you ever find the third octavo?

MENDAK

I traced it to the Qualor system, but because that's in Federation space I could never follow up on my research.

(CONTINUED)

(a beat, slight excitement)
But you could help me.

HARVEY
We are in no position to go on a quest for a mythical piece of paper.

MENDAK
The third Sar'Kell octavo is more than some mere piece of paper Human.

A beat:

RIXX
I think this is certainly worth a look.

Rixx spots Harvey about to protest...

RIXX
We have no leads on the Captain, except for some obscure tachyon emissions which *might* indicate a new type of cloaking device.
(a beat)
That probably means Romulans.

MENDAK
Wait, your Captain... was his name Mackenzie?

HARVEY
Now, how would you... a scientist... know his name?

MENDAK
I never said I was just a scientist.
(to Rixx)
If you help me find the scroll, I should be able to help you find your Captain.

The comm chirps.

WELLS
(reading the display)
Commander, we're receiving an emergency transmission from Parsis Two.

RIXX
Put it up.
(a beat)
This is Commander Rixx of the
(MORE)

(CONTINUED)

RIXX (cont'd)
Federation Starship Roleystone,
how can we be of assistance?

PARSIS TWO CHANCELLOR
Commander Rixx, I am Chancellor
Travis of Parsis Two. We are in
need of urgent assistance. Our
orbital research facility has
been attacked by an unknown alien
vessel and is no longer
responding to our hails.

HARVEY
(now seated and checking his
console)
Is the attacking vessel still
present?

PARSIS TWO CHANCELLOR
We don't know. We can't get a
reading on anything up there now.

RIXX
Any escape pods?

PARSIS TWO CHANCELLOR
We've detected a few dozen, but
the station has hundreds of
personnel on board - including
families.
(a beat)
One other thing, Commander. The
station has been experimenting
with a new type of power core...
if it destabilises, things will
go from bad to worse very
quickly.

RIXX
Understood Chancellor, we'll do
our best to reach you in time.
(to Harvey)
Engage maximum warp.

6 EXT. SPACE

The Roleystone turns and ENTERS WARP.

7 EXT. SPACE. PARSIS TWO

Parsis Two hangs in space as the Roleystone EXITS WARP:

RIXX (V.O.)
Acting Captain's log,
supplemental. It's taken four
hours at high warp to reach
Parsis Two, and in that time
we've learnt that the
experimental power core they're
using harnesses energy from an
artificial singularity - if it
was to explode it would wreak
havoc across the sector.

8 INT. ROLEYSTONE. COCKPIT

As before.

RIXX
Commander Harvey, Lieutenant
Wells... beam over to the orbital
station and figure out what's
going on.
(a beat)
I'll stay here with our guest.

The pair nod in agreement, step up to the transporter and
DEMATERIALISE.

9 INT. PARSIS ORBITAL STATION. CORRIDOR

Harvey and Wells beam into a corridor. They immediately
spot a male crew member trapped by a fallen
conduit. Sarah grabs her medical tricorder and rushes to
his side.

WELLS
Both of his legs are fractured,
his left arm is shattered. He's
in shock and there's a lot of
internal bleeding.

HARVEY
Can you stabilise him?

WELLS
(shaking her head)
Maybe, if we could move this
conduit.

HARVEY
Can you wake him?

WELLS
Yes, but...

(CONTINUED)

HARVEY

Do it. We need answers.

Sarah grabs a hypospray and presses it on his neck.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

(stirring)

Starfleet?

HARVEY

That's right. I'm Lieutenant
Commander Steve Harvey from the
Roleystone.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

Never heard of it.

HARVEY

It's new.

The crewmember tries to move.

WELLS

Take it easy, both your legs are
fractured.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

Am I going to die?

There's a long pause. Fresh out of med school and already Sarah has witnessed more death this month than she thought she would in a career.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

(noting her hesitation)

Give it to me straight, Doc.

WELLS

Unless we can get this conduit
off you, yes.

(a beat)

There's too much internal
bleeding.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

(chuckles)

Ironic. I was happy with my new
life as a farmer on the surface,
when Doctor Wex asked me to join
him up here.

HARVEY

Listen, we need to stabilise the
power core before we can help
anybody... can you point us to
the control room?

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INJURED CREW MEMBER
It's over there, hopefully the
turbolift still works.

WELLS
Thanks. Sit tight, we'll get you
out of this.

INJURED CREW MEMBER
I'm not going anywhere...

10 INT. PARSIS ORBITAL STATION. CONTROL ROOM

Sarah and Steve ENTER. Two scientists are working their
control feverishly, while two more lie on the ground
wounded. Sarah attends to the wounded, while Harvey
approaches one of the scientists...

HARVEY
I'm Lieutenant Commander Steve
Harvey from the U.S.S.
Roleystone.

SCIENTIST #1
You're the ones who responded to
our distress call?

HARVEY
Err, yeah... that's right. What
seems to be the trouble.

SCIENTIST #2
We're detecting a plasma
suspension beam cutting directly
into our primary conduit. It's
taking both of us to keep it
together.

HARVEY
Any idea what's causing it?

SCIENTIST #1
No.

HARVEY
Any way of bypassing it?

SCIENTIST #2
What do you think we are trying
to do?

Harvey looks around the room, Sarah is tending to the
second wounded. Harvey spots a diagnostic console and
reads it.

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HARVEY

What if we shut down the tertiary
wave inducer?

SCIENTIST #1

But that'll cause a cascade
failure in the containment field.

SCIENTIST #2

Not if we maintain it manually
while shifting the phase of the
energy flow.

SCIENTIST #1

(turning to Harvey for the
first time)

Not bad for a Starfleet
officer...

HARVEY

When you're ready, I'll shut down
the power.

SCIENTIST #1

3... 2... 1. Now.

The trio work their controls, a whizz and a wurr from
outside the room. Then the entire station jolts to the
right.

11 EXT. SPACE. PARSIS TWO

A mysterious object, looking like part of the station,
lifts off and flies past the runabout.

12 INT. PARSIS ORBITAL STATION. CONTROL ROOM

As before.

HARVEY

There. That's got it.

SCIENTIST #1

Thanks for your help
Starfleet. We can take it from
here.

RIXX'S COMM VOICE

Rixx to Harvey.

HARVEY

(tapping his comm badge)

Go ahead, sir.

(CONTINUED)

RIXX'S COMM VOICE

I just picked up a small
asteroid... no wait, now it's
a... I don't know what.

(a beat)

It's gone to warp.

HARVEY

Well, the power is stable here,
we just have to check on
something before we go.

Steve and Sarah EXIT TO:

13 INT. PARSIS ORBITAL STATION. CORRIDOR

Back in the corridor, Sarah rushes to the crew members
side.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

That was quick.

HARVEY

A bit of Starfleet ingenuity and
you're all fixed up.

Steve looks around, sees that the conduit is being
leveraged by a bulkhead.

HARVEY

I have an idea.

(a beat)

I'm going to push down on this
bulkhead, which should lift the
conduit enough for Sarah to pull
you out.

WELLS

No. There has to be another way.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

Hey, Doc... it's either that or I
die here.

WELLS

I can't guarantee you'll survive
in my sickbay though.

INJURED CREW MEMBER

You're fresh out of med school
aren't you?

WELLS

How'd you guess?

(CONTINUED)

INJURED CREW MEMBER
You look like you don't want me
to die.

After a beat...

HARVEY
You two ready?

INJURED CREWMEMBER Yes. WELLS
Yes.

HARVEY
3... 2... 1...

Steve groans as he pushes down with all his might on the bulkhead. Sarah grabs the crewmember by the shoulders and pulls. He's free.

WELLS
Wells to Roleystone. Two for
emergency transport.

RIXX'S COMM VOICE
Acknowledged.

14 INT. ROLEYSTONE. COCKPIT

Harvey MATERIALISES.

HARVEY
What a charming team of
scientists.

RIXX
While you were over there, I
discovered that Parsis Two has
also been experimenting with a
more advanced tachyon detection
grid.

HARVEY
So the Romulans are behind this?

RIXX
I don't know, it just seems a
little convenient.

The Computer interrupts their discussion.

COMPUTER VOICE
Intruder alert.

Rixx reads his console.

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RIXX

I don't understand this reading... but it's coming from the Captain's cabin.

15 INT. ROLEYSTONE. CREW AREA

Steve and Rixx ENTER, head for the Captain's cabin... but the door opens and Ryan is standing there a little worse for wear.

MACKENZIE

What... happened?

Ryan passes out, just as Rixx catches him.

16 EXT. SPACE. PARSIS TWO

The Roleystone in orbit.

17 INT. ROLEYSTONE. SICKBAY

It's a cramped version of the Intrepid-class. The injured crewman lies on a biobed, sleeping... while Ryan is on another awake. Sarah is checking over the Captain while Rixx and Harvey stand next to the bed.

RIXX

And that brings you up to date.

MACKENZIE

Sounds like you guys have had quite an adventure.

HARVEY

Just another day for Operation Hawkeye, sir.

MACKENZIE

So, how am I Doc?

WELLS

All things considered - in pretty good shape.

MACKENZIE

Thanks.

(to the group)

Now, why don't we discover what this Romulan really wants.

18 INT. ROLEYSTONE. CREW AREA

Ryan, Rixx, Harvey and Wells ENTER. Mendak is eating a plate of Romulan food.

MENDAK
(surprise)
Captain Mackenzie!

MACKENZIE
Sindari Mendak.

RIXX
(surprised)
You two know each other?

MACKENZIE
We were working together on Romulus during the war. We were liaisons to our respective chains of command.

WELLS
(to Mendak)
Why didn't you say that?

MENDAK
It was of no consequence.

MACKENZIE
Do you know what Admiral Telorus wants?

MENDAK
I had heard you were taken, but I assumed the Tal'Shiar was responsible.

MACKENZIE
He's up to something. And he has Alicia.
(a beat)
I feel that all this may have something to do with the third octavo.

MENDAK
You do?!

MACKENZIE
I was taken by a Chodak, before ending up on that probe that attacked the station.

WELLS
What are the Chodak?

(CONTINUED)

MACKENZIE

They're an ancient civilisation that ruled much of what is now the Romulan Empire.

(a beat)

About twenty years ago Captain Picard encountered them for the first time as they tried to reclaim the Unity Device.

MENDAK

A terrible doomsday weapon.

HARVEY

So there's another one?

MENDAK

I believe that the doomsday weapon described in the third octavo is not of Chodak origin.

MACKENZIE

That would make sense, the Chodak failed to capture the Unity Device so now they're trying to get their hands on another weapon.

RIXX

To what end?

MACKENZIE

What else does an ancient alien civilisation do?

HARVEY

Galactic domination.

WELLS

Naturally.

MACKENZIE

(to Mendak)

Did you keep in touch with V'Laris?

MENDAK

Of course, she should be able to help!

RIXX

Who is V'Laris?

MACKENZIE

A Vulcan archaeologist.

(to Computer)

Computer, what's the current

(MORE)

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MACKENZIE (cont'd)
location of the Vulcan
archaeologist V'Laris?

COMPUTER VOICE
According to Federation
archaeologist survey records,
V'Laris is currently excavating
ruins on the planet Theta Indi
Four.

MACKENZIE
Commander, set a course, warp 5.

RIXX
Aye, sir.

19 EXT. SPACE. PARSIS TWO

The Roleystone breaks orbit and ENTERS WARP.

20 EXT. SPACE

The Roleystone at warp.

MACKENZIE (V.O.)
Captain's personal log, stardate
62896.5. That was probably the
roughest two weeks of my life
since the war. Why are the
Chodak seeking a return to power
again? What's my connection to
it all?

21 INT. ROLEYSTONE. MACKENZIE'S CABIN

Mackenzie lying on the bed.

MACKENZIE (V.O.)
(cont'd)
Did they take Alicia to make me
co-operate? Then why let me go?

The comm chirps.

RIXX'S COMM VOICE
Captain, we're approaching Theta
Indi Four.

MACKENZIE
Standard orbit Rixx. I'll be
right up.

RIXX'S COMM VOICE

Aye, sir.

22 EXT. SPACE. THETA INDI FOUR

The Roleystone EXITS WARP and enters orbit of Theta Indi Four, a desolate brown planet.

23 INT. ROLEYSTONE. COCKPIT

Rixx, Harvey, Well and Mendak are at stations. Ryan ENTERS.

MACKENZIE

Report.

RIXX

I'm detecting debris on the planet surface.

MACKENZIE

Well, it is an archaeological dig.

RIXX

No, this is fresh, it's a Federation survey ship.

MACKENZIE

Are you sure?

HARVEY

Yes, sir... I've just analysed a residual plasma wake in the upper atmosphere.

(a beat)

Something destroyed the ship in orbit, and it crashed to the surface.

MACKENZIE

What about the dig site?

RIXX

Scanning...

There's a long beat then, all consoles go blank. Followed by the Greek letter "OMEGA."

WELLS

I'm locked out of my console.

HARVEY

What the hell is going on?

Ryan falters for a beat...

(CONTINUED)

RIXX

Sir?

MACKENZIE

I can't discuss it.

(a beat)

Wait here.

Ryan EXITS.

HARVEY

What are we supposed to do now?

WELLS

Well, we can't DO anything.

RIXX

We'll just wait, as the Captain said.

HARVEY

(to Wells)

If I remember my high school Greek lessons... isn't that the symbol for Omega?

The Omega Directive is in effect.

FADE TO BLACK.