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## STAR TREK: VOYAGER

### "HOME SICKNESS"

#### TEASER

FADE IN:

1 EXT. SPACE - THE VOYAGER (OPTICAL) 1  
The ship is moving at Warp Speed.

JANEWAY (V.O.)

Captain's Log: Stardate 49042.4.  
We are travelling through an area of  
space which contains unusually  
dense Harold emissions.

2 INT. MAIN BRIDGE 2

Janeway, Tuvok, Paris and Kim are at their stations,  
though the remaining senior Bridge Officers are absent.

JANEWAY

Are we in any danger from these  
emissions, Mr Tuvok?

TUVOK

Negative Captain. Little has been  
discovered about the Harold  
emissions since their discovery in  
the 23rd Century. They are a natural  
phenomenon, invisible to the eye,  
and though they can pass  
through our shields they do  
not have any effect on equipment  
or humanoid life as far as we know.

JANEWAY.

Very good Mr Tuvok. Ensign Kim and  
I are off to join the others. You have the  
Conn.

TUVOK

Aye Sir.

JANEWAY and KIM rise from their posts and walk towards the exit.

CUT TO:

3 INT. MESS HALL/CANTEEN 3

There are a number of crew, informally assembled,  
including Chakotay, Torres, Neelix and Kes. Several  
conversations can be heard in the background. A large  
table is covered with numerous exotic dishes.

TORRES  
Happy birthday Chakotay.

KES  
Yes, happy birthday Commander.

CHAKOTAY  
(Somewhat taken aback)  
Thankyou, Thankyou all.

NEELIX  
I hope you like my little buffet.

CHAKOTAY  
How were you able to organise all  
this without my finding out.

NEELIX  
The Captain conviently found some  
Personnel files that needed to  
be reviewed.  
(beat)

NEELIX  
Please, try these delicious Lakollian  
Grapes. They're quite... juicy.

Neelix hands over some grapes to Chakotay who warily takes  
a bite. A squirt of juice covers his lips. Chakotay wipes his lips.

CHAKOTAY  
Surprisingly tasty.

The other Officers now pick up a few morsels of food as the  
corridor doors behind them open to reveal Janeway and Kim.  
Janeway walks up to greet Chakotay.

JANEWAY  
Congratulations Commander Chakotay.

CHAKOTAY  
Thanks Captain. I hope nobody will go  
without replicator rations for too long.

The ship lurches slightly and the Captain and Chakotay exchange  
glances. Janeway taps her communicator.

JANEWAY  
Janeway to bridge. What was that  
Mr Tuvok?

TUVOK (O.S.)  
I am unable answer that question  
Captain. Whatever it was, does not  
seem to be too significant. I shall  
endeavour to find out.

JANEWAY  
I'm sorry Commander I am going to  
have to leave the party.... please  
continue here though.

CHAKOTAY  
Yes Captain, if that is ok?

Janeway nods at Chakotay with a smile on her face.

JANEWAY  
Lieutenant Torres, I want you to go  
down to Engineering and run a  
complete systems' diagnostic.

TORRES

Yes Captain, is there anything wrong?

JANEWAY  
No, I don't think so but I'd like  
you to check... just to be sure.

FADE OUT

END OF TEASER

"HOME SICKNESS".  
ACT 1

FADE IN:

4 INT. MAIN BRIDGE

4

JANEWAY, TUVOK and PARIS are at their stations with other  
crew in their various positions.

JANEWAY  
Mr Tuvok, have you come up with  
anything yet?

TUVOK  
Negative Captain.

Janeway looks slightly perturbed. She taps her comm badge.

JANEWAY  
Janeway to Engineering.

CUT TO

5 INT. MAIN ENGINEERING

5

Torres is reading through a Padd and hands it to a nearby  
assistant. She taps her comm badge.

TORRES  
Torres here Captain.

JANEWAY (O.S.)  
Lieutenant, have you got the results of the  
diagnostics you were running.

Torres walks across engineering and starts tapping on the  
computer panels, quickly reading the screen.

TORRES  
Yes Captain, the results have just  
come through.  
(beat)

The diagnostics indicate a negative result. All systems are functioning within normal operating parameters.

CUT TO:

6

INT. BRIDGE

JANEWAY

Very good Lieutenant.

Mr Paris half turns around in his chair as an audible beeper sounds on the bridge.

TUVOK

Captain, sensors have just detected an unknown anomaly.

JANEWAY

Onscreen Mr. Tuvok.

Tuvok presses a few computer panels.

CUT TO:

7

ON VIEWER (OPTICAL)

A small indistinguishable anomaly appears on the viewscreen.

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CUT TO:

8

INT. BRIDGE

Janeway taps her comms badge

JANEWAY

Bridge to Chakotay.

CHAKOTAY (O.S.)

Chakotay here Captain.

JANEWAY

I'm sorry Commander, we have detected an unusual object up ahead. I'd like you up here at once.

CHAKOTAY (O.S.)

Understood, I'm on my way.

JANEWAY

Tuvok, can you give us a clearer view of that object?

CUT TO:

9

ON VIEWER (OPTICAL).

The anomaly appears, larger than before, taking up much of the viewscreen.

9

CUT TO:

10

INT. BRIDGE

JANEWAY

Does anyone know what that is?

PARIS

It doesn't look like anything I have seen before, certainly not a nebula or a nova.

TUVOK

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Captain, Mr. Paris is correct. Whatever it is, my instruments are getting abnormal readings from it. I recommend that we proceed to investigate.

Janeway gets out of her chair and looks round at Tuvok.

JANEWAY

Agreed.

Janeway walks forward and stands behind Paris.

JANEWAY

Mr. Paris, plot a course for that anomaly.

The turbo lift doors open and in comes Commander Chakotay. He walks over to stand beside Janeway. Janeway acknowledges his presence without saying anything.

PARIS

Course plotted and laid in Captain.

JANEWAY.

Mr. Paris, proceed at impulse power.

PARIS

Aye Sir.

Chakotay puts his hands on his face, he looks slightly jaded.

JANEWAY

Are you OK Chakotay?

CHAKOTAY

Yes Captain, I guess I'm just a little tired.

CUT TO:

11 INT. SICKBAY

The Doctor is just finishing treating a member of the crew and , as usual is not in the best of moods. The Doctor is using one of his devices on a crewman's leg. Another patient is lying on one of the beds.

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DOCTOR

Lieutenant Liddell, this is the 2nd time you have come here in 4 days. I do wish that you would stop wasting your recreational time searching for injuries.

LIDDELL

I'm sorry. Its just that some of those holodeck soccer players do not always play by the rules. Ben Morgan almost got his leg broken by a tackle. Maybe if we had a bit more practice.

DOCTOR

I am a Doctor, not a personal trainer. I am very busy and have better things to do than mend strained hamstrings. You will be fine now, if you rest in your

quarters.

Crewman Liddell stands up straight and gingerly rubs his leg before walking to the door. He walks through into the corridor and before the door closes Kes walks in with Neelix. Both look happy.

KES

That was a lovely surprise Neelix. I'm sure that Chokotay had a very good time. (beat). I know I did.

NEELIX

I knew it would be a good idea. You just can't beat a buffet for a birthday celebration. Especially with those delicious Lopar fruit.

Kes and Neelix walk over to the Doctor who is busily scanning the patient on his bed. The Doctor hands the scanner to Kes.

DOCTOR

Kes, can you continue to scan this patient please.

The Doctor gets busily to work on his computer.

DOCTOR

Curious, it would appear that you are suffering from some sort of virus although I am at a loss to say what.

Everyone looks rounds to see the doors open and Ensign Kim walks in, holding the side of his head.

KIM

Doctor can you have a look at me?

DOCTOR

What..now? I'm quite busy already.

KIM

I have some sort of headache. I don't often get them.

DOCTOR.

Very well. Kes, can you please scan Mr. Kim.

CUT TO:

12

EXT. SPACE - (OPTICAL)

The Voyager is heading towards the anomaly.

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JANEWAY (V.O.)

Captain's Log: Stardate xxxxx.x.  
We are investigating an unusual spacial anomaly. Preliminary sensor readings are inconclusive.

CUT TO:

13

INT. BRIDGE

All bridge personnel are present at their posts except for Ensign Kim, his position is being manned by an able replacement, Ensign

13

Mandana.. Chakotay is standing besides Janeway.

CHAKOTAY

Paris, what's our distance from that anomaly?

PARIS

We are 57,648 Kilometres from the object.

CHAKOTAY

Bring us in to 50,000 Kilometres and hold us there. (BEAT) We're not going any closer until we know more about it.

CUT TO:

14 ON VIEWER (OPTICAL)

14

A large anomaly is covers the viewscreen. In the middle of the anomaly there are some stars visible.

CUT TO:

15 INT. BRIDGE

15

PARIS

It looks like a hole in space, as if the spacial matter has been ripped open. Like a doorway in space.

TUVOK

Mr. Paris, is essentially correct even if his description is not scientifically correct.

JANEWAY

A doorway in space. Tuvok, speculate, how did this happen?

TUVOK

After analysing the computer data, I would theorise that a combination of the intense Harold Emissions and our Warp engines' have somehow created this anomaly. Whatever it is, it will not last longer than 19 hours. Sensors indicate that the anomaly is slowly collapsing on itself.

JANEWAY

Good work Tuvok.

MANDANA

Captain, it appears that the anomaly is exhibiting some sort of blanketing which is interfering with our Communications array.

Janeway and Chakotay go to their respective seats.

CUT TO:

16 INT. SICKBAY.

16

Sickbay is quite crowded. Several crew are present, all complaining of mild symptoms. Kes is giving each of them an injection of

antibiotics.

KES

There you go. This will take care of the symptoms for 12 hours.

The Doctors voice echoes round the whole of the sickbay.

Doctor

Aha! It appears that all these people are suffering from an ailment derived from this little insect.

The Doctor taps a few panels on the computer and onscreen a large magnified image of a bug appears. Kes and Neelix come over to look at it.

KES

What ever is that?

NEELIX

That looks strangely like a friendly little Gela Tick.

DOCTOR

A Gela Tick? You know what this is?

NEELIX

Oh Doctor, you humans can be such a sickly bunch. We Talaxians don't usually suffer from them, except for children. They are a common bug on several planets in this sector.

DOCTOR

But how did they infect all these people? Thirty One people have this bug, including Commander Chakotay.

NEELIX

They are present on several fruit, including my Lakolian Grapes, which even you would enjoy if you weren't holographic. Perhaps some of the crew accidentally consumed them at my buffet. Anyway, it is not serious, the bug is short lived and lasts for only three days. After which, all the infected people will have developed a natural immunity.

DOCTOR

My research so far confirms what you have just said. Please leave my sickbay (beat) and give Commander Chakotay my regards but tell him that I will not give him any unwanted presents as you appear to have done.

Neelix storms out of the sickbay.

KES

He was only trying to help. I'm sure Neelix didn't spread this on purpose.



DOCTOR

The rats from Asia did not mean to spread disease to ancient Europe on Earth but it does not mean that the plague was very pleasant.

CUT TO:

17

INT. BRIDGE

All the Bridge personnel are at their posts, including Mr. Kim.

17

TUVOK

Captain, I believe you and Commander Chakotay should take a look at this.

Janeway and Chakotay come over to Tuvok. Tuvok activates a computer screen.

JANEWAY

What have you found out Tuvok?

TUVOK

Look at this screen. The star patterns inside the anomaly match up to these star patterns on the computer, after we compensate for position.

CHAKOTAY

But that's impossible.

Chakotay points at some of the stars on the computer screen.

CHAKOTAY

(continuing in amazement)

Andor, Organia, Cestus III....

JANEWAY

Do you know what you are saying Mr. Tuvok.

TUVOK

I have confirmed the readings. The stars on the other side of the anomaly (tear in space) are in the Alpha Quadrant.

Ensign Kim overhears the conversation and he comes over to see the readings for himself. Paris however, did not hear anything, he was too absorbed by the sight that can be seen on the viewscreen.

PARIS

(Speaking loudly, almost shouting)

Captain, either I am suffering from a hallucination or

Janeway and Chakotay turn round to see what Paris is talking about.

PARIS

(continuing)

I can see a Federation ship on the other side of the anomaly.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT 1

"HOME SICKNESS"

ACT 2

FADE IN:

19 INT. BRIDGE

19

All Officers from the previous scene are present.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Doctor to Captain Janeway.

JANEWAY

Janeway here Doctor. What is it? We are rather busy up here.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

I might say that I have been rather busy up here also. In the last 5 hours I have treated 45 people with some sort of virus.

JANEWAY

What sort of virus? How has it affected so many people?

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Apparently the virus originated from some food that Neelix prepared at the buffet, earlier on today. Anyone who has eaten the offending food has fallen victim to it.

Chakotay puts his hand on his stomach.

CHAKOTAY

I can vouch for that.

JANEWAY

Have you got it all under control, Doctor?

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Apparently the virus will last for about 72 hours before the victim becomes immune to it. (beat) But it should be worse than what it is. I haven't figured out why yet but I'll let you know when I do. Doctor out.

Janeway and Chakotay look at each other.

JANEWAY

Forty-Five people, that is a major proportion of this ships' crew.

CHAKOTAY

Luckily its' effects seem no worse than an old fashioned cold. If it was more serious, with crew members being unable to perform their duties then we would have great difficulty keeping this ship operational.

JANEWAY

Mr. Tuvok, do you think that we could fly through the anomaly and emerge in the Alpha Quadrant?

TUVOK

I see no reason why not. As long as the anomaly (rip in space) is open we can traverse it as if it were normal space. The anomaly will have closed in 17 hours and judging by the size of it, we will have to travel through it in the next 9 hours or else the Voyager will be too large to fly through it.

JANEWAY

Very good. Make preparations for us to travel through the anomaly in 90 minutes.

TUVOK

Aye Captain.

CHAKOTAY

Ensign Kim, what can you tell us about that ship on the other side?

KIM

It is a Federation vessel. A small mining ship called the U.S.S. THELIN.

PARIS

Isn't the Thelin manned by Andorians?

CHAKOTAY

It would make sense as one of those stars out there is Andor.

JANEWAY

Mr. Kim, can you raise that vessel.

KIM

I'm trying Captain. However, the natural dampening field of this anomaly is seriously effecting our communications array. I doubt if they can hear our hails.

JANEWAY

Keep trying Harry. Still in a few hours we will be at nice comfortable Starbase, and home.

CHAKOTAY

Should we not make it known to the crew of our situation.

JANEWAY

Yes, you're right. They should know this. I'll let you give them the happy news.

CHAKOTAY

Gladly Captain.

Chakotay walks out of the bridge and enters a turbo-lift.

CUT TO:

20

INT. NEELIX's GALLEY

20

Neelix is in a sour mood while preparing meals for the crew when Kes enters and walks over to see him.

KES

Neelix, don't look so sad. The Doctor did not mean what he said earlier.

Kes puts a consoling arm around Neelix.

NEELIX

Yes he did. I bet half the crew will not even eat any of this after hearing about it. Including Commander Chakotay.

KES

That's not true. I have just spoken to Chakotay, he doesn't blame you for anything. In fact he was very happy.

NEELIX

He was. What sort of man enjoys getting poisoned?

KES

No not about the food. The Voyager has found a temporary anomaly, which we can fly through and appear in the Alpha Quadrant. Neelix, we're going to see Earth.

NEELIX

You're sure. Well its about time Paris found us a nice anomaly after the few he's flown us through.

KES stands up.

KES

Come on, I'll help you get this food ready.

Neelix re-starts his work, with renewed vigour and a smile on his face.

CUT TO:

21 INT. ENGINEERING

21

Engineering is quite busy, 3 assistants are busy on their computers. Torres has just heard the good news that they are going home. Torres walks over to two assistants, formerly from the Maquis.

TORRES

I've got some good news for you.

ASSISTANT 1

Oh and whats that, Janeway setting up another school to teach us Starfleet protocol?

TORRES

No, we're going home to the Alpha

Quadrant.

ASSISTANT 1

We are?

TORRES

Yes, Tuvok has found a temporary space anomaly which leads to the Alpha Quadrant. There is a Federation ship on the other side.

ASSISTANT 2

Great, that's all we need is more Federation. Still, I'm glad we're nearly home. I don't know how much longer I could stand it here.

Torres, leaves the assistants talking excitedly amongst themselves and returns to work.

CUT TO:  
22

INT. BRIDGE.

22

KIM

Captain, I've managed to pierce local interference. We can't transmit but I have managed to intercept a message from the Andorian vessel to Starbase 13.

PARIS

Look, the ship is leaving the area.

CUT TO:  
23

ON VIEWER (OPTICAL)

23

The Andorian mining ship, manoeuvres a large curved course and turnabouts 180 degrees before slowly disappearing.

CUT TO:  
24

INT. BRIDGE

24

JANEWAY

Mr. Kim, can you put the tape through the Universal translator and play it back.

Kim presses a series of panels and looks back up at the Captain

KIM

I can do better than that! I show you the tape on screen too.

JANEWAY

Proceed.

CUT TO:  
25

ON VIEWER (OPTICAL)

25

An Andorian appears on screen, there is substantial interference and both his picture and voice occasionally flicker from distortion.

MALAT

This is commander Malat of the U.S.S. Thelin. We have encountered a strange anomaly in the Narg planetary system. On the other side of the anomaly we thought we could see an image of an Intrepid Class Starship.

INTERCUT-      There is jubilation on the bridge of the Voyager.

MALAT

(Continuing)

However, we could not confirm this as we are a mining craft and have little specialised equipment. We will broadcast the co-ordinates to you but by the time you can dispatch a scientific vessel, the anomaly will have collapsed. We are returning to Starbase 13. Out.

CUT TO:

26

INT. BRIDGE

26

JANEWAY

Alright. Mr. Paris I think its' time to announce our presence to Starbase 13. To prove we are real. Set a course through that anomaly.

Paris presses a few panels on his computer.

PARIS

Ready Captain.

JANEWAY

Proceed at minimal headway.

PARIS

Aye Sir, forward momentum is 250 Kilometres per hour.

CUT TO:

27

EXT. SPACE- (OPTICAL).

27

The U.S.S. Voyager slowly moves forward towards the central passage of the Anomaly

CUT TO:

28

INT. BRIDGE

28

PARIS

We will enter the anomaly in precisely 25 seconds, Captain.

The bridge of the ship starts to shake slightly as the tensions of the anomaly take effect.

JANEWAY

Tuvok, whats our shields status?

TUVOK.

Shields are holding firm at 94% of maximum.

CUT TO:

29

EXT. THE MOUTH OF THE ANOMALY (OPTICAL).

29

The U.S.S. Voyager enters the Anomaly, the walls of the Anomaly whizz past.

CUT TO:

30

INT. BRIDGE

30

		CHAKOTAY	
		Its hard to believe that we are coming home at last.	
		PARIS	
		When we get home I'm going to have to think fast. Those Delaney sisters will have a lot of questions. Won't they Harry?	
31	Close On Harry Kim who nods his head in agreement with a wry smile on his face.		31
32		JANEWAY	32
		Whats our ETA to the Alpha Quadrant, Mr. Paris?	
		PARIS	
		We'll be through here in less than ..... 42 seconds.	
		TUVOK	
		Captain, the walls of the anomaly have increased their rate of collapse, though only marginally.	
		JANEWAY	
		Will we be okay?	
		TUVOK	
		Affirmative. It would appear that our engines have affected the anomaly and has increased its' rate of collapse by 7%.	
		CHAKOTAY	
		That won't harm us, we'll be out any second.	
		TUVOK	
		Shield status at 89% integrity.	
CUT TO:			
33	ON VIEWER (OPTICAL).		33
	The hole at the end of the anomaly becomes larger.		
CUT TO:			
34	INT. BRIDGE		34
		PARIS	
		We're coming through now.	
CUT TO:			
35	EXT. EXIT OF THE ANOMALY (OPTICAL).		35
	The U.S.S. Voyager emerges from the Spacial Anomaly.		
36	INT. BRIDGE		CUT TO: 36
		TUVOK	
		Sensors indicate we are in the Alpha Quadrant. Exact co-ordinates in a moment. (beat) We are in the Narg system, 15 hours from Starbase 13, Captain.	
		JANEWAY	
		Ensign Kim. Can you raise Starbase 13	

on Subspace?

KIM

Negative Captain. Interference from the anomaly is too great.

JANEWAY

I see, well we will sort that out.  
Mr. Paris, set a course for Starbase 13.

PARIS

Already done Captain.

JANEWAY

(dry)  
How thoughtful. Proceed.

Janeway looks round at Chakotay.

JANEWAY

Well Commander, we've done it.

Chakotay however does not seem happy His face is severely contorted with pain.

FADE OUT:

THE END OF ACT 2

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ACT 3

37 FADE IN:  
INT. BRIDGE

37

JANEWAY

(Her voice raised)  
Chakotay! Chakotay, whats wrong?

Chakotay, grips his stomach before collapsing in pain on the bridge.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Doctor to Bridge.

JANEWAY

Janeway here. Doctor, Commander Chakotay has collapsed on the bridge.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

There are numerous reports from around the ship, I'll get back to you soon. In the meantime send Chakotay to me.

JANEWAY

Mr. Tuvok, prepare a site to site transport. I want you to beam Chakotay to sickbay.

Tuvok presses a series of buttons on his computer.



TUVOK

Ready Captain.

JANEWAY

Do it now Mr. Tuvok.

Commander Chakotay disappears in a transporter beam. (OPTICAL)  
Ensign Kim also slouches slightly at his station..

KIM

Captain. I don't feel too good.

JANEWAY

Come on, I'll walk you to sickbay.  
I need to see the Doctor anyway.

JANEWAY

Mr. PARIS, hold our position here,  
there's something funny going on.  
Tuvok, you have the bridge.

PARIS

Shouldn't we head at Warp Speed  
to Starbase 13? They have better  
medical facilities.

JANEWAY

Not for the moment. The Doctor  
is quite capable in his field.

Kim struggles over to the Turbolift doors and Janeway and  
Kim enter the Turbo lift.

CUT TO:

39

INT. TURBO-LIFT

39

KIM

I don't understand this, why have  
Chakotay and I suddenly  
become ill.

JANEWAY

It's not just you two. There are reports  
of casualties throughout the ship.

KIM

It brings a new meaning to the  
phrase "Home Sickness"

The Turbo-lift doors open.

JANEWAY

Come on, we'll get you to sickbay.

CUT TO:

40

INT. SICKBAY.

40

The sickbay is overcrowded with patients. The Doctor is busy as is  
Kes and another unnamed medical assistant.

DOCTOR

Here Kes inject them with this.  
It will help ease their pain.

Kes and the assistant go throughout sickbay following the

Doctors' orders.

DOCTOR  
(talking to himself)  
I just don't understand this.  
These people were fine until  
a few minutes ago.

The Doctor walks over to Chakotay who is lying sedated on a bio-bed.

DOCTOR  
Hhmmm this is not good. Not good  
at all.

The sickbay doors open and in walks Kim, supported by Janeway.  
They walk up to Kes.

JANEWAY  
Kes, where is the Doctor.

KES  
He is over in his office. I  
don't know what has happened  
but in the last 15 minutes  
we have been inundated  
with ill people.

JANEWAY  
(shocked)  
The last 15 minutes.  
Janeway hands Kim over to Kes who attends to him. Janeway  
hurries over to the Doctors office.

CUT TO:

41

INT. ENGINEERING

Two engineering assistants are chatting to each other  
(out of earshot). One of them walks over to a working Torres.

ASSISTANT 1  
B'elanna why have we stopped?  
I thought we had come through  
the anomaly and were heading to  
a Starbase.

TORRES  
We have come through the  
anomaly but I didn't know  
that we had stopped.

Torres stands up straight and taps her communicator.

TORRES  
Torres to Bridge.

TUVOK (O.S.)  
This is Tuvok. Is there anything  
wrong in engineering?

TORRES  
Mr. Carey has been taken to sickbay  
but that is not what I was inquiring  
about.

TUVOK (O.S.)

41

Then what is your inquiry Miss Torres?

TORRES

Why have we stopped. I thought the order had been given to go to Starbase 13?

TUVOK (O.S.)

You are correct. However that order has since been rescinded. Forty three people aboard this ship have been taken ill. The Captain has ordered that we do not leave this area.

The conversation between Torres and Tuvok has been overheard.

ASSISTANT 2

I still don't see why Janeway has stopped us in deep space.

TORRES

Because, she is the Captain.

CUT TO:

42 INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Janeway and the Doctor are both looking at a schematic of the Gela tick and of a human.

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JANEWAY

What are the condition of these people.

DOCTOR

Well, they are currently stable but they are not very well to say the least. In fact, I don't really know what we can do for them.

JANEWAY

There must be something. We can't just let a fifth of the crew die. Have you made ANY progress?

DOCTOR

From what I can tell. This Gela tick is almost totally harmless to Talaxians such as Neelix. Apparently there are occasional instances when Talaxian children do suffer a small infection before becoming naturally immune after about 3 days.

JANEWAY

You mean that some of the crew earlier on, suffered symptoms, similar to what some Talaxian children do?

DOCTOR

Precisely. However there is something different between Talaxian and

Human biochemical composition.

JANEWAY

What do you mean?

DOCTOR

Well, over the millennia, the majority of Talaxians have become immune to the virus that this bug causes.

JANEWAY

But not all Talaxians. Some of the children still suffer from the infection.

DOCTOR

That is correct. However, they do not become seriously ill as Commander Chakotay and the others have.

JANEWAY

Kes told me that all these serious admissions have started within the last half hour or so.

DOCTOR

Yes, and if we don't find out why, we are going to have a lot of dead crew.

JANEWAY

(quietly)

The spacial anomaly!

DOCTOR

I beg you pardon.

JANEWAY

We have recently passed through an anomaly and have now re-emerged in the Alpha Quadrant, in Federation Space.

DOCTOR

Then it is most likely that some unusual element has sparked of this more severe reaction.

Janeway thinks this over for a second before tapping her comm badge.

JANEWAY

Janeway to Bridge.

TUVOK (O.S.)

This is Tuvok.

JANEWAY

The doctor believes that some unusual property of the anomaly has effected the crew and that is why Chakotay, Kim and the others have become ill. (beat) Can you check for any unusual readings in the anomaly that can prove this?

CUT TO:

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INT. BRIDGE

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TUVOK

I shall check now Captain.

Mr. Tuvok, presses numerous panels on his computer and a list of variables appear on one of his screens.

JANEWAY (O.S.)

What have you found?

TUVOK

Computer analysis reveals nothing out of the ordinary. Radiation levels were constantly well within acceptable boundaries. There were no gravimetric flux. Infact we passed through no unusual matter since the Harold emissions decreased.

JANEWAY (O.S.)

The Harold Emissions have decreased. Why would that happen?

TUVOK

The density of Harold Emissions varies considerably from one area of the galaxy to another. The area of space that we passed through on the other side of the anomaly had unusually high densities of emissions while the Narg planetary system that in which we are presently located, has a much lower density of Harold emissions.

JANEWAY

Thank you Tuvok.

CUT TO:

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INT. DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

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DOCTOR

What on earth is a Harold Emission?

JANEWAY

You mean you don't know?

DOCTOR

Of course I don't know. I'm a Doctor not an astronomer. I am intended to be merely an emergency medical backup. Not an all round genius.

Janeway accesses a desk computer and taps a few buttons.

JANEWAY

Here, have a look at this. It explains all we know about them.

Janeway leaves the office and walks out of sickbay.

CUT TO:  
45

EXT. SPACE. (OPTICAL).  
The Voyager is stationery with the Anomaly in the background.

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JANEWAY (V.O.)

Captains Log: Stardate xxxxx.x. We have finally returned home to the Alpha Quadrant only for a large section of the ships crew to fall seriously ill. The Doctor is still puzzled as to how to reverse the condition.

CUT TO:  
46

INT. BRIDGE  
Janeway, Tuvok and Paris are at their posts. Other positions are being manned by Mandana and Liddell.

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DOCTOR (O.S.)

Captain, I believe I found out how to combat this virus.

JANEWAY

Go on.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

It is this area of space and the Harold Emissions or rather the lack of them.

JANEWAY

Explain.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

The young Talaxian children who suffered from the virus until they became immune. It was not they who became immune but rather the Harold emissions that inadvertently gave them beneficial effects and stopped them from becoming seriously ill. (beat) When we left the Delta Quadrant and came here we left a dense field of emissions and so the virus in the ill crew members suddenly became much worse.

JANEWAY

Does that mean that if we return to the Delta Quadrant, temporarily the Harold Emissions will stabilise the ill until they gain their immunity.

Doctor (O.S.)

Hopefully, yes. After spending 48 hours or so then we can return here with no harmful effects.

JANEWAY

Very good Doctor.

JANEWAY

Mr. Paris set a course to return through the anomaly and to the Delta Quadrant. We will stay there for 48 hours, until the crew gain immunity.

PARIS

But Captain! The sensors indicate that the anomaly will have collapsed within 6 hours.

JANEWAY

So we either stay here and lose around 50 crew or, we can return through the anomaly and become trapped again.

(long beat)

Whatever should I do.

Quick close ups of the faces of Paris, Tuvok and Janeway with their shocked faces.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT 3

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ACT 4

47 INT. JANEWAY's READY-ROOM. 47  
Janeway is sitting at her desk, her head in her arms, contemplating what to do. The doorbell goes twice.

JANEWAY

Enter.

Tuvok walks slowly in, sitting in the chair opposite Janeway.

TUVOK

We have been friends for many years. In that time you have made many vital decisions, always right.

JANEWAY

None as vital as this one Tuvok. For over 2 years we have been trying to get home. Now we have returned I am faced with this.

(Long beat)

I cannot allow 50 crew, 50 friends to die but how can I order everyone to return to the Delta Quadrant, perhaps never to return home. We all have so many things to return to,

family...friends.

TUVOK

I too have a family waiting  
for my return but I am  
not willing to sacrifice the lives  
of Chakotay and the others.

JANEWAY

Perhaps we could allow  
certain crew members to stay.  
Let them use the shuttles.

TUVOK

It would be imprudent to  
allow our shuttles to stay  
here. If in the future, our  
position in the Delta Quadrant  
is compromised, we may  
need them and the crew  
who would use them. It  
would be impossible to run  
this ship with a depleted crew.  
In any case, how could we  
choose which members could  
stay and which remain?

JANEWAY

You are right of course. We  
must return to the Delta Quadrant.

TUVOK

And quickly, the anomaly will have  
shrunk to such an extent that we  
shall not be able to pass through  
it unless we return within 2 hours.

JANEWAY

I will make a shipwide announcement.  
Mr. Tuvok, would it be possible to  
modify a Class 1 probe so as to  
leave details of our logs so far, our  
state of health, and personal messages?

TUVOK

It is a relatively simple procedure.  
We can launch the probe and  
hopefully when Starbase 13 dispatches  
a ship to investigate, they will recover it.

JANEWAY

Do it Mr. Tuvok.

Tuvok walks to the exit.

JANEWAY

Tuvok (beat), Thank you.

Tuvok walks through the door, Janeway gets up and follows him  
onto the bridge.

CUT TO:

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INT. BRIDGE

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Janeway, Tuvok and Paris are at their stations.

JANEWAY

Put this on shipwide audio.

Lieutenant Liddell, presses a button on his computer panel.

JANEWAY

This is Captain Janeway speaking.

Intercut with scenes of different ship areas while Janeway talks.

JANEWAY

As you know, we have at long last returned to the Alpha Quadrant. However, fifty of our number have fallen ill, their return to good health can only be achieved if we return to the Delta Quadrant. (beat) Unfortunately, none of us can stay here this time. Starfleet vessels will not reach here until 10 hours time, we must return within the hour and the anomaly will have collapsed in less time than that. Having closely considered it, we cannot afford to use the shuttle craft or escape pods. We will go back through the anomaly to save our companions and our friends. Thank you.

CUT TO:

49

INT. ENGINEERING

Two former Maquis approach Torres. They look quite angry.

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ASSISTANT 1

We can't let them do this. We have finally come home and I'm not going to go back!

TORRES

What do you mean?

ASSISTANT 2

We have talked to Davies in Science and Keegan in Auxiliary Control. We are going to escape on a shuttlecraft.

ASSISTANT 1

Yes, we're not going to let Federation morality hold us back again.

TORRES

What! In case you forgot, Chakotay and other Maquis members are amongst the ill. The Captain is doing this to save them.

ASSISTANT 1

Don't go soft on us. Chakotay would do the same if he were able to. Do you want to come or not?

Torres hesitates for a second before agreeing.

TORRES

I'm with you.

CUT TO:

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INT. BRIDGE

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Janeway, Tuvok and Paris are the only senior officers present.

JANEWAY

Have you managed to configure that probe yet Tuvok?

TUVOK

The computer is currently copying the requested files.

Tuvok, stops what he is doing, his attention distracted by a message appearing on his screen.

JANEWAY

What is it Tuvok?

TUVOK

I have been informed that there are members of the Maquis who will shortly be making an escape attempt.

JANEWAY

The Maquis. I know how they feel but we can't let them do this. (beat)

TUVOK

Apparently they will use a shuttlecraft to escape.

JANEWAY

De-pressurise the shuttlebay.

Tuvok presses a series of computer panels

TUVOK

Aye Captain. Shuttlebay de-pressurised. Captain, I believe I should go there to intern anyone who tries to enter the shuttlebay.

JANEWAY

Agreed. Also I want a security detachment outside the transporter rooms, to prevent anyone from beaming into a shuttle.

Tuvok, gets up and leaves the bridge.

CUT TO:

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INT. CORRIDOR

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Three, Maquis members are assembled outside the shuttlebay, including the 2 assistants from engineering.

ASSISTANT 1

Whats taking so long?

ASSISTANT 2

Someone had depressurised the shuttlebay. It will take a few minutes to re-pressurise. Where is Davies and Torres?

Davies comes running down the corridor and meets the other three.

DAVIES

This must be Torres now.

A shadow can be seen of an individual. It is Tuvok.

ASSISTANT 1

You're not going to stop us Tuvok.

TUVOK

I do sympathise with your situation.

ASSISTANT 2

I bet you do.

TUVOK

Please stand away from the control panel.

Tuvok raises his Phaser. Davies does the same and fires at Tuvok but misses. Tuvok shoots his Phaser at Davies who slumps to the floor. However before he can do anything else, he is jumped on by Keegan who after a brief struggle captures his weapon.

ASSISTANT 2

The shuttlebay will be fully pressurised in 35 seconds.

Keegan moves away from Tuvok, while keeping his Phaser pointed at Tuvok.

Assistant 2 points to Tuvok

ASSISTANT 2

We can't just leave him here.  
Lets shoot him, he's caused us trouble ever since we've been stuck on this ship.

TUVOK

Even if you do kill me, the bridge will tractor beam your shuttle back into the shuttlebay or Starfleet will dispatch a vessel to search for you.

ASSISTANT 1

We'll take our chance.

Keegan aims the Phaser at Tuvok's head and prepares to fire when Torres appears.

ASSISTANT 2

Torres, we were beginning to wonder whose side you were on.  
(beat) The bay is fully pressurised.  
Kill Tuvok.

TORRES

I'm on the right side. We're going home but not this way.

Torres quickly raises her Phaser and fires on wide beam. The three escapees fall to the floor.

TUVOK

Thank you, Lieutenant. For a moment I wondered whether you would turn up in time.

TORRES

I did tip you off didn't I.

Tuvok raises an eyebrow.

TUVOK

Lieutenant, please assist me in escorting these gentlemen to the brig.

TORRES

Aye Sir.

CUT TO:

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INT. BRIDGE.

Only Janeway and Paris are at their posts.

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DOCTOR (O.S.)

Doctor to Bridge.

JANEWAY

Janeway here Doctor.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Some of the ill are becoming critical. There are so many now that Kes has opened up some of the holodecks as extra sickbays as we haven't enough beds. She has even run multiply programmes of myself.

JANEWAY

I see. We are preparing to return through the anomaly at this very minute Doctor.

Janeway out.

The turbo-lift doors open and in strides Tuvok.

JANEWAY  
Is that probe ready for launch yet  
Tuvok?

Tuvok  
Affirmative Captain.

JANEWAY  
Launch the probe.

Tuvok presses a panel on his computer.

CUT TO:  
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EXT. VOYAGER (OPTICAL)  
A small probe launches from Voyager and zooms off into the  
distance.

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CUT TO:  
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INT. BRIDGE

JANEWAY  
I hope that works.

PARIS  
We haven't time to find out.  
We will have to return now.

JANEWAY  
Plot a course back through  
that anomaly.

Paris presses a few panels.

PARIS  
Course laid in Captain.

JANEWAY  
Proceed at full impulse power.

PARIS  
Aye Sir.

CUT TO:  
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EXT. VOYAGER (OPTICAL)  
The Voyager starts moving in a gracious curve back towards  
the anomaly.

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FADE OUT:

END OF ACT 4

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FADE IN:  
INT. BRIDGE

Janeway, Tuvok and Paris are at their stations.

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JANEWAY  
Mr. Paris, what is our ETA to

entering the anomaly?

PARIS

Approximately 94 seconds Captain.

TUVOK

Captain, sensors indicate that another Starfleet vessel is approaching. It will reach here in 73 minutes.

JANEWAY

Damn. There must have been a ship in this vicinity. Starbase 13 must have diverted it here.

PARIS

So close yet so far.

JANEWAY

Tuvok, is it possible that they will have picked us up on their sensors.

TUVOK

That is problematical Captain, depending on whether they have managed to penetrate interference. However, they are on course to rendezvous with the probe that we dispatched.

PARIS

10 seconds to entry into the anomaly.

JANEWAY

Slow to minimum headway Mr. Paris.

PARIS

Aye Sir.

CUT TO:

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EXT. SPACE (OPTICAL)

The Voyager enters the anomaly.

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CUT TO:

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INT. BRIDGE

TUVOK

Captain, sensors indicate that the anomaly's rate of collapse has increased by a further 13%.

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The bridge shakes quite dramatically.

TUVOK

Port shields are down to 61%.

JANEWAY

Bridge to Engineering.

TORRES (O.S.)  
Torres here Captain.

JANEWAY  
Can you divert power from  
the Warp Coils to our  
shields?

TORRES (O.S.)  
I'll get on it right away.  
The bridge shakes again..

CUT TO:  
59

INT. SICKBAY  
The sickbay shakes and patients almost fall off their beds.

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DOCTOR  
Sickbay to Bridge.

JANEWAY(O.S.)  
Bridge here Doctor.

DOCTOR  
Can you please try to refrain  
from bashing my sickbay  
around. I have Chakotay and  
2 others on life support.

JANEWAY (O.S.)  
Will they be alright until we  
get back to the Delta Quadrant  
in a few minutes?

DOCTOR  
Well there isn't very much  
I can do if they aren't. In fact  
there is little I can do if we  
do get back to the Delta  
Quadrant.

CUT TO:  
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INT. BRIDGE

JANEWAY  
Understood, Janeway out.

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PARIS  
We will be out of the anomaly  
in 17 seconds Captain.

JANEWAY  
Good work Mr. Paris.

CUT TO:  
61

EXT. SPACE  
The Voyager emerges out of the Delta Quadrant and proceeds  
forward to safety. The anomaly continues to collapse.

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CUT TO:  
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INT. BRIDGE

TUVOK  
We are back in the Delta Quadrant.  
Sensors indicate that the anomaly

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will have totally collapsed in 12 minutes.

JANEWAY

Mr. Paris, increase speed to 3/4  
Impulse until we reach 50,000 KM  
from the anomaly, then proceed  
at Warp 1.

PARIS

Aye Sir.

JANEWAY

Bridge to Sickbay.

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Doctor here.

JANEWAY

Is there any improvement in  
your patients?

DOCTOR (O.S.)

Captain, the Harold Emissions  
are apparently already having  
a positive effect.

JANEWAY

Very good. Janeway out. (beat)  
Tuvok, you have the conn,  
I'm going down to the brig.

TUVOK

Would you like a security  
escort?

JANEWAY

No, I'll be okay.

Janeway gets up and enters a turbo lift.

CUT TO:

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INT. NEELIX QUARTERS.  
The doorbell sounds.

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NEELIX

(subdued)

Come on in, if you must.

The doors open to reveal Kes she walks in and sits on the end of  
Neelix's bed.

KES

What are you doing in here.  
I thought you would be getting  
supper ready.

NEELIX

I can't leave my quarters.

KES

You can't leave your quarters.  
Why? Has the Captain  
confined you here?



NEELIX

No but how I can show  
my face in public ever  
again. (beat) The whole  
crew must hate me.

KES

No-one hates you Neelix,  
especially not me.

NEELIX

You're just saying that to  
try to be nice.

KES

Well, if you're to be stupid  
I'll just leave you here. We are  
all disappointed but we aren't  
sulking in our quarters.

With that, Kes walks out of the room.

CUT TO:

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INT. BRIG/DETAINMENT AREA

The four Maquis are sitting on fold out chairs along the side  
of the room. The forcefield is on to prevent escape. The doors  
open and in strides Janeway. She walks up to the forcefield  
but does not deactivate it.

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JANEWAY

I want you to know that I  
am disgusted by the reprehensible  
action that you enacted today.  
(beat) But, I do understand.

ASSISTANT 1

So are we going to be detained for  
6 months... Or marooned on some  
lonely planetoid.

JANEWAY

That will be for me to decide.

ASSISTANT 1

You had no right to stop us  
from going home.

JANEWAY

What I did was for the good  
of the crew, Starfleet and  
Maquis. It was only by  
luck that you were not infected  
like so many others were.  
(beat) Would you have wanted  
me to let you four die also?

DAVIES

I understand but I do not think  
we can apologise for our actions.

JANEWAY

It is not I who you should be  
apologising to, it is your  
ill friends, Commander Chakotay.

ASSISTANT 2  
Are they going to be alright?

JANEWAY  
Hopefully they will all make a  
full recovery.

DAVIES  
I don't know how I'll be able to  
look them in the face when  
we next sit down with them  
at the canteen.

JANEWAY  
That is your problem, and your  
punishment.

Janeway presses a wall panel and the forcefield de-activates.

ASSISTANT 1  
You mean, you are letting us  
go after all we've done.

JANEWAY  
It does not matter whether you  
are Maquis or Officers of the  
United Federation Of Planets.  
You are serving a Starfleet ship, a  
ship, years from home. We need  
all the help we can get. We can  
afford no passengers or freeloaders.  
(Beat) Is that OK by you?

All four agree before leaving their cell and walking to the  
exit.

JANEWAY  
Oh, one last thing. Report to  
Commander Tuvok, he will  
see you do some extra shifts.

The four slowly turn round.

DAVIES  
Thank you Captain.

The four walk out, followed by Janeway.

CUT TO:

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INT. SICKBAY

The patients are recovering, some of them standing up, others  
sitting up straight in bed. The Doctor, Kim and Kes are standing  
around Chakotay's bed, he is sitting up straight.

JANEWAY  
Ensign Kim, what an unexpected  
pleasure.

KIM  
I'm fine now, thanks to all of  
you and those weird emissions.

DOCTOR

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All the patients are on the mend.

CHAKOTAY

Thank you Captain, you saved our lives.

JANEWAY

You would have done the same for me.

CHAKOTAY

I hope so Captain. I'm sorry that we couldn't stay at home.

DOCTOR

Chakotay, you are now sufficiently recovered to leave here.

KES

I wonder if you could talk to Neelix.

JANEWAY

Why?

KES

He thinks that we all hate him, he blames himself for us having to return here.

KIM

He's being very hard on himself. He was only trying to help.

TUVOK (O.S.)

Tuvok to Janeway.

Janeway taps her Comm badge.

JANEWAY

Janeway here.

TUVOK (O.S.)

The anomaly has closed, we are now stuck in this Quadrant again.

JANEWAY

Understood, Janeway out.

CHAKOTAY

I've got an idea how to cheer up Neelix.

SLOW DISSOLVE TO:

66 INT. NEELIX QUARTERS.

Neelix is feeling sorry for himself, sitting miserably in a chair. The doorbell goes.

NEELIX

Come in.

Kes, walks through the door, followed by all the senior officers of the

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U.S.S. Voyager.

JANEWAY

Just to show there is no hard feelings.

EVERYONE IN UNISON

Surprise!

Chakotay pulls a delicious looking cake from behind his back.

NEELIX

Hmmm, some Lakolian fruit cake.

CHAKOTAY

We all helped to make this, we knew  
you'd like it, and now we're immune  
to that Gela Tick. We can eat as much  
of it as we want!

Janeway starts to slice the cake.

NEELIX

How did you find out how to  
make this?

PARIS

Kes, found the recipe in your  
menu database.

NEELIX

Thank you, lets have a quick  
bite then.

JANEWAY

Why just a quick bite.

NEELIX

Well, I thought we could have  
some Noumanic Stew for  
supper, and I don't want to  
ruin everyone's appetite.

Everyone laughs.

Camera pulls out to reveal all the officers enjoying themselves.

CUT TO:

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EXT. SPACE

The USS Voyager speeds off into the distance

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FADE OUT:

END OF ACT 5

THE END OF STAR TREK VOYAGER: "HOME SICKNESS".

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