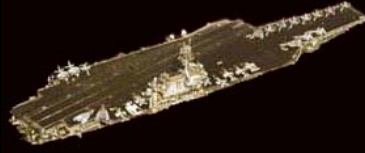


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An artist conception of the proposed Space Launch System heavy lifter. From nasa.gov.



A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher



Apologies to all for the lateness of my report. My summer has been spent recovering from an injury and most recently riding out a hurricane with my mother who refused to leave her home. This was followed by the necessary cleanup.

Mr. Anthony Dowling has transferred to a Corrie chapter, so I fear that the audio tapes

we made will not be recovered and plans for doing new ones are less likely to be made. However, if Mr. McDonald is willing to share some of his scripts and the crew is interested, we could have readings at some of our meetings or special sessions. Let us know if you are interested.

Personally, I have not made ANY of the usual conventions I would have attended over the

summer, nor Dragon*con. I did see some of the parade on the news this morning. I hope some of you did better.

We have the 21st anniversary of our commissioning coming up on October 7th. Do we want to party! Let us hear from you.

Esse Quam Videri

Enlisted Aye, Aye

By Babs Freeman

Last time, I wrote about movies so I figure I'll start that way again. I think I've seen about six this summer. The best theater one had to be the new *Planet of the Apes* movie. I highly recommend it. Somebody had told me to watch *The Italian Job* as Cooper Minis are used as get away cars and that was supposed to be funny. Well, that part was funny but I also liked the casting. With the last of the *Harry Potter* films done, I feel a bit free again and am tempted to quote Martin Luther King Jr.

But enough about movies, let's talk about the obvious thing, like how Mother Nature works. First, we experience an eastern earthquake and then Hurricane Irene hits us. I am as jaded towards



hurricanes as Californians are towards earthquakes but found their comments to us on internet blogs kinda unappealing. I read one that said "Welcome to our world" and another that said something about it not being a big deal.

It was a big deal to us as it is pretty uncommon on the east coast but more importantly, the geographical length it was felt surpasses those localized quakes in CA. So phooey on them and thank heavens, nobody was hurt.

As to the hurricane, jaded ex-sailor that I am, I actually

did my Saturday afternoon jog in the rain and wind. For what it's worth, the rain wasn't as bad as the wind. There was no real danger as thunder and lightning are rare in hurricanes. Mostly, I had to dodge goose poop over an area on the track I use which I had hoped the rain flushed away as it had been there a during my jog two days before.

I hope all my *Kitty Hawk* buddies sailed through both natural events safely and without incident. See ya soon.

Where do planets go after high school?

To universities.

VOYAGER - "Homecoming"

By Brad McDonald

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. SAN FRANCISCO - FISHERMAN'S WHARF - EARLY EVENING

Janeway is walking the street, looking at the signs above the shops. She stops at one marked Neelix's Nook and enters.

INT. NEELIX'S NOOK

A richly appointed restaurant with only two N.D. PATRONS. NEELIX spots Janeway and rushes to greet her.

NEELIX

Captain! It's so good to see you! Sit down, please. What can I get for you?

Janeway is pleasantly surprised at all the attention and takes a seat.

JANEWAY

How about some Talaxian pudding surprise?

Neelix looks disappointed.

NEELIX

Really? It's not even on the menu. But I could make you some.

JANEWAY

Don't go to any trouble. Just whatever you have the most of.

Neelix is not his usually bubbly self.

NEELIX

Actually, I have a lot of just about everything. Things have been a bit slow.

Janeway looks around the restaurant.

JANEWAY

Well, I guess it's just a bit early for dinner.

NEELIX

It's not much busier then, either.

Janeway suddenly realizes the problem.

JANEWAY

Business is... slow?

Neelix is now very subdued and quiet.

NEELIX

That's putting it mildly. If business doesn't pick up soon, I'll loose everything.

JANEWAY

Everything? What about your ship?

NEELIX

I had to sell it to get this place.

JANEWAY

I see. Couldn't you have chosen a less expensive location?

NEELIX

A very helpful man told me that the three most important things about starting a business on Earth were 'location, location, location.' I must have got one of them wrong.

Janeway feels sorry for her old friend.

JANEWAY

Can I help in any way?

He's grateful, but his pride keeps him from accepting.

NEELIX

Thank you, but I'll manage somehow. You're so busy now and Starfleet needs you for their current crisis.

Comp Ops Report

By John Troan

With the delayed assembling of this edition of the newsletter, I was able to include a round up of several recent NASA news items --

- As shown on the front cover, NASA has released the latest rocket design being planned. The Orion capsule from the now-defunct Constellation program will still be used, but this new Space Launch System is intended to be even bigger than the Saturn V from the Apollo program. (<http://go.nasa.gov/newlaunchsystem>)
- The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) recently got some very sharp images of the Apollo 12, 14, and 17 landing sites. It even shows the paths taken by the rovers and the astronauts' feet. (<http://www.nasa.gov/lro>)
- The Kepler mission now has the first confirmed planet orbiting a binary star system. In a tip of the hat to *Star Wars*, the planet has been dubbed "Tatooine" because of the two suns shown in the movie. (<http://www.nasa.gov/kepler>)
- The Dawn mission team released a video showing a flyover across the surface of the asteroid Vesta. (<http://dawn.jpl.nasa.gov>)
- There's a new site that allows people to explore the solar system from any vantage point. (<http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eyes>)

She feels helpless and is very sympathetic.

JANEWAY

Neelix, I had no idea it would turn out like this. We came 70,000 light years, made it through all sorts of hazards and life threatening situations... just to --

NEELIX

(interrupting)

It's okay. My time with you on Voyager was some of the best years of my life. I was important, a part of a group of people who needed me and called me a friend. You and your crew became a real substitute for the family I lost on Talaxia. That was enough for me and I thank you.

Janeway is genuinely touched and feels sorry for Neelix.

JANEWAY

Once the current situation is resolved, we'll spend more time together. In the meantime, I'd like that Talaxian pudding surprise.

Neelix become a bit more buoyant.

NEELIX

I'll have it for you in a few minutes, okay?

She nods in agreement and he jumps up and rushes off. After he exits, we see Janeway's expression. She is saddened by Neelix's predicament.

EXT. SPACE - VOYAGER AND SPACE DOCK

INT. VOYAGER - JANEWAY'S READY ROOM

Janeway is reviewing reports when her door chime sounds.

JANEWAY

Come!

Tuvok enters and waits at her desk. She looks up at him and puts the reports to one side.

JANEWAY

I have some good news for you.

TUVOK

Indeed. I could use some.

JANEWAY

You have another volunteer, me. I'm going to visit Chakotay. When I return, I'll put the finishing touches on an alternate plan. Until then, you have the Conn. Better recheck the weapon's inventory, I show us short on photon torpedoes.

Tuvok is about to protest but she cuts him off.

JANEWAY

Don't bother. I've already sent my request for command of this ship to Starfleet Headquarters. They can't deny the request of one of their heroes, can they? Dismissed.

Tuvok exits and she studies him as he leaves.

EXT. REHAB COLONY FIVE - MORNING

Janeway is waiting at a high security fence, N.D. GUARDS are visible in the B.G. CHAKOTAY appears and walks to Janeway. He looks tired and shabby, Janeway is concerned.

JANEWAY

Chakotay, are you all right?

CHAKOTAY

Not bad, considering.

He stops a short distance from the other side of the fence, noticing her rank and points to it.

CHAKOTAY

Coming up in the world?

She's embarrassed.

JANEWAY

Got 'kicked' upstairs. Where's B'Elanna?

He becomes bitter and sarcastic.

CHAKOTAY

She was transferred yesterday. Starfleet's way of ensuring against conspiracies and escapes.

She is visibly disappointed by the news.

JANEWAY

Are any of the others here?

CHAKOTAY

A few. I'm not sure where. They change our work assignments daily. I guess they think we're real dangerous.

Janeway is having a hard time with the situation and is very uncomfortable.

JANEWAY

I'm sorry about this. I haven't given up on getting this straightened out and put right.

Chakotay smiles slightly.

CHAKOTAY

I appreciate all you've done so far. But won't you jeopardize your new rank and career by helping an undesirable like me?

JANEWAY

I don't care. You and the others made it possible to get home. Starfleet should be forced to recognize that fact. Maybe I can use my new rank to some good in that respect.

Chakotay is not overly optimistic.

CHAKOTAY

Maybe you should let it go. From what I understand, Starfleet may not exist much longer anyway.

JANEWAY

You mean the war? It's not all that bad, we've been through tougher times.

Chakotay looks at the guards and then motions her to move closer. She does so and he talks more quietly.

TWO SHOT - JANEWAY AND CHAKOTAY

CHAKOTAY

Don't be so sure. Last week, they brought in three deserters from the front lines. Before they were transferred, they told me that Starfleet and the Klingon Empire are losing ships faster than they could replace them. In just the last ten days alone, over six sectors have been lost. At that rate, the Borg and Romulans will own the Alpha Quadrant in six months, maybe less.

Janeway is struck by the information.

JANEWAY

You're particularly well informed considering your location. Are you sure of your facts?

CHAKOTAY

Absolutely, it's because of my location. My information isn't filtered or interpreted, to prevent panic or more desertions. Just the fact that Starfleet is having a problem with wholesale desertion, tells me it must be true. I've heard that three ships have used their

wormhole generators to go to other quadrants.

Janeway is concerned and Chakotay picks up on it.

CHAKOTAY

Did I say something wrong?

JANEWAY

I was just thinking of a mission brief I read. The senior officer was planning a suicide attack on the Borg ships. At the time I thought it was unnecessary. Now, I'm not so sure. Perhaps he was being 'logical' after all.

CHAKOTAY

I'll tell you something else. If it comes to it, you take Voyager and get the hell out of here, too.

Janeway steps even closer and whispers.

JANEWAY

Voyager has another assignment but once I'm done, if it does come to it, I'll come back for you and the others and we'll all get the hell out of here. After all, there were a few sectors of the Gamma Quadrant that weren't so bad, right?

He smiles again and an N.D. guard approaches in the B.G.

CHAKOTAY

My visiting time must be over. Either that, or their audio pickups couldn't hear us. Thanks for coming and remember what I said. I'd still like to be your First Officer, no matter what the circumstances.

The guard forces Chakotay away from the fence. Janeway is left with a very concerned look on her face.

EXT. SPACE - VOYAGER AND SPACE DOCK (OPTICAL)

INT. VOYAGER - MAIN TRANSPORTER ROOM

As Janeway appears, Admiral Paris, Tuvok and Admiral Stokar await. She is surprised at first, but then realizes the purpose.

JANEWAY

Let me guess, the transfer of command of Voyager is going to take place a bit earlier than planned. And there won't be a public celebration of my promotion or the turnover either.

Stokar and Paris step forward, Tuvok remains at the transporter controls.

ADMIRAL PARIS

We learned of your intention to remain aboard Voyager. I'm afraid that is impossible. Your new assignment awaits you and transport is ready to leave when you are.

Janeway steps down from the transporter, barely containing her anger and disgust.

JANEWAY

I assume I will be given time to pack my personal belongings.

Stokar indicates several bags in the corner of the room.

STOKAR

Already done. We simply need your thumb scan on the transfer orders.

JANEWAY

Associating with undesirables and making waves at Command, what else have I done?

She takes the padd, gives her scan and returns it quickly.

JANEWAY

I would like to make one request. I want to visit my old doctor before I leave.

STOKAR

Granted. You have served Starfleet well, I hope you continue to do so at your new post. Live long and prosper.

He gives the traditional salute then steps up to the transporter. He nods to Tuvok to begin transport.

TWO SHOT - JANEWAY AND ADMIRAL PARIS

In the B.G. we can hear the transporter effect.

ADMIRAL PARIS

I'm sorry we had to do this, but it's for your own good. You'll see what I mean once you've had time to think about it.

JANEWAY

I've already thought about it. It certainly lacked the pomp and circumstance of a normal transfer of command. Whose idea was it?

ADMIRAL PARIS

Stokar's. But I agree with it. You're making a lot of people 'uncomfortable', unfortunately the wrong people. Good luck with your new command, I know you can make a difference out there. We're counting on it.

TRANSPORTER ROOM - AS BEFORE (OPTICAL)

He turns and steps up to the transporter platform, and nods to Tuvok.

ADMIRAL PARIS

When you visit the doctor, don't make any side trips,

the ship you are scheduled to take leaves within the hour. Tuvok.

The transporter effect begins and Paris fades. Janeway moves toward Tuvok.

TWO SHOT - JANEWAY AND TUVOK

JANEWAY

I know you are capable of command, but I wonder if you are capable of carrying out this particular mission. I think you are a bit too close to this, you're personal loss will effect your decision making whether you like it or not.

TUVOK

I do not agree with you, but I will keep your concerns in mind.

Janeway steps even closer to Tuvok.

JANEWAY

I hope so. I know the real reason Starfleet approved this insanity, they are desperate and desperate people do desperate things. I'm sorry our friendship had to end in this manner. I can't bring myself to say good-bye, knowing I will never see you again. I will just wish you good luck.

TUVOK

I regret Command's decision. I would have preferred your assistance on this mission. However, I could not have brought myself to be the instrument of your destruction.

Janeway is struck by his words, he is still in touch with his feelings after all.

JANEWAY

Tuvok, I sincerely hope your personal sacrifice is not in vain.

She steps back and moves up to the transporter pad.

JANEWAY

Transport me to the Academy, I understand Doc is lecturing there. Will you see to my personal effects?

TUVOK

I shall do so. Live long and prosper.

He gives the traditional salute just before transport begins.

JANEWAY

I wish I could return your greeting. I want you to know that your friendship has helped me through many troubled times. I will truly miss you and your thoughtful insights.

ON JANEWAY (OPTICAL)

We see just a touch of emotion as Janeway transports out.

Off her reaction...

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT THREE

Upcoming Events

Sep	10	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Triangle Factory Outlet
Oct	1	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Triangle Factory Outlet
	7	21st Anniversary of the <i>U.S.S. Kitty Hawk</i> Commissioning

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