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Season One

Emissary (1)

Season 1
Episode Number: 1
Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Saturday January 3, 1993
Writer:	Michael Piller
Director:	David Carson
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Patrick Stewart (Captain Jean-Luc Picard / Locutus Of The Borg), Stephen Davies (Saratoga Tactical Officer), Lily Mariye (Saratoga Ops Officer), Cassandra Byram (Saratoga Conn Officer), J.G. Hertzler (Vulcan Captain), April Grace (Ensign Maggie Hubbell), Parker Whitman (Cardassian Officer #1), William Powell-Blair (Cardassian Officer #2), Frank Owen Smith (Curzon Dax), Lynnda Ferguson (Doran), Megan Butler (Enterprise Lieutenant), Stephen Rowe (Chanting Monk), Thomas Hobson (Young Jake), Donald Hotton (Bajoran Monk), Gene Armor (Bajoran Bureaucrat), Diana Cignoni (Dabo Girl), Majel Barrett (Saratoga Computer Voice), Felecia Bell Schafer (Jennifer Sisko)
Production Code:	40510-401
Summary:	Commander Benjamin Sisko takes command of the Bajoran space station Deep Space Nine, formerly Terok Nor, recently abandoned by the Cardassian Empire. The discovery of the first stable wormhole, controlled by time-independent aliens, worshipped by the Bajorans as gods (called Prophets), gives Sisko religious significance as the aliens' Emissary.



We begin with a flashback to the Battle of Wolf 359. Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Sisko is the first officer of the USS Saratoga, which has just engaged the Borg Cube at that battle. The ship is quickly overpowered and the crew is forced to evacuate. Sisko manages to save his son, but his wife, Jennifer, is killed as the ship begins to break up.

Flash forward three years. Commander Sisko is informing his son, Jake that they will be moving to a space station called Deep Space Nine, orbiting Bajor.

The planet was under the occupation of the Cardassian Union for the past fifty years. During that time, the Cardassians had plundered Bajor for its natural resources and reduced most of the population to slave laborers. Due to an unyielding resistance movement among the Bajoran people, the Cardassian High Command had decided that Bajor was no longer worth the time and military resources required to occupy it and have pulled out. Before leaving, however, they strip the orbiting space station of virtually every essential system, leaving it an empty husk.

Knowing that they are currently unable to properly manage their global affairs without help, the Bajoran provisional government asks for the Federation's help. Always looking to foster good relations and hoping for an eventual inductee, the Federation agreed to help the Bajorans by taking command of the abandoned space station and by assisting the Bajoran people to get back on their feet.

Soon after arriving on Deep Space Nine, Commander Sisko meets his new first officer, Major Kira Nerys of Bajor. As a former Bajoran resistance member, Major Kira is not shy about expressing her discontent about having the Federation step in just as the Cardassians withdrew. She feels that Bajor should decide its own destiny and not have to rely on the Federation for support. She informs Sisko that she does not trust him and does not like the Federation's presence.

A break-in at a supply post on the station summons Sisko, Kira, and Security Chief Odo to the scene. One of the thieves tries to kill Odo, but he reveals himself to be a shape-shifter and easily overpowers the criminal. He also arrests Nog, a young Ferengi who is the nephew of the local barkeep, and Quark, who is planning on leaving the station within a few days.

With this incident resolved, Sisko is summoned to meet with Captain Jean-Luc Picard who is aboard the station to give Commander Sisko his assignment details. Sisko does not wish to speak with Picard because as Locutus of Borg, it was Picard who led the Borg at the Battle of Wolf 359 and whom Sisko holds responsible for the death of his wife. Picard informs Sisko that his assignment on Deep Space Nine is to insure that Bajor can be made ready for acceptance into the Federation. Sisko says that he will do what he is ordered to, but that he will likely be leaving Starfleet soon to pursue a civilian career on Earth. Picard dismisses Sisko and he returns to the station.

Back on the station, Sisko and Odo meet with Quark to discuss the future of his nephew. Sisko blackmails Quark into staying on the station and keeping his bar open, knowing that if there is going to be any chance of restoring normal trade and commerce on Deep Space Nine, business owners like Quark will be essential to fostering a sense of community. With this first brush fire extinguished Sisko heads to the surface of Bajor to meet with Kai Opaka, the spiritual leader of the Bajoran people. Kai Opaka prophesies that Sisko will become The Emissary, a messianic figure of the Bajoran religion, and informs him that it is his responsibility to protect the Celestial Temple. Sisko is unclear as to what the Celestial Temple even is and politely nods to Opaka, but dismisses her statement as religious rantings. Opaka then shows him the Orb of Prophecy and Change; an artifact that legend says was created by the Prophets in the Celestial Temple and was given to the Bajoran people to guide them in their lives. Nine such Orbs had appeared in the skies over the centuries, but this is the only one that the Cardassians have not stolen. When its case is opened and Sisko stares directly at the shimmering Orb, he immediately relives his first encounter with Jennifer.

Realizing that the Orb certainly has some measure of power, he accepts it from Kai Opaka when she offers it to him so that he may use it to find the Celestial Temple and protect it from those who would try to exploit it.

Sisko returns to the station and meets his new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Julian Bashir, and Jadzia Dax, a Trill who has the memories of Sisko's mentor, Curzon Dax. After briefly renewing their friendship, Sisko has Dax immediately begin researching the Orb that Kai Opaka had given him. Dax begins a database search, but looks into the orb and immediately finds herself reliving the implantation of the Trill symbiont into her.

On the Enterprise, Chief Miles O'Brien has one last chat with Captain Picard before transporting over to Deep Space Nine to begin his new assignment as the chief of operations for the station. The Enterprise then leaves the station to carry out its next mission.

Once the Enterprise is gone, Gul Dukat of the Cardassian Union arrives and meets with Sisko. Dukat was the former prefect of Bajor and lets Sisko know in no uncertain terms that he wants his position, and his office, back. Dukat returns to his ship, but does not disembark.

Dax determines that all the Orbs were discovered in close proximity to each other in the Bajoran System. Believing that this area of space may hold the key to finding the Celestial Temple, Sisko arranges for Odo to disrupt the Cardassian sensors so that they can explore it without letting Dukat know about their whereabouts. The plan succeeds and Sisko and Dax take a run-about out. They move towards the area that the orbs were found and accidentally stumble upon a stable wormhole, the first such wormhole ever found. They are transported to the Gamma Quadrant, a distance that would normally take seventy years to travel.

They fly back into the wormhole in an attempt to return to Deep Space Nine, but they are stopped by the beings that live in the wormhole (the Bajoran Prophets, the gods of the Bajoran people). Dax is returned to Deep Space Nine, but they detain Sisko to determine just what exactly he is...

Emissary (2)

Season 1
Episode Number: 2
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Saturday January 3, 1993
Writer: Michael Piller
Director: David Carson
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Patrick Stewart (Captain Jean-Luc Picard), Kevin McDermott (Alien Batter), Joel Swetow (Gul Jasad), Steve Rankin (Cardassian Tactical Officer), Stephen Davies (Saratoga Tactical Officer), Lily Mariye (Saratoga Ops Officer), Cassandra Byram (Saratoga Conn Officer), J.G. Hertzler (Vulcan Captain), Felecia Bell Schafer (Jennifer Sisko)
Production Code: 40510-402
Summary: Captain Ben Sisko takes command of the Bajoran space station Deep Space Nine, formerly Terok Nor, recently abandoned by the Cardassian Empire. The discovery of the first stable wormhole, controlled by time-independent aliens, worshipped by the Bajorans as gods (called Prophets), gives Sisko religious significance as the aliens Emissary. This half of the pilot focuses on developing a relationship between Sisko and the wormhole aliens and positioning the space station prominently near the wormhole.



Dax outlines for everyone else what happened to her and Sisko inside the wormhole. Kira immediately orders the station to be moved to the mouth of the wormhole so that Bajor can claim it before Gul Dukat does. Dukat, for his part, moves on the wormhole himself.

Meanwhile Sisko remains in the wormhole and is engaged in communication with the Prophets through words and images culled from his memory. They do not understand his linear existence and view him as a threat. Sisko tries to con-

vince them otherwise as Dukat enters the wormhole. The Prophets disable the Cardassian ship, close the wormhole entrance, and demand an explanation from Sisko.

As Sisko's conversation continues, more Cardassians arrive and demand to know what has happened to Dukat. Kira informs them that Dukat was swallowed by the wormhole, but Gul Jasad, their leader, does not believe her. He has his ships prepare for battle.

Back in the wormhole, Sisko continues to try and explain why humans value their linear existence using his memories. He shows them the game of baseball to explain why human beings embrace linear existence. They, however, ask him why he keeps returning to the day Jennifer died. Realizing that he is constantly reliving the past, the Prophets note that Sisko's existence is not terribly linear after all, something he admits to.

Sisko's runabout emerges from the wormhole as the Cardassians are attacking the station. He is towing Dukat's ship, taking the fight out of the others. Dukat orders them to stand down and the Cardassians retreat.

A few days later Sisko meets with Picard again. He tells Picard that the wormhole aliens have agreed to allow safe passage for ships through the wormhole and into the Gamma Quadrant. He also asks Picard to not seek out a replacement for him because he now wishes to remain on Deep Space Nine. Picard reluctantly agrees, leaving Deep Space Nine in Sisko's hands.

A Man Alone

Season 1

Episode Number: 3

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Saturday January 17, 1993
Writer:	Michael Piller
Director:	Paul Lynch
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Stephen James Carver (Ibudan), Edward Albert (Zayra), Peter Vogt (Bajoran Man #1), Tom Klunis (Lamonay Ess), Scott Trost (Bajoran Officer), Patrick Cupo (Bajoran Man #2), Kathryn Graf (Bajoran Woman), Diana Cignoni (Dabo Girl)
Production Code:	40510-404
Summary:	Mob hysteria grips the station when Odo is suspected of committing a murder after a Bajoran's body is discovered.



Odo and Quark are having a conversation at the bar about the new arrivals on the station since the wormhole has been discovered. Odo then notices and approaches Ibudan, one of the station's visitors, while he is playing Dabo and Odo informs him that he does not want him there. Ibudan disagrees, Odo grabs his arm and Ibudan pulls away. They have a brief scuffle before Sisko arrives to pull them apart. Odo, in rage, informs Ibudan he has twenty-six hours to be off the station.

Odo explains in Sisko's office that Ibudan ran black market goods through the station during the Occupation. While some Bajorans considered him a hero, Odo saw him as an opportunist that sold supplies to the highest bidder, sometimes letting a child die because they could not afford the medicine. Ibudan had killed a Cardassian officer who wanted a payoff for looking the other way, and Odo put him in prison on Bajor. Now he is out because it's no longer a crime to kill a Cardassian. Odo wants him off the station, and Sisko disagrees since he has not done anything wrong while he has been there, and Odo cannot take the law into his own hands. Odo is not interested in laws, only justice. Sisko intimates that if Odo cannot work within the rules then he will find someone who can.

There is a hard look between the two and then Odo leaves.

Next we see Ibudan in a holosuite getting a massage from a sensuous alien woman. In the background there is a dark figure. The figure approaches, pushes the woman back and then plunges a knife downward. Although we do not see it enter his back, we know Ibudan must have been killed. Julian Bashir is called to the holosuite after the body is found. He examines the body of Ibudan with the knife still in his shoulder blade while Sisko, Major Kira, and Odo

watch. Odo rambles off what he has found, that Ibudan entered the suite and secured the door, ran a massage program, and thirteen minutes later the door opened again presumably to let the murderer out. There was nobody who beamed in, and Sisko surmises the killer came in with Ibudan. Bashir gives his report, that the knife was thrust into the heart and the killer must have known Bajoran anatomy pretty good. Sisko orders Bashir to look for evidence of another person, and Kira to keep all ships docked until further notice.

Kira later enters Sisko's office to inform him all ships have been notified, and Sisko is there with Zayra, a Bajoran, with news on Ibudan. It appears that Ibudan was scared after the scuffle in the bar, and that he confided to Zayra that he was afraid that Odo would kill him.

Odo searches Ibudan's quarters on the transport ship that brought him. He notices that there are two beds, and the officer that accompanied Odo explains that was what Ibudan requested, possibly for more room. There is not much to find, so Odo examines the computer and Ibudan's personal calendar files. At the end of the file, Odo is shocked to see his own name on the calendar as having a meeting with Ibudan only minutes before the death.

Later, in the infirmary, Bashir gives his findings that there were no new DNA traces in the holosuite except for Ibudan. When Kira questions how that is possible, Odo replies that someone could have gotten in between the cracks of the door, such as a shape-shifter. Now in Ops, Odo suspects that he is being framed. Kira asks if he has an alibi, and Odo replies that he was in his pail at his office in a liquid state when the murder occurred. Odo then asks Kira if Bashir could sweep Ibudan's quarters and see if anyone was using the second bed.

In the bar, Zayra and another Bajoran man discuss having Odo there as station security, especially since he used to work for the Cardassians. Quark chimes in, adding that Odo is many things but not a Cardassian collaborator. They can't believe that Quark is defending him, as they are sworn enemies, and Quark replies it's the closest thing Odo has to a friend. In the background we see an old man dressed in black with a hat on. He is watching Zayra's group intently.

Meanwhile, Bashir is examining Ibudan's quarters and taking samples. In the matter reclamation unit he finds some shards of glass not quite in the unit and takes some as samples. Bashir informs Odo that he found remnants of a biological sample container (the glass) and found traces of a complex organic structure on it, possibly doing some experiment. He examines it closer, and finds that it is fragments of DNA. To determine what it is, he will try to reconstruct the sequence.

In Ops, Sisko and Kira are listening to the concerns of several citizens upset that Odo is still in charge of the investigation.

Sisko thinks about it, and agrees that Odo should be relieved of duty while he is considered a suspect. Odo is called to Sisko's office and informed that he is being relieved of duty and that Kira and Dax will be taking over. Odo understands, and Sisko says that he does not believe him to be guilty and is only taking precautions. Odo does not understand why Sisko would have that faith since the two do not know each other that well. Odo leaves and goes back to his office to find it vandalized and writing on the walls. At that moment we steal a brief glimpse at the feelings Odo must be going through before Quark comes in and offers to find out who did it. The two play off of each other with some witty banter. Quark informs him that he tried to find out if Ibudan made any enemies while in prison and could not find any. Odo nods his appreciation.

Back in the infirmary, Dax and Sisko arrive and we see that the sample has grown and now needs to be transferred to a larger container. The DNA sequences are humanoid, but there is a genetic drift that Julian just can't put a finger on. They will have to wait and see what it turns into.

Later, on the Promenade, a mob follows Odo to his office and begin to yell at him, and letting their disgust of him show through.

Odo calls security for help. Bashir sees the mob, then goes back into the infirmary and we can see more of what the sample has become. It is much larger, but there is now bone, arteries, and maybe appendages forming. The mob outside keeps getting larger and Sisko orders the guards to be armed and Kira suggests they slow the turbolifts to the Promenade. The man in black is in the back of the crowd watching. Bashir and Dax are in the infirmary, and determine that what they are growing is definitely humanoid. Julian now has a flash of insight on what it could be and orders a chromosome analysis.

Sisko and security arrive at Odo's office and the mob is getting angrier. Ben fired a phaser

into the air to get the mob's attention and if they want justice then take the evidence to court. Julian arrives with new evidence to consider, that the man killed was not Ibudan. This shocks the crowd, and Julian leads Sisko and Odo back to the infirmary where they find a clone of Ibudan, which accounts for the genetic drift he found before. When asked what will happen to the clone, the reply is that he will become a member of Bajoran society in about two days.

With an idea on how to find Ibudan, Odo sneaks back onto the ship that brought Ibudan but to another person's quarters and forms into a chair. When the person arrives, Odo shapes back into a humanoid and confronts an old man, who booked passage on the ship the day before but has no record of arriving at the station. When the man tries to leave, Odo grabs him and pulls a mask off his face to reveal Ibudan. He then arrests Ibudan for the murder of his own clone.

Past Prologue

Season 1

Episode Number: 4

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired:	Saturday January 10, 1993
Writer:	Kathryn Powers
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Barbara March (Lursa), Gwynyth Walsh (B'Etor), Vaughn Armstrong (Gul Danar), Susan Bay (Admiral Rollman), Richard Ryder (Bajoran Deputy), Jeffrey Nordling (Tahna Los)
Production Code:	40510-403
Summary:	Major Kira's loyalties are questioned when she helps an old friend, now a suspected terrorist trying to destroy the Bajoran Wormhole, who seeks asylum on DS9.



A Cardassian ship enters Bajoran space and begins firing on one of their scout ships, and the small craft signals the station for emergency docking. The ship is so badly damaged that Sisko orders the pilot beamed out. Kira recognizes the pilot as Tahna, an old acquaintance who is a member of the Kohn-Ma she knew while in the resistance. Tahna asks for political asylum, and then also recognizes Kira.

Tahna is taken to the infirmary, and the Cardassians are requesting the return of the terrorist for crimes committed

against them.

Sisko has not decided on asylum yet, and invites the Cardassians to dock but informs O'Brien to find some docking regulations to keep them busy while he speaks to Tahna. Kira is vocal about her objections about Sisko's hesitation to consider asylum. Sisko demands her to get her priorities straight because he does not have room for divided loyalties, and she replies that her loyalty is to Bajor who needs men like Tahna.

Sisko speaks with Tahna alone in the infirmary and finds that Tahna has been continuing attacks against Cardassians even after their withdrawal, and is personally tired of the fighting. Meanwhile the Major goes over Sisko's head and speaks to Admiral Rollman on a subspace channel. Later the Admiral lets Sisko know about the conversation and tells him that he has a problem with her.

Kira visits Tahna later while he is still in the infirmary, and he intimates that he disapproves of her wearing the uniform and being associated with the the provincial government. She replies that she is still fighting for Bajor, but in a different way. He is not convinced, and asks if she thinks Sisko will hand him over to the Cardassians. She assures him only over her dead body.

Gul Dunar, the commander of the Cardassian ship docked, expresses his disapproval of having to wait so long, and Sisko replies it's because of the damage the Cardassians left behind when they left. Dunar dismisses the insult quickly and asks about the terrorist.

Sisko informs him that he has decided to grant asylum for now. Angered, Dunar leaves.

Tahna is released from the infirmary and receives quarters, and Kira visits him. While there Tahna again shows disapproval, this time of the Federation and Kira's association with them. Kira explains they are necessary to help Bajor get back on their feet and to protect the wormhole so Bajor can become a power in the sector. Tahna does not want to be a power; he wants Bajor for Bajorans and to have the homeland back. Kira explains that she has been talking to the provincial government and they are close to granting amnesty for him and others that follow. Tahna agrees that some may if given assurances.

Two Klingon sisters, Lursa and B'Etor, arrive on the station and immediately get into a fight with security after refusing to give up their weapons. They eventually agree with Odo, but stay under his and Garak's watchful eye while they are there. Tahna later enters Quark's bar and sits down and then leaves right after the Klingon sisters do. Odo follows, disguising himself as a rat, and overhears the terrorist and sisters speak of some bargain with payment on its way, which raises his already high suspicions. Sisko learns from the Major in Ops that two more Kohn-Ma are coming to the station to hopefully be granted asylum. Odo is waiting in the Commander's office, and tells him what he overheard and Sisko surmises that the new arrivals must be bringing the payment mentioned.

The Klingon sisters enter Garak's shop (Garak is suspected to be a spy left on the station) and make a deal to hand over Tahna to the Cardassian government, for a price which they haggle over. Later Garak invites Julian to buy a new suit from his shop that night at an exact time, which is code from Garak but Julian does not understand. With advice from Sisko, Bashir agrees to be there and is hidden in the dressing room while Garak meets with the sisters and learns of Tahna's real plan to buy some bilithium which can be used as a bomb since Tahna already stole the other ingredient needed from the Cardassians.

Kira visits Tahna, and realizes that he has been playing her all along. Tahna proclaims he is still fighting for Bajor and was convinced that she would help by supplying her with a warp capable ship. He is not planning on hurting anyone else, but will stop all of the violence once and for all. Kira leaves and speaks with Odo, confused over her loyalties and whether she should help Tahna or tell Sisko. Odo advises Kira to not betray herself, and she decides to tell Sisko. In a meeting with the rest of the command staff, it is decided that Kira will play along with Tahna while Sisko and O'Brien take another shuttle and hide behind a moon while Tahna and the Klingon's make an exchange on the far side of one Bajor Eight's other moons.

Tahna and Kira meet with the sisters and make the exchange. When she asks what he bought, he tells her: "Bajoran independence." The Klingons leave and Sisko moves to intercept the other shuttle, but detects that a Cardassian ship is also on the way and will get there first. Tahna also detects the Cardassians and realizes that the sisters sold him out, and then Kira attacks him but Tahna gets the upper hand. He orders her to fly the ship across the wormhole and then it dawns what he wants to do, to collapse the wormhole.

Sisko also recognizes the plan and threatens to fire on them, but Tahna reminds him of the bomb and the devastation it will cause from the radiation.

Kira moves the shuttle to the wormhole but rocks the ship when they get there throwing Tahna off balance and flies it through the wormhole. By the time Tahna fires the bomb they are already on the other side and it explodes harmlessly. Sisko catches up to them and demands his surrender and reminds him it's either to him or the Cardassians. Tahna thinks about it and decides there is nowhere to run and he surrenders.

Back at the station, now in custody, Tahna tells Kira he did what he had to do for Bajor and asks her to understand someday. Sisko tries to talk to Kira, but she just turns and leaves.

Babel

Season 1

Episode Number: 5

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Saturday January 24, 1993
Writer:	Michael McGreevey, Naren Shankar
Director:	Paul Lynch
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Jack Kehler (Jaheel), Matthew Faison (Surmak Ren), Ann Gillespie (Nurse Jabara), Geraldine Farrell (Galis Blin), Bo Zenga (Asoth), Kathleen Wirt (Aphasia Victim), Lee Brooks (Aphasia Victim), Richard Ryder (Bajoran Deputy), Frank Novak (Businessman), Todd Feder (Federation Male)
Production Code:	40510-405
Summary:	Miles O'Brien unknowingly triggers an old and forgotten booby trap that releases a potentially fatal virus throughout the station. This Aphasia virus results in the crew only being able to speak in gibberish, before inducing a coma in the victim.



Frustrated by the mechanical problems on the space station, O'Brien attempts to fix the food replicators. Little does he know, an Bajoran device planted by the Resistance was intergrated into the replicator's circuitry. For some unknown reason, O'Brien speaks to Kira in gibberish when she approaches him in the Ops center. Bashir examines him and finds no physiological damage, and diagnoses him with an unusual form of aphasia — a dysfunction in the brain that renders him incapable of expressing himself to others.

Soon, Dax also falls victim to the mysterious ailment.

Suspicious of the nature of this aphasia, Bashir runs a neuro-synaptic comparison of Dax and O'Brien and finds that they share a common virus. Sisko and Bashir encounter two more afflicted crewmembers, and Sisko establishes a quarantine on Deep Space Nine.

Odo discovers that Quark has illegally accessed crew replicators to fulfill his orders, inadvertently contaminating all of his customers with the strange virus in the command level replicators. On a hunch, Bashir tests an air sample and learns the virus has mutated to an airborne form — meaning the station population may get infected.

Upon close inspection of an access tunnel, Kira encounters the alien device that O'Brien unknowingly triggered to unleash the virus.

Kira suspects Cardassian sabotage. All crewmembers agree something must be done soon, due to the epidemic proportions the virus has reached. Not even Dax and Jake could escape contamination.

Bashir then informs Sisko that the virus was probably created by Bajorans, and Sisko assigns Kira the task of investigating this theory. Meanwhile, O'Brien has contracted a high fever and may

die if Kira does not quickly find an antidote. Kira manages to locate Surmak Ren, an underground Bajoran scientist who seems to know something about the virus.

Meanwhile Sisko and Odo attempt to prevent Jaheel from breaking quarantine by leaving Deep Space Nine. Jaheel doesn't comply with Sisko's order, and his efforts in breaking away put the docking ring in jeopardy. While trying to rectify the situation, Sisko comes down with the virus, rendering his commands incomprehensible. Odo and Quark take control, and are able to push Jaheel's ship free of the docking port.

At the same time, Kira, determined to find the antidote, orbits Bajor in a runabout and transports Surmak aboard against his will.

Surmak eventually agrees to help develop an antidote, and follows Kira to Deep Space Nine. Fortunately for all, Surmak is successful and life on the station resumes a normal pace.

Captive Pursuit

Season 1
Episode Number: 6
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired:	Saturday January 31, 1993
Writer:	Michael Piller, Jill Donner
Director:	Corey Allen
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Scott MacDonald (Tosk), Gerrit Graham (The Hunter), Kelly Curtis (Miss Sarda)
Production Code:	40510-406
Summary:	O'Brien befriends an alien who belongs to a race of beings that are bred to be hunted by another species.



While listening to a complaint about Quark's lascivious behavior from a Dabo girl, Sisko is alerted that an alien vessel is coming through the wormhole. The vessel contains a reptilian being named Tosk, who reluctantly agrees to allow O'Brien to tow in his damaged ship.

O'Brien boards Tosk's ship to inspect its systems and to introduce himself. Although suspicious of O'Brien's kindness, Tosk follows him onto the Promenade and is fascinated by all that he sees. After talking awhile, O'Brien learns that Tosk

is very different from human beings — he requires very little sleep, food, and he has no sense of humor. His behavior seems odd to O'Brien and he alerts Sisko to keep an eye on him.

After further discussions with Tosk, O'Brien informs the rest of the command staff that he thinks Tosk is in danger. Soon afterwards, Odo discovers Tosk attempting to access a weapons locker. He seals Tosk off in a remote corridor and apprehends him.

Much to Sisko's frustration, Tosk refuses to explain his actions during questioning and O'Brien feels partially to blame for the situation.

With Tosk still in custody, another ship with emission patterns that match those of Tosk's ship comes through the wormhole arrives at Deep Space Nine. Several aliens beam aboard the station without notice or invitation. They immediately take hostile action against the station's security team and a phaser battle ensues as they proceed to enter Odo's security office and capture Tosk.

The alien in command of the boarding party informs Sisko that he and his people are hunters and Tosk is their prey. Sisko responds with anger and denounces the hostile action taken against DS9, its crew and Tosk. He goes to great length to explain that blood sport, particularly those involving sentient beings, is considered to be repugnant to most species in the Alpha quadrant and will not be tolerated on the station. Against his better judgment, but in accordance with Starfleet's Prime Directive, Sisko agrees to release Tosk into the hunter's custody. Kira, sensitive to O'Brien's feelings of despair for his new friend, suggests that Tosk request asylum — thus

allowing him to be protected by the Federation. When presented with this option, Tosk refuses. To do so would be a violation of his own cultural norms and would bring him even greater shame.

In an attempt to make up for his inadvertent interference in this "hunt", Chief O'Brien, claiming to have orders from Sisko, intervenes when the Hunter tries to take Tosk off the station. O'Brien programs a security checkpoint to debilitate the hunters as they pass through it. With a window of opportunity open to them, O'Brien helps Tosk make a sudden escape. After a brief chase, O'Brien leads Tosk back to his ship and helps him escape the station. The hunt continues.

Sisko reprimands O'Brien for taking matters into his own hands, yet it was obvious that Sisko sympathized with him. If the Commander really wanted to stop Chief O'Brien and Tosk, he or Constable Odo could have easily contained them in a security field, but that was never done. Although they may not have agreed with the hunt and Tosk's role in it, they could not deny that it was an integral part of a new culture and they had no right to interfere with it or judge it.

Q-Less

Season 1
Episode Number: 7
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Saturday February 7, 1993
Writer: Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Paul Lynch
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: John de Lancie (Q), Jennifer Hetrick (Vash), Tom McCleister (Kolos), Van Epperson (Bajoran Clerk), Laura Cameron (Bajoran Woman)
Production Code: 40510-407
Summary: Q arrives on DS9 fresh from exploring the Gamma Quadrant with Vash. Soon afterwards, power fluctuations grip the station.



Returning from a mission to the Gamma Quadrant on the other side of the wormhole, Lieutenant Dax and an ensign are trapped in their Runabout. While O'Brien works to free them, Dr. Bashir sees there are actually three people inside the scout ship. When they get the hatch open, O'Brien recognizes the third occupant as Vash, a woman he met while serving on the Enterprise. He and Sisko wonder how she got to that distant part of the galaxy two years ago. Their answer, unknown to them, stands nearby the mysterious Q.

Suspicious, Sisko tries to learn more about Vash and her claims to be an archaeologist. Meanwhile, Vash, now back in Federation territory, makes plans to leave the station. She locks away her valuable artifacts from the Gamma Quadrant, including a beautiful geode that glows with a pulsating internal light. Sisko questions Vash about how she arrived there without going through the wormhole, but she keeps the matter to herself. She also learns from him that Earth's Daystrom Institute is interested in her adventures, which could mean free passage back home. O'Brien reveals to Sisko that Vash and the Enterprise's Captain Picard were once very close friends, but their discussion is interrupted by a sudden and brief loss of power throughout the station. Dax points out that a similar phenomenon happened when she was on the runabout Ganges. Suspicions increase.

Later, Q pops in on Vash in her quarters, attempting to revive the partnership they once had. Vash, however, is uninterested. She is then visited by Quark, who has learned of her prized treasures and smells profit in the air. They form an agreement to hold an auction at the station for her artifacts, from which Quark will get a small percentage. Meanwhile, Bashir, infatuated with Vash, stops by to invite her to dinner. She agrees. But Q interferes with the date by making Bashir too tired to meet her.

These minor mysteries begin to make sense when O'Brien recognizes Q from the Enterprise. He immediately warns Sisko and the other officers about the alien prankster, and when the station experiences a major drop in the main power grid, O'Brien attributes it to one of Q's jokes. Sisko is not amused.

Meanwhile, Quark haggles with Vash over the price of her geode. He senses great value for himself from the artifact, but Vash isn't about to sell it to him for next to nothing. Sisko then arrives to speak with Vash in private, but Q appears and confronts the commander. True to his character, Q places himself and Sisko in a circa 1900 boxing ring, but is surprised when Sisko actually punches him in the face. The setting reverts to normal, and Vash asks Sisko to help her be rid of Q. Sisko isn't sure what he can do.

The next day, the station experiences another great loss of power, but this time the officers notice that these episodes are facilitating a series of hull fractures. Sisko reconsiders whether or not Q is really responsible for this. At this rate, station life support will fail in fourteen hours. Sisko and the rest of the officers decide to flood the station with a small amount of tridium gas in order to trace the source of the power drain.

Q persists in pestering Vash to rejoin him on his travels. She still refuses, and he briefly forces her to experience some of the ghastly things that could happen to her in the galaxy without his protection. Q then appears with Sisko and his fellow officers, taunting them to find a solution to their predicament, and mentions to Sisko that maybe Vash is more dangerous to the station than they realize.

Later, Quark holds an auction at his bar, but it is interrupted by a violent shaking. Apparently, the station's graviton field has increased, and it is being pulled toward the wormhole by an unknown force one that's not Q or the wormhole itself. Quark's auction continues even though Q warns the crowd that the space station itself may be destroyed any minute.

Dax suggests bringing the reactors back on line to render the power drain large enough to trace. They then determine that the drain is originating from Quark's bar. Sisko, Kira, and Dax rush to the bar, and find that Vash's glowing geode is what's causing the drain. O'Brien transports the artifact off the station just before it explodes in a brilliant flash of light, from which emerges a winged energy creature that soars into the distance.

With everything returned to normal, Vash prepares to return to Earth. She and Q exchange goodbyes, both acknowledging that they will miss each other. After that, as always, Q disappears and who knows when he'll return? Vash, on the other hand, decides on impulse to instead explore a new archaeological site, and strikes up a partnership with Quark!

Dax

Season 1

Episode Number: 8

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Saturday February 14, 1993
Writer:	D.C. Fontana, Peter Allan Fields
Director:	David Carson
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Gregory Itzin (Ilon Tandro), Fionnula Flanagan (Enina Tandro), Richard Lineback (Selin Peers), Anne Haney (Judge Renora)
Production Code:	40510-408
Summary:	Dax's previous host, Curzon, is accused of a murder committed 30 years ago, and Jadzia is unwilling to defend him, even though she hides an alibi capable of clearing him.



Lieutenant Dax, preparing to return to her quarters for the evening, is being observed by a male Trill named Selin Peers. Ilon Tandro, a humanoid from Klaestron IV, joins him in the shadows. Confirming Dax's identity with Peers, Tandro and two of his officers succeed in taking her hostage. Bashir, unable to save her, alerts the other officers. Sisko, Kira, and Odo attempt to locate them, but Dax's com-badge was removed and left behind. To Odo's amazement, Tandro and the two officers, with Dax in tow, avoid the security

tracking grid with ease. To complicate matters, Sisko realizes that the abductors have disabled the station's tractor beam. Kira finally discovers them in an airlock and imprisons the group in a force field. However, they deactivate it and board a Klaestron ship. Sisko, though, manages to get the tractor beam working again, and they are able to keep the ship from escaping.

Forced to re-enter the space station, Tandro informs Sisko that this is an extradition mission. Dax is under arrest — charged with treason and the murder of Tandro's father, General Ardelon Tandro, 30 years ago. Sisko realizes that he is accusing Curzon Dax, not Jadzia, of committing the crimes on Klaestron IV. For some reason, however, Dax refuses to tell Sisko what happened back then.

In Dax's defense, Sisko and Kira tell Tandro that, since the space station is technically Bajoran, an extradition hearing must be held before they can release Dax to him. Quark reluctantly agrees to allow the hearing to be held in his bar. At the hearing, Sisko tries to convince Judge Els Renora that Jadzia Dax is an entirely different entity than Curzon. Due to the unusual circumstances, Renora agrees to extend the proceedings.

Sisko, determined to keep Dax alive, directs Kira, Bashir, and Odo to dig up all of the evidence they can find to prove Dax's innocence. Odo, on Klaestron IV, contacts Enina, Tandro's mother, who claims that Curzon Dax had nothing to do with the death of her husband. She also claims that Tandro is obsessed with his father's death, and that Tandro believes Curzon was responsible

because he can establish the whereabouts of all suspects except himself. In short, Dax has no alibi.

The hearing resumes, and Tandro calls Selin Peers, the Trill who helped locate Dax, to the witness stand. Although Peers confirms that if a Trill committed a crime, the symbiont's future host body would know and feel everything involved with that crime, Sisko establishes that with each new host, a new and different personality results from the joining. A recess is called, and Dax remains tight-lipped. She asks Sisko to please end his efforts on her behalf, which leaves him wondering.

Bashir is called to testify that Curzon and Jadzia are two physically distinct individuals. Unfortunately, Tandro then indicates it is impossible to determine whether or not the brainwave patterns of the symbiont have changed since they joined the new host, Jadzia.

In a last effort, Sisko calls himself to the witness stand and allows Kira to interrogate him. She and Tandro take their turns questioning Sisko, after which a one hour recess is declared. Suddenly, Sisko receives an urgent message from Odo on Klaestron IV, that reports all evidence points to Curzon Dax and Enina Tandro having an affair 30 years ago — which grants Curzon a perfect motive for murder. Jadzia, confronted with this information, admits shame over the marital indiscretions, but still neither admits or denies any knowledge of the murder.

Returning from the recess, Dax takes the witness stand. Tandro proceeds to pin her down with questions, when he is interrupted by the surprise appearance of his mother, Enina. She admits, to everyone's astonishment, that Curzon could not have been responsible for her husband's murder. When the crucial transmission was made that resulted in his death, she and Curzon were in bed together.

Dax is free to go, Sisko and the other officers are relieved, and life on Deep Space Nine returns to normal.

The Passenger

Season 1
Episode Number: 9
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired:	Sunday February 22, 1993
Writer:	Morgan Gendel, Michael Piller, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Paul Lynch
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	James Harper (Rao Vantika), Julie Caitlin Brown (Ty Kajada), James Lashly (Lieutenant George Primmin), Christopher Collins (Durg)
Production Code:	40510-409
Summary:	Bashir is possessed by an alien criminal who attempts to hijack a Gamma quadrant freighter filled with deuridium.



Traveling in a runabout, Kira and Bashir pick up a distress signal from a disabled Kobliad ship. They beam over to discover an injured Kobliad woman named Ty Kajada, a security officer. Her passenger a murderer named Rao Vantika, who had set the ship on fire in order to escape. Vantika has been seriously hurt, and after attempting to strangle Bashir, falls over dead. Kajada collapses from her injuries. When she regains consciousness aboard the space station, she tells Bashir that Vantika has faked his demise before

and asks the doctor to run tests to prove he is dead. Later, Bashir, Sisko, Dax, and Kira determine that Vantika was probably heading for Deep Space Nine to steal a shipment of deuridium, a rare substance that prolongs the dying Kobliad race's lifespan. Sisko orders Lieutenant George Primmin, a Starfleet security officer assigned to protect the deuridium, to defer to Odo's plan to guard that shipment when it arrives at the station. However, when Odo attempts to access his plan on the computer, it is gone. Everything in the station computer's active memory has been accessed and purged something Kajada grimly reports that Vantika has done before.

The computer mystery enables Kajada to convince Sisko assume that Vantika is still alive. That night, Quark also learns that Kobliad still lives when, hidden by darkness, Vantika orders the Ferengi to follow through on his promise to hire mercenaries to help him obtain the deuridium.

The next day, Bashir tells Kajada that his tests prove Vantika is really dead. He goes on to meet with Dax, who is exploring the idea that while Vantika's body is gone, his consciousness may have found a way to live on in another person's brain. The pair immediately suspects Kajada, deducing that Vantika could be occupying her brain without her knowledge while he waits for the deuridium. They share this theory with Sisko, and the group decides that Kajada must be watched. Meanwhile, at Quark's, the mercenaries arrive an alien named Durg and two Bajoran accomplices. Their haggling with Quark is interrupted by the sound of a woman screaming. Kajada, who was spying on the group, falls from the third floor balcony.

Now in the infirmary, Kajada reveals that she did not fall, but was actually pushed by Vantika. Meanwhile, Dax, who has been trying to discover how Vantika could transfer his consciousness

into another person's brain, shows Sisko a small device buried under the dead Kobliad's fingernails. She believes Vantika stored his consciousness in the device as bio-electric pulses, in case he needed an escape route. As soon as Kajada's condition is stabilized, they can confirm the theory by examining her. Meanwhile, Quark, Durg, and the mercenaries prepare to meet Vantika in person and are shocked when he arrives in the physical form of Bashir.

Hoping to share her discovery with Bashir, Dax is surprised to find his combadge abandoned on a counter. Meanwhile, Primmin discovers that the station's defense array has been rigged to shut down which will allow Vantika to hijack the freighter carrying the deuterium. A grateful Odo informs Sisko of their discovery just as the freighter enters the vicinity. The group notices a runabout going out to meet the vessel just as Dax joins them with the announcement that Bashir is missing. Vantika and the mercenaries commandeer the freighter killing its crew. Suddenly, the hijacked ship is captured by a tractor beam from the space station. Sisko hails the freighter and speaks with Vantika, who threatens to destroy Bashir's body and the ship if he is not allowed to proceed. The ship's shields are up, so Bashir cannot be transported out. Dax is able to temporarily disrupt Vantika's control over Bashir by using an electromagnetic pulse to disrupt Vantika's neural energy patterns. She tells the dazed Bashir to lower the shields. He does, and the group transports him back aboard Deep Space Nine where he is purged of his evil possessor. A recovered Kajada is given Vantika's remains, and she destroys them, and her nightmare, with a single phaser blast.

Move Along Home

Season 1

Episode Number: 10

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Saturday March 14, 1993
Writer: Frederick Rappaport, Jeanne Carrigan-Fauci, Lisa Rich
Director: David Carson
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Joel Brooks (Falow), James Lashly (Lieutenant George Primmin), Clara Bryant (Chandra)
Production Code: 40510-410
Summary: When Quark is caught cheating by an alien delegation from the Gamma Quadrant, they exact revenge by turning the senior crew into the playing pieces of a game of life and death. Only Quark can save their lives.



Commander Sisko, in dress uniform, prepares to receive the first formal alien delegation from the Gamma Quadrant — a group from a newly discovered species known as the Wadi. Sisko, Kira, Dax, and Bashir greet the new representatives from this race at one of the docking bays. The leader of the group, a humanoid male named Falow, dispenses quickly with the pleasantries and asks to be brought to Quark's Bar. It seems that the Wadi value games quite highly in their culture and are eager to sample what the Alpha

Quadrant has to offer. Thrown a bit off-kilter by the odd request, the disappointed officers escort the delegation to Quark's.

Upon meeting the Wadi, Quark immediately senses an opportunity to profit from what he perceives to be naivete in the Wadi delegation. The aliens show Quark they have much to wager in priceless gemstones and quickly learn how to play the game of Dabo.

Hours later, they are still going strong and winning significant amounts of money, much to Quark's dismay. A weary Sisko decides to call it a night, leaving the Wadi with an equally tired Quark. He unsuccessfully tries to discourage them into calling it a night before they win too much more. Discreetly, he has one of his assistants rig the Dabo table to make the aliens start losing, hoping that will do the trick. Unfortunately, Quark's accomplice is caught red-handed by the Wadi. The Ferengi fears reprisal from the visitors. In response, Falow decides instead to have Quark participate in playing a new game — one of Falow's choosing. He opens a rectangular metallic case, which releases a blinding flash of light. When it clears, the Dabo table is gone — replaced by a strange alien game board. The game is called Chula. Quark's objective — to move his four oddly shaped onyx figurines around the serpentine downward spiral of the board. Quark watches with apprehension as the board is set up and the Wadi begins placing bets. Meanwhile, Sisko, sound asleep in his quarters, turns over in his bed. He wakes up to find himself dressed

in standard uniform, lying on a hard stone floor instead of the bed. He is no longer on the space station, but in an alien corridor, empty but for a series of doors with strange markings — and totally alone.

Once he had determined that this was no holosuite illusion, Sisko tries each of the doors, looking for escape. He finally opens one, only to find Falow on the other side, instructing Sisko cryptically to "Move along home", after which the door quickly closes. Then a piercing scream leads Sisko down the corridor, where he discovers a terrified Bashir, trying to wake himself up from what he thought was a bad dream. Kira and Dax turn up next. Together, they try to find the way "home." Learning from Sisko's son that the commander has disappeared from the station, Odo soon discovers the other three senior officers are also gone. Back at Quark's establishment, the Ferengi is forced to begin play on the new game, even though he does not yet know the rules. He places a minimum bet and rolls the alien dice. Falow states that the combination will cause Quark's pieces to meet the Chandra.

In the labyrinth, Sisko and the other officers follow a singing voice to discover a young Wadi girl chanting a rhyme while playing an alien game similar to hopscotch. A force field keeps them from getting to a door on the far side of the room, but the girl can pass through it without a problem. Dax determines they can get to the door that only by repeating the rhyme and performing the hopscotch-like moves. The four officers do it, and are able to exit, with the girl telling them they are at the Third Shap. As this happens, the Wadi group in Quark's goes wild because he has reached the next level. The befuddled Quark wins a nice payoff, not realizing the connection.

Falow proposes to Quark that he can progress faster by taking a shortcut on the board, although it doubles the risk to his game pieces. However, successful moves can also double his winnings. While he thinks, Odo arrives, asking Quark if he might know anything about the missing crew members. A knowing look from Falow causes Quark to make the connection with the four game pieces and the four missing officers. Realizing that the lives of Sisko and the others are literally in his hands, Quark chooses to move the pieces along the safer path. The four officers, meanwhile, continue along the alien corridors, slowly realizing that they may indeed be pawns in one of the Wadi games. A door opens revealing a Wadi party in a smoke-filled room. Falow and other revelers carry drinks.

The officers begin to cough violently from the smoke, until Bashir discovers the drinks are really an antidote. A back door to the room opens and Falow announces the proclamation of Shap Four. The party vanishes and the officers exit through the door. Back at Quark's, huge reactions with the success. A larger pile of jewels is shoved toward a happy Quark, while Odo watches with displeasure.

Discovering a strange bi-polar current aboard the Wadi vessel, Odo finds a room on the ship that emits a blinding light. He enters the chamber, and suddenly appears in Quark's. Odo tries to break up the game. But Falow, knowing that Odo is putting the pieces together, tells Quark the game must continue or he will lose his players. Quark, with Odo's prodding, decides to continue his game pieces along the safer path. He rolls the dice. The Wadi gasp, and Falow announces that it is an unfortunate roll. In the maze, the officers hear a weird energy surge building, which becomes an ominous swirling field which they try to elude. But Bashir is caught by it and swept away. Back to the game, the Bashir game piece is placed in a holding area on the board. Quark decides to gamble, despite Odo's protestations, and takes the pieces on a shortcut, hoping to end the game in one move. The gamble doesn't pay off, though. The resulting dice roll causes Falow to declare that Quark must sacrifice one game piece so that the other two may live.

Quark begs to not be forced into picking a piece. Falow leaves it for the board to determine at random. As the final wagers are placed, Sisko, Dax, and Kira continue wandering through the corridors. They hear Bashir, shouting he's found the way home. Following his voice, they enter a cavern. The ground begins to shake, causing Dax to injure her leg. Falow again appears, telling them to go to Shap Six. Not finding Bashir, the officers try to escape, but massive quakes in the cavern open an abyss into which they fall helplessly. Suddenly, all four of them find themselves back in Quark's establishment. Falow then informs them that even though Quark lost, they were never in any real danger. It was only a game, after all. Sisko and the others realize this predicament wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Quark's cheating. As for whether or not he learned his lesson...

The Nagus

Season 1

Episode Number: 11

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired:	Saturday March 21, 1993
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Tiny Ron (Maihar'du), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Lou Wagner (Krax), Barry Gordon (Nava), Lee Arenberg (Gral), Wallace Shawn (Grand Nagus Zek)
Production Code:	40510-411
Summary:	Quark is appointed as ruler of the Ferengi Empire when the Grand Nagus enters into early retirement; however, all is not as it may seem. Meanwhile, Commander Sisko is concerned that Nog is a growing bad influence on Jake, but is delightfully surprised when he learns that the situation isn't exactly as he had thought.



It's business as usual for Quark at his bar, until he is approached by a Ferengi named Krax, who presents his father, Grand Nagus Zek, the elderly, shrewd, revered leader of the Ferengi business empire, accompanied by his Hupyrian servant, Maihar'du. Quark and his brother Rom, in awe and fear, quickly try to show Zek the respect he deserves, and set him up with five of Quark's favorite holosuite fantasies. However, Quark is worried that the legendary Ferengi is really on the station to buy the establish-

ment — at a price which Quark can't refuse — dirt cheap. Zek then emerges from the holosuite, quite satisfied, and makes Quark invite him to dinner. Quark is quite dissatisfied with this.

Meanwhile, O'Brien, playing substitute teacher at the station's school until his wife returns from Earth, takes note of Nog's falsehood as to why his homework isn't done — and even more so, Jake's reluctant willingness to cover for his Ferengi friend's lie. He voices his concern to Sisko, advising him to find a way to separate the two children. Sisko understands, but also fears that trying to force them apart will ultimately work against his relationship with his son.

That evening, in Quark's quarters, Zek, Krax, and Rom are in the midst of dinner, with Maihar'du and Nog performing the serving duties. Zek states how pleased he is with the bar's success, which worries Quark even more. But Zek is enraged when he learns that Nog attends school, upon which Rom tells his son to immediately stop going. That dealt with, Zek gets to the business at hand — he wants the bar, but only for the next day, with Quark playing host to a very important conference to be held there. The purpose — the future of the Ferengi. And the future lies — in the Gamma Quadrant.

Many important Ferengi arrive at the station for the conference, including a very belligerent one named Gral, who does little to hide his dislike for Krax. Much to Quark's surprise, Zek

demands that he stay for the discussion. Then, much to everyone's surprise, Zek announces that he is stepping down as Grand Nagus, and that the Ferengi who will replace him and lead their greedy ventures into the Gamma Quadrant — is Quark! The conference erupts into chaos, and Quark stands in shock.

With great power comes many friends, Grand Nagus Quark quickly discovers. Also, potential threats, as he learns from an encounter with Gral, who offers to "protect" Quark from harm — in exchange for Gral's pick of the most lucrative opportunities in the Gamma Quadrant — a trade that Quark would be wise not to refuse. Terrified, he goes to Zek, who basically tells him that threats come with the job. While Quark is asking more advice, Zek quietly passes away, leaving the new Grand Nagus to figure it all out for himself. The bar is closed to honor Zek's passing, and the Ferengi group holds the funeral service there. Quark makes Rom, the only person he trusts, his bodyguard. However, Rom says he had hoped to now run the bar, which Quark thinks is absolutely absurd. During the proceedings, Nog meets secretly with Jake, and they decide to remain friends despite their parents' feelings.

Odo comes to the funeral ceremony, asking to have the body autopsied, which he learns is impossible because Krax is selling the "vacuum desiccated" remains as prized collectibles. Odo leaves, treating Quark with the same old disrespect as he departs. Suddenly, while Quark stoops down to pick up someone's loose coin, a glowing sphere whizzes by, barely missing his head, and blasting a hole in the far wall. Sisko, Odo, and O'Brien investigate, determining it was a Ferengi locator bomb — meant for Quark. But the new Grand Nagus refuses their help. Odo, however, suspects the culprit is Maihar'du, the only one among the group who didn't attend the funeral. Meanwhile, Quark's generosity with fellow Ferengi causes his popularity to increase, and worry to rise with the real would-be assassins — Rom and Krax! Sisko becomes frustrated when Jake doesn't return home for dinner. On the advice of Dax, he sets out for one of the cargo bays, where the computer has located Jake. Walking in quietly, he is surprised to discover Jake with Nog, with Jake patiently teaching the young Ferengi boy how to read.

At the same time, while Quark prepares for his first trip through the wormhole, Rom unsuccessfully asks him again if he is willing to turn the bar over to him. As far as Rom is concerned, that seals his brother's fate. He and Krax escort the Grand Nagus into an airlock tunnel, where a Ferengi ship supposedly awaits. But Quark, now sealed in the tunnel alone, sees that the only thing on the other side is empty space. Just as Rom and Krax are about to eject him into the cosmos, Zek arrives with Odo and Maihar'du. While Quark is freed, Zek explains that he faked his death by going into a Hupyrian sleeping trance. The reason — to test his son and his worthiness to be Zek's successor — a test Krax failed miserably. Zek, resigned to the fact that he cannot yet retire, thanks Quark for his help and departs. Quark, on the other hand, deals with Rom for trying to murder him — and congratulates his brother for such wonderful treachery! Rom is a true Ferengi, after all.

Vortex

Season 1

Episode Number: 12

Season Episode: 12

Originally aired:	Saturday April 18, 1993
Writer:	Sam Rolfe
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Cliff DeYoung (Croden), Randy Oglesby (Ah-Kel / Ro-Kel), Gordon Clapp (Hadron), Kathleen Garrett (Vulcan Captain), Leslie Kendall (Yareth)
Production Code:	40510-412
Summary:	Odo arrests a criminal from the Gamma Quadrant who offers to take him to his people on the other side of the wormhole.



While haggling with a pair of twinned Miradorns over a valuable goblet for which he had agreed to provide a buyer — until learning that the artifact in question may have been acquired illegally — Quark is interrupted by a newly-arrived alien from the Gamma Quadrant named Croden, who bursts in on the meeting brandishing a phaser and demanding the goblet for himself. A battle erupts, and Croden ends up killing one of the twins. Odo, who observed the exchange in disguise after becoming suspicious, morphs back into

humanoid form and breaks up the fight, taking Croden into custody and ordering the others to meet with him and Sisko. The surviving twin, Ah-Kel, makes it clear that he is determined to get revenge by killing Croden. Meanwhile, Croden, in a holding cell, shows little remorse, and little interest in anything but food. However, he manages to mention during a conversation with Odo that he has encountered other "Changelings," or shape-shifters, in the Gamma Quadrant. Odo is suspicious, but intrigued.

Sisko decides the best course of action is for he and Dax to locate Croden's home planet of Rakhar and notify the authorities while increasing security to protect him from Ah-Kel. Odo, already suspecting that Croden staged the attempted "robbery" with Quark, tries to learn more about Croden's origins from the Ferengi. Later, Croden tries to appeal to Odo, offering to take him to a place where other Changelings may still live, but Odo is still distrustful. Croden then gives him a locket containing an odd stone that morphs into an intricate metallic object and back to its original shape. He tells Odo the stone is from the colony of changelings.

Dax and Sisko make contact with Rakhari officials, who call Croden a criminal and an "enemy of the people" and demand his immediate return. Meanwhile, Odo takes the stone to Bashir, who analyzes it and determines that it is an amalgam of organic material and some sort of crystal, and that the only life form bearing even a passing resemblance in structure is Odo. Unable to help being fascinated, Odo breaks down and asks Croden where he got the stone. Croden says it

came from an asteroid in the Chamra Vortex, on the other side of the wormhole. Claiming that he chanced upon a changeling colony on this uncharted asteroid, Croden offers to take Odo into the dangerous, uncharted territory. But Odo still cannot trust Croden, and does not respond to his offer. Sisko, after returning from Rakhar, tells Odo to escort the prisoner home. Odo and Croden board a Runabout and set a course through the wormhole for the planet, escaping the detection of Ah-Kel, who still wants Croden for himself.

En route to what he knows will be his doom, Croden again tries to win Odo's trust, explaining that he was also an outsider on his own planet and that the Rakharis killed his family. Back on the space station, Ah-Kel threatens Quark, who directs Ah-Kel toward Odo and Croden rather than risk getting caught for his own part in the Miradorn's death. Now in pursuit, Ah-Kel attacks Odo's ship, but Odo refuses to surrender his prisoner despite the fact that he cannot outrun Ah-Kel. With no other choice, he lets Croden pilot the ship through the Vortex, where the ionized gasses will hide them from Ah-Kel's sensors. To Odo's surprise, Croden lands the Runabout on the asteroid where the shape-shifters supposedly live.

Croden anxiously rushes into a cave, almost losing Odo, who angrily demands to know what is really going on. Croden finally admits the truth — the morphing stone is actually a key to a stasis chamber, inside of which is his peacefully-sleeping daughter, the only member of his family he could save when the Rakhari forces attacked them. He introduces Odo to the girl, Yareth, and tells her Odo will take her to a safe place while Croden will return to face the authorities on Rakhar. Suddenly, an explosion rocks the cave.

Odo is knocked unconscious, but rather than using the moment to escape, Croden carries him back to the ship, saving his life. Odo regains consciousness back on the Runabout, with Ah-Kel's ship still in pursuit. He takes control and is able to trick Ah-Kel into destroying his own ship before leaving the Chamra Vortex for good. Once outside, Odo surprises Croden by having the alien and his daughter transported aboard a Vulcan ship, protecting them both from imprisonment or death on Rakhar. In exchange for his kindness, Croden gives Odo the changeling stone, a reminder that other shapeshifters may really exist out there somewhere.

Battle Lines

Season 1

Episode Number: 13

Season Episode: 13

Originally aired:	Saturday April 25, 1993
Writer:	Richard Danus, Evan Carlos Somers
Director:	Paul Lynch
Show Stars:	Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Jonathan Banks (Shel-La), Paul Collins (Zlangco)
Production Code:	40510-413
Summary:	Sisko, Bashir, Kira and Kai Opaka become stranded on a planet ravaged by war where the inhabitants can't die and are unable to leave. Kai Opaka is killed and resurrected, only to learn that she can never leave.



Kai Opaka, Bajor's spiritual leader, pays a surprise visit to the station — her first journey away from her home planet. Sisko, Kira, and Bashir escort her on a tour of the station, and although the Kai seems preoccupied, she expresses her desire to go through the wormhole. Sisko accommodates her request, and she travels with the three officers in the Yangtzee Kiang, through the spectacular anomaly and into the Gamma Quadrant. However, though she acts impressed, she still seems distant. But, as they prepare to re-

turn, Kira suddenly picks up a narrow band subspace signal. Despite the unknown origin, Opaka encourages Sisko to investigate. They discover a small, meteor-pocked moon, around which orbits a network of artificial satellites, one of which fires an energy blast at the Runabout, severely disabling the vessel. The Yangtzee Kiang crashes violently on the moon's surface. Sisko, Bashir, and Kira free themselves from the wreckage, pulling out Opaka's limp body. Bashir works to revive her, but with no success. The Kai is dead.

Before they can absorb the impact of this tragedy, a group of battle-scarred humanoids brandishing weapons appears, capturing the officers.

While Dax and O'Brien prepare to leave the station in search of the senior officers, Sisko, Kira, and Bashir are taken into a large cave, where the leader of the group, Golin Shel-la, explains that he and his people, the Ennis, are suspicious of strangers, because they are at war with a brutal enemy, the Nol-Ennis. He explains that both sides in this war are kept prisoner on the moon by the orbiting satellites, and that he fears his enemy will assume that Sisko's group, by their mere presence in the Ennis camp, has allied with Shel-la. They have no doctors, but many wounded, to whom Bashir gives assistance, as well as to an injured Kira, who is still suffering from the loss of the heart and soul of her home planet. Suddenly, the sound of weapons fire — three Nol-Ennis, with their leader, Zlangco, make a surprise attack on the camp, killing Shel-la and other Ennis. Kira leaps into the fray, using a phaser to bring down part of the cave ceiling on

the attackers, causing Zlangco to retreat. The officers barely have time to check the dead and wounded when a silhouette appears in the cave entrance. It is Kai Opaka — come back to life! Bashir examines Opaka, who is just beginning to grasp her situation. The doctor determines that her physiology has been radically altered, and that there is some kind of bio-mechanical presence on the cellular level controlling her metabolic processes. Then, amazingly, Shel-la and the other dead Ennis begin to stir. They are coming back to life. Bashir finds that their bodies have gone through the same type of alterations as Opaka's. Sisko learns from Shel-la that the Ennis and the Nol-Ennis had been fighting the war for untold generations on their home planet, and when their world's mediators could not arbitrate a cease-fire, the two sides were banished to the moon. As part of the punishment, they have been condemned to fight for eternity — they can never truly die.

Sisko suggests a resolution — once his group is rescued, he will transport both sides away from the moon in order to end the battle, and he convinces Shel-la to attempt a truce with Zlangco.

In the Gamma Quadrant, Dax and O'Brien search for the officers in a Runabout, frustrated at the lack of clues. O'Brien then comes up with a way to detect the specific magnetic resonance patterns that Sisko's vessel emits, and tries to create a device to perform that function. Meanwhile, at the Runabout crash site, Sisko meets with Zlangco, who has agreed to listen to his proposal. But Zlangco is very distrusting, and once Shel-la states that he would never allow one Nol-Ennis to leave the moon alive, another battle between the two groups begins — and this time, Sisko is in the middle. Just as he is about to receive a potential death blow, Bashir knocks him to the ground. The doctor has discovered from the Runabout's computer that they cannot afford to die here — not even once.

O'Brien's plan has worked. He and Dax have located the moon. Wisely avoiding the satellites, they try to get a communication through the defense-net. On the surface, Bashir explains that artificial microbes restore a person's body after death, but that body then becomes permanently dependent on those microbes for all cellular functions. The worst part is, anyone with these microbes would die if taken away from the moon — including Kai Opaka. Then, Dax and O'Brien make contact with Sisko, but they can't beam up anyone until they figure out how to get a transporter signal through the net. While they work on that, Sisko and Bashir return to the cave to tell Opaka and Kira the truth about the Kai's condition. But she has already decided to stay on the moon. Here, she has found the answer to all the prophecies of her life — to teach people who know only how to die, how to now live. O'Brien then signals that he has a way to divert one of the satellites, and he can beam up the officers within minutes. Sisko tells the returning Shel-la that the Ennis cannot leave the moon, but Bashir suggests he can disable the program in the microbes, which would allow them to finally die when their time comes. But Shel-la unfortunately sees this as the ultimate opportunity to finally wipe out the Nol-Ennis for good. Stunned, realizing there is no hope, Sisko, Kira, and Bashir beam up when O'Brien signals ready, leaving Shel-la to lunge into another battle, and Kai Opaka remaining as their only hope for peace in an endless war.

The Storyteller

Season 1

Episode Number: 14

Season Episode: 14

Originally aired:	Saturday May 2, 1993
Writer:	Kurt Michael Bensmiller, Ira Steven Behr
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Kay E. Kuter (The Sirah), Lawrence Monoson (Hovath), Gina Philips (Varis Sul), Jim Jansen (Faren), Amy Benedict (Woman), Jordan Lund (Woban)
Production Code:	40510-414
Summary:	O'Brien is appointed as the spiritual leader of a Bajoran village when he and Bashir are unable to save the dying predecessor. O'Brien must now defend the village from a mysterious and destructive force.



Sisko and Kira play host on the space station to the leaders of two rival Bajoran factions — the Paqu and the Navot. Sisko has stepped in to mediate their land dispute in an effort to avert civil war. But he and his first officer are surprised when they meet Varis Sul, Tetrarch of the Paqu, and see that she is a 15-year-old girl. Meanwhile, Bashir and O'Brien, in response to an emergency, beam down to a Bajoran village from their orbiting Runabout. Warned that the entire village is in grave danger, they meet Faren Kag, the

magistrate, who takes them to a deathly-ill, bedridden older man known as the Sirah, being tended to by Hovath, a young Bajoran male. Learning that the Sirah is the only person who is ill, Bashir and O'Brien are told that if he dies, the entire village will die.

Sisko and Kira bring together Varis with Woban, the large, gruff Navot leader, for an informal discussion about their dispute before official negotiations begin, a talk that only serves to show how far apart the two sides really are, resulting in a frustrated Varis storming out. Jake and Nog see her walking through the Promenade, and the Ferengi boy becomes instantly infatuated with her, telling Jake that he must meet her. Back at the Bajoran village, the Sirah stirs from his sleep, takes O'Brien's hand, and voices satisfaction that the prophets haven't failed. Bewildered by this, O'Brien and Bashir meet with an anxious Faren, who is told that the Sirah is dying of old age. Faren tells them that the Sirah is needed to protect the village from the Dal'Rok, a terrible creature that appears every year for five nights, and that this is the fourth night this year. If the Sirah cannot even get out of bed tonight, the village is doomed.

That night, against Bashir's better judgment, the Sirah walks into the village square and onto his platform. As the Bajorans gather below, the Dal'Rok, a large, ominously rolling energy cloud, appears in the sky, bringing a harsh wind that whips at the village.

Above the wind, the Sirah shouts a story about the Dal'Rok, with the crowd below responding as a unit to his words. Particles of white light rise up to the cloud, causing it to shrink slightly.

But the Sirah suddenly collapses, the white lights disappear, and all havoc breaks loose as the Dal'Rok lets out a beam of destruction into the panicked village. Bashir and O'Brien run to the Sirah's aid, but the dying man pulls O'Brien close, instructing him to tell the story.

Eventually, the Dal'Rok is driven away. However, the Sirah finally dies. But as far as the villagers are concerned, O'Brien is now the new Sirah. He is at a loss for words. Back on the station, Varis shares with Jake and Nog her frustrations — she has land that the Navot faction wants, but she doesn't want to give it up. The infatuated Nog tells her she can turn this problem into an opportunity if they have something she wants. This prospect gives her thought.

The morning after the Sirah's death, O'Brien and Bashir have no idea how the Dal'Rok was stopped — or what will happen when O'Brien is expected to lead the story again. Faren then leads a group of villagers to O'Brien, who is showered with gifts. Faren stays behind, telling a reluctant O'Brien that he must once again tell the tale tonight. The Bajoran is so secure in his faith, O'Brien knows that nothing he can say will change his mind. He and Bashir choose to uncover what the Dal'Rok really is and try to destroy it before nightfall. Their analysis of a wall destroyed by the energy cloud reveals a neutrino trace — which is odd if the Dal'Rok has no physical substance. But villagers then approach the two, wanting the blessing of the new Sirah. Not comfortable with this, O'Brien goes into the Sirah's chamber, where he encounters Hovath, who was the apprentice of the older man. But Hovath won't answer O'Brien's questions about the Dal'Rok, and instead tries to kill him. Bashir comes in and helps disarm Hovath, who says that O'Brien isn't the true Sirah — Hovath is.

Bashir and O'Brien learn from Hovath that the Sirah allowed him to tell the story one night, but he failed to control the Dal'Rok, and several people were injured. He shows them the Sirah's bracelet, which has mounted into it a fragment of an orb from the celestial temple — it channels the villagers fears and creates the Dal'Rok. The first Sirah did this as a way of uniting the people, who at the time were divided by hate. Having a storyteller helps the villagers to focus their thoughts, which creates the white lights that defeat the energy force. This secret has been kept for years. O'Brien is ready to let Hovath tell the story, when Faren steps in, saying Hovath has already failed, and only O'Brien can lead the people. O'Brien can't find any way out of this.

On the station, Varis — after talking with Nog and Jake again — approaches Sisko with an opportunity — one that may make both sides happy. Meanwhile, in the Bajoran village, O'Brien awkwardly tries to tell a story to the villagers. The Dal'Rok appears, but he can't control it. The villagers begin to panic, but Hovath steps in, calms everyone, and tells the story. The lights appear, and the Dal'Rok is defeated for another year. A relieved O'Brien suggests to Bashir they leave before the villagers change their minds.

Back at the station, Sisko and Varis prepare to go back to the negotiating table, sure that she has devised a solution that will please both sides in the dispute. But before they go in, she thanks Nog for his suggestion — with a kiss on the cheek.

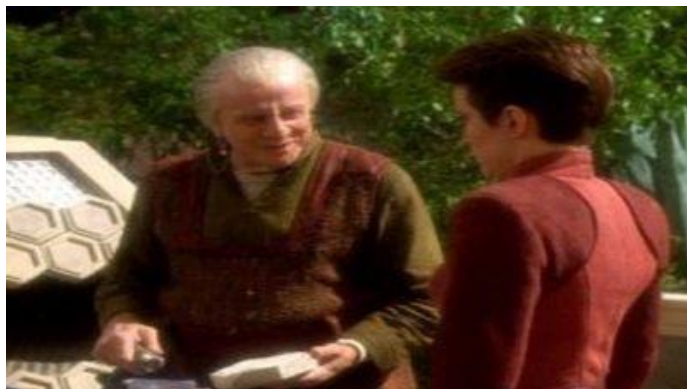
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Season 1

Episode Number: 15

Season Episode: 15

Originally aired:	Saturday May 9, 1993
Writer:	Peter Allan Fields
Director:	Les Landau
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Brian Keith (Mullibok), Michael Bofshever (Toran), Terrence Evans (Baltrim), Annie O'Donnell (Keena), Nicholas Worth (Alien Captain), Daniel Riordan (First Guard)
Production Code:	40510-415
Summary:	While overseeing an evacuation mission, Kira must try to persuade a stubborn old farmer to leave his home.



With the Federation's help, the Bajoran government is about to perform a massive energy transfer by tapping the molten core of its fifth moon, Jeraddo. In preparation, Kira and Dax make an orbital inspection of the moon in a Runabout, trying to confirm that all of the inhabitants have been evacuated. Dax's sensors detect an unknown humanoid presence on the surface, and Kira beams down to investigate. She materializes near a small cottage, only to be stopped in her tracks by a Bajoran couple in their

forties, who point menacing-looking farm implements at her. Then, a tall, craggy-faced Bajoran farmer steps out of the cottage. Bewildered by his casual attitude, Kira informs him that his group needs to leave the moon — but he'd much rather discuss that over supper in his cottage, and she reluctantly consents.

On the station, Nog and Jake, having discovered that Nog's uncle Quark has been stuck with a huge supply of Cardassian yamok sauce and no Cardassians to eat it, see an opportunity to make a quick buck — or, in this case, five bars of gold press latinum. They try to sell it to a Lissepian freighter captain who has dealings with the Cardassians. He talks them instead into a trade — a hundred gross of self-sealing stem bolts in exchange for their yamok sauce. They make the deal, then plot to figure out how to get the sauce from Quark.

Back on the moon, after telling Dax to return to the station, Kira talks with the farmer, who introduces himself as Mullibok, while helping him prepare supper. Learning that he and his friends, Baltrim and Keena, fled to the moon years ago to escape the Cardassians, she explains that Bajor is now once again safe and that they will have to move there. Mullibok refuses to leave — his life is on the moon, and it is where he plans to die.

Eating dinner, Kira and Mullibok talk about how he built a life for himself on the moon. He tricks her into admitting that she and the Bajorans beat the Cardassians through sheer stubbornness, which is exactly the stand he is taking in refusing to leave. As far as he is concerned, the Bajorans can come crack open the moon whenever they are ready. He's not going anywhere.

Managing to relieve Quark of his unwanted yamok sauce, Nog and Jake are now the proud owners of a whole lot of stem bolts. Now that they have them, however, they don't know what to do with them — or, for that matter, even know what they do. But Nog gets another idea — find out who the Lissepian was trying to sell them to in the first place, and unload them on that individual at a discount.

While the partners continue to scheme, Kira tells Sisko and Minister Toran, the Bajoran in charge of the energy project and of the problems on the moon. Toran refuses to hold up progress for three stubborn hold-outs, and forces Kira — under protest — to remove the residents. She returns to Jeraddo with two security guards. While Kira tries to reason with Mullibok, the other two Bajorans get dragged back to the cottage. This enrages Mullibok, and he tries to kill the interlopers. Instinctively, a guard fires his phaser, wounding the farmer severely. Heartbroken and teary-eyed, Kira orders medical assistance.

Nog and Jake, having contacted the Bajoran who first backed out of the stem bolt deal, try to get gold press latinum from him in exchange. But, again, the two find themselves making a trade — this time, for seven tessipates of land. Jake thinks they finally have something they can work with, but Nog is getting discouraged. Back on Jeraddo, Bashir tends to Mullibok's wounds, but insists on taking him back to the station for proper care. Baltrim and Keena have been evacuated to Bajor, but Mullibok stands his ground.

Kira tells Bashir to leave — she will stay with him until he gets better. Bashir returns and reports this surprising development to Sisko, who goes to the moon himself and confronts the recuperating Mullibok. Knowing the farmer can't be swayed, Sisko talks with Kira alone and reminds her that, no matter how much she is like Mullibok, that way of life is now behind her. Appealing to her now as a friend, Sisko tells her that Mullibok's fate is already decided — hers isn't. He then leaves her — with much to think about.

That night, Kira watches over Mullibok, and as he awakens from a nightmare, tries to make him more comfortable. He pretends to be gruff, but is glad to have her nursing him back to health, and goes back to sleep. Meanwhile on the station, Nog and Jake overhear a conversation between Quark and Odo, from which the boys learn the Bajoran government wants to buy their land. Nog approaches the surprised Quark with a proposition — one that will cost him only five bars of gold press latinum. The crafty Ferengi catches on.

The next day, Kira wakes up to find Mullibok outside, finally finishing a kiln that he had been building. As he fires it up, Kira says it is time for her to now finish her work. He declares that as long as his cottage stands, he stays. With that, Kira takes her phaser and destroys the kiln, then takes a torch and sets the cottage on fire. He tells her to turn the phaser on him, but she refuses. Finally, sadly, he says if he leaves, he will die. Kira reassures him that he won't, and offers her hand, but he turns his back. She reaches to him one last time as she beams away...

If Wishes Were Horses

Season 1

Episode Number: 16

Season Episode: 16

Originally aired:	Saturday May 16, 1993
Writer:	Nell McCue Crawford, William L. Crawford, Michael Piller
Director:	Robert Legato
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Keone Young (Buck Bokai), Michael J. Anderson (Rumpelstiltskin)
Production Code:	40510-416
Summary:	The inhabitants of Deep Space Nine are mystified when their fantasies turn into reality, however, these occurrences foreshadow a disaster.



While Sisko, Kira, and Dax investigate readings of unusually high thoron emissions coming from the plasma field in their area of space, O'Brien reads his daughter Molly a bedtime story about Rumpelstiltskin, after which the mystical dwarf actually appears in her bedroom. Shocked, O'Brien discovers that not only does he seem real, he doesn't disappear when his name is spoken as in the fairy tale. He calls Sisko on his combadge, but Sisko has become otherwise preoccupied when he finds himself face-to-face with

Buck Bokai, a long-dead baseball player who has come to life from Jake's holosuite game. An even more shocking surprise greets Bashir, when he is awakened in his quarters by the caress of Dax's hand, then finds her trying to uncharacteristically smother him with affection. The senior officers are then summoned to Ops, where they are joined by Rumpelstiltskin and Bokai. Sisko asks Dax if this phenomenon could be connected to the thoron emissions, but she seems confused by the question. Suddenly, the officers hear a voice from behind, and turn to see ... another Dax! Bashir's tricorder analysis confirms that the three newcomers are definitely not holograms, but quite real. Sisko surmises that all of them were born of imagination, the thought of which makes the new Dax even more flirtatious with the embarrassed Bashir.

Suddenly, Odo's voice breaks through to tell them that it is snowing on the Promenade, while in Ops the three fantasy characters mysteriously disappear one by one. Dax's analysis of the plasma field reveals that its wave fronts are converging toward a single point; whatever falls in there just disappears. While Sisko orders a probe prepared to investigate, Odo finds the snow gone, but now an alien animal is running loose, and Quark is walking with his arms around two affectionate, scantily-clad women. The Ferengi is quite happy, until he sees his patrons are fulfilling their fantasies by winning big at the dabo table. In the science lab, Dax and Bashir learn the wormhole is helping to make the rupture in space larger — and the tension between the two is increasing as well, especially after the new Dax appears to taunt the original. All this stops, however, when the computer discovers that a similar rupture formed in the Hanoli star system

in the twenty-third century — and Dax recalls that when the rupture exploded, that system was destroyed.

The probe is launched, but while the officers work to gather data, O'Brien is annoyed by Rumpelstiltskin's return, and the dwarf strikes a raw nerve by hinting at a threat toward O'Brien's daughter. The probe's analysis from the center of the anomaly reveals that it's getting larger. While they deal with this new development, Sisko finds himself cultivating a more personal rapport with Bokai. Later, the three products of the imagination meet privately, with Rumpelstiltskin and the new Dax baffled as to why they are being rejected by those who first thought of them. But Bokai reveals that he has found a soft spot in Sisko, and that because of this, they should continue to stay — for as long as it takes.

Sisko, Kira, O'Brien, Dax, and Bashir meet and decide to prepare a pulse wave torpedo for the purpose of trying to seal the rupture, even though that tactic was unsuccessful when a Vulcan science mission attempted the same thing in the Hanoli system. O'Brien is betting the more sophisticated version they can use now might be able to contain the internal reaction. Sisko sets O'Brien to the task — but if the plan fails, the entire Bajoran system could be destroyed. Preparing for the worst, Kira goes to coordinate evacuation of the pylons, but encounters a section on fire, from which emerges a man ablaze, who comes toward her but then disappears. Meanwhile, Odo tries vainly to control the situation on the Promenade, and finds brief satisfaction when his imagination conjures an image of Quark in jail, while Jake tries to resist Bokai's temptation to desert his homework and play ball. In Ops, Dax reveals that the rupture has expanded dramatically, and the rate of expansion is increasing. She puts an image of the rift on the viewscreen, and everyone — including the three fantasy constructs — watches as the phenomenon sucks in space matter all around it.

O'Brien launches his altered photon torpedoes into the rupture, and the rift swallows up the detonation. Their instruments show they aren't getting a controlled collapse; readings inside the rupture are off the scale. Suddenly, an intense flash, then a massive hit throws everyone to the floor, including the fantasy Dax, who hits her head in the fall. The sensors are knocked out, and while O'Brien attempts repairs, Bashir tends to the new Dax, who can't stay conscious. When the sensors come back on line, they reveal the torpedoes have had no effect. Then, Rumpelstiltskin pipes in with a suggestion — he'll close the rift in exchange for O'Brien's daughter. The suggestion infuriates O'Brien, who grabs the dwarf. But Sisko has finally put together the pieces of the puzzle — the entire rupture is a product of their imaginations, and he drills that thought into his officers. True to his belief, the rift vanishes, as well as the three fantasy beings. Later, the danger gone, Sisko sits alone in his office, when Bokai reappears, and reveals that he and his companions are beings on an extended mission exploring the galaxy. They traveled through the wormhole recently, observing, gaining understanding, and explains that only the powerful imaginations on the station placed everyone into inadvertent jeopardy. Then, Buck mysteriously disappears before he tells Sisko where they came from...

The Forsaken

Season 1

Episode Number: 17

Season Episode: 17

Originally aired:	Saturday May 23, 1993
Writer:	Don Carlos Dunaway, Michael Piller
Director:	Les Landau
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Judi M. Durand (Cardassian Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi), Constance Towers (Ambassador Taxco), Michael Ensign (Ambassador Lojal), Jack Shearer (Ambassador Vadosia), Benita Andre (Anara)
Production Code:	40510-417
Summary:	Lwaxana Troi pays a visit to Deep Space Nine, and soon falls for Odo. Next, the station's computer starts behaving like an attention-hungry child.



Bashir plays reluctant host to a delegation of Federation ambassadors, one of whom happens to be Lwaxana Troi, mother of the Enterprise's counselor, Deanna Troi. Lwaxana creates a scene in Quark's when she discovers her priceless hairbrooch has been stolen, but Odo catches the culprit and returns the heirloom to her. The Betazoid develops an instant attraction to the shape-shifter.

Meanwhile, much to Sisko's chagrin, Bashir brings the other three ambassadors to Ops, where a frustrated O'Brien

struggles with the station's uncooperative computer. Then, an unidentified vessel comes through the wormhole. Unoccupied, it appears to be an alien probe. Sisko has it towed to a position a few hundred meters from the docking ring, while they attempt to establish a link to download information. Elsewhere, Lwaxana, dressed to kill, makes a move on Odo, who upon realizing her intentions, nervously avoids her and makes a beeline for Ops.

Much to O'Brien's surprise, getting the station's computer to perform a data transfer from the probe is unusually easy. While he and Dax work with the data, Odo seeks Sisko's advice about Lwaxana's romantic advances, but finds Sisko amused that the shape-shifter can handle thieves and killers but not an amorous Betazoid woman. Odo returns to the Promenade, runs right into Lwaxana, then tries to escape into the turbolift, but she gets in with him. Suddenly, it stops between floors — the power has failed. Odo signals to be beamed out, but then the transporter also mysteriously goes dead. Lwaxana finally has Odo where she wants him — alone at last.

O'Brien is baffled to find that both the turbolift and the transporter are in working order, even though they aren't working. Told that he can't even shape-shift his way out, Odo is resigned to being stuck with Lwaxana for a while. Odo suggests that he and the Betazoid pass the time quietly, but no such luck — Lwaxana rambles on and on. Back in Ops, O'Brien informs Sisko that

the computer rerouted the E-P-S power flow uncharacteristically fast, but for some reason still didn't activate the turbolift circuits. O'Brien's gut instincts tell him that, strange as the notion sounds, the computer's personality has changed — becoming more obedient, and performing as if it wants constant attention — much like ... a child.

Sisko, Kira, O'Brien, and Dax discuss the mystery, and a theory develops that they may have actually downloaded a non-biological lifeform into the computer. O'Brien suggests that transferring all of that downloaded programming off the station might purge the lifeform, and sets to attempt the procedure, but the computer seems to be stopping him at every turn. In the turbolift, meanwhile, Odo shares some private thoughts about his background with a sympathetic Lwaxana, who notices that he isn't looking well. He reminds her that he must revert to a liquid state every sixteen hours — and this is now hour fifteen. While time continues to tick away, O'Brien attempts a manual transfer out of the computer, but sparks suddenly fly from his console during the process, followed by a plasma explosion around the station's guest quarters. Fire breaks out in the corridor, trapping Bashir and the three ambassadors.

While Sisko, Kira, and a rescue team try to cut their way into the corridor, O'Brien acts on a hunch and begins to construct a subprogram within the computer that will attract the entity, which he feels is actually acting like a stray puppy. In the turbolift, Odo cannot hold his shape any longer, so Lwaxana lifts her dress to form an improvised basin, into which Odo dissolves safely to his liquid form. Back in Ops, O'Brien has the computer route all back-up functions through his new subprogram, after which all systems come back on line. Sisko and Kira, now able to get into the fire-scorched corridor, search through the rubble, and are surprised when Bashir and the ambassadors come out from a wall compartment, soiled but safe. Lwaxana and Odo, now back in his humanoid form, are freed from the turbolift, and she leaves him with a hint of romance to follow when they meet next, O'Brien explains to Sisko that the subprogram he built will keep their "adopted pet" lifeform happy, busy, and out of their way from now on.

Dramatis Personae

Season 1

Episode Number: 18

Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Saturday May 30, 1993
Writer: Joe Menosky
Director: Cliff Bole
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Tom Towles (Klingon), Stephen Parr (Valerian), Randy Pflug (Guard), Jeff Pruitt (Ensign)
Production Code: 40510-418
Summary: Sisko and Kira are possessed by alien forces and fight for control of the station.



Kira protests when Sisko allows a Valerian ship to dock at the station, because she believes that the Valerians are supplying weapons-grade dolamide to the Cardassians. However, before the Valerian ship even arrives, a Klingon vessel blasts through the wormhole and explodes. One critically injured Klingon from that ship transports to the station, shrouded in a strange violet light, and dies immediately after uttering the word "victory" a curious declaration since his ship was supposed to be on a scientific

mission. Dax and O'Brien are sent in a Runabout to search for the ship's mission recorder. While the Valerian vessel docks, despite Kira's unusual efforts to delay it without Sisko's knowledge. Odo learns from Quark that the Klingon mission involved procurement of something that would "make the enemies of the Klingon Empire tremble." Suddenly, Odo mysteriously becomes paralyzed with pain, his head splits in two, and a panicked Quark calls for Dr. Bashir.

When Odo regains consciousness in Bashir's infirmary, he is struck by the doctor's cold, calculating tone and his sudden interest in Kira, Sisko, and the Valerian situation. Meanwhile, Kira and Sisko have an uncharacteristically angry exchange over the Valerians, while aboard the Runabout, Dax and O'Brien also seem to undergo personality changes, O'Brien turning very cold and suspicious, asking Dax whether her loyalties lie with Sisko or Kira, while Dax becomes dreamy and removed. Kira, taking on a sensually manipulative tone, later tries to convince Odo to go behind Sisko's back and sneak aboard the Valerian ship Odo refuses.

Dax and O'Brien show a barely-legible recording made by the dead Klingon indicating mutiny aboard his ship, and the presence of some alien energy spheres, but Sisko doesn't seem to care. Soon afterward, Kira approaches Dax and tries to enlist her allegiance against Sisko, attacking Quark when she notices him eavesdropping. Quark complains to Odo and tells him of Kira's plot against Sisko.

Noticing the odd behavior developing among the personnel, Odo goes to find Sisko in Ops, and is shocked to see O'Brien sitting in Sisko's chair, settled in like he owns the place, trying to piece

together the mission recorder's log entries. O'Brien tells Odo he believes Sisko's life is in danger because of the mutiny Kira is planning. Odo finally locates Sisko in his quarters, telling him that he fears what happened on the Klingon ship may be occurring on the station. Sisko, however, is only concerned with designing a clock. Odo realizes at this point that he's on his own.

When Odo returns to his office, Kira surprises him with news that she has made sure the Valerian ship cannot leave until she lets it. He learns that Kira is about to go after Sisko and O'Brien. Hoping it might provide an explanation; Odo reviews the reconstructed journal of the dead Klingon and finds a mention of telepathic energy spheres, containing an archive which described a power struggle that destroyed an ancient alien race called the Saltah'na. Odo cautiously approaches Bashir for help, making the suspicious doctor believe he's working to benefit whoever seizes control of the station. They theorize that the Klingon ship was destroyed after an energy matrix from the spheres affected the crew's minds, causing them to reenact that struggle. The Klingon apparently brought the matrix to the station inadvertently, and it influenced everyone in Ops but Odo. While Bashir works to eliminate the matrix's effects, one of his allies tries to attack Sisko with a tiny device. Sisko retaliates against the young ensign, sure that Kira put him up to the mutinous action, until Kira herself arrives, pointing a phaser at Sisko.

Before Kira's guards can take Sisko and O'Brien, the pair dematerializes and beams into an airlock, from where they attempt to escape to the Valerian ship, enlisting Odo's help to eliminate the force fields blocking their path. Odo lures all the affected individuals together, then activates Bashir's matrix interference signal. The violet-colored energy influence is successfully purged long enough for Odo to release it into space. Life returns to normal on the station, and Sisko and Kira bury their differences.

Duet

Season 1

Episode Number: 19

Season Episode: 19

Originally aired:	Saturday June 13, 1993
Writer:	Peter Allan Fields
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Harris Yulin (Marritza), Ted Sorel (Kaval), Tony Rizzoli (Kainon), Robin Christopher (Neela), Norman Large (Lissepian Captain)
Production Code:	40510-419
Summary:	Major Kira makes a shocking discovery while trying to uncover the identity of a suspected Cardassian war criminal.



A Kobheerian freighter transports a passenger onto the space station who has a medical condition known as Kalla-Nohra. Kira recalls that the only cases of this were the result of a mining accident at a Bajoran forced labor camp she helped liberate years ago. She goes to the Infirmary, and is taken aback when the patient is a middle-aged Cardassian male. He flees but runs right into Odo, who places him in a holding cell based on Kira's charge that, because he is a Cardassian with Kalla-Nohra, he had to be part of the military operation at the Gallitepp camp, and therefore a war criminal. When Sisko confronts the Cardassian, Marritza, about this, he claims that he does not have that particular condition, but one with similar symptoms. However, Bashir is certain that Marritza really does have Kalla-Nohra. Then, Sisko speaks with Kaval, the Bajoran Minister of State, who makes it clear that this is becoming a matter for his people, not the Federation, and if Marritza was at Gallitepp, Sisko will turn him over to Bajor whether he wants to or not.

Kira pleads her case, and Sisko agrees to let her handle the investigation. Odo's background check confirms Marritza's claims about being an instructor for the past few years. Unconvinced, Kira interrogates Marritza, who eventually admits he was at Gallitepp as a filing clerk. He claims there were no atrocities at the labor camp just rumors started by the camp's leader, Gul Darhe'el, to create fear in the Bajorans. Growing tired of this, Marritza insists on being released, and hits a nerve with Kira when he tells her she doesn't care about truth only vengeance.

The Cardassian Gul Dukat communicates with Sisko, but he refuses to release Marritza until his identity is confirmed. Later, in Ops, the officers examine the only image found in the Bajoran archives of Marritza at Gallitepp, but the Cardassian with that name in the picture bears absolutely no resemblance. Surprisingly, though, they do find a perfect match with another Gul Darhe'el, the "Butcher of Gallitepp." Kira confronts Marritza, who admits to being the notorious leader and assuming Marritza's identity. With disbelief, she listens to him brag about the countless atrocities he committed, brushing aside Kira's threat of paying for his crimes, and

proclaiming that he accomplished more than her resistance group ever did. Kira sees her words mean nothing to one who feels so superior.

Kira seeks solace by talking with Odo, who points out something very odd about Marritza's claims. How did he know to which resistance group Kira belonged? She confronts the Cardassian with this, and he claims that he was kept informed of everything regarding the resistance. Meanwhile, the suspicious Odo discovers Marritza was seeking information on Kira months ago; then a conversation with Gul Dukat reveals that not only is Gul Darhe'el dead, but he attended the funeral himself. Dukat allows Odo limited access to Cardassian files in order to get to the bottom of this. In the holding area, Kira and Marritza continue to debate, and he reminds her that he wasn't the only one who killed innocents her terrorist attacks certainly murdered their share of Cardassian civilians. The discussion reaches a fever pitch when Odo pulls her away with his news. He isn't certain why yet, but he is sure Marritza wanted to be caught.

The evidence against Marritza mounts: Odo has seen Gul Darhe'el's death certificate; the labor camp leader wasn't on Bajor when the mining accident causing the Kalla-Nohra condition occurred; Marritza resigned from his teaching position two weeks ago and put all his affairs in order, he specifically requested passage to the space station; and Bashir has found enough medical clues to deduce Marritza apparently had his face changed to look like Gul Darhe'el. Kira tells him what she now knows, and finally, reduced to a tortured, saddened man, Marritza admits the masquerade. Kira moves to release him, but he begs to keep up the ruse, hoping that forcing attention to Cardassian crimes will force Cardassia to admit its guilt and maybe bring about a new empire. Kira, not willing to let him sacrifice his life, prepares to return him home when a Bajoran man comes through the crowd in the Promenade and plunges a dagger into Marritza, killing him. The Bajoran, Kainon, claims that the fact Marritza is a Cardassian was reason enough to take his life. Kira, shaken and totally forlorn, whispers that it wasn't...

In the Hands of the Prophets

Season 1

Episode Number: 20

Season Episode: 20

Originally aired:	Saturday June 20, 1993
Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Robin Christopher (Neela), Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn), Michael Fairman (Vendor)
Production Code:	40510-420
Summary:	Keiko O'Brien's teaching about the science behind the Bajoran Wormhole causes a religious uprising among the Bajoran community that threatens to destroy the Federation-Bajoran alliance.



While Keiko O'Brien is teaching her students about the scientific aspects of the wormhole, a Bajoran woman in religious garb, Vedek Winn, observes the class and calmly objects to Keiko's secular methods of instruction. According to Winn, it is not science that guides ships safely through the wormhole, but "the hands of the prophets," and Keiko's words are a blasphemy the Bajoran cannot allow to continue. In Ops, Sisko listens to Keiko's concerns, but Kira expresses her support for Winn, suggesting to the defensive

teacher that informing Bajoran children only about the science of the wormhole without placing it into a spiritual context is akin to imposing a philosophy on them. Sisko talks with Winn in the station's Bajoran shrine, and although she is honored to meet the "Emissary" to the prophets, Winn refuses to step back from her stance, warning that she won't be responsible for any consequences that result if Keiko continues her teachings.

O'Brien, working with his young Bajoran apprentice, Neela, is concerned when he cannot locate one of his tools, one which can be used to access every critical system on the station. When it turns out Ensign Aquino is also missing, they make a search, finding the melted remains of the instrument in a large power conduit — plus traces of organic material, which prove to be human remains.

Apparently, Aquino went to fix an irregularity in the conduit, and accidentally got caught in the power flow and killed. Later, O'Brien and Keiko find to their dismay that some Bajorans are treating her with contempt. In front of the school, the O'Briens find Bajoran parents and the students, including Jake, listening to Winn, who asks Keiko to stop teaching about the wormhole altogether if she will not instruct the children about the spiritual aspects. When Keiko refuses, Winn leads away the Bajorans in silent protest. O'Brien comforts his saddened wife.

O'Brien is still puzzled by Aquino's death, and Sisko asks Odo to investigate further. Jake then approaches his father about the school situation, and Sisko explains to him the importance

of respecting the beliefs of others. Realizing the growing uneasiness on the station, Sisko seeks help on Bajor from Vedek Bareil, a spiritual leader who is the leading candidate to become the planet's next Kai. Although his ideology is quite different than Winn's, Bareil will not risk his growing status to help Sisko get an audience with the Vedek Assembly. Frustrated, Sisko returns to the station and finds that three Bajoran crewmembers failed to report for duty due to "illness," according to Kira. Tension builds between the two as Sisko grows tired of these games, but Odo and Bashir interject with the results of their investigation — Aquino was really killed by a phaser blast.

The officers discuss the murder, and Odo reveals that, according to turbolift records, the ensign's true destination that fateful night was Runabout pad C. While O'Brien and Neela investigate the area, Odo goes to the Promenade just as more Bajorans, members of an orthodox spiritual order, arrive on the station to support Winn. O'Brien finds Odo and reports something most unusual — a security bypass module was placed at Runabout pad A. Odo deduces that Aquino must have interrupted someone planning to steal a Runabout from pad C. The ensign was killed, and the culprit went to pad A to escape later detection. Odo and O'Brien suddenly hear an explosion, and rush to find Keiko's school engulfed in flames.

The wreckage is examined, revealing the school was destroyed by a homemade bomb. Winn approaches the area, and an angry Sisko lets her know that, despite this terrorist act, the majority of Bajorans do not feel the contempt she does for the Federation. As he leaves, Winn is surrounded by her supporters, and silently acknowledges Neela in the crowd. Then, in the Bajoran shrine, Neela reveals privately to Winn that the officers know about the Runabout, leaving Neela with no mode of escape, but Winn insists their secret plan must be carried out — it is "the will of the prophets." Later, Sisko is pleased as Bareil arrives at the station to survey the situation, and while they move through the huge crowd of Bajoran well-wishers with Kira, O'Brien finds an unknown file in the computer, which turns out to be a series of forcefield overrides to Runabout pad A — an escape route from the Promenade. While Bareil and Winn together go to the remains of the school, O'Brien suspects the weapons detectors are disabled, and urgently tells Sisko only Neela — the last person to repair that unit — could have done it. Sisko spots Neela in the crowd, calmly pulling out a phaser, and he knocks her to the ground, making Neela miss her target — Bareil. It is discovered Winn started the religious controversy as a ruse to have Bareil assassinated before he could be made Kai. But in the end, it only serves to strengthen the alliance between Sisko and Kira.

Season Two

The Homecoming (1)

Season 2

Episode Number: 21

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Saturday September 26, 1993
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Guest Stars:	Richard Beymer (Li Nalas), Michael Bell (Borum), Leslie Bevis (Freighter Captain), Frank Langella (Minister Jaro Essa), John Fleck (Cardassian officer)
Production Code:	40510-421
Summary:	Kira and O'Brien try to rescue a famed Bajoran resistance fighter from a Cardassian slave-labour colony in an attempt to bring peace to the warring Bajoran factions.



On Station Deep Space 9, under the command of Benjamin Sisko, Odo stops Quark in his bar. He wants to speak with him but the Ferengi is much too busy. Odo persists and asks Quark if he remembers a tip the barkeep gave him that a freighter was carrying smuggled goods. Much to Odo's surprise, when he investigated the ship he found Quark was telling the truth and had some of the crew arrested.

Odo thinks he has a hidden agenda but Quark insists he has changed and

wants to call a truce. As Quark and his brother watch the Constable leave Rom can't understand Quark's objective either so Quark quotes the seventy-sixth Rule of Acquisition, "Every once in a while, declare peace — it confuses the hell out of your enemies." Quark is visited by an old friend, Rionoj, a female Boslic freighter captain. She asks him when the next transport to Bajor is to leave, as she has a delivery to make, a Bajoran earring. It was given to her by a Cardassian maintenance worker on Cardassia IV.

Quark agrees to deliver the earring himself. The captain tells him to, "Consider it a gift," and Quark leaves her with a kiss.

In her quarters, Kira Nerys is meditating. She is interrupted by the chime of the door; it is Quark. She almost refuses him entry but finally relents and gives him five seconds. He tries to flirt as she counts down the time till she's ready to throw him out. He finally comes to the point of his visit and presents her with the earring. She recognizes it immediately, snatches it from his hand, and leaves, with him still standing there.

On the Promenade, Jake Sisko races to catch up to his father. He tells his father that he has a date with Laira, a young Bajoran girl. Ben thinks his son is looking for some relationship counseling but Jake says he's looking for some ideas where he can take her. Jake suggests the holosuites but Ben nixes that idea. As another option the boy wants to take her to their quarters to talk.

No, no, no, his father asserts. Take her to the Promenade balcony if you want to talk. Jake complains, "But that's boring!" Just then Kira approaches Benjamin Sisko and asks him if she can borrow a runabout. Bajor is in trouble. The pro-Bajoran group, the Alliance for Global Unity is gaining influence on the planet. She wants to go to Cardassia IV to rescue a Bajoran prisoner of war.

She shows him the earring Quark gave her, telling him it shows the insignia of Li Nalas, one of the leaders of the Bajoran Resistance who is the greatest hero of the Occupation. Li has been missing and presumed dead, but the earring indicates that he's alive, and Kira believes the earring was smuggled out as a cry for help. She tells Sisko that Li is exactly the sort of man the increasingly factionalized Bajoran people need to lead them out the aftermath of the Occupation. It will be a dangerous mission and Sisko can only promise that he'll think about it.

Benjamin Sisko agrees that Bajor needs a man like Li to lead them in the aftermath of the Occupation. He decides to give Kira the runabout to improve Bajor's stability.

Over the intercom Miles calls Ben to one of the habitat rings. Sisko approaches Odo and O'Brien who point out another problem.

Someone has sprayed the station walls with graffiti bearing the insignia of "The Circle." The extremist group wants to rid Bajor of all non-Bajorans. A troubled Sisko is worried that matters on Bajor will soon get out of hand so he orders Odo to step up security on the station.

With Kira's request in mind, Sisko seeks advice from Dax. He tells her that everything is starting to unravel and Bajor needs a hero. Dax advises him to let Kira have the Runabout. Surprised that Dax knows the story he then wonders what they will say to the Cardassians if Kira succeeds. Dax counters with a better question, what will the Cardassians say if prisoners of war are still being held there after they promised all were freed? Sisko then seeks out O'Brien with an offer to take a little joy ride.

When Sisko goes to Kira's quarters with his decision, Miles accompanies him. He tells Kira that he is willing to allow her use of a runabout on one condition — Miles O'Brien must accompany her on her mission into Cardassian territory. At first, Kira objects, worried that the presence of a Federation officer will only put Sisko in a bad light if they're caught. Sisko, however, is unwilling to bend, claiming he's taking a precautionary measure to get his runabout back on one piece. Kira reluctantly agrees saying she can use the company. Sisko and O'Brien rig a runabout to appear Lissepian on long-range scanners. As the Major and the Chief embark Kira tells Miles she wants something understood; if they don't return with Li Nalas they're not coming back at all. Miles still agrees to go.

As the pair near Cardassia IV they are detected by a Cardassian navigational post on long range sensors. Miles tells Kira that they are out of visual range and suggests they bluff their way out. Kira opens a channel and talks to the outpost. She makes up the name of a Cardassian Gul that is waiting for her shipment. The ruse works, and they even offer assistance but Kira just wants to make haste and tells them thanks but we'll fix it ourselves, and then closes the channel.

As they fly over the camp O'Brien has the transporter scan for Bajoran life signs. They are both surprised when they pick up about a dozen. Since the runabout can only beam up two people at a time, once the first two dematerialize the Cardassians will be alerted.

In order to make sure they retrieve Li they need to land inside the prison camp where Bajorans are breaking rocks in the hot sun.

Kira and Miles approach the overseer at the entrance who demands to know what they want. Miles tells him he brought the woman to offer comfort to the Prefect. The overseer is uneasy about giving them entrance so Kira flirts with him. Finally, the overseer shuts down the force field and Miles warns there will be no sampling. As Kira walks past the gate the overseer snaps the force field back on and leaves Miles outside. He then asks to see what Kira has to offer. She starts to unbutton her blouse, then hits the Cardassian under his chin with both fists clutched. After a few more swings he's laid out and she grabs his weapon. She phasers the force field, then she and O'Brien make a surprise assault and get to the prisoners.

Li Nalas is unsure why these strangers are there. His friend Borum admits that he smuggled the earring out in order to get Li rescued. Kira and O'Brien usher the group of Bajorans out as Cardassian guards come at them with phasers blazing. Li is hit, and they take cover. The group makes the grim realization that they cannot escape with all of the prisoners. Borum orders Kira to take Li back to Bajor and insists that he and three other prisoners will hold off the Cardassian troops. Reluctantly, Kira allows Borum and the others to sacrifice themselves in order to save Li.

Back on the station, Bashir is there as they dock. Li is in need of immediate medical attention and Julian has them beamed directly to the Infirmary. Kira meanwhile seeks Sisko out in his office and inadvertently steps in on a message from Gul Dukat. She is shocked to hear Dukat apologize for the existence of the prison camp, and assure them he will chastise the Prefect accordingly. Ben and Nerys are skeptical when he announces that all of the remaining prisoners will be released. Sisko encourages Kira to be pleased with what has been achieved.

Li is amazed at the tremendous commotion he has caused on the station, as Bajorans openly stare at him in awe. Uncomfortable with the attention he admits he used to work there. An announcement is then heard of Minister Jaro's ship approaching. Kira greets the Minister as he complains that her adventure has made enemies. She has declared war on Cardassia, and they have thankfully declined it. He is adamant that the next time she disobeys orders will be the end of her military career. Then, the consummate politician soothes troubled waters by personally offering her his thanks.

The Bajorans on the station crave a few words from Li and Sisko talks him into responding. After he utters a few words about a Bajor that is now free, Jaro asks to speak. Li politely stands by while the Minister asks his fellow Bajorans to never forget this day because they can tell their children and their grandchildren that this is the day Li Nalas returned to Bajor. When Sisko finally escorts Li to his quarters he tells the Commander that all he wants is a moment of privacy. This morning he was a slave and tonight he is a hero. He asks Ben what Bajor is like with the Cardassians gone. Ben tells him it is doing well for the most part. He tells Li that both he and Bajor could use his help in bringing stability to the planet. He then tells him to get some sleep and Li remarks that it sounds like he is going to need it.

Meanwhile, inside his closed bar, Quark counts bars of latinum with Rom. Rom complains that the division is unfair because he only gets one bar to every six Quark gets. Quark agrees with his brother that it is very unfair then proceeds to count out one more bar for Rom and SEVEN for himself. A frustrated Rom leaves the bar and Quark continues counting latinum when a group of strangers come in. Quark says the bar is closed but all of a sudden he is attacked by three masked figures in robes, who force him to the floor and burn the flesh on his forehead with what looks like a small branding iron.

When Quark gets to sickbay, Dr. Bashir heals his scar with a dermal regenerator. When the good doctor is done Quark asks Kira how he looks. She offers a polite non-answer by saying he's as handsome as always and he grins contentedly.

Li is told that Quark's assailants are members of an extremist group from Bajor who call themselves The Circle. Li is appropriately shocked that Bajorans have done such a thing. Sisko explains that many Bajorans are turning to The Circle because they have grown impatient with their floundering government. Kira adds that the circle is more organized than the government so the Bajorans look there for a leader. She adds that they need someone who will speak out against reactionaries, causing all eyes to zero in on Li.

With the troubles of the station abating Ben heads for the comfort of his quarters only to find Jake still awake. When Ben asks what's wrong the dejected youth tells his father that his Bajoran girlfriend couldn't make their date. Her dad refused to let the girl see Jake because he is not a Bajoran. Sisko tries to console his son by telling him about some of the problems Bajor is having and that he's sorry Jake has become a victim of the unrest. Nobody deserves it.

Sisko then gets interrupted by a Com message, a freighter captain found a Bajoran stowaway aboard his vessel. As the captain moves aside Li Nalas steps into view. When Sisko retrieves him a short while afterward, the Bajoran hero is forced to explain he was secretly headed for the faraway Gamma Quadrant. Li painfully reveals that he was hardly a hero — the bravery he is so famous for is based entirely on rumors.

Li tells Sisko his story. When all but three of the members of his cell were killed he was the only one with a phaser so he became the point. He came to an embankment by a lake. Li says, "I was halfway down the embankment, I slipped and went sprawling on my back, down to the edge of the lake, just as a huge Cardassian emerged from the water. He must have just finished bathing. He stood there frozen in surprise, dressed only in his underwear, shivering from the cold. I lay there, looking up at him, too stunned to even move. It was only when he reached for a phaser rifle that was lying across his clothes on a nearby rock, that I realized I was still holding my own phaser. And I shot him — his body fell on top of me, and that's how my companions found us a moment later... I'll never forget that look on his face when he died. He was so..."

embarrassed!" When the Bajorans learned that this dead Cardassian was a great fighter, Li's encounter with him grew to reach mythic proportions.

Li continues, "Soon every victory won by the resistance was attributed to my leadership. Stories of my brilliance, my daring, my courage, grew more and more unbelievable — yet the people insisted on believing them. My reputation even followed me into the labor camp — where my mere presence seemed to inspire my fellow prisoners — and I had done nothing... but shoot an unarmed Cardassian in his underwear." The stories made him a legend. Li allowed the stories but he feels unworthy of leading the Bajorans. Sisko tells him that his people still need him. They're not asking him to lead men into battle. When they see him they see what is best in themselves. Bajor needs a legend. It needs him.

Realizing that Sisko is right, Li agrees to assume whatever role is necessary. When Li returns from a trip to Bajor he is accompanied by Minister Jaro. Jaro announces that by a unanimous vote Li has been named Navarc. It is a new title because there were no suitable titles available. Jaro also mentions in passing that the Navarc is now the Bajoran Liaison Officer to Deep Space Nine — the position currently held by Kira. "I already have a liaison officer," Sisko complains. Jaro states, "Not anymore, you don't."

Major Kira is no longer assigned to this post. She's been recalled to Bajor." Though Li doesn't want the job, he accepts it under pressure.

The Circle (2)

Season 2

Episode Number: 22

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired:	Saturday October 3, 1993
Writer:	Peter Allan Fields
Director:	Corey Allen
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)
Guest Stars:	Stephen Macht (General Krim), Mike Genovese (ZefNo), Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn), Anthony Guidera (Cardassian), Bruce Gray (Admiral Chekote), Eric Server (Peace Officer), Richard Beymer (Li Nalas), Frank Langella (Minister Jarro Essa)
Production Code:	40510-422
Summary:	After she is relieved of her post aboard, Deep Space Nine, Kira tries to expose the leaders of the terrorist group known as 'The Circle.'



Odo, Dax, Bashir, O'Brien, and even Quark humorously show up at Kira's quarters, each reacting in his or her own way her departure.

"Is this a joke? Did you plan this?" she finally exclaims, to which Bashir says, "Nobody could have planned this!" Vedek Bareil is the last to arrive, and he invites Kira to come to his monastery on Bajor. She accepts and, reminiscing alone in Ops, realizes both how much she hated her position as liaison officer a year ago and how much she cherishes it now. Li

Nalas reassures her and Sisko that he did not want the job and that he knows no one can replace Kira.

On Bajor, Kira and Bareil grow close, and Bareil allows Kira to consult one of the Bajoran Orbs for guidance. She has a vision that includes her and Bareil as lovers, which she conceals from him. Meanwhile, on Deep Space 9, Quark panics because he believes the anti-alien Circle is taking over. He has heard that the Kressari are arming the Circle, so Odo blackmails him to find out more.

After conducting several searches of a Kressari freighter, Dax and O'Brien conclude that there is no evidence of foul play. The freighter departs with Odo stowing away as a mouse.

Sisko visits to the commander of the Bajoran Militia, General Krim, and during their exchange he becomes convinced that the military will not stop the Circle's coup. While on Bajor he also visits Kira. Shortly after he leaves, however, several masked members of the Circle kidnap her. Jarro reveals to Kira that he is the true force behind the Circle and the reason Li Nalas was stationed aboard DS9. He solicits her help, but while she has no love for the provisional government, she tells Jarro votes, not weapons, are the way to change a government. Quark eventually learns where Kira is from his "contacts." Sisko and the others mount a rescue mission and take her back to the station.

Sisko and Kira conclude that they must get Li to the Chamber of Ministers because he is the only person capable of rallying enough support to stop the Circle. They know the Circle will try to stop him, and as Odo informs them upon his return, it will be "courtesy of a Cardassian weapon." Odo has a manifest from the freighter proving that the Cardassians are arming the Circle through the Kressari in an attempt to force the Federation off Bajor and allow them to reconquer it. Unfortunately, by the time this is revealed all communication to and from Bajor has been cut off.

Jarro goes to Vedek Winn, seeking her support as a spiritual leader in order to legitimize his coup. "The Prophets are smiling on you today, Minister," she tells him. Several Bajoran assault vessels approach DS9, ordering all non-Bajorans to evacuate. Sisko seeks Starfleet's help, but the Prime Directive prevents it from interfering. Regardless, Sisko and the crew refuse to give up without a fight.

The Siege (3)

Season 2

Episode Number: 23

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Saturday October 10, 1993
Writer:	Michael Piller
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Steven Weber (Colonel Day), Richard Beymer (Li Nalas), Stephen Macht (General Krim), Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn), Katrina Carlson (Bajoran Officer), Frank Langella (Minister Jaro Essa)
Production Code:	40510-423
Summary:	Sisko is forced to evacuate the station when the war escalates and turns in favour of the terrorists.



As the Bajoran assault vessels approach Deep Space 9, Sisko announces that he is evacuating the station's civilian population and anyone who wishes to leave. The entire crew volunteers to stay with him and fight, and various people react differently: Jake Sisko and Nog find out they will be on different runabouts but determine to stay friends, Keiko O'Brien urges her husband, Miles to leave with her, and Quark decides to broker non-existent additional seats. Li Nalas calms the resulting flood of passengers by inspiring

courage in his fellow Bajorans; Quark is subsequently left on the station when his brother sells Quark's seat to a Dabo girl.

Once the Bajoran forces arrive, there is no sign of Federation presence but General Krim is highly suspicious. The station's security net is disabled and the Federation crew is unaccounted for, leading him to believe they are still aboard. Jaro orders Krim to capture Li Nalas alive, convinced that he can bribe Li into joining the Circle. When the sensor array is sabotaged, his suspicions are confirmed, and the soldiers begin a search of the station. Odo uses his shape shifting abilities to help the crew avoid detection and capture a number of soldiers during the search.

One of the runabouts drops Kira and Dax off on a Bajoran moon where the Bajorans stored a number of small starfighters during the Cardassian Occupation of Bajor. They manage to get one of the craft working and Dax is disoriented by the lack of technology, to which Kira tells her they are flying by the seat of their pants. Bajoran fighters intercept them and a dogfight ensues. Their ship is shot down during the fight and they crash.

Sisko and the crew successfully keep the Bajoran soldiers at bay until a group that includes Krim's second-in-command discovers Sisko, Li and O'Brien in one of Quark's holosuites. However, it is a trap, and Sisko informs the soldiers about the Cardassian involvement in the Circle.

He releases the second-in-command to pass the information to Krim, but he instead tells Krim that the Federation is attempting to wrest control of DS9 from the Bajorans. A scan for Federation communicators reveals they are somewhere in the conduits and Odo informs Sisko that the soldiers intend to flood the conduits with fatal neurocine gas. Part of the crew distracts the bulk of the Bajoran forces, after which Li and Sisko capture Krim in an attempt to reason with him.

Although Kira was injured in the crash, Dax gets her to Vedek Bareil's monastery. She and Kira disguise themselves as vedeks to allow them to travel to the Chamber of Ministers. Once there, Jarro attempts to dismiss Kira as a troublemaker. However, she confronts him about the Cardassian involvement, at which point Vedek Winn insists on examining the new evidence. Jarro announces that he will cooperate with any investigation.

Upon learning of the Cardassian involvement, Krim gives control of DS9 back to Sisko. However, his second-in-command shoots Li Nalas. O'Brien is confused by the way the Bajorans herald Li Nalas as someone who he was not. Sisko tells him Li was a hero of the resistance and that is the way he will remember him.

Invasive Procedures

Season 2

Episode Number: 24

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Saturday October 17, 1993
Writer: John Whelpley, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: John Glover (Verad), Megan Gallagher (Mareel), Tim Russ (T'Kar), Steve Rankin (Yeto)
Production Code: 40510-424
Summary: An unjoined Trill stages a takeover of the station. Holding the crew hostage, he removes the Dax symbiont from Jadzia to implant into himself.



At a time when Deep Space Nine is all but empty, an unjoined Trill named Verad and his crew (a pair of Klingon mercenaries and a former prostitute) overpower the crew of the station. The Trill, Verad, applied to be "joined" and was rejected; now he wants the Dax symbiont. Forcing Odo into a container and taking the rest of the crew hostage, he makes Bashir to transfer the symbiont into his body, which will kill Jadzia within hours.

Bashir has one of the Klingons act as a nurse as he tries to save Jadzia's life.

Meanwhile, Sisko tries to coax his old friend (Verad now has the memories of both Jadzia and Curzon Dax) into setting things right, but he realizes Verad intends to let Jadzia die. Verad's lover begins to realize how much Verad has changed since the symbiont was transferred and begins to think the transfer may have been a bad idea. However, she remains loyal to him.

Quark, who is responsible for Verad and his crew boarding the station, pretends to be injured so Bashir can knock one of the Klingons out. He then cracks the lock on the container Odo is in. Once Verad realizes what has happened, he heads for his ship and takes Kira as a hostage.

By the time Verad reaches his ship, Odo has released the docking clamps, leaving him stranded. Kira overpowers the Klingon who is holding her but in the confusion Verad slips away, heading for a runabout. In the mean time his lover has realized that the man she loves truly is gone and decided to help Sisko. Sisko meets Verad at the airlock to the runabout and the two have a stand off.

Believing that Sisko will not shoot his old friend, Verad begins to walk away, but Sisko shoots him, declaring, "Don't call me Benjamin." The Dax symbiont is transferred back to Jadzia.

Cardassians

Season 2

Episode Number: 25

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Saturday October 24, 1993
Writer:	James Crocker
Director:	Cliff Bole
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	Robert Mandan (Kotran Pa'Dar), Terrence Evans (Proka Migdal), Vidal Peterson (Rugal), Dion Anderson (Zolan), Sharon Conley (Jomat Luson), Karen Hensel (Deela), Jillian Ziesmer (Asha)
Production Code:	40510-425
Summary:	A custody battle emerges over an orphaned Cardassian boy who was raised by Bajorans.



Doctor Bashir sits down at his usual table at the Replimat with Garak, and once again tries to figure out if Garak is a spy on the station. Garak laughs it off, as he always does. When a young Cardassian boy, wearing a Bajoran earring and escorted by a Bajoran man, sits down near them, Garak cannot resist commenting on it. He goes over to the man and says what a nice boy he has. The boy bites Garak's hand, and shies away.

After making sure Garak's hand is not severely damaged, the doctor reports to ops, and tells the senior staff about it. Everyone is baffled. That's when Gul Dukat calls on subspace to ask about the incident. When Commander Benjamin Sisko skeptically asks Dukat how the news reached him so quickly, Dukat changes the subject. He says the boy is one of the many war orphans left behind when the Cardassians left Bajor. He asks Sisko to investigate this incident, since he is trying to get the orphans returned to Cardassia.

Sisko agrees.

First, Sisko talks to the father, Proka Migdal. He is agitated at first, thinking that Garak filed a compliant, and they want to arrest him. When Sisko explains they just want to talk, he relaxes slightly. He wishes that the Cardassians would have paid as much attention to his boy then as they want to now. He insists that he adopted Rugal so that Rugal wouldn't have to suffer for the mistakes of others, and that Garak should have minded his own business. The Doctor points out that the boy was terrified of Garak, and that he was probably raised to hate Cardassians. The father agrees that Rugal hates Cardassians, because the facts alone would - - and should - make him hate Cardassians. He loves his son, just as if he were his own flesh and blood, and considers him a Bajoran.

Continuing the investigation, Doctor Bashir talks to Zolan, a trader who knows the family well. He is evasive, but when the Doctor presses him, he explains that he had visited the family

a few times when the father was looking for a new job. He tells Bashir that Rugal is being raised in a terrible way — being told every day that he is horrible for being a Cardassian — and that the parents are taking out their revenge against all Cardassians on the boy. When Sisko and Bashir confront the father, he is outraged, saying he has done nothing. Sisko accepts his word, but has Rugal stay with Keiko O'Brien for the time being.

Rugal says he didn't do anything wrong when his father brings him out. He is nervous, but finally goes with Sisko and Bashir when the father says they won't hurt him, because they're Human, not Cardassian.

Back in sickbay, Doctor Bashir heals Garak's hand, and mentions Gul Dukat's attempt to resolve the war orphan predicament. Garak laughs and begins a line of questioning of his own. He plants in Bashir's mind that Dukat's story should not be believed: Dukat was in charge of the withdrawal from Bajor, therefore it is his fault that the children were left behind, so why is he trying to get them returned home? Back in ops, Sisko is telling Dukat that it may not be very simple to send Rugal back to Cardassia. When the doctor arrives, Sisko asks Dukat to look up the boy's DNA to search for any surviving relatives, in case he does decide to send him home. Dukat agrees, then Doctor Bashir interrupts. He asks Dukat why he chose to leave the children behind. Dukat is not pleased, and explains that he was ordered to do it by the civilian leadership of Cardassia and had no choice. Bashir corrects him, and states that the civilian leaders do not have such detailed control of the military. When Dukat asks where he got this information, he admits it was from Garak. Dukat tells Bashir to tell Garak he had no choice, and cuts off the viewscreen.

Sisko asks why the doctor presumptuously interrupted his conversation with Dukat. Bashir explains that Garak thinks Dukat is lying - which he had to deduce, since Garak doesn't actually tell him anything. Sisko is not pleased, but lets him off with a reprimand.

Meanwhile, in the O'Briens' quarters, Rugal asks Chief Miles O'Brien what will happen to him. O'Brien asks if it's hard on him being Cardassian. Rugal becomes defensive, saying he was born that way and it isn't his fault. The Chief rephrases his question: "Isn't it hard to live with people who hate you?" Rugal answers that his parents hate other Cardassians, not him, and they have done nothing wrong to him. When he asks what Miles thinks of Cardassians, the chief explains that he can't generalize an opinion about an entire race — he has met Cardassians he didn't like, and Cardassians he did like. Rugal doesn't understand how the chief could feel that way, since the Cardassians killed 10 million Bajorans, and wishes he were Bajoran.

In the middle of the night, Garak sneaks into Bashir's quarters and says that they need to go to Bajor now. The Doctor wakes Sisko up and tries to explain, not very coherently, that he and Garak need a runabout right away to go to Bajor for something important, which Garak won't tell him. At the same time, ops informs Sisko through the com that there is a communication for him from Gul Dukat. He informs Sisko that the boy's DNA has identified him as the son of a prominent politician, Kotan Pa'Dar, who is still alive - so the boy is actually not an orphan. Pa'Dar is heading to the station to reclaim him. Sisko repeats that it's not that simple; the boy wants to go back to Bajor, and he won't send him to Cardassia against his will. Pa'Dar will have to wait for the investigation to finish. Bashir points out that Garak's urgency and the news about Pa'Dar can't be a coincidence, and Garak must know something. This convinces Sisko to give them the runabout.

The two of them head down to an orphanage for Cardassian children and ask about Rugal. The person in charge says that since Rugal's adoption occurred eight years ago, when the Cardassians were still in charge, she probably doesn't have the information. Garak responds with a correction that Cardassians always keep meticulous records, and if they would let him use their computer, he might be able to find the file. When she says that the government hasn't had the resources yet to repair her computer system isn't working, he offers to fix it.

After repairing the computer, Garak downloads the records for all of the provinces into a data clip. This makes Bashir skeptical again that he isn't a spy. On their way out, Garak has to regretfully inform several Cardassian children that, no, he has not come to take them home.

When they are in orbit, Dr. Bashir gets tired of being strung along. He has had the computer shut down the runabout's engines and demands that Garak tell him what's going on or they will sit there until they rot. With that ultimatum, Garak plays another round of 20 questions. He helps Bashir put it all together: Pa'Dar was one of the most notable civilian leaders at the time, and was involved in the decision to evacuate Bajor; Gul Dukat lost his job as prefect

when that happened, so he hates Pa'Dar; and now, mysteriously, this boy turns up, and Dukat coincidentally finds out it is Pa'Dar's long lost son.

Pa'Dar shows up on the station, and Chief O'Brien talks to him before he sees Rugal. He explains that the boy hates everything he is, and probably won't react well to see him. Pa'Dar insists that he is the boy's father, so all of that will change. He explains that on his son's fourth birthday, a bomb blew up their house, and the father was convinced he was dead. Family is very important to Cardassians, he says, and he has come here despite the disgrace it will bring him (because there is no excuse for "losing" a member of his family) for that reason. When Rugal walks in, he is scared and stunned. He doesn't remember his father's face, and wants nothing to do with him, despite his father's pain and explanation of what happened. He says his father deserved his pain, and that his son is dead; he will never go back to Cardassia.

The next fight is between Pa'Dar and Proka. He demands that no Bajoran court rule on the custody hearing. After some loud words, Sisko suggests an arbitrator, and both suggest him. He accepts. That's when Odo informs him that Gul Dukat has just arrived on the station.

Dukat explains he has come to observe the hearing, because there is great interest in the case at high levels of the Cardassian government. He wants to see Rugal reunited with his father. He says the disagreements between he and Pa'Dar are not relevant; it is the children who are important. Since Sisko is trying to stall for time to give Bashir and Garak more time to search the files, he asks Pa'Dar go over the events from eight years ago again.

The Doctor and Garak, however, aren't having any luck. Garak soon realizes it is because Dukat probably purged the file on Rugal, since there was something in it he didn't want anyone to see. So, he looks for — and finds within seconds — the person to created the file, Jomat Luson.

While Sisko asks Rugal what he remembers about his adoption and gets nothing, the Doctor and Garak talk to Jomat. She remembers Rugal well, because his case was very unusual. Bajorans usually brought in the Cardassian children from the streets, but Rugal was turned in by a female Cardassian military officer, who was attached to Terok Nor. Also, the officer knew the child's name. Garak helps the Doctor put together the last pieces, and they go to the hearing.

With Sisko's permission, Bashir asks several questions. He gets O'Brien to reiterate the humiliation Pa'Dar is feeling, and when asked, Pa'Dar says it will be the end of his career when it is revealed to the people. Not only that, but the timing is very bad, considering there is an inquiry about to begin concerning an attempted military coup on Bajor. It just so happens that Dukat is one of the key witnesses in that inquiry.

Dukat objects, and says it is irrelevant. Bashir quickly changes his line of questioning, and asks Dukat if he has ever been to the orphanage center where Rugal was adopted. He says no. That center, he explains, is located where Pa'Dar was living eight years ago.

Rugal was brought in by a female Cardassian military officer, who seemed to know the child. Perhaps she knew he wasn't an orphan.

When Dukat says he knows nothing about that, Bashir points out that she was attached to Terok Nor. The question for Dukat was: Who was the commanding officer of Terok Nor eight years ago? Dukat walks out; he was that commanding officer.

Pa'Dar thanks Sisko for salvaging his political career; Dukat will not make these events public, so this is a stalemate instead of a great loss. With a few words of encouragement from Miles O'Brien, Rugal goes with his father, hesitant, but willing. When the Doctor asks Garak why he helped to defeat Dukat, he is evasive as usual. If you can find all the details, he says, you can put it together yourself.

Melora

Season 2

Episode Number: 26

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired:	Saturday October 31, 1993
Writer:	Evan Carlos Somers, Steven Baum, James Crocker
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Daphne Ashbrook (Melora), Peter Crombie (Fallit Kot), Don Stark (Ashrock), Ron Taylor (Klingon Host)
Production Code:	40510-426
Summary:	Bashir falls in love with a wheelchair-bound woman, who is unable to walk in Deep Space Nine's level of gravity.



Bashir and Dax are discussing Melora's situation while making last-minute adjustments to a wheelchair for her (notably, raising its height to get around some obstacles on the station). She comes from a low-gravity system and has always been fiercely independent, demanding a minimum of assistance and wanting to do everything she can herself. For example, she won't accept being transported to places the wheelchair can't get to; she'll walk (with the aid of crutches).

Melora arrives, and proves to be a very caustic character, using sarcasm to keep others at bay. Julian and Dax escort her to her quarters, which have been equipped with low-grav equipment. She summarily dismisses them and closes the door.

Meanwhile, Quark is closing a deal: selling 42 gold Rings of Paltriss to Ashrock for 199 bars of latinum when he walks an unwanted face: Quark's old business partner Fallit Kot, who's been in jail for many years and is now back to kill Quark.

Melora shows up for her first meeting with Sisko to find Bashir and Dax already there. She's upset by this and explains that she's used to people trying to deal with "the Melora problem" but insists there is really no problem to deal with. She just wants to go survey the Gamma Quadrant. Sisko assigns Dax to go with Melora, over Melora's objections as she feels she can do it fine solo.

Melora and Dax agree to meet the next morning and head out.

Bashir shows up at Melora's quarters sometime later and confronts her about her sarcasm and habit of pushing people away. Melora reluctantly agrees that she does this, saying it's just easier this way and she doesn't want pity. Bashir asks her to dinner, and she eventually agrees to go with him to a Klingon restaurant.

Quark tries to placate Kot by making his stay enjoyable, but Kot will have none of it... he's still out to kill Quark.

The next morning, Dax shows up at Melora's quarters, but she's not there. Dax tracks her down to a cargo bay where Melora has had an accident and has fallen and can't get up. Dax takes her to the infirmary, where Bashir treats her and takes her back to her quarters. This time, Melora invites him in and shows him the wonders of low gravity. The two end up kissing.....

The next day, Dax and Melora finally make it out to the Gamma quadrant, where they discuss long-distance relationships and whether or not romance can survive in Starfleet. Dax quickly catches on that Bashir has won Melora over.

Back at the station, Odo has a little talk with Quark and then with Kot, telling him that, though neither Odo nor Kot likes Quark, Kot still cannot kill Quark.

Bashir has been doing some research and believes he has found a "cure" for Melora's condition, a way for her to do what everybody else can do in standard gravity. The catch: she cannot go back to low-grav, including her homeworld. Melora agrees to this. The first few treatments are a great success.

Kot catches up with Quark in his quarters, where Quark gives in and offers him 199 bars of latinum in exchange for his life. Kot says that'll do, for a start. Kot accompanies Quark to the final sale of the rings and shoots Ashrock, taking the money and the rings and fleeing with Quark.

Melora, though, has been having second thoughts about the treatments and never being able to go home. Is independence worth this? After discussing it with Dax in the Gamma quadrant, she thinks not and prepares to tell Bashir.

As they are disembarking, they are grabbed by Kot and Quark, who are fleeing security, and forced back into the runabout. DS9 grabs the runabout in a tractor beam and Kot tells Sisko to let them go or a hostage will die. Sisko refuses, Kot shoots Melora, and Sisko lets them go. They head out into the Gamma quadrant pursued by Sisko and O'Brien in another runabout.

Melora, though, boosted by the effects of the treatment, survives the phaser blast and turns off gravity in the runabout. In the new environment, she is able to overpower Kot, and by the time Sisko and O'Brien arrive on the scene, everything is under control.

On returning to the station, Melora tells Bashir of her decision. He is disappointed and says that she can always change her mind.

She tells him she probably won't change her mind, and that maybe complete independence is overrated.

Rules of Acquisition

Season 2
Episode Number: 27
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired:	Saturday November 7, 1993
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Wallace Shawn (Zek), Tiny Ron (Maihar'du), Max Grodenchik (Rom)
Guest Stars:	Helene Udy (Pel), Brian Thompson (Inglatu), Emilia Crow (Zyree)
Production Code:	40510-427
Summary:	A female Ferengi disguises herself as a male in order to help Quark with business deals in the Gamma Quadrant.



In Quark's, a group of Ferengi are playing a late-night game of tongo — as is Jadzia Dax. She informs Quark and his friends that Curzon used to play the game, but she is a better player than Curzon ever was. One of the newer waiters, Pel, takes Quark aside and introduces him to sand peas, which he says Quark can use to double beverage profits. Quark is impressed, but before the conversation can continue, an alarm goes off to indicate a subspace communication on Grand Nagus Zek's personal channel. The Nagus

offers Quark the chance to make "more profit than you ever imagined possible" — all he has to do is earn it.

Zek is seated in Commander Sisko's office, accompanied by his servant Maihar'du. He has made contact with a species from the Gamma Quadrant called the Dosi and plans to hold a meeting with them aboard Deep Space 9, but Sisko and Major Kira warn Zek not to cheat their guests.

With Maihar'du at his side and Quark at his feet taking his shoes off, Zek explains that tulaberries and tulaberry wine are the secret to the Gamma Quadrant. He claims they will help the Ferengi Alliance get its foot in the Gamma Quadrant, and Quark instantly takes to the idea.

However, when Quark tells his brother Rom about the new proposal, Pel quotes the Ferengi Rules of Acquisition: "The bigger the smile, the sharper the knife." The young waiter seems to think Zek is setting Quark up in case the deal falls through. Over Rom's objections, Quark takes Pel on as his assistant for the negotiations.

The Dosi turn out to be an extremely aggressive people, and at the meeting with two Dosi named Inglatu and Zyree, Quark fails to acquire the 10,000 vats of wine that Zek requested. Before he can tell him the bad news, the Nagus decides he wants 100,000 vats instead, giving Pel reason to suspect he wants the negotiations to fail. The Dosi leave when Quark makes his request, but just as Zek is about to erupt at Quark, Pel intervenes. He announces a plan to take the Nagus' ship to the Gamma Quadrant and pursue the Dosi.

Finding Inglatu on the Dosi homeworld, Quark reiterates his demand for 100,000 vats of tulaberry wine. Inglatu continues to refuse until Quark declares that he does not plan to leave.

This does not bother Inglatu, who goes about his business. However, it turns out that, like the Ferengi, the Dosi are serious about profit, and Zyree comes to Quark and Pel's quarters that evening. She reveals that neither Inglatu nor herself, nor any Dosi can sell the Ferengi 100,000 vats of wine, but she offers to put them in touch with the Karemma — an important member of something called the "Dominion" — for a price.

Finally, Quark and Pel realize the plan was not to buy wine but to get in contact with the Dominion. They return to DS9, having bought no wine but with contact information about the Karemma. Zek is very pleased, but while Quark and Pel were gone, Rom discovered a secret about Pel. Distraught at the way Pel was coming between him and Quark and intent on finding something to use against the other Ferengi, Quark broke into Pel's quarters and found his — or rather, her fake lobes (Ferengi females have smaller lobes than males). When he reveals this secret to Quark, his brother declares that it must remain a secret, as females are not allowed to earn profit and associating with a female like Pel would land him in prison.

Pel has other ideas. She confronts the Nagus and reveals her true identity, to Quark and Rom's amazement. A "clothed female" disgusts Zek, and he threatens Quark with imprisonment until he realizes that he was represented by Pel. Zek allows Quark to go free so long as the secret remains secret, but it will cost Quark his Gamma Quadrant profits. Ultimately, Quark and Pel share a heartfelt goodbye, but Quark decides not to leave with her when she goes to the Gamma Quadrant to start a new life.

Necessary Evil

Season 2

Episode Number: 28

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Saturday November 14, 1993
Writer:	Peter Allan Fields
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Guest Stars:	Katherine Moffat (Pallra)
Production Code:	40510-428
Summary:	Quark is injured in an attack which Odo suspects is related to a murder committed five years before, in which Kira was the prime suspect.



On Bajor, a lavishly dressed Bajoran woman named Vaatrik Pallra stands next to her window on a dark and stormy night. Quark is seated on a nearby couch as the two of them reminisce about the Cardassian Occupation. The woman reiterates that she did not kill her husband, although Constable Odo was convinced she did. It is clear Quark does not believe the woman's claim, but he does not care. She hires the Ferengi to retrieve a box — the contents of which are not revealed — hidden in her husband's former

shop aboard what is now Deep Space 9. Assuring her it will take a day or two at most, Quark leaves. After he is gone, a Bajoran man steps out from the shadows.

The setting is now DS9. As Odo goes about his daily routine, he narrates a log.

Later that evening, Quark and Rom approach the former chemist's shop (now a storage area) cautiously. Quark says he can break through the lock in 25 seconds, but Rom is able to do it in ten; he has broken into the store room at Quark's Bar on occasion while Quark was away. Although Quark accuses his brother of being a thief, Rom denies it. Once they are inside, Rom reveals that he has magnasite drops, which can instantly burn off the wall panel. When he reveals that he has used them to break into Quark's latinum floor vault to store extra profits on good business days, the older Ferengi tells him never to touch anything in the bar again.

Quark takes a small box from behind the wall panel and he and Rom take it back to the bar. There Quark opens it to reveal a list of eight Bajoran names. Curious to find what they are, he tells Rom to fetch an imager. However, while Rom is gone, the Bajoran man who was with Quark's employer emerges from the shadows, armed. The Ferengi immediately knows who sent the other man; their mutual employer knew Quark could not resist. The man shoots Quark and takes off with the list.

Doctor Bashir is now kneeling over Quark's unconscious body, attempting to resuscitate him as Odo, Commander Sisko and Major Kira look on. Quark is taken to the infirmary, and Kira goes off to secure outgoing vessels as Sisko and Odo turn their attention to Rom.

While the younger Ferengi seems upset by the apparent loss of his brother, Odo suspects Rom of killing Quark. Although Sisko does not believe Rom killed Quark, he encourages Rom to help

in the investigation. Rom then leads Odo to the chemist's shop, where we enter a flashback as the doors open.

Dukat sat behind a desk, in complete control and enjoying it. He was the Prefect of Bajor at the time, in charge of what was then called Terok Nor. After introducing himself, Dukat solicited Odo's help to solve the murder of the man who owned the shop. Odo was resistant at first, but he reluctantly accepted — not for Dukat but for justice. Dukat took Odo to meet with the man's wife, who hadn't shed a tear since her husband's death. She claimed her husband had been murdered by a young woman with whom he had been having an affair. When Odo asked her to point the woman out on the promenade, she pointed to Kira.

The flashback ends as Kira approaches Odo. The attempt on Quark's life has brought Vaatrik's murder to both their minds.

As Odo attempts to get Rom's mind off of the bar, which Rom has realized he will inherit if Quark dies, they review the events of the night before in an attempt to jog Rom's memory. Although the Ferengi is unable to remember any of the complete names, he believes the first one started with "Chesso". Odo gives the name to Kira, who goes to investigate as Odo enters another flashback.

Finding Kira eating a meal by herself, Odo approached her in an attempt to seem casual; however, his behavior and lack of experience made it all too obvious that he was a security officer. He found out that there was no affair between Kira and Vaatrik and that Kira had been transferred to the station for hitting an employer who made sexual advances on her. She claimed that, although Odo saw himself as an impartial investigator interested only in justice, he would be forced to pick a side (Cardassian or Bajoran) eventually.

Now Odo is with Mrs. Vaatrik in her home as he subtly tries to gather information about the theft of the list and attempt on Quark's life. He mentions the name Chesso, which she claims not to recognize. When he observes that Mrs. Vaatrik has recently come into possession of a large sum of money, she intimates that she has had an affair with someone whose identity she can't reveal.

Dr. Bashir is unsure if Quark will live. Major Kira stops by the Infirmary to tell Odo that, although she has found out who Chesso - or rather, Ches'sarro Seeto — is, the man drowned in a pond at his home the night before.

As he entered Quark's and found the Ferengi, Odo once again tried to be discreet and was once again unable to hide his identity and connection to Dukat. Quark insinuated that Kira had been doing a sexual favor for him the night before, but from what he had gathered earlier, Odo knew Kira would not do this. Confronted with the truth, Quark revealed that Kira had paid him for an alibi.

Odo finds Commander Sisko and Lieutenant Commander Dax sitting in Quark's. He informs them that he has corroborated communications logs and bank records to tie eight people to Mrs. Vaatrik; each person is a collaborator and has transferred 100,000 Bajoran litas into her bank account. Odo gets permission from Sisko to bring Vaatrik in for questioning. Meanwhile, the man who tried to kill Quark looks on intently.

With Kira now in the security office, Odo found as she attempted to explain where she had really been the night before that the Bajoran woman was not a good liar. His belief in neutrality, however, was shattered when she revealed that she had not killed Vaatrik; rather, she was a member of the Bajoran Underground and had planted an explosive in the ore processing section of the station. When Dukat entered, Odo lied for the first time, to Dukat or anyone else, by claiming Kira was not the culprit in the murder.

The assassin enters the Infirmary with a bouquet of flowers and uses them as a cover to stab the guard Odo has posted there.

Approaching Quark's body, the assassin turns off the machine keeping the Ferengi alive and uses a pillow to suffocate him as Rom enters the room. Panicking instantly, Rom screams, drawing the attention of Odo and his deputies. Rom is relieved, only to realize he has saved Quark's life and thus lost possession of the bar.

In the brig, the assassin sits in one holding cell as Odo and Kira stand in front of Mrs. Vaatrik. They confront her about the list of collaborators, each of whom she has extorted money from, and her connection with the assassin. As she is put in a holding cell, she reiterates yet again her innocence in the case of her husband's murder; to Kira's surprise, Odo replies, "I know." Outside in the security office, it is revealed that Mr. Vaatrik was himself a collaborator, and Kira's contacts

in the Resistance, not Mrs. Vaatrik, killed Ches'sarro. Kira herself killed Vaatrik all those years ago, silencing him from selling his people out to the Cardassians. However, her failure to divulge the truth to Odo — who only cares about the truth — has created a schism between the two of them.

Second Sight

Season 2
Episode Number: 29
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Saturday November 21, 1993
Writer: Mark Gehred-O'Connell, Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Alexander Singer
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Salli Richardson-Whitfield (Fenna / Nidell), Richard Kiley (Professor Gideon Seyetik), Mark Erickson (Lt. Piersall)
Production Code: 40510-429
Summary: For the first time since the death of his wife, Sisko falls in love. However, his new interest seems to suffer from a bizarre form of split personality.



Up late, Jake Sisko can't sleep either. He had a nightmare about running around the corridors of the station, unable to find him.

Once he feels better, he returns to sleep, adding as a footnote he misses his mother.

Commander Sisko, however, still can't sleep. He wanders around the empty Promenade, looking out the window, and counting the stars.

A mysterious woman comes up behind him, and talks to him about the stars for

a while. She introduces herself as Fenna, and seems to take an interest in him. They talk for a while, about the station. She doesn't say much about herself, but that she can't stay here long. As he is offering to show her around the station, she disappears.

The next morning, Commander Sisko seems to feel more alive than he did last night, even ordering a different drink. Major Kira Nerys notices this, and is surprised. Lieutenant Jadzia Dax calls on the com, and asks him to meet Professor Gideon Seyetik, a terraformer who is extremely ego maniacal, but charming. He is there for Epsilon 119, reigniting a dead sun. Dax reminds him it is just a theory, but he brushes it off.

Soon, while Commander Sisko is gazing out of the window again, Fenna reappears, and asks if his invitation is still open. He says it is, and shows her around. In one of the upper pylons, looking at the view of the station, she always seems to say exactly the right thing. When he asks about her, she can't say much, and she runs off right away. Once she gets to the turbolift, she's gone.

At dinner, when Sisko is unable to concentrate on Jake's anecdote, he concludes his father is in love. As he points out, he's showing all three of the signs according to Nog: loss of appetite, daydreaming, smiling all the time. When Jake asks about her, Sisko can't really describe her.

Sisko next goes to see Odo. He asks the constable to find Fenna. He tries to describe her again, and the description is vague at best.

Later, when Dax takes him aside, she wants to know what's going on. She saw the two of them on the Promenade.

The professor is charming as always, and explains the process of how the star will be reignited in addition to his projects, works of art, and nine-volume autobiography. When dinner arrives, they meet his wife, Nidell. She looks just like Fenna. Over dinner, Sisko whispers to Dax that she is pretending not to recognize him. When he asks her about talking to him, she knows nothing about what he's talking about. She doesn't know who Fenna is, either, but she is quite defensive.

When Sisko and Dax return to the station, Odo informs him that he couldn't find her after checking all of the logs. Sisko tells him not to bother, saying he did, aboard the *Prometheus*. Odo is perplexed; he says that no one has left the *Prometheus* except for the professor.

She also doesn't show up the next day. Sisko is puzzled. Quark offers to talk to him, recognizing the "I've been stood up" look, but Sisko declines. When he enters his quarters, she suddenly appears, and embraces him. He asks her about Nidell, but she has never heard of her either. She doesn't have a twin sister, and she is still hesitant to know where she came from, who she really is. Her only reply is that she thought she was looking for a place, but she was really looking for him. After he kisses her, she suddenly fades out of existence, as if she were incorporeal.

After Chief Miles O'Brien and Dax reconfigure the warp drive, Sisko sets out on the ship with Seyetik's team — and his wife. He believes the answer must be there.

Professor Seyetik talks about himself on the way there, but also talks about how he met Nidell. She was the daughter of a dignitary, and she was infatuated with him from the moment she met him. He was the first one to take her off-world, and he would give up the entire universe for her.

When the *Prometheus* arrives at the dead star, Sisko suddenly sees Fenna in his quarters. He immediately calls for Dax. When Dax scans, there is no matter there, just energy. They all go to Nidell's quarters, and find Seyetik frantic over her condition. She won't wake up. Dax finds she is in shock. When Seyetik sees Fenna, he knows exactly what happened. Fenna is surprised. The professor explains Fenna is an illusion created by Nidell's unconscious mind. She is a telepath, and according to Dax's scans, she can't survive more than an hour or two.

Sisko has Dax take Fenna outside, and talks to Seyetik. All of the charm fades from him as he explains what's going on. Nidell doesn't know what's happening; she is unconscious, and this happens when her species have strong emotions. All of his wives, he says, have trouble with him after a while; they hate him in the end as much as they love him in the beginning. Nidell can never leave him, because her species mates for life.

Sisko talks to Fenna, and explains this to her. She can't believe it, and doesn't want to die. Sisko promises to remember her, and that it's a dream. Dax then calls from the bridge, and says that Seyetik has launched the shuttlepod — with himself on it.

Sisko is unable to convince him to turn around, as he is freeing Nidell forever, and has even written his own obituary. Sisko promises to send it off, and the star is reignited.

Nidell says goodbye, and thanks him. She says she will probably stay on her homeworld the rest of her life, and wishes she could remember Fenna, but she can't. She quietly leaves.

Sanctuary

Season 2

Episode Number: 30

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Saturday November 28, 1993
Writer: Frederick Rappaport
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Deborah May (Haneek), Andrew Koenig (Tumak), Michael Durrell (General Hazar), Kitty Swink (Minister Rozahn), Robert Curtis Brown (Vedek Sorad), William Schallert (Varani), Nicholas Shaffer (Cowl), Leland Orser (Gai)
Production Code: 40510-430
Summary: A group of refugees from the Gamma Quadrant claims that Bajor is their long-lost homeland.



Kira Nerys is undergoing a day of frustrations, which are interrupted by a new ship appearing through the wormhole. The ship is damaged, and four Skrreeans are beamed aboard while their ship is tractorbeamed in. As they attempt to communicate, Sisko and the others realize that the Skrreeans don't appear to understand what they are saying, nor can the crew understand the Skrreeans. They resolve to keep the Skrreeans talking until the universal translator can make sense of the Skrreean language, and decide to

bring the group of them down to the infirmary to tend to the wounds of one. This trip, unusually adventurous for a walk to the infirmary, reveals that the single female Skrreean (Haneek) appears to be the leader of the group. She also appears to only trust Kira, the only female that has dealt with the Skrreeans.

After some further attempts at communication, the computer begins sporadically, but soon adequately, to translate the Skrreean language. It is revealed that some three million Skrreean refugees have been seeking the wormhole, which legend says is the gateway to their new homeworld, Kentanna. Sisko, Dax and Kira resolve to welcome as many Skrreeans on to the station as is possible, and quickly search for a suitable planet for the Skrreeans to colonize.

As Skrreeans begin arriving on the station, there is some cultural tension. Haneek mentioned that Skrreeans are matriarchal, as they find males too emotional and adversarial to make significant decisions. Nog finds this to be true, as he is pursued and eventually assaulted by several young Skrreeans including Tumak, Haneek's son. Quark also looks down on the Skrreeans for loitering "without buying anything," and for the skin flakes they leave around.

Meanwhile the Skrreean matriarchs meet and agree that Haneek, as the first to find the wormhole, should lead the Skrreeans to Kentanna. She researches Bajor, and finds that it fits the relevant description for the new Skrreean homeworld; it is "a planet of sorrow," and just outside

the wormhole. Although Dax and Sisko have found a suitable planet in Draylon II, Haneek insists that the Bajoran Provisional Government be petitioned to let the Skrreeans settle there.

The government considers Haneek's request, but in the end denies the Skrreeans permission to immigrate, for fear that Bajor's problems will both worsen and spread to the Skrreeans. This decision finds many Skrreeans upset, including Tumak. He attempts to immigrate by force, and land a Skrreean ship on Bajor. Unfortunately, Tumak is unaware that his ship is suffering from a radiation leak, and he also resists communication. While Sisko and Haneek are attempting to warn him, a pair of Bajoran interceptors move in to keep him off Bajor. Both parties exchange fire and Tumak's ship was lost, likely from the phaser fire igniting the radiation leak. In the end the dejected Skrreeans leave for Draylon II.

Rivals

Season 2

Episode Number: 31

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired:	Saturday January 2, 1994
Writer:	Joe Menosky
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Chris Sarandon (Martus Mazur), Albert Henderson (Cos), K Callan (Alisia), Barbara Bosson (Roana)
Production Code:	40510-431
Summary:	A con artist opens a bar with a gambling machine that can alter the laws of probability.



Martus Mazur is a con artist arrested by Odo while he was attempting to con a woman out of her lifelong dream of investing in asteroid mining. He was charged by an elderly Pythron couple for an unrelated incident. While in holding Martus came into possession of an alien gambling device which seemed to give him uncanny luck – the first example being the elderly Pythron couple dropping their charges.

Martus was then released and after attempting to sell Quark the gambling device, decided to instead open a competing bar called Club Martus, which included large scale replicas of the alien gambling device.

Meanwhile, Quark had lost all his customers to Club Martus and desperately sought a way to revive his business. He learned of recent racquetball matches between Bashir and O'Brien, which O'Brien had been losing miserably, much to his annoyance. Quark decided to use this as a new business scheme to attract customers, and under the guise of faked emergency calls brought O'Brien and Bashir to his bar to force them into a tournament which Quark's customers would place bets on.

Many of the crew began reporting an abnormal amount of unusual coincidences and minor accidents, and Jadzia found that the laws of probability were seriously being altered when she discovered neutrinos were not spinning as they should.

During the match between O'Brien and Bashir, O'Brien observed he was playing far better than he had ever played in his life, while Bashir was doing terribly. Through simple trials of throwing the ball against the wall they found that it infallibly bounced its way straight into O'Brien's hand, which O'Brien described as impossible, although Jadzia corrected him in saying that it was "not impossible, simply improbable." By searching for neutrinos that were spinning in one direction in high concentration, Jadzia and Sisko discovered the Club Martus replicas of the alien gambling device were actually altering the laws of probability and destroyed them. Odo then arrives to arrest Martus, as the Pythron couple had changed their minds and decided to press charges after all.

Martus, placed in a holding cell, observes Odo confining the elderly lady. She has been charged with scamming Quark using the asteroid mining story. Martus talks Quark into a loan for passage off the station so Quark will no longer have any competition.

The Alternate

Season 2

Episode Number: 32

Season Episode: 12

Originally aired:	Saturday January 9, 1994
Writer:	Bill Dial
Director:	David Carson
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	James Sloyan (Dr. Mora Pol), Matt McKenzie (Dr. Weld Ram)
Production Code:	40510-432
Summary:	Dr. Mora Pol, who first studied Odo as an infant, announces that he may have found Odo's homeworld in the Gamma Quadrant.



Benjamin Sisko is reading a PADD in his quarters when Jake tries to leave to meet Nog. Sisko asks Jake about his homework, and upon hearing that it is done, tells Jake he can't leave because he should be listening to Klingon opera to appreciate their culture. In frustration, Jake asks his father when the last time he listened to Klingon opera. Sisko informs Jake that it was when he was his son's age, and then suggests that Jake invite Nog over and they can listen to the Klingon opera together. Jake walks off in

frustration as Odo enters. Odo requests the use of a runabout for investigating a planet in the Gamma Quadrant, where DNA similar to Odo's had been found.

Jadzia joins Odo, Dr. Mora, and a Bajoran scientist, Dr. Weld on the runabout, and Dr. Mora encourages Odo to tell Jadzia the story of when he was in the lab, but Dr. Mora then repeatedly interrupts Odo to correct him. The four people beam down to the planet, L- S VI, and begin to scan the surrounding area. They come upon an artifact with unrecognizable letters on it. Jadzia suggests taking the artifact back to the station to let the computers there decipher it. As they are engaged in looking at the artifact, Dr. Weld had come across a lifeform which has a similar DNA to Odo. The silicate-based creature is placed in a container, and the artifact is transported up to the runabout. As soon as it leaves the surface of the planet the ground begins to shake. Dr. Mora starts to cough, and then falls to the ground. Soon after, Jadzia and Weld do the same, and only Odo is left standing, when the computer locks onto their combadges and transports them to the runabout.

In Sickbay on the station Dr. Bashir is caring for the two Bajorans and Jadzia. Odo wasn't affected by the gas that paralyzed the others, so he joins O'Brien in studying the silicate-based creature that was found on the planet, and O'Brien states that the creature keeps changing, and that he's put a level 5 security field on it.

Sisko is sleeping when Kira wakes him up and asks him to come down to the science lab. He enters the lab, and sees that the lab has been trashed. The case that the lifeform was in is broken apart.

The crew looks for signs of what has happened, Odo then sets up a scan for the missing lifeform, and the station goes to yellow alert. O'Brien notes that the lifeform might have gone through the ventilation. Jadzia enters the science lab and Odo leaves to talk to Dr. Mora. Dr. Mora attempts to leave sickbay to help find the creature, but Odo convinces him to stay. As O'Brien crawls through the ventilation duct in search of the lifeform, he hears something, and follows the sound.

He comes across a structural breach, and when putting his hand up to touch the structure it breaks, pouring down some kind of liquid. He identifies it as the missing lifeform, and states that it is now dead. Dr. Bashir studies the lifeform, and determines that it needed more carbon dioxide to survive. As he is in sickbay, he hears a noise coming from the ceiling. He is unable to find anything, but as he resumes his work a tentacle comes up from behind and grabs him. He struggles, it lets go, then he uses a laser scalpel to cut the creature. The lifeform retreats back through the ceiling vent, and Dr. Bashir calls security down to sickbay.

After a team arrives, Bashir explains to them what he had seen, Sisko changes the station to red alert. Jadzia runs a cross-tabulation analysis, and finds that the lifeform found on the planet and the one that attacked Dr. Bashir in sickbay don't have enough similarities to be the same lifeform. Dr. Mora recognizes the organic sample as being the same as Odo.

Dr. Mora confronts Odo with the likelihood that it was probably Odo who committed the trashing of the science lab and the attack on Dr. Bashir. Dr. Mora attempts to convince Odo to return to the scientific center with him, but Odo refuses. As they are arguing Odo hits a security panel and he starts to change into something else. Dr. Mora flees sickbay.

Dr. Mora arrives at the Operations center as the station crew attempts to find out why the power in security has just failed. He explains that Odo is the creature, and that this metamorphosis is probably a reaction to the gas that was encountered on the planet.

Dr. Mora volunteers to be bait to attract the creature that was Odo into a trap. Dr. Mora waits on the promenade for a while. The creature comes out and into the force field waiting for it. Dr. Mora watches in distress as the creature slams itself into the force field again and again. The force field drops and the creature morphs into Odo and falls to the ground. Dr. Mora rushes over to him.

In sickbay, Odo looks normal again, and Dr. Bashir informs him that the gas has been purged from his system. Odo apologizes to Dr.

Mora for attacking him.

Armageddon Game

Season 2
Episode Number: 33
Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Saturday January 30, 1994
Writer: Morgan Gendel, Dean Jones
Director: Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Darleen Carr (E'Tyshra), Peter White (Sharat), Larry Cedar (Nydrom), Bill Mondy (Jakin)
Production Code: 40510-433
Summary: Bashir and O'Brien come under attack from the people they are trying to help on a warring planet.



They have been trying for a week to identify the right frequency and combination of radiation used to destroy them. Test number 375 works, and Julian Bashir and Miles O'Brien are ecstatic, and well as the other doctors involved in their destruction. Ambassador Sharat is pleased, and grateful for their work. But as he reminds them, that is only half the task. All data pertaining to them must also be destroyed, as well as the very large stockpile on each side.

Back at Deep Space 9, Commander Benjamin Sisko talks to the doctor, offering their congratulations. They are expected to be back the day after tomorrow, since there is a party on T'Lani Prime.

However, when they run the cycle on the final batch of cylinders, two Kellerun soldiers enter, and begin shooting. Bashir and O'Brien manage to disarm two of them, and get rid of all the soldiers, blowing out the genetic bath in the process. Unfortunately, all of the scientists were killed before they could react. When they cannot contact their runabout for a beam out, O'Brien transports them to the surface and sets the system to overload.

Meanwhile, Sharat and Ambassador E'Tyshra arrive at the station to give their condolences. They explain that everyone in that room, including many of their greatest scientists, were killed when Chief O'Brien accidentally set off a security device, and flooded the room with high-intensity radiation. Sisko doesn't believe it, but they show him the record of the internal security sensors, and ask him to extend their sincere sympathies.

Down on the planet, Bashir and O'Brien find a bunker, and hide there with their assault rifles, while Bashir opens a crate of medical supplies. O'Brien still can't figure out why the T'Lani would break their treaty. Either way, the way he sees it, they have to stay put; sensors will detect them if they make it a kilometer. They also find a very old com system, which O'Brien thinks he can get working — if Bashir will shut up and let him do his job.

Back on the station, the rest of the senior staff looks at the video. It shows things as they happened when the last cylinder was destroyed. But after that, O'Brien is baffled by a strange

file which suddenly appears. He can't shut it down, when he tries cutting the power, a flash of radiation vaporizes them all. Odo wants to do his own investigation, Major Kira Nerys can't believe it, and Jadzia Dax tells Starfleet they need replacements for Chief Medical Officer and Chief of Operations. Sisko also has to go tell Keiko O'Brien what happened.

While O'Brien is fixing the transmitter, Bashir teases him about his being married with all the T'Lani women who would be running around. Bashir says marriage isn't fair to them with the lives in Starfleet they lead. The Chief, however, grabs a blanket, feeling quite cold. When Bashir scans him with the medical tricorder, he finds that his blood pressure is low, and he has a fever. He was near the genetic bath when it shattered, and he has been infected with the harvesters.

When Sisko tells Keiko, he doesn't have to say much. She can read it all in his face. He agrees to give her a copy of the recording, and there isn't much else he can do.

When the Chief's eyes get fuzzy, Bashir takes directions from him. His condition slowly worsens, almost falling asleep.

On the station, Kira and Dax talk about Bashir all night, and even Quark gives him a toast. The next day, Keiko comes up and asks to see Commander Sisko. She shows him, Kira, and Dax a part of the recording where O'Brien drinking coffee. According to the time index, it is late in the afternoon, and she says he never drinks coffee in the afternoon, because it keeps him up all night. She is convinced the footage has been altered. Sisko isn't sure, but he has Major Kira get the Ganges a day early, just to see what's going on.

Bashir finds the problem: the contacts on the sub-processor are corroded. He cleans them with a sterile pad. It is getting harder and harder for him to stay awake. He tells O'Brien about a ballet dancer he fell in love with, how they would finish each other's thoughts, and were crazy about each other. Her father even offered him a job as chief surgeon, but he didn't take it, because he couldn't have a Starfleet career. When he puts it back in the unit, they get power, but the transmitter still doesn't work. When O'Brien gets up to take a look at it, he falls right down again; he can't feel his legs.

As Sisko and Dax arrive to collect the runabout, Bashir gets the transmitter working, and sets it to a distress signal. O'Brien then gives Bashir his answer: marriage is the greatest adventure of them all. Sisko also examines the station where the accident occurred, and asks E'Tyshra about the accident, including if Sharat could have (hypothetically) modified the data clip. She doesn't see any reason why he would; the lasting piece is because both sides trust each other.

That's when Dax makes a discovery: an erased log in the Ganges computer reveals that a transport request was made 3 minutes after the fail-safe device supposedly went off, proving they were still alive at that time.

As O'Brien's condition continues to deteriorate, Bashir hears something outside. He grabs a rifle, and is surprised to find it is Ambassador E'Tyshra, together. When Bashir was about to explain that the T'Lani have broken the treaty, Sharat walks through the door, and they are both on the same side. After taking his weapon, they explain to Bashir that part of their destruction of information is killing the people who know it. Otherwise, they could be recreated by them, a risk they refuse to live with.

As they are about to fire, Chief O'Brien suddenly tells them to wait, and has Bashir help him up. As he is saying that it has been an honor serving with him, they are beamed away.

Bashir explains the situation as quickly as he can to Sisko. When he wants to send out a distress call, Dax says that there is a broad band inversion in place, wiping out communications and short-range sensors. Using this, Sisko plans a deception.

After refusing to release O'Brien and Bashir, Sisko puts the runabout on a collision course, forcing them to destroy it. When they are about to take the other runabout in tow, they find it is gone. All they can find is a federation warp signature. They conclude Sisko beamed aboard the runabout and piloted the first by remote.

Afterwards, Bashir and O'Brien are better friends, and Keiko is surprised to discover that O'Brien does in fact drink coffee in the afternoon. Meaning the discovery of the altered logs, and the entire rescue operation launched because of it, was by mistake.

Whispers

Season 2
Episode Number: 34
Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Saturday February 6, 1994
Writer: Paul Cole
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Todd Warin (DeCurtis), Susan Bay (Admiral Rollman), Philip LeStrange (Coutu)
Production Code: 40510-434
Summary: O'Brien returns from an away mission to discover that he has been locked out of every security system on the station, and that everyone has turned against him, including his wife.



Sisko orders O'Brien to report for an annual physical, and when asked about his discussion with Keiko, claimed it was about Jake Sisko's grades. After an overly thorough examination by Doctor Julian Bashir, O'Brien believed people's strange behavior that morning must have been because he had contracted some sort of disease; however, Bashir gave him a clean bill of health.

Things became stranger as the day went on. Jake asked O'Brien for help with a science project, but when O'Brien men-

tioned his grades, Jake said they were fine.

Even Major Kira Nerys acted suspicious toward him.

When O'Brien returns to his quarters Keiko had prepared his favorite meal. Keiko informs him that Jake, who had requested his help earlier, had miraculously fell ill so he wouldn't be coming over.

He reviewed the other officers' logs, which confirmed that Sisko and the others were observing his movements, although to what end it was unclear. When Odo returned from a meeting with the Paradas, he offered to investigate the situation, a bastion of friendship in a sea of suspicion.

In his log, O'Brien alludes to having made other preparations while he awaited a response from Odo. As he pondered the matter at Quark's, the Ferengi approached him from behind and declared, "The odds are against you, O'Brien!" Although Quark had only been referring to O'Brien's scheduled racketball game with Bashir, the chief asked to change the subject. Quark brought the Paradas up, intent on finding out about the potential customers. O'Brien told Quark to look elsewhere for such information and began to leave as Odo asked him to come to the security office.

After a brief discussion, a strange look from Odo gave O'Brien reason to suspect that the conspiracy had widened. He was about to leave Odo's office when Sisko and Kira entered with phasers followed by Bashir with a sedative. "Who the hell are you?" O'Brien exclaimed, to which

Kira calmly responded, "We don't want to hurt you." O'Brien used one of his improvisations to stun the crew members and he shot two security officers before fleeing the Promenade.

O'Brien attempted an emergency transport to the runabout *Rio Grande*, but the computer responded, "Unable to complete request. Please contact station commander for assistance." He discarded his comm badge in a corridor and set up a series of force fields. Using maintenance conduits and his intimate knowledge of the station, he made his way to the runabout and escaped. He contacted Admiral Rollman of Starbase 401 to warn her that the command crew of *Deep Space Nine* was under some form of alien influence, but she ordered him to return to the station and assured him he would not be harmed. That was when O'Brien set a course for the wormhole.

Now en route to the Parada system in the Gamma Quadrant, O'Brien is being pursued by the *Mekong*. Unable to reach the system before the *Mekong* overtakes him, he travels toward one of Parada IV's moons and manages to outmaneuver the other runabout, which assumes another course. He follows the *Mekong* to Parada II and beams to the surface, where he finds Sisko and Kira with a pair of Parada rebels. One of the Paradans shoots him, and when the door opens, Bashir is behind it along with O'Brien — the real O'Brien. It is revealed that the Paradan government abducted O'Brien and created a replicant designed to assassinate the rebels' delegation at the peace talks.

Before it dies, the O'Brien replicant says Keiko's name and grabs O'Brien's shoulder. "What about her?" he asks. "Tell her... I love..." it whispers as it loses consciousness.

Paradise

Season 2

Episode Number: 35

Season Episode: 15

Originally aired: Saturday February 13, 1994
Writer: Jeff F. King, Richard Manning, Hans Beimler
Director: Corey Allen
Show Stars: Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Gail Strickland (Alixus), Julia Nickson (Cassandra), Steve Vinovich (Joseph), Eric Weiss (Stephan), Michael B. Silver (Vinod)
Production Code: 40510-435
Summary: Sisko and O'Brien are stranded on a planet where a colony of humans has made their home. Because no technology can function on the planet, they have ruled it out of their lives. Only, things may not be what they seem.



In an attempt to establish new colonies near the wormhole, Commander Sisko and Chief O'Brien find themselves conducting a survey of nearby star systems in search of M-Class planets when they stumble across one that is not only M-Class, but inhabited by a small community of humans. When attempts to establish communications fail, they beam down to the surface to investigate the situation for themselves. As soon as they materialize, they come to the alarming realization that a duonetic field on the

planet is interfering with all E-M activity and is preventing their electronic equipment from operating, including their communicators. Without the ability to contact their orbiting runabout, they had just marooned themselves on this planet. Before they are able to figure out a way back to their runabout, the Rio Grande, they encounter two of the inhabitants of a nearby colony of former Federation citizens.

They explain that their ship, the Santa Maria, made an emergency landing on this planet ten years ago when they had problems with their life support systems. As soon as they landed, all of their equipment failed and they were forced to forge new lives for themselves without all of the modern conveniences they had become accustomed to. Upon arriving at the colonists' settlement, Sisko and O'Brien are introduced to the other members of the community, including Alixus, their leader. When the idea of evacuating the settlement once Starfleet comes looking for their missing officers, Alixus discourages the idea as being unproductive. Instead of seeking an escape from this planet, she sites how productive everyone has become without depending on all of the electronic devices that Federation citizens take for granted. Unconvinced that the chances of escape are hopeless, Sisko and O'Brien continue to search for a way to contact the runabout, but also agree to help out in the day-to-day chores of maintaining the community. Back on Deep Space Nine, Major Kira and Lt. Dax notice that the Rio Grande has not responded to their hails. Although concerned about the lack of contact, Major Kira does not immediately assume that something is amiss, but decides to keep an eye on the situation if communication

is not reestablished soon. On the planet, Sisko has been reading through some of the books that Alixus had written.

The subjects touch upon a variety of issues in Federation life and criticize many of them. Her beliefs are that the technological advances of the last few centuries have made the citizens of the Federation lazy and soft; that people are no longer able to take care of their own needs with their own two hands. It seemed a little too convenient to Commander Sisko that the Santa Maria set down on a planet where no technology functioned, but he thought nothing of it at that time. As they continued about their business, Sisko and O'Brien had a conversation with Joseph, the former chief engineer of the Santa Maria. He explains to them how they had abandoned their attempts to escape the planet and adopted a new philosophy about life and living in order to survive. As they discussed the colony's way of life, another community member, Cassandra, summoned Joseph to the bedside of Meg, a young woman who had fallen ill.

At the sickbed, Alixus explained that Meg had been bitten by an insect that transmits a disease which they cannot cure. Knowing that the medkit on the runabout could save her in moments, O'Brien begins postulating ways to contact it. Upon hearing this, Alixus becomes angry, insisting that if Megan was to survive, her only hope would be for them to search the forests for the right combination of roots and herbs to save her. When Sisko points out that Alixus' plan will most certainly lead to Megan's death, she becomes quite defensive of her philosophies and dismisses his plan to contact the Rio Grande. Meanwhile, Major Kira and Lt. Dax manage to locate the Rio Grande traveling at warp 2 with no one aboard. They immediately head out to intercept the wayward runabout in the hopes of discovering what has happened to Commander Sisko and Chief O'Brien. In the fields of crops, Sisko and O'Brien discover one of the community members being let out of a metal box that had sitting exposed to the hot sun for a full day. When he came out, he was so weak and dehydrated that he couldn't even stand up on his own. When they inquired as to why he had been locked up like that, they found out that he was being punished for having stolen a candle from another person. Outraged at the brutal treatment this man had received for a relatively trivial crime, Sisko confronted Alixus, who unrepentantly claimed that punishment like this was necessary when one person puts his own needs ahead of the community. After she left, Sisko and O'Brien got the very real impression that Alixus had no intention of ever letting them leave. As Sisko was relaxing in his quarters after a long day of working the fields, Cassandra walked into his room. After a brief conversation, it becomes apparent to Sisko that she was trying to seduce him. Suspicious, Sisko turns Cassandra down and heads off to see Alixus. When she admits that she had sent Cassandra to his quarters, Sisko lets her know that he thinks her attempt to convert him to her way of thinking with what amounts to a sexual bribe is beneath contempt. He then confronts her about the unlikely coincidence that her ship just happened to crash on a planet that so perfectly suited her personal views on how life should be lived out. Sensing his complete reluctance to embrace their way of life, Alixus tries to break Sisko by making him stand watch all night after having worked all day in the fields. Meanwhile, Major Kira and Lt. Dax track down the Rio Grande and board her. After analyzing its trajectory, they realize that someone had tried to destroy the ship by flying it into a sun, but whoever it was had missed and sent the ship off on a wild course. Backtracking the trajectory, they were able to determine where the ship was at the time the course was layed in to the navigational system. With a place to begin their search for Commander Sisko and Chief O'Brien, they set a course for the planet the two men had been exploring. Back at the settlement, Alixus announces that Meg had died. In the same breath, she expresses her anger over what she perceived to be an act that defiled Meg's memory: Chief O'Brien had been caught spending his free time trying to contact the runabout. Declaring that O'Brien's actions were a danger to the community for spreading the idea that only technology onboard the runabout could save Meg's life, she pronounced her punishment: as his commanding officer, Commander Sisko would be forced to endure the metal box which had nearly killed Stephen after he had stolen a candle. Realizing that she would never let them find a way to escape this world, O'Brien worked out a plan to free himself and Commander Sisko. He knew that the duonetic field on the surface of this planet could not be a natural phenomenon and set out to track down whatever was generating it. With little more than a crude compass that he had improvised to detect the source of the duonetic field, Chief O'Brien began his search. In very short order, he finds a device in the forest which is generating the duonetic field. Before he could shut it down, O'Brien is attacked by Vinod, Alixus' son. As a combat hardened veteran of the Cardassian War, O'Brien easily outmaneuvers Vinod and shuts down the field

generator. Upon returning to the settlement, O'Brien uses his now-operational phaser to release Commander Sisko from the punishment box and informs the community that the duonetic field was artificially generated and that they had been held here for the past ten years at Alixus' will, not fate's. Once they understood that they had been lied to for all this time, anger and resentment began to spread. In her defense, Alixus explained how much each and every one of them had benefited from their time on this planet. Now that the choice was offered to them, they all had to decide for themselves if they wanted to remain on this world or not, but Alixus and her son would have to return to the Federation to answer for what she had done here.

Shadowplay

Season 2

Episode Number: 36

Season Episode: 16

Originally aired: Saturday February 20, 1994
Writer: Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Robert Scheerer
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)
Guest Stars: Kenneth Mars (Colyus), Kenneth Tobey (Rurigan), Noley Thornton (Taya), Trula M. Marcus (Female Villager), Martin Cassidy (Male Villager)
Production Code: 40510-436
Summary: Odo and Dax discover a village where the inhabitants are disappearing one at a time.



While on an assignment to investigate an unusual particle field on a planet in the Gamma quadrant, Odo and Lt. Dax discover a small village on an otherwise uninhabited planet and the particle field is emanating from the village. After beaming down to the village to investigate the particle field, they discover a generator in the middle of the village is interfering with their tricorders.

Before they can work it out, they are captured by Colyus, the protector of the colony. He accuses the two of being re-

sponsible for several disappearances of the local villagers. After convincing him that they were not the causes of the village's troubles, Odo and Dax agree to help find out what has happened to the missing villagers.

Back on the station, Quark has decided to make good use of Odo's absence and push forward with a number of illegal plans of his own.

Unfortunately for him, Major Kira has stepped in on Odo's behalf to keep an eye on Quark. Not one to be easily thwarted, Quark begins working on a plan to distract Major Kira so that he can move his personal plans along. At the same time, Commander Sisko suggests to Jake that since he is now 15 years old, it is time that he begins to take on a few responsibilities on the station. His idea is that Jake gets himself a job and arranges for him to become an apprentice to Chief O'Brien. Jake is at first hesitant at the suggestion, but Commander Sisko tells him it will be a great learning experience and will look good on his application to Starfleet Academy. Jake grudgingly agrees, but he doesn't seem at all enthusiastic about the idea.

As Major Kira is enlisting the help of Dr. Bashir in order to keep an eye on Quark, she receives a message from Commander Sisko that Vedek Bareil has come aboard the station at the invitation of Prylar Rhit, the station's Bajoran spiritual leader. Delighted that he was on board, Major Kira went to greet the Vedek. After they meet at the airlock, Bareil reveals that he used the opportunity to meet with Kira again, indicating to her that the feeling she has for him are being

returned. As the two proceed along the Promenade side by side, Quark gives the pair a sidelong glance and grins smugly to himself.

In the Gamma Quadrant, Odo and Dax begin their investigation into the matter of the missing villagers. The first step Odo takes is to speak to the relatives of the last person who had vanished. They are brought to see Rurigan, the village elder. It was Rurigan's daughter, Anetra, who had last disappeared and his granddaughter was the last person to have seen her before she vanished. After questioning Rurigan, Odo asks several questions of Taya since she was the last person to have seen her mother. During his questioning, Odo discovers that no one ever leaves the valley in which the village is located for any reason at all. Finding that statement to be a little odd, Odo sets out to find out why no one ever leaves and what is beyond the valley.

As Jake begins his lessons with Chief O'Brien, he confesses to the chief that he does not want to go to Starfleet Academy as his father is assuming he wants to. To show he understands what he is going through, Chief O'Brien tells Jake about how his father wanted him to become a concert cellist. For a time, Miles had practiced and played until he became quite good at it, but it wasn't what he wanted to do for a living. When he told his father found out that he had enlisted in Starfleet, he was furious at first, but then realized that this is what Miles wanted to do and he was happy for him. The chief assured Jake that his father would be equally understanding if he just told his father what he really wanted to do with his life.

In the furtherance of his investigation, Odo asks more questions of Rurigan. Rurigan's seeming lack of concern over the growing crisis in his village didn't sit well with Odo. When pressed on the subject, Rurigan became angry, declaring there was nothing he could do to remedy their situation. During his momentary loss of composure, Rurigan revealed to Odo's keen eye that he was in pain.

When asked about it, Rurigan admitted to Odo that he was dying. The only regret that he is harboring is the desire to see his daughter again. When Odo continued his questioning, he asked why no one had ever left the valley that this village was located in.

Rurigan told him that the villagers simply didn't like to travel and that there was nowhere beyond the valley to go.

Not swayed by these reasons, Odo and Dax head out of the village and into the valley to find some clue as to where the missing villagers may have gone to. After taking a shine to Odo and wanting to help, Taya came along with them. Using a Yaderan scanning device (since her own tricorder was not working in the presence of the village's generator), Dax was stunned to see the device vanish from her hands as she passed a cluster of bushes. As they begin to realize what is happening in this village, they see Taya approaching the bushes. They warn her to stop and to not come any farther. She stops moving, but explains that she just wanted to give them the berries she had just picked. As she raised forth her hand, her entire arm vanished. As she pulled back, her arm was restored.

Upon returning to the village, Lt. Dax demonstrated for Colyus that the entire village and all of the inhabitants were holograms and that the generator at the center of the village was projecting it. However, unlike normal holograms, the residents of the village were programmed to be self-aware, to have feelings, to grow and develop just like real life forms would. Once the hologram generator was repaired, all of the missing villagers would return and all would be back to normal.

As Kira and Bareil's day together was coming to an end, their romantic interests in each other began to surface. During a passionate embrace, Kira muttered that she would have to thank Prylar Rhit for inviting Bareil to the station. Bareil responded by saying she would have to be quick about it since Rhit was being recalled to Bajor. The Prylar's gambling problem was causing a bit of a scandal among the Vedek Assembly and they wanted to keep him close to avoid any public embarrassment. When it dawns on Kira that the person who had invited Bareil to Deep Space Nine was indebted to Quark, she figured out that Bareil had been brought here for the sole purpose of keeping her occupied while Quark conducted his illegal shenanigans.

Back in the village, the entire population was told the truth of their situation, but there were many who refused to believe that they were all holograms. Colyus, Odo and Dax manage to convince everyone that their only hope of a continued existence would be to shut down the projector so that it can be properly repaired. Once it was turned back on, all of the missing villagers would return and life for them would continue as it always had. Despite some misgivings from Rurigan, the decision was made and the projector was turned off. As predicted, the entire

village disappeared; all except for Rurigan. Surprised that he had not vanished along with the others, Rurigan revealed that he had built the projector in the first place. He told Odo and Dax of how the Dominion had invaded Yadera Prime and destroyed his way of life. In an attempt to restore his life to how it had been, he came to this world 30 years ago and created this artificial village for himself. He programmed the villagers to act independently and gave them the ability to have children if they wished. However, with the projector beginning to malfunction and his own health failing, he seems ready to reject this fantasy world he had created and return to Yadera Prime. Odo refuted his idea that this was a fantasy. He has seen how Rurigan tried to comfort Taya when she was scared and made Rurigan admit that he loved his granddaughter, even though she was a hologram.

In Commander Sisko's quarters, Jake was wrestling with how he was going to tell his father about what he really wants to do with his life. Instead of tiptoeing around the subject, Jake comes right out with it and tells his father that he doesn't want to join Starfleet nor does he want to attend the Academy. Although he was caught off-guard by this revelation, Commander Sisko understands Jake's decision and supports him in whatever he chooses to do. Meanwhile, at Quark's bar, Major Kira informs Quark that they had just arrested his cousin while he was in possession of stolen Cardassian bone carvings. Trying to hide his disappointment, Quark denounces his cousin and tries to distance himself from the crime. Kira leaves Quark's, arm-in-arm with Bareil, leaving Quark to fume over his plan gone astray.

On the planet, Dax prepares to restart the repaired holo-projector. Before the switch is thrown, Rurigan makes one last request of Odo and Dax: he asks that they not tell the other villagers that he isn't a hologram like they are. If they did, he would be treated differently and that would be the last thing he wants. They agree and turn the projector back on. As predicted, the village was restored with all of the missing villagers back where they belonged. With everything settled and the reunions underway, Dax and Odo beam back to their runabout and return to the station.

Playing God

Season 2

Episode Number: 37

Season Episode: 17

Originally aired:	Saturday February 27, 1994
Writer:	Jim Trombetta, Michael Piller
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Ron Taylor (Klingon Host), Richard Poe (Gul Evek), Geoffrey Blake (Arjin), Chris Nelson Norris (Alien Man)
Production Code:	40510-437
Summary:	While evaluating a Trill initiate for the first time, Lieutenant Dax accidentally discovers a proto-universe whose rapid expansion threatens not only the station, but the entire Alpha Quadrant and beyond.



Dr. Bashir returns to Deep Space Ninewith a guest: a Trill initiate named Arjin. As part of his training to become a joined Trill, he must be evaluated by someone who is already joined. In his case, his evaluator is Jadzia Dax.

At first, Arjin is horrified at the idea of Dax as his field docent. According to his information, Dax had personally washed out 57 initiates over the past 200 years and Curzon Dax was the worst of all of them. If Dax's new host was anything like that, he feared he would never pass the

trials. Dr. Bashir tried to explain to him that Jadzia was nothing at all like Curzon and told Arjin to relax. To prove to him that his concerns were unwarranted, Dr. Bashir brought the nervous Arjin to Quark's Bar, where Jadzia could be found engaged in a game of Tongo with a group of Ferengi. When the two of began to introduce themselves, Jadzia clearly saw that Arjin was extremely nervous and worrying about not offending her.

Meanwhile in Ops, Chief O'Brien and Major Kira were addressing a different problem: Cardassian Voles. The rat-like vermin had been spotted all over the station and they were trying to track down their nest. With the single-minded dedication of a warrior born, O'Brien found himself working his way through crawl spaces with a phaser in his hand, ready to dole out a fitting end to the little pests. It was then that Dax introduced Arjin to the crew in Ops, including Commander Sisko. After chatting with the Commander for only a few moments, Sisko seemed to reinforce Dax's reputation as "the initiate killer." Despite Jadzia's objections to the characterization, Arjin's anxieties are not eased.

During a scientific expedition into the Gamma Quadrant, the two Trills try to get to know one another. Arjin tells Jadzia a bit about his past, including that he was a level 5 pilot. Dax tries to explain to Arjin that it isn't in his best interest to try to impress her. She is trying to judge his worthiness to be a host, not whether or not the two of them could be friends. As he tries to defend his actions, the runabout is struck by an unknown object. After the runabout is brought

to a full stop, they detect a small object lodged in the starboard nacelle. Unable to identify it, they decide to slowly guide the runabout back through the wormhole and to Deep Space Nine for further analysis.

On the station, Kira and O'Brien continue to try to devise new strategies to combat the vole infestation. A possible solution that the Chief came up with was a sonic inducer that should help corral the voles. As he explained how the device should work, Quark entered the scene and slammed a dead vole down before them, angrily claiming it had run across one of his dabo tables while customers were trying to play. Trying to calm Quark down, O'Brien showed Quark that he had a plan to eliminate the voles and turned on his sonic inducer to show him. Quark immediately shrieked in pain and dropped to the floor. Apparently, the sonic frequency that would effectively drive out the voles would also drive out the Ferengi. As Quark picked himself up off the floor, the Mekong emerged from the wormhole and requested a tow back to the station.

After they had settled back in, Arjin continued to try to act as he thought Jadzia would expect. Noticing his discomfort, Jadzia urged him to speak up for himself rather than to just go along with whatever she suggested. After further conversation, Jadzia learned that Arjin was sponsored for the Initiate Program by his father, who wanted his children to be joined. Since his sister left the program to get married, Arjin felt that it was his responsibility to fulfill his father's dream. Concerned that Arjin was doing this for the wrong reasons, she asked him what his goals were after joining. He had no clear answer for her. He had not planned anything for himself after joining, thinking that the symbiont would offer him direction after joining.

Not sure of how to proceed, Jadzia expresses her concerns to Benjamin. She tells him how she feels that Arjin is doing this out of loyalty to his father rather than out of any burning desire to be joined. Benjamin tells her that if she feels that he isn't qualified, she should terminate his training so that someone more worthy could have a chance to be joined. Not wanting to live up to the reputation of Curzon Dax, Jadzia becomes conflicted, but Benjamin, in a reversal of their old student/teacher relationship, tells her what she needs to hear: that she should do what she knows is right. As their conversation concludes, the object that had collided with the Mekong and had been transported to a science lab aboard the station has suddenly grown in size. As they tried to analyze the energy mass in the lab, Jadzia and Arjin continued their conversation. When Arjin tried to backtrack on what he had said the previous day and claimed that he had thought of several career paths for himself, Jadzia told him that she knows he is just telling her what she wants to hear and although her evaluation of him is not yet complete, he has so far not met up to her standards for a Trill initiate. Taking this to mean that he now has no chance of being joined, Arjin became furious and began telling Jadzia how he felt about her. He told her that he had never seen anyone that he thought was less worthy to be joined than her and could easily understand why Curzon Dax recommended that she be washed out of the program.

Later in Ops, the command staff is being briefed by Jadzia as to what she has discovered about the energy mass in the lab. It is a proto-universe in the most basic stage of forming. As it grows in spurts, it will begin to displace the existing universe. Faced with this danger, Commander Sisko makes the decision to destroy the proto-universe before it causes any harm to the station and eventually, the surrounding star systems. Meanwhile, Arjin is drowning his sorrows in Quark's Bar. After getting an earful of Ferengi wisdom, Arjin was left feeling worse than when he arrived.

As Dax completes her analysis of the proto-universe, she comes to a startling conclusion: there are life forms within it—possibly entire civilizations. They had even hypothesized that in the past few hours of their time on the station, billions of years may have passed within the new universe. Commander Sisko was left with only one option: return the proto-universe to the Gamma Quadrant where it was found. The danger in this course of action lies in the proto-universe interacting with the vertiron nodes in the wormhole. If the two were to meet, the resulting energy discharge would be strong enough to destroy an entire star system. Chief O'Brien prepares the strongest force-field he can aboard a runabout, while Dax and Arjin prepare to fly it back to where they found it.

Very shortly after the runabout enters the wormhole, the force field begins to weaken and eventually fails after repeated interactions with the vertiron nodes. With no further protection, their only hope of completing their mission is to successfully avoid the vertiron nodes by maneuvering around them. Since precision flying in a wormhole had never been done by anyone, the chance of succeeding was slim. Since Arjin was a superior pilot to Jadzia, she tells him to take

the helm. He resists at first, but soon realizes that he is their best chance for survival. While nervous, Arjin does manage to steer the runabout through the maze of obstacles and emerges in the Gamma Quadrant. With the proto-universe back where it belongs, Arjin finally earns Jadzia's respect.

Back on the station, as they were heading to the airlock, Arjin confesses to Jadzia that he understood what she had been trying to tell him: that his motives for wanting to be joined were as important as any of the other qualifications, if not more. He knew that he wasn't yet ready to be joined, but that he would try again when the time was right and his goals were clearer.

Profit and Loss

Season 2

Episode Number: 38

Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Saturday March 20, 1994
Writer: Flip Kobler, Cindy Marcus
Director: Robert Wiemer
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Mary Crosby (Natima Lang), Michael Reilly Burke (Hogue), Edward Wiley (Gul Toran), Heidi Swedberg (Rekelen)
Production Code: 40510-438
Summary: Quark puts everything at stake to win back his long love Natima Lang, a Cardassian woman suspected of terrorism on Cardassia.



When a damaged Cardassian ship shows up near Deep Space Nine, Commander Benjamin Sisko has it brought in. Sisko and Chief Miles O'Brien greet the passengers, Natima Lang and her students, Rekelen and Hogue. Lang claims that their ship was damaged in a meteor storm and request repairs. They then visit the Promenade, where Quark recognizes Natima and greets her excitedly. Natima slaps Quark and tells him she never wants to see him again, but as she walks away, Quark tells Odo, "Today's the

best day of my life." Quark and Natima were once lovers and it is apparent as he follows her that she still has feelings for him. However, the second he quotes a Rule of Acquisition, any such feelings seem to vanish. Garak and Doctor Julian Bashir pass by and Garak acknowledges Natima politely, prompting her to panic. She tells Sisko that she and her students must leave quickly, but O'Brien has discovered that her ship was actually damaged by Cardassian phaser fire. Natima reveals they are political outcasts intent on reforming the Cardassian government.

While Natima talks to Sisko, Quark visits Garak's shop and asks for advice on Cardassian fashion. The tailor describes Natima's taste in fashion as "too radical" for his liking and warns that a poor choice in fashion can be detrimental to one's health. A Cardassian warship arrives shortly thereafter, ignoring communication attempts and targeting the station with its weapons. Garak visits Ops to explain that Central Command wants Hogue and Rekelen, whom he describes as terrorists. Sisko warns Garak that if the Cardassians try to take them by force, he will respond in kind.

Desperate to get Natima back, Quark offers Hogue and Rekelen a cloaking device to help them escape, but as part of the agreement he requires that Natima stay with him. Natima tries to reason with Quark, explaining that she cannot stay, and threatens to shoot him with a phaser. Believing she is bluffing, Quark dares her to do so; she fires the phaser but looks as surprised as Quark. Natima tells him she barely touched the trigger and did not mean to fire, after which she declares her love for him. As the two of them happily reminisce about the past, Odo enters Natima's quarters and places her under arrest.

The Bajoran government has agreed to turn Natima, Hogue, and Rekelen over to the Cardassians in exchange for the release of several Bajoran prisoners. A former rival of Garak's, Gul Toran, visits Garak's shop and tells the tailor that Central Command has changed its mind; it wants the prisoners dead. In exchange for killing the prisoners, Garak will be allowed to return to Cardassia.

Meanwhile, Quark convinces Odo to help Natima and takes her and her students to their ship. Garak greets them at the airlock, where he laments that he must now kill Quark as well as Natima and her students. Quark attempts to reason with Garak, but before Garak can respond, Teran emerges from behind a cargo container. Teran reveals that he only used Garak to learn Hogue and Rekelen's whereabouts; Garak then shoots him.

Before Natima leaves, Quark tries one final time to convince her to stay. She tells him she must return to Cardassia until her work is done. "So all I have to do to get you back is wait until Cardassia becomes a free and democratic society?" he asks. Smiling, Natima tells him they will meet again some day and promises to make it worth the wait. Once she leaves, Quark asks why Garak shot Teran, to which Garak asks why Quark helped Natima. "I had no choice I love her," Quark says. "And I love Cardassia, which is why I had to do what I did," Garak responds.

Blood Oath

Season 2

Episode Number: 39

Season Episode: 19

Originally aired: Saturday March 27, 1994
Writer: Peter Allan Fields
Director: Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko)
Guest Stars: John Colicos (Kor), Michael Ansara (Kang), Bill Bolender (The Albino), Christopher Collins (Head Guard), William Campbell (Koloth)
Production Code: 40510-439
Summary: Three Klingons arrive on the station that Curzon Dax took a Klingon blood oath with after their young sons were murdered. One of the Klingons has discovered where the murderer is in hiding and the three Klingons intend to avenge their sons' deaths. Jadzia must decide if she will honor the oath Curzon took and go with them with the intention of killing this man.



Quark complains to Odo that a drunken Klingon named Kor is ruining his holosuite and Odo takes the man to a holding cell. Koloth, one of Kor's friends, comes to release him; however, when he sees Kor is still quite drunk, he tells Odo to keep him. Dax overhears Odo telling Kira about the incident and has Kor released. She reveals to him and to Koloth that she was Curzon Dax, or at least the symbiont inside her was. Kor and Koloth realize that another friend, Kang has set this meeting up on purpose Kang informs the

other three that he has found "the albino," a man whose heart all four swore a blood oath to eat. However, while Kor embraces Jadzia immediately and Koloth slowly accepts her, Kang is skeptical of her involvement in the mission. He cites that Trill hosts have no obligation to honor past commitments and tells her that she is released from Curzon's oath. Confiding in Kira, Dax nonetheless feels obligated to fulfill it.

Dax talks to Kor, who is as joyful as ever. His response to her desire to participate is, "Oh, of course you should come! The splendor of fighting and killing, a bloodbath in the cause of vengeance; who wouldn't want to come!" After a bat'leth duel with Dax, Koloth tells her that her presence will do honor to their cause. Kang remains adamant but Dax presses the matter. After all, Curzon was the godfather of Kang's son whom the Albino killed, and he cannot deny her right to vengeance. Finally, begrudgingly, Kang agrees to allow her to come but does not approve.

Sisko beats Dax to the punch and comes to her quarters to tell her she may not have a leave of absence to kill the Albino. He does not understand the concept of murder in the name of vengeance. When Dax begs him not to make her disobey a direct order, he does not directly give her permission to go but does not stop her either.

On the way to the Albino's hideaway, the Klingons and Jadzia discuss the logistics of their surprise assault. Koloth and Kor march out of the room triumphantly, but Dax stays to confront

Kang. While the others may be blinded by their loyalty to Kang, she is able to see that the plan is doomed and demands to know why Kang wants to commit suicide. Finally, Kang reveals that when he first learned the Albino's location, he visited the system to see if it was true and was contacted by the Albino. The Albino offered Kang a "glorious" battle against forty of the Albino's best warriors and Kang accepted, believing that if he could not kill the Albino, he could die trying.

Claiming Klingons embrace death far too easily, Dax helps Kang and the others come up with a new strategy. By using a disruptor field to disable energy weapons, they force the Albino's warriors to fight using traditional methods and storm the compound. Koloth dies during the attack and the Albino manages to mortally wound Kang, but Dax pins the Albino so he is at her mercy. He dares her to kill him believing she will not; she does not, instead allowing Kang the honor. "It is a good day to die," Kang utters before dying.

The Maquis (1)

Season 2

Episode Number: 40

Season Episode: 20

Originally aired:	Saturday April 24, 1994
Writer:	James Crocker
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Guest Stars:	Bernie Casey (Cal Hudson), Tony Plana (Amaros), Bertila Damas (Sakonna), Michael Krawic (Samuels), Amanda Carlin (Kobb), Richard Poe (Gul Evek)
Production Code:	40510-440
Summary:	A band of Cardassian-hating militants known as the 'Maquis' starts attacking Cardassian ships.



While a Cardassian freighter, the Bok'Nor, is docked at Deep Space 9, a human posing as a Starfleet maintenance worker tampers with a nearby wall panel. Shortly thereafter, the freighter explodes while leaving the station. A subsequent investigation reveals no signs of explosive devices or other obvious methods of sabotage, but traces of mercassium, a compound unique to the United Federation of Planets, are found in the debris of the Bok'Nor. Although the explosion may have been an implosive protomatter de-

vice, O'Brien informs Sisko that he cannot be sure.

Starfleet sends Calvin Hudson, the ranking officer in the demilitarized zone along the Cardassian border and an old friend of both Sisko and Dax, to the station to investigate the possibility of retaliatory attacks. He tells Sisko his presence on the border is a joke; his assignment has been to help colonists whose land the Federation gave to Cardassia adjust to the new circumstances.

Contrary to Starfleet's belief, Hudson is sure the Cardassians will not retaliate, but he guarantees a response will come.

Meanwhile, the man who sabotaged the Bok'Nor is abducted. When Sisko returns to his quarters that evening, he finds Gul Dukat waiting for him. Dukat explains that Cardassian Central Command is unaware of his presence on DS9, but he has come unofficially to help Sisko find the truth about the destruction of the freighter. In order to do so, the two of them take a runabout to a group of colonies in the demilitarized zone, which Dukat describes as "not so demilitarized any more." There, they find two Cardassian attack vessels attacking a Federation merchant ship; before the runabout can intervene, another Federation vessel arrives and destroys the Cardassians.

Back on the station, Quark has arranged a "business" dinner with a Vulcan woman named Sakonna. She is eager to begin negotiations but he quotes one of the Rules of Acquisition: "Never begin a business negotiation on an empty stomach." When he describes the Rules of Acquisition,

she finds them logical and "quite reassuring." Once Quark is ready to discuss business, he is surprised to hear she is looking to acquire weapons: She wishes to acquire a continuous supply of "guns, phaser banks, photon torpedoes, troop transports, and a number of cobalt thorium devices," among others.

In the demilitarized zone, Gul Evek, the Cardassian attache to the demilitarized zone, is in a heated debate with Cal Hudson when Dukat and Sisko enter the room. When they describe the incident they observed, both sides seem to feel that their colonists were justified. Evek then produces a confession from the Bok'Nor saboteur, William Patrick Samuels, but claims that Samuels committed suicide shortly after giving it. One of the colonists present attacks Evek and must be restrained.

Later that night, Hudson warns Sisko that the Cardassians have no intention of allowing the Federation colonists to stay and tells him the Bok'Nor was likely transporting weapons to Cardassian colonists. He concedes that Samuels might have destroyed the freighter but claims the colonists have the right to defend themselves. On the way back to Deep Space Nine, Sisko discovers Dukat knew of Samuels' confession but knew nothing of the "suicide." Furthermore, Dukat swears on the lives of his children that the Bok'Nor was not transporting weapons.

Sekonna requests that Quark move the weapon shipment schedule forward and he complies greedily. Meanwhile, O'Brien has confirmed what Sisko believed: The bomb that destroyed the Bok'Nor was of Federation origin. Shortly after Sisko's and Dukat's arrival on the station, a group consisting of a man posing as a Starfleet security guard, Sekonna, and several colonists who were present during the confrontation between Evek and Hudson kidnaps Dukat. Sisko and the rest of the crew determine the course the terrorists most likely took and he, Kira, and Bashir follow them in a runabout. Before the trio leaves, an anonymous transmission from the demilitarized zone attributes the bombing of the Bok'Nor and the recent kidnappings to a group calling itself the Maquis.

They follow the Maquis into an area called the Badlands with which Bashir is unfamiliar. Kira explains that it is an area of the Cardassian-Federation border with frequent plasma storms, which pilots generally try to avoid. "Sounds like the perfect place for a hideout," he observes. They beam to the surface of a planet, where the armed Maquis members emerge from nearby foliage — followed by Cal Hudson, out of uniform.

The Maquis (2)

Season 2

Episode Number: 41

Season Episode: 21

Originally aired:	Saturday May 1, 1994
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr
Director:	Corey Allen
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Guest Stars:	Tony Plana (Amaros), John Schuck (Legate Parn), Bertila Damas (Sakonna), Michael Bell (Xepolite), Amanda Carlin (Kobb), Bernie Casey (Lt. Commander Calvin Hudson)
Production Code:	40510-441
Summary:	Sisko's friend, Commander Cal Hudson, resigns from Starfleet to join the Maquis in their fight against the Cardassians.



Calvin Hudson, now part of the Maquis, has Sisko, Kira, and Bashir at his mercy. Sisko demands to see Gul Dukat, whom the Maquis abducted, to which Hudson accuses Sisko of siding with the Cardassians over him. According to Hudson, the Maquis's top priority is peace but insists the Cardassians' crimes cannot go unpunished, and Sisko points out that it is revenge, not peace, they seek. "I prefer to call it retaliation," Hudson smirks. After Sisko declines an offer to join the Maquis, the Maquis shoot him, Kira, and Bashir.

Admiral Nechayev is waiting for Sisko when he returns to Deep Space Nine, and Dax informs him that Legate Parn of Cardassian Central Command will be arriving soon as well. Nechayev refers to the Maquis as "a bunch of irresponsible hotheads" and tells Sisko to talk to them, although he finds such sentiments out of touch with reality. When Nechayev leaves, Kira informs him that Legate Parn has just arrived. He is on his way to greet the Cardassian leader when Odo reports that he has caught "one of the Vulcan's accomplices." Sisko arrives in the security office to find Quark in a holding cell. Quark attempts to evade discussion of his business with Sakonna but eventually reveals that he arranged for the Maquis to acquire weapons. While he had not heard of the Maquis at the time, he is sure Sakonna plans to execute her plans within the next few days. Legate Parn upon meeting with Sisko informs him and Kira that the Cardassian Central Command has discovered Dukat to be the leader of "a small group of misguided officers" who were smuggling weapons to the demilitarized zone. However, neither Sisko nor Kira believe him.

On one of the Maquis worlds, Sakonna attempts to establish a Vulcan mind meld with Dukat, who openly mocks his captors. When Sisko, Bashir, and Odo interrupt the interrogation, there is a momentary standoff, during which Dukat grows impatient. "Shoot them!" he yells and knocks Sakonna over, triggering a firefight. The Maquis are arrested, but Sisko allows one of them named Amaros to go free with a message to Cal Hudson that it is not too late to settle things peacefully.

They bring Dukat back to Deep Space Nine, where he inquires about the fact that Federation not Cardassian forces rescued him. Sisko tells Dukat about Legate Parn turning him into a scapegoat and the two men put past differences aside to work together to stop both the weapons smuggling and the Maquis. By this time, Odo has obtained an extensive list of weapons Sakonna bought from Quark, but he has been unable to find out more. The crew focus on the weapons smuggling instead for the time being. With Dukat's help, they find a Xepolite trader and detain a shipment of weapons from him, finally obtaining proof of the conspiracy.

Back on the station, Quark and Sakonna share a holding cell. He calls her position with the Maquis illogical and uses the Rules of Acquisition to explain that with the Cardassian plan exposed, "peace can be bought at a bargain price." She informs Sisko that the Maquis are planning to blow up a hidden Cardassian weapons depot in the next 52 hours, but she does not know where it is. Dukat says he can find the depot's location, and in the meantime, Sisko visits cal Hudson one final time. He brings along Hudson's uniform, which Hudson vaporizes with a phaser.

The crew is waiting in runabouts when the Maquis arrive at the depot, and as neither Hudson nor Sisko wants to hurt the other, the resulting dogfight is relatively slow paced. Sisko's runabout and Hudson's raider each try to disable the other. Hudson manages to knock out Sisko's engines, but his own phasers are disabled. He flees and, over Dukat's objections, Sisko allows him to escape.

Ultimately, Sisko wonders if he has prevented a war or delayed the inevitable.

The Wire

Season 2

Episode Number: 42

Season Episode: 22

Originally aired:	Saturday May 8, 1994
Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Kim Friedman
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain), Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	Jimmie F. Skaggs (Glenn Boheeka), Ann Gillespie (Jabara)
Production Code:	40510-442
Summary:	Bashir tries to save Garak from a bizarre illness that is soon discovered to be a strange addiction.



Jadzia Dax looks on as Bashir uses his medical tricorder to examine an alien plant of some kind, which looks like a miniature bush with a large cone growing from it. She asks if he can tell what is wrong with the plant. In his "expert medical opinion," it is sick; however, when she asks why, he points out that he's a doctor, not a botanist. Unfortunately, Keiko O'Brien is at a hydroponics conference on Rigel IV and the only Dax host to experiment with gardening was Tobin, who had even less luck with plants than he did

with women. All she is able to tell him about the plant is that she picked it up on Ledonia III. Asking to use her computer, Bashir discovers that Ledonian soil contains a type of fungus that helps plants retain water. He estimates that there is enough fungus left in the plant's soil to harvest it and produce a new batch and Dax tells him Keiko would be proud. However, he wishes humanoid patients were as easy to treat. Dax instinctively asks if Chief O'Brien has dislocated his shoulder again, but Bashir is referring to Garak.

The doctor relates his lunchtime experience and how Garak seemed on the verge of a seizure yet refused to visit the infirmary. Dax suggests Garak has a phobia associated with doctors, but Bashir believes it has more to do with Cardassian pride. While Bashir can understand Garak's desire to keep his past a mystery, he is at a loss for why Garak would be secretive about his medical condition.

Dax observes that Bashir is taking the matter too personally, which he concedes may be true, but he points out that he and Garak have eaten lunch together once a week for over a year, which should garner a little trust in his view. However, Dax points out that Bashir and Garak are not actual friends, so Garak has no reason to trust him. It is obvious Bashir has feelings to the contrary as he agrees with her and claims he does not trust Garak either.

Later that evening, Bashir enters the mostly vacant Promenade and notices Garak talking to Quark, who holds a data pad. "So I take it we understand each other," Garak is saying to Quark. The Ferengi asks if he has ever let Garak down once in Garak's two years about Deep Space Nine. As Garak points out, they have never done business until now, which Quark says is why their

deal is so important to him; he wants their business relationship to start on the right foot. Quark reassures Garak that he will procure Garak's merchandise, which Garak warns he must have soon. Garak leaves and Quark has a satisfied grin on his face until Bashir makes his presence known, claiming he could not help but "overhear" the conversation. Quark claims Garak ordered a "reasonably priced" sizing scanner from Merak II, nothing more. Bashir asks why Garak seemed upset, but Quark claims not to have noticed, offering him some Saurian brandy or a late-night session in a holosuite. Seeing he will not learn anything from Quark, Bashir politely declines.

As Bashir administers a hypospray to Commander Benjamin Sisko in the infirmary, he jokingly tells the commander not to yell at any more admirals. "I wasn't yelling; I was just expressing my feelings — loudly," Sisko replies with a grin as he exits. He and O'Brien acknowledge each other as the chief passes by on his way in. Bashir asks O'Brien to help him find some old Cardassian medical files. O'Brien is not surprised Bashir has had trouble in accessing them, as the Cardassians did a general systems sweep before they withdrew from Bajor. Medical files would have been deleted along with everything else, but as he accesses Bashir's computer, O'Brien estimates he can retrieve the bulk of the data within two to three weeks. Bashir seems dismayed, but Quark interrupts on the emergency communications channel to announce that he needs the doctor to come to his bar immediately. Bashir and O'Brien exchange looks, unsure what to make of the request as Bashir grabs a Medkit and leaves.

In Quark's, Bashir finds a heavily intoxicated Garak sitting at the bar with several empty bottles of kanar in front of him, opening another over Quark's insistence that he has had enough. Garak is pleasantly surprised to see Bashir. He promises to reschedule their lunch date and asks Bashir to join him. Bashir accepts, reaching for the bottle, and suggests that they drink the kanar somewhere private. Garak agrees and suggests his quarters, but as they get up to leave, Bashir mentions that he must make a stop at the infirmary. Despite being intoxicated, Garak still has his wits about him. The Cardassian stops and laughs at Bashir's attempt to trick him, demanding the bottle back. The two of them debate the matter for a few seconds before Garak appears to suffer a seizure, grabbing Bashir's arm as he collapses in pain. Bashir contacts Ops to order an emergency transport to the infirmary and the two of them beam out of the bar.

Garak lies unconscious in the infirmary with a monitoring device on his forehead, and a Bajoran nurse attends to him as Odo and Bashir stand next to a screen on the wall. The screen shows a three-dimensional image of Garak's brain with a purple spot indicating a foreign object. Odo asks if it is an implant of some kind, but Bashir was hoping Odo could tell him since Odo worked for the Cardassians during the occupation of Bajor. However, Odo points out somewhat sarcastically that while he may know the Cardassians well, he has never looked inside their skulls. He asks if the implant is the cause of Garak's condition, which Bashir believes is possible, as the implant is connected to Garak's entire central nervous system. It may be a punishment device from the Cardassian government, but based on the scars surrounding the implant, Bashir estimates it has been in Garak's brain for years, whereas the Cardassian has only been in pain for a few days. Neither of them knows for sure what the implant is, but Bashir mentions that Quark may be responsible, piquing Odo's interest immediately. When he hears of Bashir's encounter with Quark, Odo remarks, "The direct approach seldom works with people like him." The meeting may help explain why Quark has sent several coded subspace messages — Odo explains that he routinely monitors Quark's communications, which, while not entirely legal, is in the station's best interest — and the constable tells Bashir to meet him in the security office at 0200, as that is when Quark makes his clandestine calls.

That night, Quark goes to his terminal behind the bar after closing and contacts Boheeka, an old acquaintance from the time when the Cardassians occupied Bajor. Boheeka inquires about a dabo girl he knew, as he misses her company. In a mischievous tone, Quark replies, "I'm sure she misses you too!" They share a laugh before getting down to business. Quark enticingly asks Boheeka if he would like to earn enough latinum to buy himself a promotion, at which point Boheeka gives Quark his undivided attention. The Ferengi needs the installation schematics for a piece of Cardassian biotechnology, which Boheeka says should be relatively easy to obtain. Boheeka asks what it is, but Quark never asks such questions of his clients, so he simply transmits a requisition code to Boheeka.

Meanwhile, Bashir and Odo observe from a monitor in Odo's office. Bashir hopes Odo does not have a camera like this in his quarters, to which Odo rhetorically asks, "Should I?" When Boheeka puts the code into his computer, a red light flashes and he looks terrified. Calling Quark an idiot,

he exclaims that he is ruined, his career over. Quark wonders what happened and Boheeka furiously informs him that the code was for classified biotechnology; even the requisition code is classified. He demands to know where Quark got it but, once again looking frightened, thinks better of it and says he does not want to know. If he is lucky, the Obsidian Order will not trace the signal back to him. "Nice talking to you Boheeka. We'll have to do it again some time," Quark panics.

As Quark terminates the transmission, Odo terminates the camera feed and he and Bashir walk out to the Promenade. Odo explains to Bashir that the Obsidian Order is "the ever-vigilant eyes and ears of the Cardassian Empire." Common knowledge is that one cannot sit down to a meal on Cardassia without the Order noting each course; Bashir wonders what happens to people who eat something that is not in agreement with the Order, and Odo notes that people have disappeared for less. The Order's ruthlessness and efficiency are without measure, topping even the Romulan Tal Shiar. Bashir supposes that the Order put the device in Garak's brain, but Odo is more interested in why Garak wants to get his hands on another one. Garak may want to find a way to remove the device, but there is no way to know for sure without asking Garak himself. Bashir thanks Odo for his help and enters the infirmary as Odo resumes his patrol. When Bashir enters Garak's room, all he finds is a discarded hospital gown.

Bashir immediately visits Garak's quarters, but there is no answer so he uses an emergency medical override command to open the door. Inside, he finds Garak administering triptacederine to himself with a hypospray. Although Garak seems pleased to see Bashir and observes that he must have missed the door chime, his speech is heavily impaired by the effects of the drug. Bashir finds that Garak has taken enough of it to inoculate an Algorian mammoth, but as Garak barely feels anything, he claims Cardassians must be made of something sterner. Fed up with the games, Bashir orders Garak to come with him to the infirmary, and Garak assures the doctor that he is beyond help.

Cutting to the chase, Bashir tells Garak that Quark is not coming. A worried look crosses Garak's face although he tries to cover it up as he asks how Bashir knows this information. When Bashir tells him of Boheeka, a dismayed Garak says he should have expected as much. He concedes to himself that it may be for the best, requesting his hypospray back from Bashir. Bashir refuses, warning Garak that another dose could kill him. "Thank you for your concern," Garak says politely, "but I'd rather have the hypospray." However, Bashir refuses to let his Cardassian friend commit suicide. Garak demands it back, holding a small container of triptacederine, but falls to his knees in pain as the cranial implant acts up again.

Now Garak leans against a chair and allows Bashir to take the container from his hand. He informs Bashir that his cranial nerve cluster should have deteriorated slightly by now, and as he scans Garak's head with a tricorder, Bashir adds that the deterioration is not so slight. Nonetheless, Garak refuses to go to the infirmary because he has no intention of allowing the Bajorans on the station to see him in his present state. Bashir asks about the implant, so Garak explains that it is not a punishment device, although it has become one in a way. He avoids direct talk of the implant's nature, however, reassuring Bashir that it cannot be removed, because if it could, it would be useless. The implant was given to Garak by Enabran Tain, head of the Obsidian Order, and was designed to trigger the production of endorphins in the event that Garak was tortured, making him immune to pain. However, it was not designed for continuous use.

Life aboard DS9, where the temperature is too cold, the lights are too bright, and the citizens loathe him, has been torture for Garak since he arrived. Not wanting to deal with the pain any more, he created a device that allowed him to trigger the implant on demand and used it for a few minutes each day. As time went on, he gradually began using it more and more until he left the implant on permanently. Two years later, the implant is breaking down, and while Bashir suggests turning it off, Garak's body has become addicted to the higher endorphin levels. Garak has essentially given up, a strategy which Bashir sees as letting "them" — the Central Command, Obsidian Order, or whoever exiled Garak to DS9 — win. The Cardassian calls Bashir an annoying pest, but he is used to hearing the insult from Chief O'Brien and claims he never listens to O'Brien either. In light of Bashir's undaunted optimism, Garak confronts the doctor with the fact that he deserves his punishment. Bashir insists no one deserves such treatment and all that matters is that Garak is his patient and he is Garak's doctor. "Wrong again, doctor," Garak corrects him. "You need to know who you're trying to save." At the time of the Cardassian

withdrawal from Bajor, Garak tells Bashir, he was a Gul in the Cardassian Mechanized Infantry. When a group of Bajorans escaped from his custody, his aide Elim tracked them down and followed them aboard a Cardassian shuttle headed for Terok Nor. However, the captain of the shuttle claimed to be under strict orders from Gul Dukat to depart immediately and refused to let Elim search the shuttle. Garak had the shuttle destroyed, killing the escapees, Elim, and 97 other Cardassians — one of whom was the daughter of a prominent official. Garak was subsequently stripped of his rank and exiled from Cardassia. As he finishes the story, he hangs his head in shame, having finally revealed the truth to Bashir. Bashir, now more compassionate than before, reaffirms the fact that the only thing concerning him is his patient and helping Garak. Whatever the side effects of turning the implant off may be, he promises to help Garak through them, but he needs to know where the triggering device is. Garak points him to a drawer and he takes it out.

Garak lies unconscious on his bed with a monitoring device on his forehead. Bashir and Nurse Jabara are at Garak's bedside and Bashir informs her that he will be with Garak for at least the next twenty-six hours if she needs him. She leaves and he tells the computer to monitor Garak's implant for any signs of activation. Shortly thereafter, the door chime rings. Odo enters, hoping to ask Garak a few questions. However, Garak has been unconscious since Bashir turned the implant off, so he and Odo talk quietly in the corridor outside Garak's quarters. There Odo informs him that he has four unsolved homicides which he is certain are linked to the Obsidian Order. However, Bashir explains that Garak's body has undergone a severe shock and he is unsure when, or if, Garak will recover. Odo wants to talk to Bashir immediately when he learns the Cardassian might not recover, but Bashir forbids anyone except emergency personnel from entering Garak's quarters for the time being. That night, Bashir remains in Garak's quarters, monitoring his progress and worrying about him, and eventually falls asleep in a chair near Garak's bed.

Garak awakens in the middle of the night and sits on the side of his bed sobbing out of both pain and sorrow when Bashir too awakens. The doctor approaches Garak comfortingly, but Garak wants to be left alone. The more Bashir attempts to comfort Garak, the more agitated Garak becomes, calling his life pathetic and DS9 a prison. He grabs a nearby vase of flowers and smashes it on the floor as he speaks. Although Bashir attributes this behavior to the side effects of the implant's deactivation, Garak claims he is more clear-headed than he has been in the last two years. Referring to his life aboard DS9 as a waste, he overturns a table in frustration. He claims he was once the protégé of the head of the Obsidian Order, Enabran Tain, a man more powerful than even the Central Command, until he was exiled. Bashir refers to the incident with the shuttle, but Garak reveals that his disgrace is even worse than he previously claimed.

In this version of the story, Garak and Elim were interrogating a group of Bajoran children, none of them older than fourteen. The air was chilly and Garak's stomach was growling, and suddenly the entire exercise suddenly seemed meaningless— "all I wanted was a hot bath and a good meal." Garak gave the children whatever latinum he had and released them. "Elim couldn't believe his eyes, he looked at me as if I were insane." Bashir sees his act as honorable, but Garak claims he was a fool and should have turned the children over to the troops for execution. In one swift move, he was exiled to the station with nothing to look forward to but having lunch with Bashir. As Garak describes life on the station with contempt and claims he hates it, and hates Bashir, Bashir patiently tries to get Garak to lie down, but the Cardassian lunges at him. A brief struggle ensues before Garak suffers another seizure and goes into shock.

Once again in the infirmary, Bashir tells Jabara to administer more hyperzine to Garak, but Garak's body does not respond. They use cardiostimulation to stabilize Garak's heartbeat, but the Cardassian's lymphatic system still reads critical. A perplexed Bashir cannot understand why toxins continue to accumulate despite the implant being shut down, so he uses the computer to analyze previous bio-chemical samples. A comparative view of samples from the past 39 hours shows a pattern in the progression of Garak's leukocytes, indicating that the molecular structure itself has been altered. While it may be possible to synthesize Cardassian leukocytes, doing so would take weeks. Jabara suggests that they turn the implant back on, as it could keep Garak alive for another week or two.

However, Garak awakens and forbids it.

Garak tells Bashir that he never wants the implant turned on again, and while Bashir empathizes, he is unsure of what else he can do. On hearing this, Garak gratefully assures the

doctor that he has already done more than the Cardassian deserves. Garak announces that he wants to tell Bashir the truth, something Bashir has given up on finding. "Oh, don't give up on me now Doctor. Patience has its rewards," Garak replies softly. The truth is that Elim was not Garak's aide but his friend, closer to him than a brother. The two of them were powerful members of the Obsidian Order, referred to by many as the "sons of Tain" and feared by even the Guls. When a scandal erupted over the release of several Bajoran prisoners, there were rumors of who would be implicated, and as Tain had retired to the Arawath colony by then, he was unable to protect Garak. Panicking, Garak altered records and planted files in an attempt to frame Elim, but Elim beat him to the punch. When Garak was subsequently exiled, he admits he deserved it, not for the reasons the government claimed, but for betraying his best friend. He confides in the doctor that he needs to know someone forgives him, which Bashir does, acknowledging for both of them that Garak is a good man despite past wrongdoings. Finally at ease, Garak falls asleep peacefully. Bashir informs Jabara that he plans to leave and will return within 52 hours, intending to "find the man responsible for this." There is a somber feeling as Bashir leaves DS9 in a runabout and travels to Cardassia, although it is unclear how he learned where to go. He travels to the colony Garak mentioned and beams to the surface, arriving in a conspicuously empty Cardassian-style dwelling. After glancing around, Bashir presumes he is alone and wanders over to a nearby computer console. Whatever is displayed on the console's monitor intrigues him, but as he reaches toward it, a Cardassian man emerges from a doorway behind him. "Doctor Bashir," the man interrupts in a friendly tone. "Welcome. Please, make yourself at home." Bashir is speechless, unsure of what to say. The Cardassian observes that the doctor must have something to say to him after coming all this way, at which point Bashir identifies the man as Enabran Tain. Tain returns the favor, demonstrating his knowledge by identifying his guest as "Doctor Julian Subatoi Bashir." Although he explains that he informed military Bashir would be coming, Tain is nonetheless impressed by Bashir's audacity in making the journey. Tain walks over to a replicator and asks if Bashir would like anything, suggesting Tarkalean tea. The idea appeals to Bashir, who mentions that he always drinks Tarkalean tea before he suddenly realizes how suspicious it is for Tain to know such a thing. "A good host always knows the needs of his guests," Tain explains as he orders Bashir's tea — extra sweet, just the way Bashir likes it — and a glass of kanar for himself. He hands Bashir the tea and asks if Garak's condition has improved at all. However, Bashir is focused not on Garak but on Tain's incredible wealth of knowledge, observing that Boheeka had reason to fear the Obsidian Order. Tain claims he likes to stay informed on current events despite his retirement, noting with amusement that Bashir could probably tell him many things he would be interested to know. Sarcastically, Bashir offers his opinion on the latest nillimite alloy tennis racket, but Tain respectfully declines.

Tain finds it strange that Bashir is trying to save Garak's life since he thought Bashir was Garak's friend. Given the earlier exchanges Bashir had with both Dax and Garak, he thinks the matter over for a second before replying, "I suppose I am." In that case, Tain believes Bashir should let Garak die, which in his opinion would be kinder. Bashir reaffirms that his job is to keep Garak alive and solicits Tain's help. The Cardassian feigns surprise at hearing Bashir believes he has a solution for Garak's condition. When Bashir confronts him with the fact that he ordered Garak to put the implant in his brain, Tain fondly explains that he never had to order Garak to do anything. He sarcastically weighs the options and decides to give Bashir the information; however, he does so not to help Garak but because he wants Garak to suffer. When Bashir sarcastically observes the lovely sentiment behind Tain's statement, the Cardassian assures him it is from the heart and sends him on his way. Before he leaves, Bashir asks what happened to Garak's friend Elim; laughing, Tain explains that Elim is Garak's first name. Despite the hatred Tain has expressed, he asks Bashir to tell Garak he misses him. When Bashir orders the runabout to beam him up, he pauses momentarily before he gives the energize command, Tain's words weighing heavily on his mind as he realizes none of Garak's stories were true.

Back aboard DS9, Bashir sits alone at his and Garak's table in the replimat and is surprised when Garak walks up and asks to join him. Bashir seems annoyed, albeit in a concerned manner, that Garak is not in bed. Bed is out of the question, as Garak could not stand being in the infirmary and feels fine anyway. Before his companion can respond, Garak asks how Bashir's Idanian spice pudding tastes. Bashir finds it incredible that Garak can simply go one with life and pretend the last ten days never happened, but as Garak is satisfied with the way things turned out, he sees no point in dwelling on such a difficult time for both of them. Perhaps because he

agrees, perhaps because he does not want to argue, Bashir simply sips his beverage.

Garak seems surprised as he informs Bashir that Constable Odo is under the impression he was once a member of the Obsidian Order. Of course, he assured the constable this was untrue. Odo told Garak he plans to keep a close eye on him from now on, which seems fine with Garak as he claims he has nothing to hide. Taking out a data rod, he hands Bashir *Meditations on a Crimson Shadow*, a Cardassian novel by Preloc. The doctor is unenthusiastic by the notion of more Cardassian literature, but Garak believes this novel is more to Bashir's liking. He explains that it is about a futuristic war between Cardassia and the Klingon Empire. Bashir dryly asks who wins, to which Garak grins and responds, "Who do you think?" "Never mind, don't tell me, I don't want to spoil the ending," Bashir says sarcastically. As Garak laughs, Bashir obviously has something more serious on his mind. He wonders which of the stories about Garak's past are true and which are not. Garak reassures him they are all true — especially the lies.

Crossover

Season 2

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Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Kim Friedman
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	John Cothran Jr. (Telok)
Production Code:	40510-443
Summary:	An accident, which occurs while traveling through the wormhole, leaves Kira and Bashir stranded in an alternate universe where humans are slaves.



As Major Kira and Doctor Bashir make their way back to Deep Space 9, Kira asks Bashir to take control of the runabout, as she has a headache and would like to meditate. Bashir mentions that he once had the opportunity to study with a rhythmic breathing expert named Isam Helewa, but Kira seems less than interested. When he mentions that he would like to learn any Bajoran techniques, Kira tells him that Bajorans usually just sit quietly. There is a brief pause as Kira meditates before Bashir begins breathing

sporadically. She looks up, irritated, and asks him what he is doing. He explains that he is using a technique called Bellows Breath meant to increase one's energy flow.

In an attempt to change the subject, Kira suggests that they listen to some music. Unfazed Bashir asks what type the Major prefers, but unfortunately her musical knowledge is limited to Bajoran composers. He immediately tells the computer to play a selection by Tor Jolan, one of Bajor's greatest composers, much to Kira's surprise. She wonders how he knows of Tor and he explains that he has made a point to listen to Bajoran music since he was assigned to DS9. They seem on the verge of finding a common ground when he starts comparing Tor to the great Boldaric masters of the previous century which seems to further annoy Kira. He remains as gung ho as ever, attempting to get to know Kira on a first-name basis.

Bashir goes on to say that Nerys is one of the most interesting women he has ever met and he is glad they are putting past conflicts behind them. Kira sarcastically adds that they are making room for new ones. Laughing, Bashir relates that he and Chief O'Brien were once at odds with one another, but now he claims they are "like this" as he crosses his fingers. He presses on, trying too hard as usual, and tries to get Kira to call him Julian instead of Bashir. However, when he attempts to hit on her, she tells him to stick with Dax. This finally silences the doctor.

As their runabout drops out of warp, the warp field does not collapse properly and they are engulfed in a white flash upon entering the wormhole. When they exit the Bajoran wormhole in the Alpha Quadrant, they are shocked to see the station is gone, instead orbiting Bajor much

as it did during the occupation. Before either of them can react, the runabout's sensors detect a Klingon Vor'cha class attack cruiser moving towards them. Two Klingon officers beam aboard the runabout and are shocked to see Kira.

Apologizing profusely, they offer to escort her back to the station; she simply nods, obviously confused.

Upon arriving at Terok Nor, the two Klingons confer with a Cardassian officer named Garak. Bashir and Kira board the station, where they are confused to see Garak and even more confused to see Kira Nerys.

Bashir politely asks where they are and Garak informs him that they are aboard Terok Nor, the center of authority in the Bajoran sector for something simply referred to as the Alliance. Kira observes that she and Bashir took a wrong turn at the wormhole, suggesting they return to their runabout. However, the other Kira, whom the Klingons and Garak refer to as the Intendant, seems to have other plans. Bashir attempts to intervene, only to be chastised as a "Terran" for his tone of voice. The Intendant believes she has an idea of who their visitors are, and if she is right, she tells Kira she cannot let them go. Dismissively, she orders one of the Klingons to put Bashir to work.

Garak and the remaining Klingon escort Kira as they follow the Intendant out the airlock area and onto an identical version of the Promenade. Large flags display what appears to be a winged version of the Cardassian emblem enveloping the Klingon emblem, and below the flags, exhausted Humans carry large pieces of machinery in service to the Klingons and Cardassians. A Klingon officer named Telok informs the Intendant that a Terran has been discovered attempting to stow away aboard a freighter and brings the man to her.

Approaching the Terran, the Intendant takes on a compassionate tone, asking his designation; she is dismayed to hear he is a Theta and observes how long he worked to earn this designation. Her tone changes to business as she tells Garak to send the Terran to the mines. Garak wants to execute the Terran to make an example of the man, but the Intendant claims Garak has made a career out of setting examples. He presses the issue, pointing out that two other Terrans have been caught trying to escape and asking that he be allowed to conduct an interrogation at least. While the Intendant permits this, she warns Garak not to kill his prisoner.

Elsewhere on the station, an ore-processing section identical to the one on DS9 houses dozens of Humans, who perform the same slave- like role as their Bajoran counterparts once did in the "normal" universe. As Bashir is escorted to the processing area, Miles O'Brien warns Odo that they need to upgrade one of the machines' thorium containment cells or there will be an accident. The Klingon escorting Bashir brings him to Odo and informs Odo that Bashir does not know the rules. Odo asks Bashir for a designation and Bashir can only think of his name, which Odo interprets as a joke, slapping him. Again, Odo asks for a designation, so Bashir informs Odo he does not have one; Odo corrects him, adding "sir" to the end of the statement. A rhetorical response garners another slap. Bashir becomes visibly agitated as they talk, but it is apparent that Odo takes perverse pleasure in provoking him. Upon hearing that Bashir is a doctor, Odo sarcastically reminds him to scrub before he operates. Bashir is put to work but notices that O'Brien has observed the exchange with great interest.

Leading Kira and the guard escorting her to Ops, the Intendant passes several Alliance emblems before entering the office normally occupied by Benjamin Sisko. She sits and urges Kira to do the same, dismissing the guard, her eyes feasting on Kira like an excited child on Christmas. The Intendant reveals to Kira that almost a century ago, a human named James Kirk accidentally traded places with his mirror universe Terran counterpart and drastically altered the course of history on this side.

At the time of the switch, the Terran Empire was barbaric but strong. While in the mirror universe, Kirk met a Vulcan named Spock and had what the Intendant calls a "profound influence" on him. Spock preached peaceful reforms after Kirk left, rising to commander in chief of the Empire in the process of doing so; however, once he had completed his reforms, the Empire was too weak to defend itself from the newly-formed Klingon-Cardassian Alliance. Kira wonders how Bajor fits into the picture. The Intendant explains that the planet had been occupied by the Terrans for decades when the Empire fell. Upon becoming free, it petitioned for entry into the Alliance and became "quite an influential member" in later years. Her story finished, the Intendant wonders if the other side is similar at all.

Unfortunately, Kira informs the Intendant that her Bajor has not been so fortunate. The

Intendant is eager to hear about life in Kira's universe, but Kira insists that she cannot stay. However, the Intendant does not know how to send her back, nor could she if she wanted to do so. The Alliance upon seizing power declared that any visitors from other universes must be killed immediately to prevent future incursions after the first crossover, but unlike Garak, she says she does not like using violence. Kira knows exactly what she means and that she is looking for an excuse not to kill Kira.

Kira solicits the Intendants help, as she feels a leader like the Intendant could teach her what she needs to know to bring about a stronger Bajor in her universe. "My side once changed the course of your history," she says. "Well, maybe your side can change mine." While the idea appeals to the Intendant, she says she will still have to kill Bashir. When Kira asks her not to, she says letting him live is too dangerous and the Klingons and Cardassians would not allow it; however, Kira knows herself too well and points out that the Intendant does not give a damn what the Klingons or Cardassians think. "Oh!" the Intendant croons. "You know how to manipulate me!" She agrees to go along with Kira's idea and calls for a guard to find her some quarters.

The next day, Kira, who has essentially been given free reign, visits the ore processing center to find a now-filthy Bashir pushing a cart full of ore. Mirror Odo greets her at the door. Like his counterpart on the other side, he prides himself on his efficiency.

He offers assistance if she needs him to explain anything, and when she mentions that she has worked in ore processing before, he laughs. When Kira mentions the name Kirk immediately, having read about the transporter accident at the academy. He plans to befriend the mirror O'Brien in the hope that this O'Brien knows as much about transporters as theirs does; meanwhile, Kira tries to find other help.

Quark's is no different in the mirror universe aside from the clientèle, with a mixed group of Bajorans and Cardassians standing around a dabo table as Kira enters. Quark has heard of the crossover and remarks that Kira is the spitting image of the Intendant.

However, he is surprised to find that Kira knows him. She claims that the two of them are close friends on her side and that her Quark does her a lot of favors. As her Klingon escort still observes them from the doorway, Kira nonchalantly mentions that her Quark gets things done for her that no one else can and inquires about a transporter. The Ferengi is aware of how the first crossover occurred and agrees to help her if she can show him how to send other people across. Although Kira begins to talk about revolving doors, Garak enters followed by two Klingons and yells Quark's name angrily.

Greeting Garak amicably, Quark attempts to act as if nothing is wrong. However, Garak informs him that he is under arrest for helping Terrans escape from Terok Nor. Quark claims he is a coward who does not stick his neck out for anyone, but the Terran whom Garak interrogated has said otherwise. Knowing what is about to happen, Quark pulls out a phaser rifle and attempts to escape, only to be dragged away by the Klingons. "I shall miss him," Garak observes. "He always let me win at dabo." Shortly thereafter, Benjamin Sisko and a group of Terrans enter, helping themselves to free drinks in Quark's absence, and Kira sees another potential window of opportunity.

Meanwhile, the exhausted Terrans are allowed a lunch break and Bashir seizes the opportunity to introduce himself to the mirror O'Brien. Handing what little food he has been given to one of the other workers, he makes his way over to where O'Brien is fixing a panel of some sort. Hearing that the two of them are best friends in the other universe piques O'Brien's interest and he wonders what he does on the other side. Bashir informs him that he is chief of operations of the station, giving him reason to pause his work and consider the possibilities. When Bashir describes the other details of his O'Brien's life, mirror O'Brien says his other half must have gotten the lucky draw.

Bashir switches subjects, asking how much O'Brien knows about transporters. While he is no expert, he claims he knows as much as any Terran. "I hope that will be enough," Bashir remarks, explaining about the transporter plan. O'Brien finds the plan untenable and believes Bashir is lying to solicit his help. While Bashir insists that he is sincere, the spell that came over O'Brien when he heard of his other half seems broken, as he goes back to work and tells Bashir he does not know him. Odo interrupts to announce that break time is over and Sisko has requested O'Brien's presence. O'Brien insists that he must finish his repair work, but as usual, no one listens to him.

Back in Quark's, Sisko and the other Terrans are enjoying themselves at the bar and he

remarks that the Intendant called him all the way from the Fowla system just to see Kira. She observes that he and his friends do not act like typical Terrans. As he explains, the Intendant provides him with a ship in exchange for "duties" he collects from other vessels. While most Terrans are enslaved, he and his crew are allowed relative freedom because he amuses the Intendant. He observes that Kira must amuse her as well.

O'Brien enters the bar to ask what Sisko wanted, and seeing him seems to brighten Sisko's day. Referring to O'Brien as "Smiley" despite O'Brien's objection to the name, Sisko asks how he is being treated in an attempt to make smalltalk. He observes that Smiley does not like him, which O'Brien reluctantly confirms, evoking a laugh from Sisko. The fact that Smiley is not afraid to show his dislike is why he amuses Sisko. Getting to the point, Sisko tells O'Brien that his impulse driver coil needs repairs. O'Brien notes the problems in ore processing which he needs to fix first, but Sisko cannot be bothered with such things and orders him to fix the ship first. As the Intendant calls for Sisko and he leaves the bar, Kira realizes that she may not have any hope at all.

Kira enters the Intendant's quarters to find the Intendant in a bath tub with several Vulcan servants attending to her as Sisko sits on a couch facing the door. The Intendant wants to know if there is another Sisko on the other side, and on hearing there is, the idea of two of Sisko pleases her. As she speaks, Sisko gets up to check on his ship, obviously not amused, but the Intendant stops him to ask if she has hurt his feelings. Obediently, he replies, "I never had any to hurt," and exits.

Once Sisko is gone, the Intendant talks to Kira as the Vulcans help her out of the tub and dress her. She mentions that she has heard Kira is looking for a transporter, and Kira reminds the Intendant that she is looking for a way back home. However, had Kira come to the Intendant with her request, she would know that transporters were re-designed after the first crossover to prevent future accidents. That leaves the Intendant to wonder why Kira did not do so. As she approaches Kira, her voice betrays a combination of hurt and distrust. Kira reluctantly admits that she is afraid of the Intendant. "I don't want your fear," the Intendant confides as she stands face-to-face with Kira, "I want your love. If you can't love me, who can?" The door chime rings and Telok informs the Intendant that Garak has arrived with a prisoner. She tells them to come inside and they drag Quark, who has visibly been beaten, with them. As Quark apologizes for what he has done, the Intendant kneels beside the Ferengi and comforts him, explaining that he helped the Terrans because he felt sorry for them. However, she reminds him that the Alliance needs the labor to process ore, for without the Terrans, nobody would perform such tasks. Rising to her feet, she tells Garak to give Quark a quick death and seems to all but forget about the incident as Quark is dragged away begging for mercy. Kira is aghast, but the Intendant, now in a happy mood, announces she plans to throw a party. "What shall we wear?" she asks her pet.

Kira enters her quarters carrying a lavender dress to find Garak waiting for her. "Lovely," says the Cardassian of the garment. "I do admire a well-tailored gown." He proceeds to explain that the Intendant will never let Kira go as she is clearly enamored with Kira. Describing how the Intendant talks about Kira constantly, Garak compares Kira to a Drathan puppy lig left on the Intendant's doorstep and hints at his true intentions as he makes a point of mentioning that the Intendant trusts Kira with her life. Kira points at the guard outside her door as evidence of how much the Intendant trusts her, but Garak arranged the guard, not the Intendant. "Oh, she trusts you, as much as she trusts anyone. So who better to betray her?" he suggests. Garak's plan is that the Intendant will be gone in the morning and Kira will take her place. Shortly thereafter, he explains that Kira will retire to Bajor and he will take her place, at which point he will become the Intendant and Kira and Bashir will be sent home. He leaves Kira to ponder the idea and adds that, should she refuse, he has arranged for Bashir rather than the Intendant to be gone.

Hurriedly entering the ore processing center, Kira warns Bashir that the two of them must escape tonight. She does not have time to explain the web of lies and treachery, but she tells him to be careful because he might be in danger. Regardless of where they go from there, she insists that they must find a way to the runabout. She tells him that there will not be much warning if an opportunity presents itself so he should be prepared.

On the Promenade, Kira finds Sisko half asleep, his eyes closed, leaning against a pillar. She claims to have valuable information that she is willing to trade, and he finds amusement in the idea that Kira has already "gone into business for herself." When she tells him she wants her runabout or a way off the station, he laughs. "She'll have my head ... or something else," he says

of the Intendant's reaction to such a plan. Kira dispenses with the negotiations and announces that Garak is planning to kill the Intendant. However, Garak has been doing so since he first arrived on the station. She reveals the plot in hope that it will convince him she is serious, but he laughs and observes that the plan is more creative than Garak normally gets. Frustrated, Kira wants to know why Sisko does not seem to care about the fact that he and his fellow Terrans are slaves; he counters by arguing that he has made the best of a bad life for himself. Disgusted, Kira accuses Sisko of being no less a victim than anyone else; as she leaves, her words seem to weigh heavily on his conscience.

Kira attends the Intendant's party in Quark's that night wearing the purple dress and Garak greets her charmingly. Telok brags to his fellow Klingons about his time in service to the House of Duras, commenting on the unpredictable nature of Lursa and B'Etor, when one of Sisko's crewmembers accidentally bumps into him. He punches the Terran dismissively, adding, "Stupid Terran pig!" The Terran pulls out a knife and rises to his feet but does so with restrained anger as he knows he is not an equal. At seeing the Terran is willing to challenge him, Telok nods approvingly, ready for a fight. However, when Sisko shakes his head, the Terran puts the knife away. "What's wrong, Terran?" Telok taunts. "Lost your nerve?" Telok spits in the Terran's face and the man almost loses control, but another look from Sisko prompts him to restrain himself. Visibly disgusted, Telok orders the Terran to get out of his sight, and as the man does so, Sisko takes his place threateningly. However, the room shifts its attention as the Intendant enters.

The guests cheer as the Intendant enters followed by her Vulcan servants and the musician asks what her pleasure is. She tells him to play something bright in a happy mood and joins the festivities as Kira observes her, deep in thought.

Meanwhile, Bashir sits exhausted in ore processing in front of a pile of rocks. Odo approaches him from behind and kicks him, noting that Bashir is not accustomed to the work load and has much to learn. "It's a shame this is going to be your last night on the job," he adds with a hint of sadistic pleasure. His taunting is interrupted when, just as O'Brien warned, the thorium containment field on one of the machines short circuits. The Terran workers scatter as Odo contacts engineering, and Bashir uses the opportunity to grab the phaser of one of the Bajoran deputies. Still facing the deputy, he begins to back out the doorway following the panicked workers. Odo spots Bashir and reaches for his own phaser, but Bashir shoots the Changeling, causing Odo to explode and splattering goo everywhere. Not taking the time to gawk, Bashir leaves immediately.

Telok and some other soldiers can be heard in the distance as Bashir runs through one of the corridors and enters a conduit. A pair of Klingons runs by, oblivious to his location. He crawls a short way before he finds O'Brien attending a panel on the wall.

However, when he solicits O'Brien's help, O'Brien claims not to see him and goes about sealing the thorium leak. Bashir realizes it is futile and remarks that he thought O'Brien was a decent man, which O'Brien insists he is. O'Brien is worried that the Alliance will find and kill him if he helps Bashir, but Bashir points out that O'Brien, as well as ever other Terran, is already dead. He begins to enter another conduit, but O'Brien points out that the runabout pads are through another conduit, asking if there is room on the ship for him. The two of them emerge in another corridor only to find the Klingons have cut them off.

Interrupting the party, Telok brings O'Brien and Bashir and informs the Intendant of what has transpired; she immediately looks at Kira furiously. She declares that Odo's death is her fault for keeping Bashir alive in the first place and laments Odo's death.

Garak and the others observe closely as she proclaims that Garak will use Bashir as his "example," and kill him slowly in public view for all Terrans to see. When Kira attempts to speak, the Intendant threatens to have Kira join him. She then turns her attention back to O'Brien. As he has been a perfect worker for years, she wonders what got into him, and he tells her that hearing about life on the other side and himself being chief of operations made him realize that, whatever the other side is like, there has to be something better than life as a Terran. "Not for you, Mister O'Brien," the Intendant informs him. "Oh, he's going to be taking you with him — just not exactly where you thought he would be taking you." With a nod from the Intendant, Garak begins to lead Bashir and O'Brien out of Quark's, but taking Garak's gun from its holster, Sisko intervenes, inspired by O'Brien's words. The Intendant does not believe what she sees and asks Sisko if he has lost his mind.

He quietly replies, "No, I didn't lose it. I just... changed it." By this time, Kira and his crew mates have taken the cue and are all armed. They slowly exit the bar before Sisko shoots the

panel above the door, locking it shut. As he does so, the Intendant is near tears; for all the disparity between them, she had true feelings for Sisko.

Kira warns Sisko as he escorts her and Bashir to the runabout pad that the Intendant will track him down wherever he goes. Bashir suggests that he and his crew come with them, but Sisko assures them he can stay ahead of the law. "Maybe we'll stir up some things on this side," he adds with a grin. On hearing this, O'Brien changes his mind about leaving and joins Sisko's crew, as Sisko says he can always use a good tinkerer and putterer. Kira thanks Sisko before she and Bashir board the runabout.

Disengaging the docking clamps, Bashir and Kira take the runabout straight to impulse and depart Terok Nor as quickly as possible.

As they head for the wormhole, Bashir reports that the runabout still has a plasma injector leak from the warp core, which Kira is counting on to return them home. They mimic the conditions of their original entry into the wormhole that brought them to the mirror universe, but a Klingon cruiser heads straight toward them, nearly destroying the runabout. However, as the Klingons on this side know nothing of the wormhole, Bashir and Kira are able to maneuver toward it and enter. They are inside the wormhole when one of the runabout's systems short circuits and there is another brilliant flash of light.

In Ops aboard Deep Space 9, Commander Benjamin Sisko emerges from his office and asks if the crew has found anything. Odo stands next to Dax as she reports that a search vessel picked up traces of the runabout's warp signature and indications of a plasma leak, but no ship. There is an alert from the computer and O'Brien announces it is them, although their deflector grid is damaged. Sisko tells Dax to hail the runabout and a filthy Bashir can be seen next to a formally-dressed Kira. With a mix of annoyance and concern, Sisko asks where they have been. "Through the looking glass," Kira responds.

The Collaborator

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Recurring Role:	Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka), Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)
Guest Stars:	Louise Fletcher (Vedek Winn), Bert Remsen (Kubus Oak), Charles Parks (Eblan), Tom Villard (Prylar Bek)
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Bareil stands shirtless in his guest quarters on Deep Space 9 gazing at the stars, when Kira wishes him good morning as she embraces him from behind. He remarks that he thought she would sleep until noon after which Kira reminds him he is supposed to be relaxing.

He reassures here he is very relaxed and asks how she is feeling. She claims she is miserable because she wishes he could stay longer; after pretending to consider the issue for a moment, Bareil declares that he will do so for a few more

days. However, the election of the Bajoran Kai is at hand — an election Kira is sure Bareil will win. After all, it is common knowledge that Bareil was Kai Opaka's hand-picked successor.

Hearing Opaka's name seems to weigh on Bareil's mind. He reassures Kira that he can never replace Opaka, for without Opaka, Bajor would not have survived the occupation. Whatever is on his mind, it is lost on Kira. As she embraces Bareil, she realizes that the two of them will not have nearly as much time together once he becomes Kai. Bareil reassures her that he will always make time for her, although he acknowledges that doing so will not always be easy and promises Kira he will never lose her.

On the Promenade, Vedek Winn finishes talking to a group of young children, telling them, "Honor the Prophets and they will love you," as Bareil and Kira approach. Bareil politely reminds Winn that the prophets' love is unconditional and they ask for nothing in return. Winn thanks him, with equal politeness, for reminding her how easily the sacred texts can be misinterpreted. The tension between the two of them is evident as Winn remarks that she was unaware of Bareil's presence on the station but, on observing Kira, adds that she is not surprised. Bareil claims he would not try to surprise her and Winn notes that she has been watching him closely. Winn sees nothing wrong with this, as the eyes of all of Bajor are on the expected future Kai.

Kira jumps in on hearing this and eagerly asks if Winn is announcing her intention to concede the race for Kai. Winn however points out that the Choosing is still two days away and the Prophets may still have a surprise in store. Kira suspiciously asks what the purpose of Winn's visit is to be, but Winn politely responds that had she wanted Kira to know she would come, she

would have told her. In any case, Kira plans to warn Constable Odo to increase station security. When Winn reassures Kira that she believes she will be quite safe, Kira counters by clarifying that the extra security is not for Winn's protection. An indignant Winn asks what Kira is implying, but Bareil reassures her it was nothing. Knowing when to back down, Kira agrees that her comment was innocent. Winn acknowledges Kira's belief that she orchestrated the attempt on Bareil's life the year before, but she says she prays the Major will "be cured of this unfortunate misconception" — a prayer Kira reassures Winn will never be answered.

Meanwhile, an elderly Bajoran man walks along the Promenade. Another Bajoran, Eblan, bumps into him and apologizes for the mistake before looking back with recognition. He gently grabs the older man's arm, identifying him as Kubus Oak, a traitor who worked for the Cardassians during the occupation. Kubus angrily tries to get past the younger man, but the man announces Kubus' identity to the entire Promenade. Odo intervenes as a crowd begins to form and asks what is going on; upon seeing Kubus, Odo recognizes him immediately. Odo claims he was under the impression Kubus was living on Cardassia, but Kubus says he has decided to return home.

"Welcome back," Odo greets him sarcastically. "You're under arrest." As Odo escorts Kubus to the security office, he seems to recognize Vedek Winn, who has observed the incident intently.

In another orb experience, a group of Vedeks is gathered on Bajor as Bareil, newly elected Kai of Bajor, emerges from a nearby doorway. "The prophets have spoken!" proclaims Winn. "All blessings on the new Kai!" The other Vedeks echo her sentiments in unity, chanting a blessing to Bareil. Bareil seems pleased if somewhat unsure of himself until Kai Opaka appears in a flash of light. Opaka tells him he must be strong now more than ever. Bareil asks why Opaka left him, to which she tells him all is as the prophets will it to be and asks him to follow her. Before he can do so, Winn warns him that Opaka's path is a narrow one. Although Bareil does not believe he deserves to walk in Opaka's path, Opaka warns him that such is his destiny. He walks toward her slowly as Prylar Bek approaches carrying a small, round box. Telling Bareil the box is a gift from the prophets, he opens it to reveal a venomous snake.

Bareil hesitates shortly, but Opaka assures him the snake's venom will make him strong. He removes the snake to find a noose, and as he does so, the orb experience ends.

Secretary Kubus sits in a holding cell as Odo informs him that extra security was needed to prevent a mob from forming outside.

Kubus tells him he always was good at his job, Odo counters by pointing out that Kubus was equally skilled at his job as the liaison officer between the Cardassian forces and the "government" of Bajor. Defending his actions, Kubus claims that the situation on Bajor would have been ten times as bad if he and the other officials had not cooperated with the Cardassians. However, Odo fails to see how Kubus, who spent most of his time aboard Terok Nor, would know. Although Kubus claims he could not stand Gul Dukat, describing Dukat as an arrogant tyrant, Odo reminds him that Dukat once described Kubus as his favorite Bajoran. Obviously burdened by the weight of his actions, Kubus admits that he should never have left Bajor.

"But you did," says Major Kira as she interrupts their conversation. "And you're going to have to live with that decision." Odo introduces Kira as the highest-ranking Bajoran on the station, and when Kubus requests an audience, she tells him to make it quick as she does not enjoy talking to collaborators. Kubus asks that he be allowed to return home, a request Kira denies. The Ilvian Proclamation exiled all Bajorans who were part of the Bajoran occupational government, and Kubus' name was fourth on that list. Kira adds that she personally believes that Kubus and the others got off too easily. Kubus pleads with Kira, seeing no harm in allowing him to live out his few remaining years on Bajor. On hearing this, Kira angrily confronts Kubus with the fact that his signature was on numerous work orders, which were essentially death sentences, forcing Bajorans to mine ore for the Cardassians. As such, allowing him to return to Bajor would dishonor the memory of every Bajoran who died working in the mines.

Vedek Winn visits Commander Sisko in his office to inform him with some hesitance that some on Bajor believe the relationship between the two of them is "not all it should be." According to Winn, she finds such inaccurate perceptions to be most disturbing.

Sisko coldly asks whether such perceptions are inaccurate, although Winn does not seem to think there is any reason for Sisko to believe otherwise. Sisko points out that Winn once claimed he was sent to destroy Bajor. In an attempt to downplay this point, Winn explains that she only meant Sisko was sent to test the faith of the Bajoran people, although she concedes that she

was concerned about Bajor's petition for Federation membership. However, when Sisko asks directly whether Winn now supports the petition, Winn simply replies that she will not oppose the will of the prophets. Sisko requests that Winn tells the same to Bajor, so she suggests a joint appearance. Although Sisko knows she is attempting to garner support for her bid to become Kai, he agrees — suggesting an appearance the following week. Winn benignly asks why they should wait, as the Vedek Assembly would allow them an immediate audience if the Emissary requested it. Sisko points out the obvious: that such an appearance now could be construed as support for Winn, and as a Federation officer, he is not permitted to interfere in Bajoran affairs. "What an enlightened philosophy," Winn replies. They both agree to an appearance the following week, although it is unclear whether either intends to follow through on it.

Odo interrupts Kira to inform her that Secretary Kubus is about to leave for Bajor, because Winn has granted him sanctuary. Kira immediately contacts Dax, who is about to clear Winn's ship for departure, and tells her not to release the docking clamps.

Proceeding to the security office, Kira learns that Winn spent approximately ten minutes talking with Kubus before requesting the use of Odo's computer to access the library system. Although Odo is unsure of what Winn looked up, she proceeded to contact the Bajoran provisional government and informed them of her intent to grant Kubus sanctuary. They discover that Winn requested information on Prylar Bek, the liaison between the Vedek Assembly and the Cardassian occupational forces and a known associate of Kubus. On a hunch, Kira tells Odo to check whether Winn accessed information on the Kendra Valley Massacre, which she did. Odo suggests that perhaps Kubus told Winn something new about the massacre, but Kira is not sure what could be new; in the massacre, 42 Bajoran Resistance members died, including Kai Opaka's son, because Bek gave the Cardassians the location of their cell. Bek later hanged himself, detailing what he had done in his suicide note. As Kira is explaining this, Winn enters the office.

Asking to speak with Kira in private, Winn confronts her about detaining her ship and "suggests" that Kira allow her to depart immediately. Kira, who knows she cannot legally detain Winn, assures the Vedek that she is free to go, but informs her that, in light of public sentiment toward Kubus, no ship carrying him can be allowed to depart without a thorough security sweep — including scans for nanotechnology, which could take days. Both of them know the real reason for Kira's scans, so Winn reveals to Kira that in exchange for sanctuary, Kubus has agreed to give her the name of the man responsible for the Kendra Valley Massacre. It is common knowledge that Prylar Bek revealed the location of the encampment, but Winn informs Kira that Vedek Bareil ordered him to do so.

Outraged at Winn's accusation, Kira warns her that no one will believe the word of a convicted traitor such as Kubus. However, Winn tells her that she never claimed to believe him; she simply wants to protect the sanctity of the Bajoran faith. Winn claims her intention is not to grab power but to protect Bajor, for as adamant as Kira is that Bareil is not a collaborator, were he elected Kai and later revealed to be one, Bajor would be devastated. While Winn has not yet condemned Bareil, she did not know who to trust with such a delicate investigation until now; however, she believes Kira is the perfect choice. Kira begrudgingly agrees to conduct the investigation so long as Winn promises not to make the allegation public until it has concluded. In exchange, Kira promises to give Winn her findings, whatever they may be.

Kira, Winn, and Kubus are gathered in a cargo bay when Kira asks Kubus if, during his association with Prylar Bek, he knew the man was a collaborator. Kubus insists that Bek was not a collaborator, only a messenger between the Cardassians and the Vedek Assembly.

In the weeks prior to Bek's suicide, Kubus observed that he had become erratic and was in constant communication with a then-unknown source within the Assembly. The day after the massacre. However, Vedek Bareil visited Bek for several hours, during which time Kubus could hear shouting coming from Bek's quarters. Bek hanged himself on the Promenade shortly thereafter. Based on this, Kubus believes that Bek wanted to confess his betrayal but Bareil forbid him to do so which led to his suicide, a theory Kira regards as incredible. There could be a dozen explanations for Bareil's contact with Bek — and as Winn points out it is Kira's job to find which of them is true.

Visibly troubled, Kira contacts Bareil, who admits coming to the station to meet with Bek on the day in question. While he denies any involvement in the massacre and seems sure Winn will not be able to prove anything, Bareil cannot reveal what he and Bek talked about due to

confidentiality between monks and their Vedeks. She solicits Odo's help, but as the Cardassians removed all communications logs on their withdrawal from Bajor, Odo must establish a link with the Bajoran Central Archives. As he does so, he observes how troubled Kira is; while she insists that she knows Bareil is not guilty, she admits she is still afraid he might be.

Kira is deep in thought as Odo contacts the Bajoran Central Archives. After a few seconds, she admits to both Odo and herself that she loves Bareil. As she says this, a pained look appears on Odo's surprised face, although Kira is facing the wall pensively and fails to notice. He stutters with his response and Kira turns to him, wondering if something is wrong, but he covers his true feelings with one of his usual observations on the frivolity of humanoid relationships. "I was just wondering when you were going to figure that out," he explains of her feelings for Bareil. Once Odo accesses the archives, he discovers that the records between Prylar Bek and the Assembly for the week prior to the Kendra Valley Massacre have been sealed. However, he is not able to determine who sealed the records, only that there is a security seal present. One thing is certain: Only a Vedek could have placed the seal there.

Kira and Odo visit Quark's, against Kira's better judgment, where they find the Ferengi entrepreneur paying one of his Dabo girls.

As Quark counts out ten strips of latinum, the busty woman gives him a look and he is forced to add four more, after which she kisses his bald forehead and walks off. "I hate payday," he comments to himself before he realizes Kira and Odo are standing behind him. Grasping his latinum container, Quark says, "Whatever she told you, I didn't do it." The two of them take perverse pleasure in Quark's visible discomfort at seeing them. When Odo tells Quark to relax, the Ferengi claims to have developed a persecution complex because of them, asking what they want and how much trouble it will cause him. Kira reassures him that they only want him to break a security seal and it will cause no trouble at all, to which Quark asks in a rhetorically innocent tone, "Isn't that illegal?" He refuses to help them and cites the 285th Rule of Acquisition: "No good deed goes unpunished." On hearing this, Odo grabs Quark by the shoulders and leads him over to the computer terminal behind the bar with an air of sibling rivalry. Quark removes a panel on the computer as Odo tells him he can gain access to the Vedek Assembly files via the Central Archives, a strategy Quark dismisses as amateurish. As he inserts a data rod into the computer and begins to configure it, Odo leans in to observe. Giving the Changeling an indignant look, Quark grabs Odo by the shoulders and escorts him from behind the bar, shooing both him and Kira away.

Outside Quark's, Odo brings Kira to the spot where Bek hanged himself, observing that, while he did not know Bek well, he thought he was a good man. Kira points out good men do not betray their own people, but Odo tells her that given the fact of extreme circumstances, even the best humanoids are capable of committing horrible acts. Quark interrupts their conversation as he gestures them over to announce that he was able to break through the security seal. However, upon doing so, he discovered the files in question were empty as someone had erased all of the message logs.

Chief O'Brien helps Kira search for a way to retrieve the lost data contained in the erased logs. While data is still stored in the computer memory after deletion, the data fragments could hypothetically be unscrambled and pieced together. He warns her that to do so would take more time than they have. However, he thinks he might at least be able to pinpoint who erased the information. The accompanying retinal scan was deleted along with the logs, but like the logs, it is possible to piece the scan together from data fragments. Kira is obviously lost as he shows her the mathematical representation of the data fragments while the computer attempts to form an image. After O'Brien finishes, the computer finds a match and fills in the missing pieces of the retinal scan to reveal who erased the logs: Vedek Bareil.

Bareil has an another orb experience, in which he revisits the image of his inauguration as Kai. His vision flashes back to the Bajoran temple aboard DS9, where Bek confronts him accusingly. "You!" the Prylar exclaims. "I trusted you. I needed you. You let me die." Now Bareil is in his quarters just as he was earlier, with Kira's arms again embracing him from behind. He turns around to kiss her, only to discover he has kissed a naked Vedek Winn. With a grin, she tells him he will be rewarded.

He suddenly finds himself on Bajor as Kira comes toward him seductively, claiming she has a gift from the prophets. Bareil seems cautiously yet pleasantly surprised, but as she is closing in, she stabs him in the stomach. As he collapses, Kai Opaka catches him.

"May the prophets comfort you, my child," Opaka tells him softly. "May they comfort us all." Kira and Opaka watch as Bareil loses consciousness and awakens from the orb experience, as there is a knock on his door.

It is Kira, who is obviously in pain and has come to find the truth. The truth, Bareil concedes, is not always easy to recognize.

Kira tells him that she recognizes it, but she does not like what she sees, desperately asking why he erased the transmission records. "Please, don't make me do this," Bareil begs her, but she sees no other choice. She still seems to maintain some hope that Bareil is innocent, confronting him with the charges against him: ordering Bek to reveal the location of the base, thereby killing forty-three Bajorans, including Kai Opaka's son. On hearing this, Bareil turns away and relates how the Cardassians were determined to wipe out the resistance in the Kendra Valley, being prepared to kill 1200 innocent Bajorans in the area; he felt he had no choice. Kira, near tears, says Winn will destroy him now, but he corrects her: He has destroyed himself.

Solemnly entering Ops, Kira asks for a status report and O'Brien tells her everything is under control. Dax reports that Kai Winn is waiting for her on an urgent subspace frequency, and as she already knows what the message is about, Kira accepts it in Ops. Kai Winn has been waiting for a response, but before Kira can say anything, Winn congratulates her on a job well done. She already knows the result, as Bareil has made a surprise announcement in which he withdrew himself from the Bajoran Choosing Ceremony.

Acknowledging Kira's pain, Winn reassures her that what she did was for the good of Bajor and adds, "Whoever is chosen tomorrow to be the new Kai will owe you a debt of gratitude." As she realizes the ramifications of Bareil's actions, Kira seems to be deep in thought. Dax asks if she is all right, but Kira points out that the scenario does not make sense. Soliciting O'Brien's help, she accesses the Vedek Assembly archives once more.

Back on Bajor, while the Vedek Assembly performs the choosing ceremony, Kira waits outside impatiently, already knowing how it will end. A number of Vedeks exit the building, followed by a pair of Prylars escorting Kai Winn. Grasping Kira's ear, Winn says Kira's pagh is strong and reassures her that, in time, she will no longer see her as an enemy. "I hope that's true," Kira says solemnly. "I know you do," Winn replies, adding that she must postpone her planned appearance with the Emissary, at least for now. She walks away as the rest of the Vedeks exit the building.

Once the crowd has cleared, Vedek Bareil emerges, surprised to see Kira. Having finally discovered the truth, Kira reveals that in his quest to purge the evidence of after the massacre, Bareil forgot about the transit files. He is unsure of what she means, so Kira tells him that transit files for the time surrounding the Kendra Valley Massacre prove he was not a collaborator. During the time in question, Bareil was on a personal retreat at the Dakeen Monastery during which time he had contact with virtually no one.

She has even verified the transmissions log from the monastery and confirmed that the sole transmission was an incoming one recalling Bareil to Bajor after the incident. Thus, without any doubt, Bareil could not be the traitor. He tries to stop her as she speaks, but Kira refuses to be silenced.

The real traitor had to have been someone dear to Bareil — someone more important than Kira herself or his desire to become Kai.

Bareil pleads with her as she continues, but as they both know what she is talking about, Kira sees no reason not to say it. The only person that dear to Bareil was Kai Opaka herself. As Kira speaks, Bareil looks down at his feet. Opaka logically knew where the base was located because her son was a member of that resistance cell. She sacrificed him and 42 other Resistance members to save the lives of 1200 people. "So," Kira says, "Now we have Winn to lead us." Taking on a tone mockingly reminiscent of that which Winn often uses, Bareil replies, "It is the will of the prophets." Kira wonders where Winn will lead the Bajoran people, and Bareil admits that the future is uncertain. Whatever the future holds in store, Winn will need their help. When Kira asks what this means for her relationship with Bareil, he counters by asking where she wants it to go. She replies by embracing him, and after a few brief kisses, the two of them walk away together.

Tribunal

Season 2

Episode Number: 45

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Writer: Bill Dial
Director: Avery Brooks
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Caroline Lagerfelt (Makbar), Fritz Weaver (Kovat), Richard Poe (Gul Evek), John Beck (Boone)
Production Code: 40510-445
Summary: As Miles and Keiko O'Brien head off on their first vacation in years, the chief is detained and arrested by Cardassian military forces and forced to stand trial with death being his sentence.



While preparing to go on a week-long vacation, Chief O'Brien leaves an excessively long list of upkeep procedures with Major Kira and Lieutenant Dax. Fed up with all of his nit-picking, they finally chase him out of Ops and send him on his long-overdue vacation.

As he was heading off to collect his family, O'Brien runs into Boone, an old shipmate of his from the USS Rutledge during the time of the Cardassian War. The two men spend a few moments catching up with one another, but O'Brien was

in a hurry to meet up with his wife so they could leave on their first vacation in five years. Boone mentioned that he would be back on the station in about two months and that they could meet again to catch up on old times. When they go their separate ways, Boone took out a device with which he seemed to have recorded his conversation with the chief. As they travelled to their vacation destination, the O'Briens' runabout was approached by a Cardassian patrol ship. The two tried to send out an emergency signal to Deep Space Nine, but it was no use: the Cardassians were jamming all signals. Shortly thereafter, Gul Evek beamed aboard the runabout with two armed guards. He informed the pair that Miles Edward O'Brien was under arrest, but he would not specify the charges. When Chief O'Brien stated that he hadn't done anything wrong and refused to go along with them, one of the guards stunned him with a disruptor blast and beamed him away. Keiko was left screaming for her husband to be returned. On Cardassia Prime, Chief O'Brien was "processed" by the Cardassian Bureau of Identification; his clothes were removed, genetic samples were taken by force, a retinal scan was performed and one of his molar teeth was extracted without the benefit of an anesthetic. All the while, he continued to repeat only his name, his rank and the fact that he was a Federation citizen. Once his processing was completed, Chief Archon Makbar entered the room. She apologizes somewhat for any discomfort that Chief O'Brien has been forced to endure and informs him that his trial will begin in two days. She also tells him that he has been assigned Conservator Kovat as his defender. Still groggy from his

"processing", O'Brien asks Makbar what he has been accused of doing. As with Gul Evek, she does not answer that question. On Deep Space Nine, Commander Sisko, Odo and Keiko O'Brien are discussing the situation. Starfleet has ordered three Federation ships to the border of the demilitarized zone as a show of force. Keiko is worried that political channels will take far too long to free her husband. She knew full well that while the diplomats were talking and posturing, her husband was being tortured by the Cardassians. She didn't want Miles to have to suffer through that. As they tried to come up with a more direct plan of action, a signal came through from Cardassia Prime. It was Makbar, informing the Commander that Miles O'Brien was to stand trial in two days time, but she still would not say what he was being charged with. When Keiko asked how they could be expected to prepare a defense without knowing what he is being accused of, Makbar informs her that a defense is unnecessary. Miles had already been found guilty and the trial will simply demonstrate his guilt. Makbar also invited Keiko to attend the trial if she wished, but no one else would be permitted. It was at this time that Odo volunteered to serve as Chief O'Brien's "nestor". A nestor provides advice and guidance to the accused and since Odo was the head of security during the time of the Cardassian occupation of Bajor, he was qualified to stand as nestor. Without a legal reason to deny the request, Makbar agreed. She then informed Keiko and the others that Miles' execution has already been scheduled for the following week. In his holding cell, Conservator Kovat came to talk to Chief O'Brien. The chief asks him why he needs a lawyer since he had already been charged, arraigned, convicted and sentenced. Kovat explains that it is his job to make sure that the accused understands the wisdom of not contradicting the will of the state and to accept his fate graciously, for the good of all Cardassia.

O'Brien laughs off the notion contemptuously. He asks once again what he is being charged with. Even his attorney will not tell him what supposed crimes he is being accused of committing. He explains to Chief O'Brien that the purpose of his trial is to demonstrate to the people of Cardassia that another criminal has been stopped and that their lives are safer and more secure for it. To Chief O'Brien, the whole situation is completely ridiculous and that he holds this entire procedure in the highest contempt. On Deep Space Nine, Commander Sisko, Major Kira, Lieutenant Dax and Doctor Bashir had gathered in one of the weapons lockers. They had discovered that 24 photon warheads were missing and that the evidence pointed to Chief O'Brien as the thief. His voiceprint was used to open the locker just prior to their disappearance. Not willing to believe that the chief was guilty of this crime, Commander Sisko ordered Dax to make a full analysis of the voiceprint to confirm if it really was the chief's voice and not a fabrication. Major Kira had strong reason to believe that whoever took the warheads was planning to deliver them to the Maquis, since a few days earlier, the Maquis managed to steal a shipment of photon launchers. If the warheads were bound for the Maquis, then Commander Sisko wanted to speak with whoever was supposed to receive them and get his version of events. Back in O'Brien's holding cell, he finally sees a friendly face: Odo. As his nestor, he is permitted to speak with the accused. He uses the opportunity to try and get any information from Chief O'Brien concerning the case. He informs the chief about the missing warheads and asks him directly if he knew anything about their disappearance or if he were delivering them to the Maquis. Chief O'Brien was deeply offended at Odo's line of questioning and declared that he has never and could never do anything that would harm the Federation. He tells him that the only thing he has ever tried to be in his life is a good man. He has to be able to look at his daughter and know that he is a man that she could be proud of. After hearing his impassioned speech, Odo knew that the chief was innocent and he knew that it was up to him and his friends on the station to get him out of this predicament. As Dax completed her analysis of the voice recording from the weapons locker, she was able to determine that the voice pattern used to open the locker was reconstructed sound by sound, using a recording of Chief O'Brien's voice as a source. Just then, Major Kira entered Ops with the name of the Maquis agent that could have been part of this affair: Raymond Boone. Witnesses on the Promenade saw him taking to O'Brien the day he left on his vacation. The command crew surmised that he recorded Chief O'Brien's voice at that encounter and created the false voiceprint to break into the weapons locker and frame him for it. Sisko gives the order to find this man and to have him questioned. On Cardassia, the trial of Miles Edward O'Brien was about to begin. As the proceedings were called to order, Archon Makbar announced the charges against Miles Edward O'Brien, of being a weapons supplier to the Maquis; that he had been found guilty and had been sentenced to death. The trial was now ready to begin. When O'Brien was brought into the courtroom, he was offered the opportunity to confess his crimes and dispense

with these proceedings. He politely refused. As Keiko was heralded into the chamber, she was given the opportunity to denounce her husband publically for the shame he had brought onto her family, but she stood by him firmly. When the trial finally began, Odo attempted to bring the manipulated voice recording into evidence, but the court would not acknowledge it. No new evidence may be presented after a verdict has been reached. Frustrated, Odo looked for other ways to either end the trial or extend it as long as possible in order to buy time for Commander Sisko. After Commander Sisko tried unsuccessfully to convince Boone to testify that the Chief was not involved with the Maquis, Doctor Bashir had a cryptic messenger sneak into the infirmary. He informed the doctor that Boone is not one of the Maquis and this plan to steal the warheads was not theirs. Unsure if this messenger was reliable, Bashir tried to delve deeper into his story. As he tried, the unknown man disappeared, leaving the doctor to ponder this new information. On Cardassia, Gul Evek was testifying against Chief O'Brien. By quoting "reliable sources" he informed the court of how the Maquis arranged for the theft of the photon warheads and how Chief O'Brien was to deliver them so that they may be used against innocent Cardassian citizens living in the demilitarized zone. Odo's attempts to find out who these "reliable sources" were proved useless since Gul Evek simply stated that if he were to divulge their names, national security would be compromised.

Meanwhile, on Deep Space Nine, two security officers dragged Boone into the infirmary where Commander Sisko and Doctor Bashir were waiting to give him a physical examination. When Boone demanded to know why, they explained that according to his Starfleet records and his family members, Boone seemed to have become a very different person after the battle of Setlik III, where he and O'Brien served together. When he tried to escape, he was forced into the examination chair and restrained. During a recess in the trial, Miles had a few moments to be alone with Keiko. Expecting the worst, Miles told her that he didn't want her to stay only to see him be executed. She refused to leave, knowing that Commander Sisko will find some way to help get him out of this mess. As the trial resumed, the chief was required to take the stand. As his questioning began, Kovat attempted to get Chief O'Brien to tell the court why he had chosen to become a criminal: were his parents abusive, did his wife cause him psychological harm, etc. Nothing he asked provided the answers he was trying get. Defeated, Kovat turned to the Archon and apologized. As Archon Makbar was about to bring the proceedings to a close, Commander Sisko walked into the courtroom with Boone and simply stood by the doorway. Seeing this, Archon Makbar's thoughts began to race. Finally, she considered her options and decided that even though Miles O'Brien was clearly guilty, the Cardassian legal system can be gracious and allow him to return to Deep Space Nine under the authority of Commander Sisko. As the court observers sat in stunned amazement at this decision, Miles stood up and breathed a sigh of relief. On board the runabout as it headed back to Deep Space Nine with Commander Sisko, Odo and the O'Briens, Sisko explained that when the Maquis disavowed any knowledge of Boone, their examination showed he was missing his first molar. A further examination proved that he was in fact a Cardassian who had been surgically altered to take Boone's place after the battle of Setlik III. The plan to frame Chief O'Brien was conceived to discredit the Federation. It was designed to make it seem like the Maquis were being armed by Starfleet and this would then force the Federation to remove the human colonies in what the Cardassians claim to be their space. With the crisis ended, Commander Sisko informed the relieved O'Briens that they are still on vacation and that they should enjoy the remaining time.

The Jem'Hadar

Season 2

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Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Molly Hagan (Eris), Cress Williams (Talak'talan), Alan Oppenheimer (Captain Keogh), Michael Jace (First Officer)
Production Code: 40510-446
Summary: While supervising Jake and Nog during a school field trip to the Gamma Quadrant, Commander Sisko and Quark are captured by the soldiers of the Dominion: The Jem'Hadar.



Commander Sisko found his son Jake preparing his science project for school. He was preparing an experiment to see how Bajoran katterpods grow in different types of soil. Unimpressed with the complexity of his son's project, Commander Sisko tried to stimulate his son's imagination. When Jake suggested that they could do a planetary survey in the Gamma Quadrant, Commander Sisko was satisfied that this was a more challenging project and agreed to make it possible. In Sisko's office, he and Major Kira

were going over some routine scheduling when the major mentioned the settlement on the planet in the Gamma Quadrant they had named New Bajor and suggested that the Commander and his son should check it out when they conduct their survey. When Jake walked into the office, he announced that Nog would be joining them on the runabout to the Gamma Quadrant. Not at all happy with the idea of having the troublesome Ferengi coming along, Commander Sisko was on the verge of refusing to let him come along. When Jake explained that if Nog does not get a good grade on this project, he was going to drop out of school, Commander Sisko relented. He did not want to be responsible for Nog becoming a dropout and he did feel a certain amount of pride in having his son show such loyalty to his friend.

On the promenade, Quark had asked Odo if Commander Sisko had given any thought to his idea of using the monitors throughout the station as a telemarketing tool to sell his merchandise. Obviously, the commander had said "no". While he was disappointed by the news, he was approached by Nog who was requesting the next few days off so that he could help Jake conduct the planetary survey in the Gamma Quadrant. Seeing this as an opportunity to get on Commander Sisko's good side, Quark forced his way into the expedition as a chaperone. When Sisko tried to get rid of him, Quark claimed that Nog's father Rom would not allow his son to travel unescorted and implied that a human chaperone would not be appropriate. Quark claimed that

Rom thought that humans looked down on Ferengi and thought of them as less than equal. By invoking the race card, Quark shamed Sisko into agreeing to let him come along. After beaming down to an uninhabited planet in the Gamma Quadrant, Commander Sisko, Jake and Nog could only comment on how beautiful and serene the landscape was, while Quark could only complain about the foreign bugs. Several hours later, Quark's complaints were starting to wear on everyone's patience. After an incident involving the campfire and the ignition of Quark's sleeve, tempers came to a head.

Nog left the campsite in disgust while Jake followed him to make sure he was alright. With only Quark and Sisko remaining at the campsite, a strange woman suddenly burst into their clearing. Before anyone could do or say anything, she unleashed some form of telekinetic energy and knocked Sisko off his feet. A moment later, all three of them were surrounded by armed soldiers who seemed to have been cloaked up until the time they chose to reveal themselves. When Jake and Nog returned to the campsite, they found that it had been abandoned. Jake's attempt to contact his father with his communicator failed. Realizing that something was very wrong, the two boys used their tricorder to track down the two missing men. As the boys head off after Commander Sisko and Quark, the scene switches to where they and the strange woman are being held. All three of them are in a cave and surrounded by a containment field.

Quark's only solution to his predicament is to scream for attention and try to negotiate his way out of this mess. Once Sisko threatened to hit him if he didn't shut up, Quark began to calm down. As Sisko began to examine the security field, the woman warned him not to touch it. She explained that their captors are a race of warriors called the Jem'Hadar. They served as soldiers for the Dominion and that everyone who had ever crossed them had been killed. She introduced herself as Eris and explained that the Dominion is a far-spanning empire that controls its territory with the Jem'Hadar. Her own planet of Kurill Prime refused to join the Dominion when they were approached. As a consequence, the Jem'Hadar invaded her world, killed their leaders and subjugated the population.

Eris' mother was an outspoken opponent of the Dominion and as a result, she was executed along with all of her family. That was why Eris was running from the Jem'Hadar. She informs them that the collar the Jem'Hadar had placed around her neck was a device to prevent her from using her telekinetic abilities. Without it, she may be able to break through the security field. With that slim hope of escape, Sisko began to tinker with the collar's locking mechanism. Meanwhile, Jake and Nog were closing in where the tricorder was leading them. As they approached the cave in which Sisko, Quark and Eris were being held; they spied the Jem'Hadar's outer perimeter guards. Knowing for certain now that they were being held captive by an unknown force, the two boys decided to return to the Rio Grande and seek help. As Commander Sisko continued to try and remove Eris' collar, Quark persisted in calling out to his captors in the hopes of negotiating his way out of this situation. It didn't take much longer before the Jem'Hadar grew tired of his incessant noise and came into the cave to tell him to shut up. With one of his captors now within earshot, Commander Sisko tried to find out more about them and why they were holding them prisoner. When the soldier gave him no useful information, Quark jumped forward and tried to bribe him. The Jem'Hadar's response was to knock Quark to the floor in agony. The soldier then began to brag about how much detailed information he had concerning the Alpha Quadrant, making mention of the Klingons skill in battle and the treaty the Federation signed with the Cardassians. He then implied that Sisko and Quark would be interrogated and/or tortured for even more information about the Alpha Quadrant. On the Rio Grande, Jake and Nog managed to locate Commander Sisko and Quark, but they were unable to beam them up due to the containment field that was holding them. They had also monitored a ship as it left the surface and had begun climbing through the atmosphere. However, it entered warp without bothering them. Since the computer would not break orbit and return to Deep Space Nine without a command authorization code, Jake tried to disable the autopilot using the limited engineering tricks he had learned while working with Chief O'Brien. Back on Deep Space Nine, Major Kira was preparing to receive the U.S.S. *Odyssey* when another vessel emerged from the wormhole. When the ship did not answer their hails, Major Kira put the station in a defensive posture, raising the shields and declaring a yellow alert. Despite having their shields up, a member of the other vessel's crew was able to beam himself directly into Ops. Chief O'Brien immediately erected a containment field to restrain the intruder. Once Kira demanded to know who this person was, he introduced himself as Third Talak'talan of the Jem'Hadar.

He had also informed her that Commander Sisko was being detained indefinitely by the Dominion for questioning. He then walked through the containment field as though it wasn't even there and handed her a list of all the Federation and Bajoran ships and colonies that had been destroyed for violating Dominion space. With his message delivered, he beamed off the station and back to his ship. Chief O'Brien tried to lock a tractor beam onto the Jem'Hadar ship, but he was unable to due to some kind of shielding that he had never seen before. Moments later, the ship made its escape. Back in the Gamma Quadrant, Commander Sisko was able to remove the casing of Eris' collar, but he couldn't make heads or tails of the lock. When he asked Quark to take a look at it, he became angry.

Quark had begun to take offense at being ordered around by Sisko as though he were a subordinate. As he began to vent his frustrations, he shared his revelation with Sisko as to why humans look upon Ferengi with disdain: because humans used to be just like the Ferengi. They were greedy, acquisitive and only doing things that involved a profit. But unlike Ferengi, humans used to do anything to accomplish those goals, including slavery, genocides and wars of horrifying scope. The Ferengi never had anything in their past that approached that level of barbarism. When he spent a moment to think about it, Sisko began to consider that Quark might be right. Leaving Sisko with that bit of wisdom to ponder, Quark went ahead and tried to pick the lock. On the runabout, Jake and Nog were yanking all manner of components out of the navigational computer to try and get it to disengage the autopilot. After some harrowing moments, they finally managed to disengage the guidance and navigation relay. Although happy with their success, they now have to deal with the problem of piloting the ship manually since the compute was no longer able to control the runabout.

Captain Keogh of the U.S.S. *Odyssey* was coordinating a rescue effort to retrieve Commander Sisko. As the ranking officer on the station and in the absence of Commander Sisko, all of the Starfleet officers deferred to his authority. When Lieutenant Dax suggested that the *Odyssey* could use some backup from the station's two remaining runabouts, Keogh was a bit hesitant since most of the DS9 staff had limited combat experience. With some prodding from Major Kira, he relented and gave them his permission to come along. Shortly after they entered the Gamma Quadrant, the three Starfleet ships detected a crippled runabout limping towards the wormhole at impulse speeds. When they dropped out of warp, they found only Jake and Nog aboard. Chief O'Brien beamed onto the *Rio Grande* to assist them, but discovered that half of the ship's systems had been disabled by the two boys. In the Gamma Quadrant, Quark succeeded in unlocking the telekinetic suppressor around Eris' neck. After she pulled it off and threw it to the floor, Quark pocketed it since he had commented how small the device was in comparison to other such devices he had seen. As always, Quark thought he could turn a profit by bring it back with him to discover how its technology works. As soon as Eris used her power to shut down the containment field, a Jem'Hadar guard attacked Commander Sisko. Sisko quickly rendered him unconscious and tossed the soldier's weapon to Quark. As Sisko was relieving the fallen Jem'Hadar of his sidearm, Quark shot and killed the second guard that Sisko hadn't seen. With the way clear, the three of them made their escape from the cave. In the skies above the planet, the *Odyssey* and the three runabouts detected a trio of enemy ships closing in on their location in attack formation. O'Brien signals to Captain Keogh that the *Rio Grande* is in no condition to fight and must break formation. Rather than leave the area, O'Brien suggests that while the remaining forces deal with the Jem'Hadar ships, he might be able to get closer to the planet and locate Commander Sisko.

Captain Keogh gives him ten minutes and no more. As O'Brien broke formation, the Jem'Hadar attacked. Their opening volley revealed a horrifying reality: the shields on the Federation vessels were completely ineffective against the Dominion weapons. It was as though they had no shields at all. With that being the case, the *Odyssey* was sustaining massive damage with every shot the Jem'Hadar fired.

Their warp drive was disabled in the first few seconds of the fight and major structural damage was being reported throughout the ship. Since the runabouts were smaller and more maneuverable, Kira order Dax to join her in drawing some fire away from the *Odyssey*.

As Sisko, Quark and Eris were running from the Jem'Hadar camp, Quark was nearing total exhaustion and could not keep running. Eris suggested that he remain hidden in the brush while the two of them continued, but Sisko would not hear of it. He knew that they owed their escape to Quark and that he would not leave him behind. Moments later, all three of them dematerialized

as they were beamed aboard the Rio Grande. With the prisoners safely aboard, Captain Keogh orders everyone to break off and return to the wormhole at best speed. As the Starfleet ships begin to change their heading, one of the Jem'Hadar sets a collision course with the Odyssey.

Major Kira and Doctor Bashir realize what is about to happen, but they couldn't react in time to stop it: the Jem'Hadar attack ship crashes into the Odyssey's engineering section and causes both ships to be destroyed. The remaining crews on the runabouts look on in disbelief at the loss of life that just took place before them. Once they were all safe on Deep Space Nine, Quark reveals to Commander Sisko that the collar that had been suppressing Eris' telekinetic abilities was a fake. Since it was never doing anything to hold her prisoner, they figured out that she was a Dominion spy. When Commander Sisko confronted her with this information, she admits that he was correct. Before she could be taken into custody and interrogated, she was beamed away. Chief O'Brien tried to trace the transporter signal, but was unable to. The only thing he could confirm was that she did not rematerialize on the station.

The last thought that went through Commander Sisko's mind was that if the Dominion intended to invade the Alpha Quadrant, the first battle would be fought at Deep Space Nine.

Season Three

The Search (1)

Season 3

Episode Number: 47

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Sunday September 26, 1994
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	Kim Friedman
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)
Guest Stars:	Martha Hackett (Subcommander T'Rul), John Fleck (Ornithar)
Production Code:	40510-447
Summary:	In an attempt to head off a Jem'Hadar invasion of the Alpha Quadrant, Commander Sisko leads a diplomatic mission into hostile territory in an attempt to contact The Founders.



Realizing that the Jem'Hadar will inevitably send their forces through the wormhole and begin a war with the Alpha Quadrant, Major Kira and the command staff aboard Deep Space Nine assess their defensive capabilities. Despite running numerous scenarios, the results were always the same: the Jem'Hadar will capture the station within a matter of hours. Without serious reinforcement, Deep Space Nine will not be able to withstand an assault by the forces of the Gamma Quadrant.

As the bleakness of the current situation began to sink in, a cloaked ship is detected a few hundred meters away from the docking ring. Alarmed at how close a

potential enemy managed to get without being detected, the crew spring to their battle stations. Just as a fight seems imminent, the ship decloaks to reveal an unknown class of Federation vessel. On the viewscreen is Commander Sisko, in command of the U.S.S. Defiant, a Federation prototype warship, designed for the express purpose of fighting the Borg. It was Sisko's intention to take the Defiant into the Gamma Quadrant to attempt to open negotiations with the leaders of the Dominion: the Founders.

In exchange for the use of one of their cloaking devices, the Romulan Empire insisted that one of their intelligence agents, T'Rul, come along to insure that anything the Federation learns about the Dominion is shared equally. Also along for the mission is Starfleet security officer Michael Eddington. When Odo angrily inquires as to why Starfleet insisted on having one of their security team perform the same function as him on the mission, Sisko informs Odo that Starfleet has been unhappy with his reluctance to follow their protocols and thought he wasn't a team player. Insulted by the lack of faith placed in him, Odo resigns.

In preparation for the mission, Sisko coerces Quark to come along. Obviously resistant to the idea, Quark flatly refuses to comply with Sisko's request. Sisko explains to Quark that his

previous dealing with the Karemma would make finding the Founders much more likely than simply wandering aimlessly. In addition, Sisko had spoken with Grand Nagus Zek and he had agreed that if Quark did not help in this mission, business opportunities in the Gamma Quadrant could dry up completely. Not wanting such a horrible outcome to pass, the Nagus ordered Quark to help Sisko in his mission. With Quark aboard and the ship ready to depart, Odo makes a request to accompany the crew on this mission under the flimsy guise of "representative of the Bajoran provisional government." Realizing that Odo was just trying to save face in his attempt to rejoin the mission, Sisko agrees to allow him to join.

Once the ship entered the Gamma quadrant, Quark arranges a meeting with Ornithar, the representative from the Karemma. As soon as Ornithar is aboard the *Defiant*, Sisko and Quark demand to know how the Founders are contacted. When threatened with the loss of several trade agreements with the Ferengi, Ornithar reluctantly tells the Federation crew where the Karemma had been instructed to direct all messages to a relay station on Callinon VII if ever they needed to contact the Founders. Where the messages went after that was unknown to them. With his part of the mission complete, Quark arranges transport home with Ornithar and wishes Commander Sisko luck. As all of this transpires, Odo becomes fixated with the star charts of the system and is particularly drawn to the Omarion Nebula. He cannot explain why he is being drawn to this system, only that he is.

The *Defiant* makes its way to the Callinon system and finds the relay station that Ornithar spoke of. O'Brien and Dax are sent inside to determine if the Founders' homeworld's location is within. As they begin to explore the systems aboard the relay station, a security system engages that locks them inside. A force field seals the two officers inside while Jem'Hadar vessels are detected on an intercept course. Not having the time he needs to rescue his personnel and unwilling to fight the Jem'Hadar ships, Sisko cloaks his vessel and tries to elude the incoming warships. Despite being cloaked, the Jem'Hadar warships seem to have an indication of where they are. T'Rul advises that the ship may still be detected while under cloak and should cut main power to further hide their energy signature. Sisko does so and the Jem'Hadar ships move on.

Concerned by his odd behavior, Kira confronts Odo in his quarters. He informs her that he intends to resign his position as Chief of Security on Deep Space Nine and proceed to the Omarion Nebula. Confused by this revelation, Kira insists upon an explanation. Before he can give one, the *Defiant* comes under attack. The Jem'Hadar vessels had analyzed the data from their last encounter and determined how to detect the intruding ship. Despite putting up a valiant fight, the *Defiant* was hopelessly outgunned and eventually overwhelmed. With defeat imminent, the Jem'Hadar beamed several warriors aboard the ship and engaged the remaining crew in hand-to-hand combat. Only Odo managed to defeat the soldiers he encountered and carried the unconscious Major Kira aboard a shuttlecraft and escaped.

Hours later, Major Kira regained consciousness and Odo informed her of their status. When she realized that he had set a course for the Omarion Nebula rather than the wormhole and Starfleet reinforcements, she becomes enraged. Realizing that she cannot change her circumstances, Kira is willing to accept that Odo may have some kind of instinctive knowledge of this system and she goes along with his choice. After they land on a rogue planet in the middle of the nebula, they come across a shimmering lake of an odd looking liquid. When they approach it, several humanoid forms emerge from the lake, seemingly forming from the liquid itself. When they solidify, it becomes obvious who they are. Odo has found his people. He has found his home.

The Search (2)

Season 3

Episode Number: 48

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Sunday October 3, 1994
Writer: Ira Steven Behr
Director: Jonathan Frakes
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Martha Hackett (Subcommander T'Rul), Dennis Christopher (Borath), William Frankfather (Male shapeshifter), Christopher Doyle (Jem'Hadar Officer), Tom Morga (Jem'Hadar Soldier), Diaunte (Jem'Hadar Soldier)
Production Code: 40510-448
Summary: Commander Sisko must deal with an impending alliance between the Federation and the Dominion, while Odo makes a startling discovery about his own people.



Odo's discovery of the changeling home-world leaves him somewhat confused and bewildered, but the female shapeshifter handholds him through these first moments of self-discovery. She briefly explains the "Great Link", in which the changelings allow their physical forms to merge into a single collective, sharing all of their thoughts and feelings and experiences. She then allows Odo to experience the link for just a few moments, but in that brief time, Odo realizes that he has found his home. Meanwhile, aboard a damaged shuttlecraft, Commander Sisko and Dr. Bashir limp their way back to the wormhole after the attack by the Jem'Hadar. With their engines failing and

life support down to 20%, the shuttle is captured by a tractor beam of unknown source. When the hatch opens, Dax and O'Brien greet the wary refugees. After they had briefed each other as to what they had experienced since their separation, Dax informs Sisko that big things were happening at Starfleet Command. Upon returning to Deep Space Nine, Admiral Nechayev greets the commander and informs him of a pending alliance between the Federation and the Dominion. The Dominion negotiator, Borath, thanks Sisko for his peace overtures and explains the Dominion's previous hostilities were due to the feelings of insecurity that the Federation's incursions into the Gamma Quadrant caused. He apologized for any misunderstandings, but Sisko was not convinced that Borath's apology was sincere. As the negotiating teams from the Dominion and every major power from the Alpha Quadrant worked out the details of the treaty, T'Rul discovers

that the Romulan Empire has been excluded from the talks. When she encounters Dr. Bashir and Garak on the promenade, she vows that if a treaty is signed without the participation of the Romulans, it will mean war. Garak, always suspicious of the goings-on in the halls of power, is now certain that no good will come of this treaty and the doctor is beginning to see his point. Back on the Founders' homeworld, Odo tries to come to terms with his discovery. As he tries to find his place among his people, Kira attempts to contact Deep Space Nine using a covert transmission that could not be traced back to the source. However, her efforts are thwarted by an interference field nearby. In the meantime, Odo continued his discussions with the female shapeshifter. She taught him about their people's history and how they were mistrusted and despised by the "solids" (mono-formed beings). In order to protect themselves, the changelings sought isolation in order to be safe from persecution. However, they still wanted to learn more about the galaxy, so they had sent out 100 infant changelings into the depths of space to be their eyes and ears. Each of them was "programmed" with an instinct to return after a certain amount of time. Because of his passage through the wormhole, Odo actually returned roughly 300 years ahead of schedule. Meanwhile, Kira sought out the cause of the interference that was preventing her from contacting the station. To that end, she discovers a locked door of unknown material in a tunnel beneath the surface. Curious as to why shapeshifters would need a door to seal off something, she sought out Odo. Back on the station, Quark overhears two Jem'Hadar officers say that the treaty is about to be finalized. As Dr. Bashir and Chief O'Brien consider what the future holds, a Jem'Hadar soldier bumps into the Chief who is still in his seat. Tempers flare and the Jem'Hadar assaults O'Brien. When security breaks up the fight, they clearly take the Jem'Hadar's side in the issue. During dinner with Jake, Dax bursts in on Sisko and demands to know why she was being transferred to the U.S.S. Lexington. Sisko knew nothing about it and was outraged that one of his senior staff would be reassigned without his knowledge or consent. Shortly after hearing this news, Dr. Bashir reports the incident in Quark's Bar. Seeking answers, Commander Sisko barges into Admiral Nechayev's office and demands to know why the Jem'Hadar who had assaulted his crewman is walking free and why Lt. Dax had been reassigned without his being consulted. In response, the Admiral informs Commander Sisko that Starfleet is pulling out of this sector of space and all Federation personnel are being reassigned. Bajor and the wormhole will fall under the jurisdiction and the protection of the Dominion. The more time Odo spends among his people, the more he begins to understand their nature. He begins to form a real connection with them and for the first time in his life, he feels like he belongs. Kira is happy for him, but still asks for his help one last time. She needs to find out what is behind that sealed door that is preventing her from sending out a distress signal to Deep Space Nine. He agrees to help and they set out for the mysterious door. Feeling betrayed by his superior officers and knowing that this agreement will be disastrous for the long-term safety and security of the entire Alpha Quadrant, Commander Sisko decides to take matters into his own hands. He enlists the help of the command staff who share his feelings about this treaty and the help of Garak as well. Together, they steal a runabout and fire several photon torpedoes in to the mouth of the wormhole, collapsing it forever and ending the threat of a Jem'Hadar invasion. When Odo and Kira manage to open the mysterious door, they are surprised to see Jem'Hadar soldiers standing on the other side of it. Escorted in at gunpoint, Odo and Kira find the Vorta, Borath, standing near the unconscious forms of Commander Sisko, Lt. Dax, Dr. Bashir, Chief O'Brien and Commander T'Rul. None of them had ever escaped the Jem'Hadar. They had been held in this facility and subjected to a simulated hypothetical scenario that was playing out only in their minds. The Dominion wanted to know just how much the Starfleet officers were willing to sacrifice in order to avoid a conflict with the Gamma Quadrant. When Kira demanded answers from Borath, he differed to the female changeling who had followed Odo and Kira to the door. She explained that the changelings were not simply members of the Dominion; they were the Founders. Crestfallen, Odo could not believe that the people he had been searching for all of his life turned out to be the tyrannical rulers of the most oppressive empire the universe had ever seen. When the reality of it sunk in, Odo made his choice and rejected the Founders. Since the changelings have a law that states "No changeling may harm another", Odo and his friends were allowed to leave unharmed.

The House of Quark

Season 3

Episode Number: 49

Season Episode: 3

Originally aired:	Sunday October 10, 1994
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	Les Landau
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)
Guest Stars:	Mary Kay Adams (Grilka), Carlos Carrasco (D'Ghor), Joseph Ruskin (Tumek), John Lendale Bennett (Kozak)
Production Code:	40510-449
Summary:	When a Klingon warrior is accidentally killed in Quark's Bar, Quark becomes the unwilling steward of a Klingon Great House.



With business at the bar at an all-time low, Quark was considering his bleak future. The only customer still in his establishment was a drunken Klingon who had run out of money and was demanding credit. When Quark confronted the Klingon, the Klingon took offense to Quark's tone of voice and attacked him. As they briefly struggled, the Klingon lost his balance and fell on his own blade. When security sealed off the area and questioned Quark about the incident, the Ferengi couldn't help but notice the crowd of on-lookers waiting to find out what had happened. Taking advantage of the scene, Quark spun an elaborate lie about how he had battled the Klingon in single com-

bat and through his sheer determination, came up the victor. Rom warned him that this story could get Quark killed by a member of this Klingon's family seeking revenge, but he went along with the lie when he was threatened with a salary cut.

In the O'Brien's quarters, Miles discovers that his wife, Keiko, had closed the school she had been running for the past two years.

With the threat of the Dominion, most of the families with children had moved off of the station. The only two students remaining were Jake and Nog. At first, Keiko seemed fine with the situation, but Miles could tell that she was unhappy with having nothing to keep her occupied. Not content to see his wife unhappy, Chief O'Brien began planning on ways to raise her spirits.

As business in the bar picked up steadily since the attack, Quark was informed by Odo that the man he had killed was named Kozak, the head of a very powerful Klingon house. Knowing that a relative of Kozak would almost certainly come to seek revenge for the death, Odo gives Quark the chance to recant his story. Quark sticks to his version of events and goes about his business. Later in the hallway, Quark is accosted by D'Ghor, the brother of Kozak. He wants to

know EXACTLY how Kozak was killed and how it was that a Ferengi could have beaten him in personal combat. Quark had begun to tell D'Ghor the truth about how Kozak fell on his knife and accidentally killed himself, but D'Ghor was outraged when he heard this account. If Kozak had died in an accident, there would be no honor in it and he would have to kill Quark. However, if Kozak died in honorable combat, there would be no need for vengeance and Quark would be allowed to continue on his way. Not being a fool, Quark stuck to his original story and D'Ghor let him be.

At the end of the day, another Klingon figure stood in Quark's door. This time it was Grilka, Kozak's widow. Not convinced that Quark would have been able to defeat her husband in personal combat, she challenged Quark herself. Not surprisingly, Quark was immediately cowering behind the bar. When asked again how her husband died, Quark relayed the truth; that he had been drunk and fell on his own blade. With the truth revealed, Grilka kidnapped Quark and brought him to Kronos, the Klingon home world, so that she may marry him (entirely against his will). By doing so, Grilka prevented the dissolution of her house since Kozak had no male heirs to lead it. Quark learns that D'Ghor was not Kozak's brother, but rather a blood enemy who has been trying to seize the House of Kozak for many years. By getting Quark to declare that Kozak died honorably, the Klingon High Council would have no reason to grant any special dispensation to allow Grilka, a woman, to lead a Klingon House. By marrying Quark, the victor in personal combat, the house remains intact for the time being and allows Grilka time to plan her next move.

Meanwhile, Chief O'Brien continues to look for ways to keep his wife happy. His first thought is to convert an unused cargo bay into an arboretum where Keiko could put her botany skills to good use. Commander Sisko agrees to give him the space and he goes about his way. When he shows the designs to Dr. Bashir, he points out that Keiko will only be happy with an arboretum for a short while. He tells the Chief that while his intentions are noble, he will be asking Keiko to turn her career into a hobby. In order for Keiko to feel useful again, she will have to be allowed to be a botanist again, not a gardener. Realizing the truth of what the doctor had said, Chief O'Brien sets out on a new, more radical plan.

When D'Ghor tries to seize the land and properties of the fallen House of Kozak before the Klingon High Council, Grilka announces that his claim is invalid since she has taken her husband's killer to lead her house. While the council and D'Ghor are taken aback by this situation, they agree to respect it for the time being until a decision can be made. In the meantime, the House of Kozak will be known as The House of Quark. With this temporary reprieve, Grilka and Quark return to her home to plan their next move. When Grilka came up empty, Quark asked to know exactly how her house came to be so weakened in the first place. It was explained to him how Kozak had made a number of poor investments and had incurred a number of gambling debts, most of which was owed to D'Ghor. Upon reviewing the financial ledgers of the House of Kozak, Quark detected how D'Ghor had been using underhanded financial deals to undermine the strength of Grilka's position... just like a Ferengi would. Armed with this information, Grilka brought Quark back to the High Council to confront D'Ghor with his dishonorable tactics to lay claim to the House of Kozak. Feeling insulted by having his treachery uncovered and denying his personal involvement, D'Ghor challenges the validity of Quark's claims. He declares that he had uncovered new evidence that Kozak did not die honorably, but in an accident. A witness to the event will prove that Quark is a liar and cannot be trusted. Confused, Quark cannot figure out how D'Ghor could know any of this. The only other witness to the event was... Rom.

In his quarters, Quark and Rom try to sneak out before the challenge can be carried out, but they are caught by Grilka as they attempt to leave. She tries to persuade Quark to answer D'Ghor's challenge, but Quark is in no hurry to be slaughtered by a Klingon warrior just to satisfy her honor. Disgusted by his cowardice, she tells him to leave. In the hours that follow, Rom and Quark try to reassure each other that he was doing the right thing by leaving Grilka to her fate, but their words ring hollow in their ears.

When the time came for Quark to face D'Ghor in combat, Quark stunned everyone by showing up, armed with a bat'leth and seemingly prepared to fight to the death. As soon as combat began, Quark tossed his weapon aside and kneeled before D'Ghor. He knew that he had no hope at all of defeating his opponent, so by fighting him, all the Klingons would get is an execution. He hoped that by offering no resistance, the "honor" in this combat would vanish. Just then, D'Ghor moved in to finish Quark off. Gowron stepped in to prevent the killing of a helpless, unarmed

opponent and realized that if D'Ghor was willing to do this, then he had no honor at all. The council immediately banishes him from their presence and Grilka is offered the dispensation to lead her house if she so wishes.

Back on the station, Miles informs Keiko that an expedition to the Bajoran Janitza Mountains is leaving in two weeks. The project should take six months and they will need a chief botanist to help catalogue all of the plant life in this unexplored area. Although she is hesitant to leave Molly and Miles for that long, the Chief says that Molly can go with her and that he would be able to drop in on them from time to time via a runabout. Given the opportunity to be what she had trained to be all of her life, Keiko accepts the position and seems genuinely happy for the first time in weeks.

Equilibrium

Season 3
Episode Number: 50
Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Sunday October 17, 1994
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Cliff Bole
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Lisa Banes (Dr. Renhol), Jeff Magnus McBride (Joran Belar), Nicholas Cascone (Timor), Harvey Vernon (Yolad Belar)
Production Code: 40510-450
Summary: After unusual mood swings and frightening hallucinations, an hidden element of Dax's past has come back haunt Jadzia.



During a dinner in Commander Sisko's quarters with the command staff, Dax surprises everyone by playing a tune on a keyboard that Jake had tried to learn to play. She claimed that none of her previous hosts could carry a tune in a bucket, but she seems to have acquired the skills somewhere. When Dr. Bashir commented on the beauty of her playing, she uncharacteristically shushed him. She continued to try to nail the piece down, but was interrupted when dinner was served.

The next day, Jadzia was playing chess with Benjamin and was quite distracted. She continually hummed the tune that had been plaguing her thoughts absent-mindedly. As the game pro-

gressed, her inattention caused her to make a foolish move which allowed Sisko an advantage in the game. She immediately accused him of cheating and stormed out. When word of this confrontation reached Major Kira, she asked Jadzia about it. Just as with Sisko, Jadzia became hostile with Kira for no apparent reason, even going so far as to threaten her with harm. As Jadzia walked out onto the Promenade, all of the other people suddenly vanish. The only other person is a strange figure who is both masked and robed. As the figure blocks her path, he removes his mask only to reveal another mask beneath, over and over again. As she backs away from the stranger, she bumps into Quark and snaps out of the hallucination.

In the infirmary, Jadzia apologizes profusely to both Sisko and Kira for her behavior. The hallucinations were an obvious symptom of something being seriously wrong with her and she attributed her recent moodiness to it. After Dr. Bashir examines her, he notices that her isoboramine levels are lower than they should be. Isoboramine is a neurotransmitter that mediates the synaptic functions between the symbiont and the host. If they drop too low, the symbiont would have to be removed and the host would be lost. Not wanting to take any chances, Commander Sisko and Dr. Bashir take Lt. Dax back to the Trill home world so that the specialist there could

assess her condition. Once they arrive, Jadzia is examined by Dr. Renhol of the Symbiosis Commission. She administers a drug to help elevate Jadzia's isoboramine levels and recommends that she remain at the facility for further observation.

Shortly afterwards, Jadzia has another hallucination. She sees the masked figure again, but as she tries to speak to him, two guards dressed in the uniforms of the symbiosis commission from one hundred years ago try to restrain her. As she struggles against them, she snaps out of the hallucination just before she strikes Dr. Bashir. After further examinations, Jadzia suggests that she seek the counsel of the Guardians; unjoined Trill who take care of the symbionts in subterranean caverns. Upon entering the caverns, the three of them meet Timor, a quirky little man who takes his responsibilities so seriously that he doesn't even bother to acknowledge the intruders until they address him first. At a glance, he recognizes the Dax symbiont within Jadzia without her having said a word. He also detected that the balance between the host and the symbiont was disrupted. He informs her that the hallucinations she has been having are not hallucinations at all: they're memories. In an attempt to determine whose memories are trying to resurface, Timor takes Jadzia to be examined.

After several hours, Jadzia returns to the Defiant. Timor was certain of his diagnosis, but could not say for certain which host's memories were causing the problem. As she debriefed Commander Sisko and Dr. Bashir, they informed her that the music that had been haunting her waking thoughts had been identified by the computer. It was a tune written by Joran Belar over eighty years ago on Trill. As soon as Jadzia sees a picture of Joran, she has another vision of a Symbiosis Commission member being murdered by Joran.

She then goes into neural shock and collapses on the deck. Jadzia is rushed back to the Dr. Renhol who determines that Jadzia's isoboramine levels had fallen to 51%. If they drop to 40%, they would have to remove the symbiont and thereby kill Jadzia.

Desperate to find the connection between Joran Belar and Jadzia, Commander Sisko and Dr. Bashir begin their own investigation. They manage to contact Yolad Belar, a brother of Joran's to find out more about him. Yolad told them that over eighty years ago, Joran had contacted him and told him that he had been joined. After that, he had never heard from his brother again. Correlating this information with the histories of the known Dax hosts, they came to a shocking conclusion: Joran Belar had been joined to the Dax symbiont for six months and those memories had been repressed by the Symbiosis Commission. The common belief on Trill is that only a small percentage of the population was suitable for joining and that candidates had to undergo rigorous screening and testing before they would be approved for joining. What the Joran experience revealed is that if a homicidal lunatic like Joran could sustain a joining for six months, then nearly half of the Trill population would be qualified to be hosts. The Symbiosis Commission knew that if this information ever became public knowledge, then the symbionts would become commodities to be bartered, traded and even stolen. To protect that secret, they erased the memories of Joran from the Dax symbiont and falsified their records.

As Jadzia's isoboramine levels dropped close to 40%, Dr. Renhol prepared to remove the Dax symbiont. Armed with this new information, Sisko blackmailed Dr. Renhol into helping Jadzia rather than sacrifice her. Jadzia is returned to Timor and she entered one of the symbiont pools. The memories of Joran Belar were allowed to resurface and became integrated back into the Dax symbiont.

Jadzia emerged from the pool with a new lifetime of memories to assimilate.

Second Skin

Season 3

Episode Number: 51

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Sunday October 24, 1994
Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Les Landau
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	Gregory Sierra (Entek), Cindy Katz (Yteppa), Lawrence Pressman (Tekeny Ghemor), Christopher Carroll (Gul Benil), Freyda Thomas (Alenis Grem), Billy Burke (Ari)
Production Code:	40510-451
Summary:	Major Kira's very identity comes into crisis as she is abducted by the Obsidian Order and told that she is one of their long-term undercover operatives.



Major Kira is contacted by an official from the Bajoran Central Archives who is trying to compile data concerning the Cardassian detention facility at Elemspur during the occupation and asked for Major Kira's account of her time spent there. Confused, Kira informs the official that she had never spent any time there at all. When the Cardassian records clearly show that a Kira Nerys of the Shakaar resistance cell was held at Elemspur for seven days, Kira begins her own inquiry. If she had spent time at a Cardassian prison and her memories were tampered with, she wanted to know.

The trail leads her to her supposed cellmate who seemed to remember her.

Although their contact at the prison was brief, he recalled her name and the fact that the guards had hauled her out of their cell. He had never seen her again after that day and presumed that she had been killed. Alarmed by the fact that this stranger seemed to remember her while she still could recall nothing, Major Kira headed down to Bajor to examine the records more thoroughly in the hopes of uncovering the truth about this part of her life.

Meanwhile, Doctor Bashir and Garak catch up with each other after the doctor attended a conference on Klaestron IV. After hearing a brief recap of the doctor's visit, Garak expressed his regret that he could no longer travel to different worlds as he used to. He explained that space had become a very dangerous place for him. Dr. Bashir accused him of being paranoid, but Garak left him with the impression that the Cardassian government would have Garak killed if he were to leave Deep Space Nine.

Later in Ops, Commander Sisko receives a transmission from the Bajoran archivist who had contacted Major Kira earlier and informs him that the major never arrived as scheduled. She was

concerned that something may have happened to her. Worried that something did happen to her, Sisko, Odo and Dax begin to search for Major Kira.

In a darkened room, Major Kira is awoken by several Cardassians. As she rose, she sees her reflection in the mirror. Her facial features are now those of a Cardassian. The people in the room try to reassure her and try to convince her that she is safe; that she has been brought back home. That her real name is Iliana Ghemor and that she is really a long-term, undercover field operative for the Obsidian Order, the Cardassian Intelligence Agency. She is introduced to Entek, the operative who trained Iliana and prepared her for her mission to infiltrate the Bajoran resistance movement. He explains that Iliana was given the appearance and memories of a Bajoran terrorist that they had captured 10 years ago so that she may gather information on their activities. With her mission now no longer necessary, she had been brought back to Cardassia so that her true identity can be restored by way of a medication that will erase the implanted memories and allow her to become herself once more. Not believing a word of this, Kira was given a recording that apparently she herself had made prior to accepting this mission on behalf of the Obsidian Order.

Meanwhile, on Deep Space Nine, Commander Sisko and Odo spearhead the investigation into Major Kira's disappearance. After interviewing several possible witnesses, one man recalls seeing someone of Kira's description heading towards the Elemspur facility, but he wasn't certain it was her. A scan of the area showed an electrostatic charge that could have been caused by a transporter.

Sisko orders Odo to find the names of every ship that was in the system at the time of the beam out and the activity logs of all of the ground-based transporters. As Odo leaves to carry out his inquiry, Dax points out to Sisko that the electrostatic charge could also have been caused by a disruptor or a phaser set to kill.

While Kira considers her situation, Entek introduces what he feels should be a familiar face: Legate Tekeny Ghemor, Iliana's father.

Kira dismisses this as another Cardassian trick to try and confuse her into believing that this whole story might be real. However, Tekeny seems genuinely distressed that his daughter doesn't seem to recognize him. He tells her stories of her when she was a child and how she was so determined to be an agent for the Order. Kira responds defiantly by recounting her memories of her mother and father on Bajor; how they had both died at the hands of the Cardassians and how much she loved them both. She makes it perfectly clear to Tekeny that despite the lengths the Cardassians have gone to in their attempt to convince her otherwise, she knows that she is a Bajoran and will not accept anything to the contrary.

Working on the assumption that the Cardassians may have abducted Major Kira, Commander Sisko and Odo contact Garak to press him on what he may know about the Major's situation. Through his own contacts, Garak had come to the conclusion that the Obsidian Order was holding Major Kira. While he sympathized with her situation, he assured the two men that there was nothing that could be done to help her if that truly was the case. Not convinced that the situation was that hopeless, Sisko informs Garak that he will be accompanying Odo and himself to Cardassia Prime in an attempt to retrieve Major Kira. Garak immediately protests the idea and refuses to help, stating that if he were permitted to be anywhere near Cardassia, why would he be living on Deep Space Nine? Commander Sisko then resorts to blackmail when he informs Garak that several ministers in the Bajoran Provisional Government were unhappy with the continued presence of a Cardassian on the station. If Garak were unwilling to help in this crisis, he would be inclined to force him to leave and thus make him a target for the Cardassian operatives who want to kill him. Realizing that he has no choice, Garak agrees to help. But he did give Commander Sisko one piece of earnest advice: if anything were to go wrong during this mission, he would not stick his neck out to help. Sisko would be on his own.

Back on Cardassia, Entek and Tekeny discuss Iliana in the adjacent room. They both seem to be very concerned that she hasn't responded to the medication yet and that none of her true memories are resurfacing. Entek, however, seems more concerned with the information that Iliana/Kira is withholding. He suggests that if her true memories do not surface soon, he will be forced to take her to an Obsidian Order facility to be interrogated more forcefully. Angered by the thought of his daughter being tortured by Entek, he allows him to question her in his house and only to use straightforward verbal questioning. After failing to extract any useful information from Major Kira, Entek becomes frustrated and tries one last tactic to convince her that he is

telling her the truth. He requests that a specific biological subject be beamed into the room immediately. When it materializes, it appears to be the corpse of Kira Nerys. Entek explains that this is the true Kira Nerys and that she really is an operative that was surgically altered to look like Kira. For the first time since this ordeal began, Kira begins making her protests not so much to convince Entek that he is wrong, but to convince herself that she is right. The possibility that what Entek and Tekeny have been saying is true begins to creep into Kira's mind. Entek then presses her by saying that if she weren't truly one of his agents, why would he be going to these extreme lengths to convince her that she is? If all he wanted was information, he would have extracted it from her by now.

As night falls, Kira makes an attempt to escape. As she manages to get the window to open, Tekeny walks in and informs her that if she tries to run, she would be recaptured by the Obsidian Order within minutes. He also tells her that he will not be able to protect her very much longer if she refuses to cooperate with Entek. She responds by telling Tekeny that she will never cooperate.

If he wanted to help her, he should get her off this planet. Eventually, the Order will become impatient. They will come to interrogate her and she will probably not survive. Tekeny assures her that he will never allow the Order to hurt her and he begs her to watch the recording she had been given. After some thought, she does so. She watches what seems to be a younger, Cardassian version of herself just before she went in for her surgical alterations to appear Bajoran. She spoke of how the terrorists on Bajor had to be stopped and how she wanted to make her parents proud of her. The recording seemed to have an effect on her in a way she did not expect.

On the *Defiant*, Sisko and Dax review the status of the ship and the operational readiness of the shield modulator. In its current configuration, any passing ship will identify them as a Khobheerian freighter and the communications system has been equipped with a holo-filter to disguise their physical appearance during ship-to-ship visual communications. As they move deeper into Cardassian space, two warships approach their position. After a failed attempt to bluff their way out of a security check, Garak tells Sisko to drop the holo-filter and addresses the Cardassian commander directly. Using a security code from his days as an Obsidian Order operative, he convinces the Cardassian commander that they are on an urgent, high-priority mission and that they are not to be interfered with. The ruse works and the *Defiant* is allowed to proceed.

On Cardassia, Entek has begun a more aggressive interrogation session with Major Kira. Using less than gentle techniques, he begins asking her about Federation strengths and deployments in the Bajoran sector. While she manages to resist for the time being, it is clear that she is in obvious pain and will not be able to endure much more. When Tekeny sees what Entek has done to his daughter, he becomes enraged and throws Entek out of his home. Realizing that Entek will not stop until he has the information he wants and knowing that his daughter will not survive further interrogation, Tekeny decides to get his daughter off of Cardassia where she will be safe. When Kira asks how it is possible, even for a Legate, to get someone off of Cardassia Prime without the Obsidian Order's knowledge, he reveals to her that he has contacts within the Cardassian dissident movement who are able to help. When that part of the puzzle came into play, Kira began to realize what this whole operation was all about. She was captured and made to look like a Cardassian because she resembled Tekeny's daughter. When Entek threatened to torture her for information, he knew that Legate Ghemor would resort to using his dissident connections to try and get her off the planet. At that moment, Legate Ghemor would be arrested and the dissident movement would lose its strongest and most powerful supporter while the Obsidian Order would be granted even more powers by the Central Command to keep Cardassia safe from traitors. With the reality of the trap sinking in, Entek steps in with a two Obsidian Order agents. He confirms everything that Kira just said and gloats over his victory. At that moment, Sisko, Garak and Odo burst into the room and take Entek and his men by surprise. They release Kira and Tekeny and begin to make their escape. Entek manages to draw a hidden disruptor and take aim, but Garak fires first and vaporizes him.

Back on Deep Space Nine, Dr. Bashir confirms that Major Kira is in fact a Bajoran and restores her natural features. After discussing the aftermath of their adventure together, Tekeny told Kira that the Mathenite government would offer him sanctuary until such time as the Central Command is overthrown and he could return to Cardassia Prime. In the meantime, he offered Kira one last piece of advice: do NOT trust Garak; even for an instant. He may have saved the both today, but only because it suited his purposes.

He would betray them all in a heartbeat if it served him to do so.

The Abandoned

Season 3

Episode Number: 52

Season Episode: 6

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Writer: D.Thomas Maio, Steve Warneck
Director: Avery Brooks
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Leslie Bevis (Boslic Captain), Bumper Robinson (Teenage Jem' Hadar), Jill Sayre (Mardah), Matthew Kimborough (Okalar), Hassan Nicholas (Jem' Hadar Boy)
Production Code: 40510-452
Summary: A Jem'Hadar child is found abandoned in the wreckage of a salvaged ship and Odo attempts to raise him to be something other than a ruthless soldier of the Dominion.



During an average day at Quark's bar, Jake sat down with his girlfriend Mardah during her break and was taken aback when she asked about the dinner that his father had invited her to. Feeling a little rushed into the "bringing the girlfriend home to meet dad" scenario, Jake made an attempt to save face, but Mardah picked up on his uneasiness. Meanwhile, Quark had a run-in with a Boslic Captain that he had done business with in the past. She offered to sell him some ship salvage she had come across in the Gamma Quadrant and used her feminine wiles to close the deal. After Quark had gone down to the cargo bay to inspect the merchandise he had just bought, he dis-

covered a sealed module with what seemed like crying coming from inside it. When he opened the container, he was shocked to find an infant inside. After taking the child to Doctor Bashir in the infirmary, Commander Sisko and Lieutenant Dax question Quark about how he came to "purchase" a baby. Quark explained the situation and he was allowed to go about his business.

With no way to find out who this child's family was, Lt. Dax suggested that a Bajoran orphanage be contacted. For the time being, the child would remain with Dr. Bashir. His readings on the baby showed an abnormally high metabolic rate, but without knowing what species the child was, he had no way to know if this was normal or not. After Commander Sisko returned to his quarters, he found Jake already there and obviously upset. When Benjamin asked Jake what was wrong, he was a bit angry that his father had gone behind his back to invite Mardah for dinner. Benjamin reminded Jake that he said weeks ago that he would invite her if Jake did not do so himself. He was simply keeping his word. Somewhat mollified, Jake accepted his father's reasoning and tried to prepare himself for the following evening's dinner. Shortly afterwards, Commander Sisko was summoned back to the infirmary. Dr. Bashir informed the commander

than the infant had grown to the physical stature of a nine-year-old boy overnight. In addition, he was already able to speak although his frames of reference were still very limited. Dr. Bashir surmises that his verbal skills plus any others he may be developing were genetically written into him. He could not have learned what he already knew simply from what he had picked up while staying in the infirmary. While the investigation into the boy's origins continued, Major Kira decided to stop by Odo's new quarters with a housewarming gift. Since the Constable had never had living quarters before (always preferring to regenerate in his bucket), everyone was curious to see how the gruff Chief of Security would decorate his own private space. Reluctantly, Odo allowed Major Kira into the room. Upon entering, she was struck by the odd fixtures and adornments in the room. When she asked Odo about them, he explained that when he regenerates in his gelatinous state, he does not need to remain immobile as he used to do. He could now take advantage of all of the shapes and textures in the room to explore his abilities as a shape-shifter rather than simply passing the time as an amorphous puddle. As a reminder of how he used to restrict himself unnecessarily, he retained his bucket rather than throw it away. To make use of it, he chose to use it as a planter for the housewarming gift Kira had brought. In the replimat, Dr. Bashir and Lt. Dax were discussing the origin of the boy. They had concluded that he was most certainly genetically engineered, but that he also was missing a critical enzyme. If this missing enzyme was not provided to him regularly, the boy's circulatory system would eventually shut down and he would die. Given how complex his genetic structure is, they could not understand how his designers could have overlooked such an obvious flaw. As they pondered the dilemma, Dr. Bashir was urgently summoned back to the infirmary. When Bashir and Dax arrived, they realized the nature of the emergency: the boy was now a fully grown man and was running rampant through the infirmary and out into the promenade. Everyone tried to calm him down, but anyone who had gotten close enough to him was simply attacked for their trouble. It was only when Odo showed up that the boy/man calmed down and responded to orders. The reason for that became clear: he was a Jem'Hadar. In the ward room, the command staff discussed what was to become of the Jem'Hadar. Commander Sisko informs the crew that he would be transferred over to Starbase 201 so that a team of specialists would be able to study him and hopefully learn more about the soldiers of the Dominion. Upon hearing this, Odo raised a moral objection to that plan and Dr. Bashir concurred: this was a sentient being, not a laboratory specimen. They had no right to cage him and treat him like he was the Federation's property. Instead, Odo suggested that the Jem'Hadar remain with him. He had already shown that he would defer to Odo's authority; the Founders had probably made the Jem'Hadar genetically obligated to follow the orders of a changeling. In addition, Odo wanted to give the boy a chance to overcome his "programming" and possibly become something other than a living killing machine.

Reluctantly, Commander Sisko agreed with Odo and released the boy into his custody. Odo went down to the holding cell where the boy was being kept. He discovered him trying to batter his way through the force field of the cell and emotionally out of control.

Doctor Bashir was trying to explain that the boy's anxieties were caused by the lack of the enzyme that he needs, but the Jem'Hadar would not listen to him. When Odo tells him to calm down and that he would find a way to help, he responded to him and began to relax a bit. Odo lowered the force field and let the boy out. Doctor Bashir explained to Odo how the boy was genetically addicted to the enzyme he required, but without further tests, he would be unable to synthesize it for him. With Odo's urging, the boy relented and allowed Bashir to conduct his tests. In the meantime, Odo tried to get to know the boy better and find out what drives him. When all he seemed to show was scarcely controlled hostility towards everyone but Odo, the Constable tried to get him to direct his aggressions in more productive ways. In Commander Sisko's quarters, the dinner with Mardah had come. Trying to hold onto his preconception that a Dabo girl was not good enough to date his son, Benjamin was somewhat taken aback when he discovered that Mardah had not spoken to her brother and sister in years because they disapproved over her job in Quark's Bar. She said it was amazing that people could judge others simply for the job they had. This made Benjamin begin to rethink his opinion of her. He soon discovers that she is a skilled (if somewhat humble) author and is even more amazed to find out that his son is a poet and a dom-jot player/ hustler. The realization that he didn't know nearly as much about his own son (much less Mardah) as he thought he did, Benjamin began reconsidering his position on his son's choice of a girlfriend and decided to get to know the girl for himself before making any rash judgments. Amid the wreckage of the vessel in which the

Jem'Hadar child was found, Chief O'Brien discovered what could be a supply of the enzyme the Jem'Hadar needs to survive. Odo speculated that the Chief was correct and brought the drug to Dr. Bashir.

The composition of the drug seemed to match the missing enzyme the boy needed, so he allowed a small amount to be administered to him. After dialing in the dosage, the boy seemed to calm down considerably and his vital signs had stabilized. With the chance of a violent outburst vastly diminished, the boy was allowed to leave the infirmary under Odo's supervision. With the Jem'Hadar behaving more rationally, Odo was finally able to have a sustained conversation with him. Both of them had questions about the other and inquired why they behaved as they did. Odo wanted to know if the Jem'Hadar could feel anything except hostility towards other species and the boy was curious as to why Odo treats these Federation people as equals when it was clear to him that changelings were an inherently superior race. Odo tried to explain that many of the boy's preconceptions were simply programmed into him by the Founders and what they had forced him to believe were lies. As the boy began to learn more about his people, the greater his affinity for them grew. His programmed belief that he was superior to all other species except the founders began to deepen. Odo tried to steer him from that path, but his attempts were meeting with little success. When Major Kira discovered what Odo had been doing, she confronted him about it. She warned Odo that the Jem'Hadar may be living beings, but they were artificially created with a singular purpose: to fight and kill for the Founders. Odo refused to believe that, thinking he could break the boy of his programming and turn him into an independent and free-willed member of society. Kira hesitantly backed off, but she warned Odo that if the boy hurt or killed anyone during his "rehabilitation" that it would be on Odo's head. As the two of them walked along the Promenade, the Jem'Hadar could sense that everyone they saw was afraid of him. Odo agreed with that assessment, but only in that every encounter these people have had with the boy's people has led to a life-or-death battle. When the boy confidently claimed he could kill any one of these people, Odo asked him if that was all he could think about. Was killing people the only thing on his mind? Before the Jem'Hadar could answer, Odo was summoned to Commander Sisko's office. Acknowledging the order, Odo asked the boy to wait in his quarters. Upon arriving in Commander Sisko's office, Odo knew immediately that the news was not good. Starfleet Command had dispatched the U.S.S. Constellation to collect the Jem'Hadar boy and take him to Starbase 201 for further study. The choice was no longer up to him. Angered and feeling betrayed, Odo argued that he had an agreement with Sisko to keep the boy at the station under his guidance, but Sisko informed him that he had been overruled. As he explained to Odo that Starfleet did not want to lose this opportunity to study a Jem'Hadar, the boy suddenly surprised both men by dropping his innate invisibility and pointed a weapon at Commander Sisko saying he wasn't going to be sent anywhere. He demanded a runabout and safe passage off of the station for himself and for Odo. To avoid any unnecessary violence, Odo convinced Commander Sisko to let them both make their way to the runabout pad without interference. Along the way, Odo tried to convince the boy that returning to the Gamma Quadrant would simply reduce him to becoming a slave to the Founders. Odo told him that he could become so much more than simply a killing machine in service to the Dominion, but the more he spoke, the more the Jem'Hadar grew to distrust him despite the fact that he was a changeling. He declared that the only thing he wants is to rejoin his people in the Gamma Quadrant and live his life as a Jem'Hadar.

Realizing that he will not be able to change the boy's mind, Odo agrees to take him to the Dominion. Commander Sisko and a security detachment try to intervene, but Odo convinces him that if the Constellation were to take the boy, then the Jem'Hadar would either kill many people aboard the Federation ship or be killed himself. Sisko reluctantly agreed and told the Constable that he would inform his superiors that he was unable to prevent him from leaving. Upon his return to the station, Odo sits down with Major Kira and tells her that she was right; that the boy was nothing more than a Dominion killing machine loyal to the Founders. She senses his pain, but says nothing. She didn't have to.

Civil Defense

Season 3

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Writer: Mike Krohn
Director: Reza Badiyi
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars: Danny Goldring (Legate Kell)
Production Code: 40510-453
Summary: When Chief O'Brien accidentally triggers an old anti-insurgency program left behind by the Cardassians, the station's computers believe that the crew is a mob of rebelling Bajorans and takes steps to contain them.



As part of his ongoing education in engineering with Chief O'Brien, Jake Sisko was helping the Chief to convert one of the ore processing plants on the station into a deuterium refinery. The first part of the job was to delete all of the old Cardassian subroutines from the computers and prepare the system for the new operating systems that will be required. Jake was hard at work deleting the files when his father walked in to check on their progress. A moment later, Jake came across a file he could not delete. When Chief O'Brien gave it a try, an unnamed program activated and demanded that an authorization code be entered. When the Chief's code was refused, the doors to the

ore processing plant came down and sealed all three men inside.

As Commander Sisko, Chief O'Brien and Jake tried to figure out what had just happened, an alert sounded in Ops that a worker revolt was in process. At the same time, a recorded message from Gul Dukat announced that this attempted revolt will not succeed and that if the Bajoran workers surrendered now, they would not be harmed. They realized that they were dealing with an automated security program that the Cardassians had left behind and not mentioned.

The computer was under the mistaken belief that the Bajoran laborers had risen up against their Cardassian overseers and were trying to seize control of the ore processing plant. Since no one knew the proper code to release the doors, Major Kira tried to beam the three men out of the sealed room. Unfortunately, the computer has placed the entire station on a heightened level of security and all command level functions require a security code which the current command staff does not have. During this dilemma, Odo contacted Ops and informed them that his command codes from the time he was the Chief of Security under Gul Dukat might still be valid and that he would attempt to shut down the program. As he continued working, Quark

marched into the security office and demanded answers from Odo. The recorded message from Dukat had been displayed all over the station and his customers were becoming edgy.

Down in the ore processing plant, Commander Sisko and Chief O'Brien have had no luck in opening the doors. A second message from Gul Dukat informs them that if they do not surrender soon, the consequences would be fatal. Hoping to trick the computer, Commander Sisko identified himself as the leader of the rebelling Bajorans and announced his surrender. In response, another recorded message from Dukat acknowledged his surrender. It informed them that Cardassian Security was on the way and that they were to be placed into their custody shortly. Confident that he had just bought them some time, Commander Sisko returns to the problem of getting out of this room. He turned his attention to the ore chute in the center of the room. Since the chute was usually filled with molten uridium while the plant was in operation, there was no need for any security measures inside it. They proposed that Jake (being the smallest of the three men) crawl inside the pipe and try to open the access hatch from the inside, allowing them to escape to the level above where the raw uridium was sorted before being funneled into the room they were in. As that plan was conceived, another message from Gul Dukat announced that they had not yet surrendered to Cardassian security and that if they failed to do so in the next few minutes, everyone in the ore processing plant would be killed. With the clock ticking, Jake managed to open the hatch in time and allow his father and Chief O'Brien to escape just as the room began to fill with gas.

The escape from the ore processing plant had unforeseen consequences. The computer now believed that the rebelling Bajoran workers had escaped from the ore processing plant and were now loose on the station. The response was to seal every doorway with a force field and to emit a dampening field to cut off all communications within the station. Sisko, O'Brien and Jake were now cut off from communicating with Ops, Odo and Quark were trapped in the security office and most of the command staff were imprisoned in Ops with no ability to affect anything on the station. With everyone trying to work their way out of their own predicaments, the situation did not seem to be getting any better.

In Ops, Lieutenant Dax had devised a means by which she would be able to get partial control of the station's computers, but her attempt to access the system is thwarted but the counter-insurgency program. It had interpreted her attempts to gain access as Ops having been compromised. In response, the program initiated counter-insurgency program level two: Another recorded message by Gul Dukat informed the Bajoran rebels that if they did not surrender immediately, poisonous gas would be pumped into the habitat ring of the station, killing the hundreds of people trapped there.

As the command crew try to figure out a way to stop the program from killing everyone in the habitat ring, Garak walks into Ops using his authorization code to get past the force fields. When Major Kira sees that he is able to move about the station, she asks him to go down to the habitat ring and begin evacuating people. He informs her that while he is able to shut off one force field at a time, it immediately reappears as soon as he steps through the doorway. He does, however, have a suggestion on how to stop the release of the gas: destroy the life support system. Major Kira thinks the idea is madness, but Dr. Bashir realizes that the program will use the life support systems to distribute the gas that will kill everyone just as it normally distributes air to keep them alive. Once the life support is destroyed, they would have to find a way to shut down the program before the existing air supply runs out. Major Kira does as Garak suggested and destroys the life support console. Immediately afterwards, the computer announced that the counter-insurgency program level two has been interrupted. It moved on to level three: a message from Gul Dukat was broadcast indicating that the Bajoran workers have seized control of the station and that he is probably already dead. If any nearby Cardassians cannot regain control of the station within two hours, the auto-destruct sequence will engage and the station will be destroyed rather than allow it to remain in the hands of the Bajorans.

While Odo and Quark commiserated their situation in the security office, Garak tried without success to shut down the program. With his authorization code, he is able to monitor the situation on the station, but he could not do anything about it. The only person with the clearance to deactivate the program was Gul Dukat himself. It was then that Lt. Dax came upon the idea of fooling the computer into thinking that Garak was Dukat. While Garak was able to rewrite his code to match Dukat's, the computer would still scan his DNA to make sure it was really Dukat. Dax devised a way to distract the computer's scanners for a few seconds to give Garak

the opportunity he needed, but Dukat had left a large number of interrogative subroutines that kept challenging Garak to prove he was really Gul Dukat. Unprepared for this security measure, Garak's attempt to fool the computer failed. It responded by activating counter-insurgency program level four: an energy weapon was created by the replicator and began laying down a suppression fire pattern to keep everyone in Ops hiding behind whatever cover they could find.

Down in the ore sorting room, Commander Sisko and Chief O'Brien had been working out a way to escape the room they now found themselves in. The room was filled with raw uridium, which is highly explosive when an electrical current is run through it. With improvised tools, they pried off a wall panel so that they could access the high-voltage cables behind it. They then piled a substantial amount of raw uridium up against the door and detonated it. The plan worked and all three of them made it out to the hallway.

Back in Ops, Garak and the command staff were trying to figure out what they could do in their current predicament. When no ideas were forthcoming, a person beamed into Ops. It was Gul Dukat. He explained that while he was patrolling the demilitarized zone, he had received a distress signal...from himself. The message stated that Terok Nor was at the mercy of rioting Bajoran workers and that assistance was required. Intrigued by the situation, he came to investigate. As he calmly explained all of this, the weapon that had been forcing everyone else in Ops to take cover did not seem to be targeting Dukat at all. Seeing that he had the Federation crew in a desperate situation, he intimated that he would be willing to help them by shutting down the program, but for a price. As a gesture of goodwill, he deactivated the level four program which had been controlling the replicator-created weapon firing in Ops.

In Commander Sisko's office, Dukat offered to deactivate the program if Major Kira agreed to allow a permanent Cardassian presence on the station again. She told him that no arrangement made under the threat of death would ever be agreed to by either Bajor or the Federation. Gul Dukat agreed that neither of those groups would like the idea, but once his men were aboard the station, they would have a very difficult time trying to force them off again. With only thirty minutes remaining before the self destruct sequence finishes, Gul Dukat decided to return to his ship and allow Major Kira to consider his proposal. Dukat signaled for a beam out, but nothing happened. Before he could try again, another automated message appeared on the screen, catching Dukat by surprise. It was Legate Kell, admonishing Dukat for attempting to leave the station while the auto-destruct sequence was engaged. For his perceived act of cowardice, Dukat's command codes were rescinded and a transporter suppression field was preventing any further attempts to leave. His punishment for trying to abandon his post would be to die with his command.

With Dukat trapped in the same predicament as the station's crew, he offers up any information he has on how the program and the self-destruct sequence works. Dax manages to figure out a way to disable the auto-destruct sequence, but it can only be done either at the fusion reactor or at the control junction on level 34. The next step is to somehow eliminate all of the force fields between Ops and the target areas. Dax theorized that if the power supply grid were overloaded, then the force fields would go down throughout the station and the dampening field that had been jamming internal communications would be eliminated as well. Dukat then asked Kira if the Federation had disconnected the Cardassian neutralization emitters from the security system. Kira confirmed his assumption since they would make the security containment fields lethal. Dukat then asked if they were still in place even though they had been disabled. Kira confirmed that as well. Excited by the news, Dukat explained that if they had been disconnected but not removed, then they would still have access to them and the counter-insurgency program did not. They could then use the massive amount of power they could unleash to overload the power supply grid and take out the force fields. The plan is put into motion and succeeds. Kira immediately contacted Commander Sisko and apprised him of the situation. Only ten minutes remained before the fusion reactor would overload and destroy the station. The staff in Ops is too far away to do anything to stop the fusion reactor in time, but Commander Sisko, Chief O'Brien and Jake are close enough to try.

As Sisko, O'Brien and Jake approached the junction on level 34, Commander Sisko was concerned that they would not have enough time to disengage the fusion initiator as planned. He suggested instead to redirect the energy of the reaction into the station's shields. It would be a quicker modification and would do the same job. Chief O'Brien agreed. As they turn a corner on their way to the reactor control junction, the hallway before them had collapsed and become

impassable. O'Brien remembered that there was a maintenance crawlway that could get them around the debris, but as the access panel was removed, a plasma fire could be seen burning within. While a path down the middle of the crawlway was open, whoever went into the small access tunnel would be exposed to the heat and radiation of the fire. Not having any choice, Commander Sisko prepared to go in first with Chief O'Brien right behind. Both men agreed that if one of them couldn't make it through, the other would leave him behind to save the station. Before braving the fire, Commander Sisko gave Jake an explicit order not to enter the crawlway for any reason.

Commander Sisko and Chief O'Brien worked their way through the maintenance crawlway. At the halfway point, an electrical discharge stunned O'Brien and left him barely conscious. Not able to help him, Sisko continued through the crawlway to the junction. As he made it to the junction panel, Commander Sisko began calling out to Chief O'Brien to see if he was alright. Jake overheard this and went into the tunnel to pull the Chief out. With the computer counting down the seconds before the fusion reactors overload, Commander Sisko successfully redirects the reactor output into the shield grid and prevents the station's destruction.

Meridian

Season 3

Episode Number: 54

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Sunday November 14, 1994
Writer:	Mark Gehred-O'Connell
Director:	Jonathan Frakes
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Brett Cullen (Deral), Christine Healy (Seltin), Jeffrey Combs (Tiron), Mark Humphrey (II) (Lito)
Production Code:	40510-454
Summary:	Jadzia falls in love with a Meridian scientist. The catch is that his planet and his race shift between this universe and a plane of pure energy. They only re-emerge in our universe every century or so. Back on DS9, Quark tries to obtain a holo-image of Major Kira for an erotic holosuite program.



In the station's Replimat, Major Kira is sipping a hot cup of replicated coffee when Odo walks up to her. They sit together at a table and discuss the sensuality of food and drink, and the difficulty that Odo has in appreciating that sensuality by virtue of the limitations imposed by his Changeling physiology.

Just then Tiron approaches Kira and explains that he regretted her early departure from Quark's the night before. However, Kira's unimpressed and clearly anxious to make Tiron go away... so she tells Tiron that Odo is her lover. Hands are held, eloquent platitudes are exchanged all around, Tiron bids Kira farewell before leaving the Replimat crest-

fallen, Kira thanks Odo enthusiastically for playing along, and Odo is left staring at the hand Kira held after she leaves for Ops.

The USS Defiant is in the Gamma Quadrant on an exploration mission cadged from Starfleet notwithstanding the threat of Dominion attack. Gravimetric distortions are detected in the nearby Trialus system, so Commander Sisko orders Jadzia in to take the Defiant into the system for a closer look.

When the Defiant enters the system Dax discerns that the distortions aren't coming from the system's star. A few moments later, a planet comes into view and the distortions cease.

When Lieutenant Dax scans the planet in order to determine where it came from, they discover a settlement on the southern hemisphere of approximately thirty people, which shortly hails the Defiant. Sisko responds and describes his confusion; the woman at the other end of the connection introduces herself as Seltin Rakal, explains that her planet exists largely in a separate dimension that intersects with that of the Defiant and its crew, and invites the senior staff of the Defiant to the surface for first meal.

Once on the surface Sisko, Dax, Bashir and O'Brien sit down to eat with the inhabitants of the settlement. After some pleasantries, Sisko and Dax discuss with Seltin and Deral the nature of the planet's dimensional shifts. It is explained that the cause of the dimensional shifts is unknown but thought to be related somehow to the behavior of the system's sun. Seltin and Deral go on to explain that after each dimensional shift the planet, named Meridian, ceases to exist in normal space and its inhabitants become beings of "pure consciousness" until things shift back after 60 years, at which point everything is "just as [they] left it" since the planet is not subject to the normal passage of time while it is dimensionally shifted. Bashir says that he can see the appeal in this dimensional shift.

Back on the station, Tiron melodramatically explains to Quark that he couldn't stand his time in the holosuites, as he found it extremely boring and isn't likely to find it any more interesting, but describes what he really wants: a holosuite program built around Kira. Quark suggests that such a thing will be very expensive, and in response Tiron offers a bar of latinum and one of the rings from his left hand as payment. Deeply impressed by the suggested price, Quark remarks on the difficulty of the task, to which Tiron responds by baiting Quark over his reputation for getting things. Quark hesitates briefly, but promises to deliver the holosuite program Tiron's asked for. However, Tiron refuses to pay until the program is completed and deemed acceptable.

On Meridian, Deral explains to Dax that the inhabitants of the planet are descendants of an expedition that was stranded there a millennium earlier, and that their numbers have dwindled since they can only reproduce when they're not shifted out of the "normal" dimension, and those spells are growing progressively shorter, with the current phase lasting only 12 days. Deral goes on to explain that eventually the planet will be too unstable to shift back, at which point the planet and all of its inhabitants will cease to exist.

Later, Sisko promises Seltin that he will do everything he can to help. Dax and Deral announce that they are beaming up to the Defiant to scan the system's sun.

Kira walks into Quark's only to discover that she's been declared the millionth customer. Quark tells her that she's won a number of gifts, including a beverage, a free spin at the dabo table and a free hour in the holosuite with a program of her choice. Kira's quite pleased with herself since she's never won anything. However, she points out that she doesn't like holosuites and tells Quark that she's going to give her free holosuite time to Ensign Quintana since it is his birthday. Kira excitedly takes her turn at dabo, however.

On the bridge of the Defiant, a probe with shield modifications is being sent into Meridian's sun. Once the launch goes off Deral, who's been steadily romancing Dax since she first came to Meridian, gives her an invitation back down to the planet for some quality time... which she accepts with mock bashfulness, as Sisko and O'Brien observe them from the other side of the bridge. Once on the surface of Meridian, Deral explains to Dax that he's a widower who's been "waiting for the right woman to fall out of the sky" — and that Dax is that right woman. Deral leads Dax into a tree and moments later they lean in to kiss, but Dax loses her balance and they climb down, instead. However, after a little more time they finally do share a passionate kiss.

Later, Sisko contacts Dax to announce that they've obtained more telemetry from the probe, and throws in a few good-hearted jibes about her acceptance of Deral's affections. With the telemetry data downloaded onto a PADD, Dax is able to work out a way to keep Meridian in normal space for more than thirty years, once it has shifted out and back again.

Meanwhile, at the station Odo is with Kira on the upper level of the Promenade, and spies Quark attempting to take a holo-image of Kira from the mezzanine of his bar. Once he's been caught, Quark tries to weasel his way out of the situation, but Kira simply throws Quark's holo-imager over her shoulder and down onto the main level of the bar. She warns Quark that if she catches him again taking a holo image of her, she will make him eat the imager.

Back on Meridian, Dax explains that her idea will work, and will in fact equalize the time between dimensional shifts — but that the needed changes won't be completed until Meridian has already shifted back. This is at odds with Deral's desire to start a relationship with Dax, which she's entirely willing to reciprocate, so he offers to leave Meridian with her and return with the Defiant to the Alpha Quadrant.

In Quark's, Tiron is waiting impatiently for Quark to finish the new holoprogram. Quark has obtained the encryption key for Kira's personnel file, and with this development he assures Tiron that he'll be able to finish the new program before Tiron leaves the station in two days.

However, Quark's efforts have not gone undetected by Odo. In his security office, Odo informs

Kira of the security breach and that he traced it back to the Ferengi bartender. He offers to arrest Quark or have Kira do it herself, but the major has a better idea... Back on Meridian, Dax and Deral are cuddling, but a distracted Deral concedes that he'd stay on Meridian if he could have Dax there with him. She offers to use the transporter buffer to make her physiology compatible with the demands of the dimensional shift, which greatly pleases a shocked Deral.

"I've been waiting for you."

Later Dax goes back to her quarters on the Defiant to put in a request to Starfleet for a 60 year leave of absence, which Sisko supports in spite of the fact that the prospect tugs on his heartstrings. The commander tearfully tells Dax how much he will miss her, and she emotionally tells him the same.

"Another satisfied customer, Quark?"

Again in Quark's, the Kira hologram is complete. Tiron goes into the holosuite to inspect his purchase. However, the Kira character has been altered... the body is Kira's, but the head and voice are Quark's! Tiron storms out of the holosuite and thence out of the bar, promising to do his best at ruining Quark's reputation. As soon as Tiron stomps out Odo and Kira step in, asking Quark if he's gotten "another satisfied customer."

Finally, after many emotional goodbyes, Dax is ready to beam down to Meridian and undergo the dimensional shift. Once it begins, however, something goes wrong — the others are shifting, but Dax isn't, and the bridge crew of the Defiant determines that the anomaly is threatening to tear Meridian apart. O'Brien goes to transport a dying Dax back to the Defiant... which allows the planet to complete its dimensional shift.

Later, Dax is alone in her quarters, beside herself with grief. Sisko comes in offering remorse, but Dax says that she'll "just need some time." After Sisko leaves, she sits down in a corner and says, "just sixty years or so."

Defiant

Season 3

Episode Number: 55

Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Sunday November 21, 1994
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Cliff Bole
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Jonathan Frakes (Thomas Riker), Shannon Cochran (Kalita), Tricia O'Neil (Korinas)
Production Code: 40510-455
Summary: Thomas Riker poses as his twin William in order to steal the U.S.S. Defiant and hand it over to the Maquis, of which he is a member.



In Ops, Major Kira Nerys is having a bad day, swamped with the numerous little details of running a space station. She has problems to handle the cargo of the five Byzantium transports, gets information about the changed schedule of the Byzantium conference, and is informed about a Starfleet requested complete report about the computer calibration subroutine until tomorrow.

At the infirmary, she snaps at Doctor Bashir when he starts complaining to her about the colonization schedule on Camper III.

Realizing that she is stressed from overwork, he uses his position as Chief Medical Officer and orders her to take

time off; reminding her that not even Commander Sisko can overrule his judgement.

Bashir takes Kira to Quark's and tells her to enjoy herself with at least two things Quark serves her including a holosuite program, a jumja stick, Karvino juice, Lorvan crackers, and gambling token. After resisting first, Kira starts to accept this order. But she is not alone for long as Commander Riker stands nearby at the bar's entrance and asks to join her, hoping she has some room for the unexpected.

In Commander Sisko's office, Riker tells Sisko that he is on vacation and wanted to visit the station again before continuing his travel on to Risa. Outside the office in Ops, Lieutenant Dax notices that Kira is preoccupied by a certain Commander, though she doesn't want to admit it. When Riker comes out of Sisko's office, Dax makes a reference to their last meeting in Quark's which he does not remember until she reminds Riker that she staked three strips of latinum when his winning streak ran dry.

Riker hangs around the Promenade waiting for Kira to get off duty so he can arrange to "accidentally" run into her. Hesitant at first, she offers him a tour of the station and then at his suggestion, she agrees to show him the USS Defiant. Kira and Riker both enter an authorization

code and handprints at the identification panel to enter the Defiant. Lieutenant Jones stands guard outside the airlock.

Aboard the Defiant, they find Chief Miles O'Brien working on the bridge trying to improve the vessel's deflector targeting arrays and Riker is none too happy to see him, implying that they have had some falling out. O'Brien is stunned by Riker's cold demeanor.

He has no idea what he has done to offend his former first officer but excuses himself rather than intrude on the two of them. Kira, too, is surprised but does not press when Riker says he does not want to talk about it.

She shows him the modifications they have made to the ship's systems, especially the weapons system. Riker asks to access them at the tactical station and, obligingly, Kira uses her authorization code "Kira delta 547 alpha" to release the bridge lockout. This is what Riker wanted and he then stuns Kira with a phaser. While she is unconscious, he arranges for Tamal and Kalita to beam aboard.

A red alert sounds in Ops as the computer shows an imminent warp core breach aboard the Defiant. Riker contacts them from the Defiant bridge, saying there was an accident and Kira was injured and that if they release the docking clamps, he will take the helm of the Defiant and clear it away from the station. Sisko agrees and will beam them out when they are clear. O'Brien arrives, responding to the red alert. When Sisko orders him to beam Riker and Kira out, O'Brien cannot because the Defiant's shields are up.

Before any of them can react, the Defiant goes to warp.

On the Defiant, Riker has Kalita set a course for the Badlands. He removes his false sideburns; he is Lieutenant Thomas Riker.

Kalita congratulates Tom on his successful commandeering of the Defiant — but he says it is not over yet.

Gul Dukat is summoned to a briefing in the wardroom where Odo explains how a transporter accident created a transporter duplicate of William T. Riker on Nervalia IV nine years ago. Dukat finds it amusing until they tell him that they suspect Thomas Riker is with the Maquis, having made his support of them clear while serving on the USS Gandhi. Dukat is furious that such a dangerous weapon of the Federation may now be used to attack Cardassia. Sisko proposes a joint search mission of the Demilitarized Zone, but Dukat says Central Command would use this incident as an excuse to eradicate the Maquis instead. Starfleet would then send a fleet to protect the colonies. War seems inevitable. Sisko agrees to go with Dukat to Cardassia Prime and help them find the Defiant, and if necessary, destroy it.

Riker apologizes to Kira for the deception but he will not be deterred. The Defiant meets with other Maquis ships. They transfer over a crew and then they all head for the Federation-Cardassian border.

Sisko and Dukat arrive on Cardassia Prime, where the search will be conducted from the Cardassian War Room, the heart of the Cardassian military where Sisko also meets the Obsidian Order observer Korinas who secures all information from intelligence reports after noticing the Human in this secured area.

She asks Sisko for the exact specifications and armament of the Defiant but Sisko stops her request. He reveals that the Defiant is equipped with a loaned Romulan cloaking device. While this is news to Dukat, Korinas says that the Order already knew about it but was hitherto unconcerned that it would be used against Cardassia. Sisko says he can provide partial specifications of an anti-proton beam that the Dominion used to penetrate the cloak.

Under Maquis control, the Defiant passes the security perimeter into the Almatha sector and enters Cardassian territory. After the ship attacks Cardassian Outpost 61, Dukat orders the fleet of the Sixth Order under the command of Gul Toran to chase the Defiant back into the Demilitarized Zone, but Sisko realizes that the warp signature is wrong, it is a decoy. Dukat recalls Toran's ships but it is too late. The real Defiant uncloaks and destroys Outpost 47, before cloaking again, its heading takes them into the heart of the Cardassian Union. Korinas leaves with a parting shot at Dukat.

Aboard the Defiant, Riker sets a course for Omekla III and its shipyard. Meanwhile, Kira manages to sabotage the cloak from her quarters by crossing the replicator power converter with the plasma manifold, blowing off two plasma conduits and suffering minor injuries to her shoulder.

Tamal treats Kira's injuries. Riker takes her to the bridge where they can keep an eye on her. While they repair the damage she caused, they hide the Defiant in a nearby nebula.

Sisko plots strategy but Dukat is distracted. This is his son Mekor's eleventh birthday and he wanted his father to take him to an amusement center at Lakarian City. Sisko commiserates, noting that he himself had disappointed his own son from time to time, but it is part of his and Dukat's profession, and he hopes one day his son will understand. Dukat is not encouraged, instead predicting that his son will remember this day with hatred as the only thing he'll remember is a Federation officer on a Federation ship invading his home and kept his father away from his birthday, something he finds sad.

Kira sees that the Maquis target is the Omekla III shipyard. Riker tells her that they had been getting reports that there were Cardassian hardliners wanting to scrap the peace treaty. They were secretly building up an invasion fleet in the Orias system according to an intelligence report. Kira tries to reach Riker, he is still acting more like a Starfleet officer than a terrorist.

Sisko suddenly tells Dukat that the actions of the Maquis follow a plan. They made no random attacks but are designed to leave one sector alone without any warships — the Orias system. Dukat is about to have Gul Ranor send a ship when Korinas threatens him if he does. The system is under the Obsidian Order's protection and they will defend it by destroying any ship which will reach this system.

Dukat has checked up and no one has been able to get any answers from the Obsidian Order regarding the Orias system, not even the Detapa Council. The Kraxon under the command of Gul Ranor has found a neutrino leak. The cloaked Defiant makes a run for the Orias System but they can track them. Dukat orders all ships to pursue but they cannot catch it.

Suddenly three Keldon-class ships appear out of the Orias system. Dukat is surprised to see this and asks Korinas who the ships belong to, because if they were part of the military, he would know about them. Dukat also mentions that the Obsidian Order is forbidden to possess any military equipment. Korinas seems to be unconcerned about this violation and simply smiles deviously.

Meanwhile, Thomas Riker refuses to back down now, even though it is starting to look hopeless. Kira guesses that this is less about the Maquis cause than it is about distinguishing himself from Commander Riker.

Sisko makes a deal with Dukat: if he will let them surrender and turn over the ship and crew to the Federation, Sisko will turn over the Defiant's sensor logs which by now contain full scans on the Orias system and whatever the Obsidian Order has been hiding. Dukat agrees only if they keep Riker to punish him for his actions. Sisko reluctantly agrees provided that Dukat arranges for the Ministry of Justice to take the death penalty off the table.

The Defiant engages the Cardassian ships. They disable the first ship's port nacelle and takes the second ship's weapons off-line.

Just at that moment, 3 more ships appear from the Orias system. The Defiant is out-numbered and out-gunned. Riker is about to continue any way when Sisko and Dukat contact him with their deal. He will be sentenced for life to the Lazon II labor camp. Kira pleads for him to think of his crew, only one more time like a Starfleet officer. Riker agrees and is told he must surrender to Gul Ranor on the Kraxon who will protect them from the ships of the Obsidian Order. After the Kraxon extends its shields and protects the Defiant, the Keldon-class starships of the Obsidian Order withdraw.

True to his word, Riker transmits the sensor logs to the Kraxon and then beams over. Kira promises him that his crew will get a fair trial and they will come for him one day. Riker then moves to kiss her then taps his combadge and transports to the Kraxon leaving Kira in command of the Defiant.

Fascination

Season 3

Episode Number: 56

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Sunday November 28, 1994
Writer: Philip Lazebnik
Director: Avery Brooks
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi)
Production Code: 40510-456
Summary: An outbreak of the contagious Zanthi Fever occurs on the station when Lwaxana Troi pays them a visit. The fever causes suppressed desires to surface resulting in an interesting tangle of attempted short-term matchmakings.



Jake is lounging on the couch in the quarters he shares with his father, gazing at an earring he intended to give to Mardah, instead of helping the residents of the station prepare for the yearly Bajoran Gratitude Festival as his father figured he would. It turns out that Jake doesn't "have much to be grateful for," since Mardah has been accepted to a school three hundred light years away on Regulus III.

Ben encourages his son to go to the Festival, since the point of the celebration is to let go of one's troubles "and make a new start." Jake reluctantly agrees to go, but promises not to enjoy it.

In the Replimat, Chief O'Brien and Dr. Bashir are drinking coffee and talking

about the impending return of O'Brien's wife and daughter to the station, as they will be visiting for the duration of the Festival. It seems that O'Brien's having a rough time without them, and intends to make the most of their time together even if it is only two days. Bashir hopes O'Brien can convince his wife to stay, since, in her absence, they have played too many games of racquetball and he doesn't know how much more stress his elbow can take.

On the Promenade, Odo encounters Major Kira, who's slated to preside over the Festival and is busy helping put up decorations. Odo says that he would like to join Kira in celebrating the Festival, but it turns out that Vedek Bareil will be coming to the station to do the same... which dims Odo's enthusiasm.

Later O'Brien and Kira are in one of the cargo bay airlocks waiting for the transport to arrive. Bareil disembarks, and he goes off with Kira joyfully; a few moments later O'Brien's wife and daughter do the same, but they're not nearly as joyful. According to Keiko, the chief's wife, it was "the worst trip." Molly, his daughter, doesn't "feel so good" either... and when the chief asks her what's wrong, she vomits noisily onto his uniform.

At just that moment Ambassador Lwaxana Troi steps out of the airlock. Lwaxana says, "Oh! You poor dear! I should never have given you all that candy."

Dimmed or not, Odo's enthusiasm is still adequate to the task of enjoying the festival. He's in the security office outlining to Lieutenant Jones, a Starfleet security officer, the procedure by which he monitors Quark, when Mrs. Troi walks in and asks Jones to leave so that she and Odo can have some private time alone. It turns out that while she's on the station in her official capacity as Betazed's representative to the Festival, her real purpose is to see Odo and give him "a shoulder to cry on" about his discovery that the Founders are the power behind the Dominion. Odo is underwhelmed and politely exasperated at the prospect of being the object of so much personal attention from Mrs. Troi, who seems keen to "delve into the depths" of Odo's "pain". Lwaxana promises to meet Odo before the Festival begins and leaves to her quarters, but suffers a sudden headache on her way.

The O'Briens have made it back to their quarters, where Miles and Keiko nearly get into an argument about their plans. They're anxious to please one another, but Keiko's wrung out and the last thing she wants to do is make any decisions and asks her husband to make the choice instead. The two of them ultimately make plans to go the Promenade, but it is plain that neither of them is pleased with the idea since it is something of a compromise that doesn't go far to please anyone.

Finally, the Festival is about to begin. Celebrants and performers are walking along the Promenade toward the entrance to the Bajoran temple, where the Presider's dais is set up. After a showy but brief ceremony, Kira declares the Festival begun, and people start to disperse. Lwaxana gets another headache and at the same time so do Jake and Bareil. Ben notices Jake's twinge of pain, but when he asks if Jake's all right, Jake says he "never felt better" and starts to smile.

Sometime later Jake walks up to Kira and offers her a jumja stick, asking for a few moments in private. They stand aside to talk, and Jake explains that he has feelings for an older woman but has no idea how she might feel. Kira believes that he's talking about Mardah, but Jake reveals a shocking surprise: the woman on his mind is actually Kira, who is speechless.

Meanwhile the Vedek tracks down Jadzia Dax after she provides Morn with advice and starts laying on the compliments, leading up to an announcement that he'd like to get to know her "a lot better." Dax's response is one of annoyance, and she promptly excuses herself.

Elsewhere, Odo is enjoying some Bajoran music, and Mrs. Troi catches up to him. He tries to get away, but she follows him. While they're making their way they encounter Dax, who's still miffed at Bareil... and as Odo and Lwaxana move off, Dax feels the same twinge that Jake and Bareil did.

Miles and Keiko are in Quark's, where their conversation starts out cordially enough. However, Keiko has some bad news: her project on Bajor has turned out to be a lot more complicated than anyone expected, and as a result, it is likely to run two or three months longer than planned. When Miles shares his (predictably unhappy) opinion about that, Keiko says that one of her colleagues, Sebarr, whom she's taken as a confidant warned her about Miles' reception of the news. At that, the conversation devolves into a straight-up argument, with Miles expressing some suspicion that Keiko has discussed aspects of their personal life with another man, and the two of them march off from the table in separate directions.

Later, it turns out that Commander Sisko has gotten the news about Jake's crush on Kira, and he tries to talk his son down... but it doesn't work. A few moments later Mrs. Troi and Odo are walking out of Quark's, and they pass by the chief as he sidles up to the bar. He apparently gets the same twinge as Jake, Bareil, and Jadzia.

Sisko changes into his civilian clothes and goes to the wardroom, which is being prepared for a party in honor of the Gratitude Festival. He finds Dax there, and hears all about her trouble with Bareil. He offers to help sort out the drama that's sure to result, and just then Dax starts draping herself all over him. The commander, meanwhile, is at a loss to understand what's going on.

"Jake, do me a favor."

"Anything."

"Leave me alone."

In light of the strangeness with Jake and Bareil, he takes Dax down to the infirmary, where

Bashir gives her a clean bill of health.

Dax tries to play it off as a joke, and Sisko is embarrassed. However once they're outside Dax assures Sisko that this is no joke and she does indeed love him.

Meanwhile, the chief has made it back to his quarters and he's under the impression that Keiko's re-evaluating their entire relationship. He asks Keiko to let him in their bedroom, but she doesn't want to talk with him. Standing outside the door, he apologizes at length for being "selfish and childish and pig-headed." Then he sits down dejectedly and goes on to say that he's left a letter of resignation on Sisko's desk, that he's ready to move down to Bajor (and ultimately back to Earth) so that he can be nearer to Keiko and Molly — without once making any conditions, because he loves her and always has. Keiko tells him that she needs time to think, and that he ought to go to the party in the wardroom.

Later, Bashir is with Lwaxana and Odo in the Habitat Ring where they encounter Kira, who's angry and depressed because of Bareil.

She explains about Bareil and Jake, and Bashir points out that Dax was acting just as strangely. He decides to return to the infirmary and Kira decides to join him, but as they start walking, they both feel the same twinge as Jake, Bareil, and Dax. Once they get to the infirmary, they look one another in the eyes and without further pause begin to kiss passionately.

In the wardroom, Jake is still obsessing about Kira, and Dax is trying to keep her distance from Bareil. Commander Sisko puts a call out to Bashir, who doesn't respond, so he sends Odo to the infirmary to retrieve him, and Lwaxana follows Odo. Once Odo gets to the infirmary, Dr. Bashir and Major Kira are still kissing, and Odo needs to order Bashir out of the infirmary.

In the wardroom there are an awful lot of unhappy and confused people, but the chief brightens up when his wife shows up, wearing an outfit that he's especially fond of (Her tight red dress). She tells him that he should not resign, gives him a long kiss, and tells him that she loves him. However, there's still a lot of tension elsewhere in the room, and it comes to a head when Dax goads Bareil into starting a fistfight with Commander Sisko. Sisko blocks all but one of Bareil's punches with ease, but then Dax steps in and knocks him out.

Quark, who's moving around the room trying to serve food, nearly trips over Bareil but only says, "Commander, you throw one hell of a party." Quark continues to move around the room, then feels a twinge of his own... and proceeds to put his serving tray down and declare his deep attraction for Keiko. The chief pulls Quark away from Keiko by the lobes and is about to take things even further when Sisko stops him, saying that it is not Quark's fault... and then points at Lwaxana.

In the infirmary, Bashir diagnoses Lwaxana with Zanthi fever, but she's certain that's impossible since it only affects "older Betazoids." Bashir explains to Sisko that, as a result of her condition, Mrs. Troi has been projecting her feelings of affection (in her case, for Odo) onto those who are nearby her when she suffers an attack, which handily explains the day's misplaced amorousness from people who'd been near Mrs. Troi that day, and felt latent, subconscious attraction to others on the station. Curing Mrs.

Troi's condition is a simple matter and everyone else will, Bashir says, "be back to normal in a day or two" — which is how long Sisko tells Bashir to avoid Major Kira.

With the Festival over, Mrs. Troi, Keiko, and Molly are leaving the station. Lwaxana tells Odo that she knows about his feelings for Kira, but understands and promises to keep it a secret before assuring him that if he ever gets tired of waiting, she'll be happy to have him in her life. As for the O'Briens, things have been set right — there's nothing latent about the chief's love for his wife, and she'll be back to the station in a few months.

Past Tense (1)

Season 3

Episode Number: 57

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Sunday January 2, 1995
Writer: Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Reza Badiyi
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Jim Metzler (Chris Brynner), Bill Smitrovich (Webb), Frank Military (B.C.), Tina Lifford (Lee), Dick Miller (Vin), Henry Hasashi (Male Guest), Patty Holley (Female Guest), Richard Lee Jackson (Danny), Eric Stuart (Stairway Guard), John Lendale Bennett (Gabriel Bell), Al Rodrigo (Bernardo)
Production Code: 40510-457
Summary: A transporter accident sends Dax, Sisko and Bashir back in time to the year 2024, when San Fransisco was plagued with riots and social upheaval. Bashir and Sisko are taken to a homeless compound while Dax is taken care of by a wealthy businessman. Sisko and Bashir's interventions in an altercation alters the future time line.



"Commander's log, stardate 48481.2. My senior staff and I have been asked to address the Annual Starfleet Symposium on the current situation in the Gamma Quadrant. I'm looking forward to the opportunity, and to visiting my sister in Portland."

As the USS Defiant enters orbit around Earth, Commander Sisko remarks that he will never be tired of seeing the view of his home planet from orbit. However, Lieutenant Dax thinks the seas could use more purple, while Major Kira thinks they are not green enough.

Smiling, Doctor Bashir observes that there is no place like home — no matter what color the seas are. Dax reminds Sisko that they are scheduled to have dinner with Admiral Drazman, and as Sisko rolls his eyes, Chief O'Brien recognizes the commanding officer of the Proxima Maintenance Yards and does not relish the thought an evening with "Droner" Drazman. Hopefully, Bashir reminds O'Brien that the entire senior staff was invited to the dinner, but O'Brien says such formalities are the reason he chose to be an enlisted man. Dax obviously shares Bashir's sentiment as she invites Kira and Constable Odo to come along, but Kira politely declines and Odo calls the dinner "strictly a Starfleet occasion" with a hint of amusement.

An emergency subspace signal arrives from Deep Space 9, but when Sisko opens the channel, Quark appears on the viewscreen. Quark ignores Kira as she impatiently reminds him the channel he is on is for emergency use. He informs Sisko that Grand Nagus Zek has instructed him to remind Sisko of the critical role the Nagus played in establishing contact with the Dominion. Odo rolls his eyes, although Sisko politely informs Quark that he will mention the Nagus prominently in his report to Starfleet Security. Quark reluctantly adds that there is another reason he contacted the commander, which doesn't surprise Sisko. The Nagus's nephew, Belongo, has been detained by Starfleet authorities on Aldebaron III — a slight misunderstanding, of course. Sisko admits that he owes the Nagus a favor and Quark begins to quote Rule of Acquisition #111, but Sisko beats him to the punch: "Treat people in your debt like family. Exploit them." Quark seems unsure of himself as Sisko explains that he has been reading up on the Rules. While Sisko assures Quark that he will do whatever he can for the Nagus's nephew, he reminds Quark of Rule #217. "You can't free a fish from water," Quark quotes with a sly grin, visibly amused as he promises to relay the message to Zek.

"According to our sensors, they never materialized at their destination. They're just — gone."

In the transporter bay, Sisko, Dax, and Bashir step onto the transporter pad as Kira and O'Brien wish them well. Sisko informs Kira that she is in command of the ship and tells O'Brien to energize the transporter. The three officers disappear in the usual flash of blue light, but an alert comes from the computer and O'Brien notices something strange. Kira asks what is wrong and he reassures her that it is only a minor problem with the annular confinement beam. However, he is dumbstruck when, after stabilizing the beam, a chart appears on the screen indicating that Sisko and the others never materialized at their destination.

Sisko and Bashir lie unconscious on the pavement as they are rudely awakened by a pair of tan-uniformed men carrying shotguns.

Confused, Sisko asks who the men are, a question the older man finds humorous. Bashir and Sisko rise to their feet, disoriented, as the younger man reminds his companion that they have been working all night. He suggests that they forget about the strangers, as he's exhausted and eager to return home to see his wife Sonya and their children. The older man calls the younger one an anarchist and reminds him that there is a law against sleeping in the streets, although he notes with amusement Bashir and Sisko's matching "pajamas." Asking them for some form of identification, such as a UHC card or a transit pass, the older man is dismayed to hear Bashir ask what happened to Starfleet Headquarters, calling them both "dime." Sisko slowly begins to realize where they are as he observes that there is something very familiar about the guards' shotguns and uniforms. The older man suggests it may be from the last time Sisko was in a Sanctuary District; Sisko recognizes the term immediately and looks alarmed. He asks what year it is. The younger man impatiently tells him it is 2024, and as the guards escort Sisko and Bashir away, Dax can be seen nearby, unconscious and sitting in the entrance to a subway.

A man in his mid-30s exits the subway, but stops as he does so, noticing Dax in his peripheral vision. When he wakes her, she has a headache and explains that she must have hit her head on something. He asks if she was jacked, a slang term for robbed with which Dax is unfamiliar. She goes along with what he says when he asks whether the assailants took her credit chips and ID, claiming they took everything but her brooch (her combadge, which she is still wearing). However, since she is still unsure of where she is, she simply tells the man that she was traveling with some friends and got separated. Introducing himself as Chris Brynner, the man offers to let Dax use the interface terminal at his office to order replacement ID. When he hears Dax's name is Jadzia, Chris observes how beautiful her name is and asks if it is Dutch. "Something like that," Dax responds with a smile. She thanks him for helping her, but he claims he doesn't get to rescue a damsel in distress every day. He helps Jadzia to her feet and leads her to a nearby office building.

Meanwhile, O'Brien tells one of his engineers to check the Heisenberg compensators and begins a level-one diagnostic of the pattern buffers. Kira comes up behind him with news from Starfleet, but nothing good: none of the crewmembers rematerialized in San Francisco, nor have there been signs that they rematerialized elsewhere. According to Starfleet sensors, the transporter signal disappeared as soon as the beam-out began, but O'Brien informs her that the Defiant's system log clearly shows they rematerialized somewhere. While this is good news, he does not know where that somewhere is. He reviews the log as they speak and concludes that the answer must not be in the log since the only unusual sign was the variance in the annular

confinement beam, which he corrected.

He tells her the variance was caused by chroniton particles, which are emitted by the cloaking device and sometimes become lodged in the ablative armor matrix. Suddenly, he notes a surge in temporal energy just before the beam-out began. O'Brien believes they have found their first clue, although he's not sure what it means.

The guards lead Bashir and Sisko to the main entrance to Sanctuary District A, where an overcrowded apartment-style building lies behind a large cement wall. As the older man, Vin, fills out some type of registration form, his partner Bernardo keeps an eye on them. Bashir and Sisko both saw the Golden Gate Bridge on the way to the sanctuary, so they know they are at least in San Francisco, but Bashir wonders what happened to their combadges. With a hint of frustration, Sisko informs him that the communicators were probably stolen, as the Earth to which he and Bashir have become accustomed is at least a century away. They decide to try to find Dax when they get a chance, as she is probably nearby. "And then what?" Bashir asks with a degree of apathy. "And then," responds Sisko reassuringly, "we find our way home." Vin finishes filling out the paperwork and tells them it is time to go. As he and Bernardo enter the sanctuary behind them, Bernardo insists that his wife Sonya will kill him for being so late.

Inside the wall, apartment buildings similar to the one they observed earlier line the streets and there are people everywhere.

Sisko explains that the place is a Sanctuary District, but Bashir concedes that 21st century history is not one of his strong points, as it is too depressing. While Sisko admits that the citizens of Earth made some ugly mistakes, he says they also paved the way for many things he and the doctor take for granted in their century. The Sanctuary Districts are one of the worst mistakes; as he explains the situation to Bashir, they see that trash is everywhere and dirty people fill the streets, with an older couple sitting in a tent and a family of three literally living in a cardboard box. By the early 2020s, Sisko says that there was a Sanctuary District like this one in every major city throughout the United States of America, but Bashir fails to understand the purpose and asks what the people did to deserve such treatment. Sisko tells him that people with criminal records are not allowed in the sanctuaries and those who live here are simply people without jobs or places to live. Vin instructs Bashir and Sisko to stop and tells Bernardo to go home to his wife and kids, out of both compassion for his partner and visible annoyance at the ramblings of the two new arrivals. Bernardo thanks Vin and takes off. Gesturing forward, Vin sarcastically asks Bashir and Sisko, "Shall we?"

Dax sits at a desk in a high-class apartment with a paneled, wall-sized window that shows a view of San Francisco's various skyscrapers, including the Transamerica Pyramid. She uses a pen-shaped device to access a computer about the size of a small television with the monitor tilted at a forty-five degree angle so as to serve as both a screen and a touch pad. There is a knock at the door and Chris Brynner enters, sitting on the desk casually and asking if she was able to order a new ID. While it took her a while to convince the computer of her identity, she tells him that she was able to order some credit chips and a transit pass.

Removing a credit chip from the computer and handing it to Chris, she thanks him sincerely for letting her use his terminal and his account. He studies her for a moment and observes her spots, noting that they are very unusual, so Dax pretends that they are tattoos. Brynner guesses that she had them done in Japan and tells of how he used to have a Maori tribal pattern running along his arm back in the 1990s but had to remove it to look like the rest of the "drones." When Dax asks what kind of business Brynner works in, he seems surprised and walks toward the window as he announces sarcastically that he will have to have a talk with his public relations people. He is Chris Brynner of Brynner Information Systems, which provides things like Internet access and Channel 90.

"Oh, that Chris Brynner!" Dax exclaims as she attempts to play dumb. While his status probably makes Chris a sell-out, Dax promises not to hold it against him. He chuckles and asks if there is a way for her to get a hold of her friends. She wishes there were.

Meanwhile, Bashir and Sisko are inside a large, blandly-decorated administration building within the Sanctuary District, with two guards standing watch outside the entrance as homeless people walk by. In a waiting room, Sisko steps onto a spot marked with two footprints and is instructed to place each of his hands on a scanning device and look straight ahead as the machine takes a photograph of him. The three of them walk over to a nearby counter, where Vin accesses a computer via a pen-liked device similar to that which Dax used. Bashir and

Sisko exchange looks as a computerized female voice welcomes Vin to the SafeTech fingerprint database. It informs him that his government discount has been accepted and advertises its retinal scan service on channel 178, but when the computer processes the fingerprints provided, it is unable to identify either of the new arrivals. Confused, Vin observes that it is as if Bashir and Sisko do not exist. "Well, since we don't exist, why not let us go?" Bashir asks. As the two of them have no IDs and no money and are dressed like clowns, Vin seems to think the matter is self-explanatory and tells Bashir to figure it out for himself. His voice turns polite as he hands Bashir and Sisko a pair of clipboards with various forms and asks them to fill out the paperwork the best of their ability and reminds them that interpreters are available if they do not speak English and that the questions can be given verbally if they are unable to read. "Now sit down, shut up, fill out the forms, and if you've got any problems, don't come to me with them," he adds. Bashir thanks Vin sarcastically.

Now sitting in the captain's chair, Kira cordially asks an ensign to express her gratitude to Admiral Ngomo but that she does not want anyone to transport aboard the *Defiant* until the current situation is resolved. O'Brien enters the bridge as she adds that the admiral is welcome to come aboard via shuttlecraft. O'Brien informs her that the temporal surge they detected earlier was caused by an explosion in a microscopic singularity passing through the solar system at the time of the beam-out. As usual, his technobabble is lost on the Major, but he explains that the transporter signal was redirected through time, which makes the question not where Dax, Bashir and Sisko are but rather when. While he is sure that the officers arrived in San Francisco, they were deflected into another time period, most likely centuries away.

A man sitting next to Sisko in the waiting room appears largely oblivious to his surroundings as he attempts to draw on Sisko's leg with a pen. When Sisko stops him, he looks at Sisko indignantly and begins to draw on the person next to him. Bashir stands on the opposite side of the room complaining to Vin, who stands idly by and appears unconcerned. The line has barely moved in the past three hours, a situation Vin sums up as "plenty of overtime." Despite Bashir's legitimate concerns, Vin simply tells him to return to his seat, rolling his eyes as Bashir does so. The woman next to Sisko's neighbor seems pleasantly entertained as he draws on her hand, and it is obvious that neither of them is entirely coherent. Sisko seems deep in thought, staring at a digital display of the date and time on a nearby wall as Bashir rejoins him. Frustrated, Bashir observes that numerous people around them are mentally ill and require medical treatment, but Sisko, whose eyes are still on the clock, tells him they will not get any such treatment.

Noticing with confusion Sisko's pensive look, Bashir asks what is wrong. Sisko points out that the date is August 30, 2024, and asks if Bashir has heard of the Bell Riots. The doctor is only vaguely familiar with the events, so Sisko explains that it was one of the most violent civil disturbances in American history, and it occurred in San Francisco's Sanctuary District A during the first week of September, 2024. Unless they can find a way out of the Sanctuary District soon, they are about to be caught right in the middle of the violence.

Sisko describes how the Sanctuary residents will take over the district and take several guards hostage, only to have the government send troops in to restore order, killing hundreds of residents in the process. Bashir notes that, while Starfleet's temporal displacement policy sounds good in theory, it will not be easy to stand by and watch hundreds of people die. However, Sisko assures him that the riots will alter the course of history thanks to Gabriel Bell, the man for whom the riots were named. When the government troops stormed the compound based on rumors that the hostages were dead, they found none of the hostages had been harmed thanks to Bell, who sacrificed his own life to save them. Public opinion subsequently turned against the notion of sanctuary districts, and the planet began to address its social problems; therefore, if they warn any of the people of what is going to happen, they risk altering a pivotal moment in history. Vin interrupts them to inform them that it is their turn to be processed.

In a cubicle in another part of the building, Bashir and Sisko wait patiently while a social worker reviews their forms. Vin can be seen in the background, although it is not clear if he has been assigned to them or is simply keeping a close watch. The social worker seems surprised by their registration forms when she looks them over, and after a few moments, Sisko asks if something is wrong. She says the forms indicate they are dums, claiming they are instead gimmies, and apologizes for not processing the forms quicker. As Sisko and Bashir are unfamiliar with the slang terms, the social worker, Lee, explains that gimmies are ordinary people in need of a job and a place to stay. A confused Bashir asks about the dums and Lee tells him that the

dims should be in hospitals, but since the government is unable to afford treatment for them, they are sent to the Sanctuary District. Although Lee expresses her hatred of the process, she seems to think it will not change and moves on, asking if they have applied for any jobs. Bashir tells her they do not plan to stay in San Francisco for long, and Sisko claims they were traveling with a friend. When Lee hears that they have no way to contact their friend, she somewhat hesitantly informs them that they will have to stay in the Sanctuary District for now. Initially using the official reason — that it is for their own good — she adds that it is also the law. Sisko incredulously wonders how they are supposed to find jobs if they are stuck in the district. The district does provide a job placement service; however, due to the state of the economy, Lee is unable to give them an estimate of how long it will take to find one. The only thing she can do is tell them to be patient as she hands them each a ration card, which they can use to get food and water while in the district. Theoretically, the buildings in the district are for everyone, so she tells them they are on their own as far as accommodations go. Before they leave, Lee advises them to stay away from District Security, as the guards are overworked and underpaid, and to watch out for ghosts, the name for those who "haven't integrated well" in the district and tend to prey on other residents. Sisko thanks her for the advice as he and Bashir leave the cubicle.

Dax stands alone in Brynner's apartment, still wearing her Starfleet uniform and communicator, and taps the combadge as she attempts to contact with Bashir or Sisko. However, she attempts to act casual when Brynner enters to announce that his assistant Britt has reserved Dax a room at The Clift for the next five nights. It is clear that Chris has feelings for Jadzia but does not want to seem too forward as he acknowledges that he wants to help her and asks what her plans are. She still needs to find her friends, and Brynner admits that his assistant checked with the City hospitals and trauma wards already. Unfortunately, no one matching Bashir or Sisko's description was admitted recently; however, he wants to know how the search turns out. Dax smiles as he uses the point to bring up a party he is having the next day and invites her and her friends. She accepts the offer and he wishes her good luck as he escorts her to the door.

It is night in the sanctuary district and some of the less fortunate residents use metal barrels as impromptu fireplaces in order to keep warm. Bashir and Sisko attempt to enter a nearby building, but a man about their age stops them. "Let me guess: This building's full," Bashir says, frustrated. The man apologizes insincerely and Bashir and Sisko walk away. Bashir finds it hard to believe that every building is full, but Sisko wouldn't be surprised if they were. At one point, nobody cared how many people were in the sanctuaries so long as they were out of sight. Bashir finds it difficult to comprehend as they pass by a schizophrenic man, pointing out that there are numerous treatments for the disease, which could help him live out a normal life even in the 2020s — simply if anyone gave a damn. However, the problem is not that they don't give a damn, but that the social problems facing the planet seem too enormous to solve, something Bashir finds more depressing than aggravating. While he acknowledges that it is horrible to cause people to suffer out of hatred toward them, he can't understand the notion of doing so simply because one has forgotten how to care.

Sisko reassures him that people in the 21st century will slowly but surely fix the problems they face. As they walk, Bashir begins to wonder if Humans are truly any different from Romulans or Cardassians, if, in the event that something disastrous happened to the Federation, they would truly stick to their ideals. Sisko states matter-of-factly that it is his duty as a Starfleet officer to ensure that they never have to find out.

They come to a halt when they see a group of ghosts beating a man in front of a nearby building; while Bashir immediately moves to intervene, Sisko reminds him that they can't interfere. The leader tells the other ghosts to get the man's ration card, but seeing Bashir's restrained look, he confrontationally asks if there is a problem. Sisko speaks for Bashir and reassures the ghost that there isn't. However, the ghost takes the opportunity to have some as he observes that Bashir seems upset and sarcastically claims they don't want to offend anyone. When Sisko informs him that he and Bashir are new to the district, the ghost takes off his hat and gives them a fake welcome. As neither Sisko nor Bashir is amused, he claims gimmies have no sense of fun. Sisko tells him they are only looking for a place to stay, which seems to dampen the ghost's mood as he comes closer and speaks in a serious tone. "In that case, you better look somewhere else, new boy," the ghost warns Sisko. He lightly wishes them a good day and waves goodbye as they move on to the next building.

The next day, Bashir lies sleeping near the entrance to one of the buildings. Sisko wakes him,

bringing a bowl with scrambled eggs and a piece of bread. Bashir promises never to complain about Deep Space 9's Cardassian beds again. Sisko apologizes for the fact that the distribution point ran out of both utensils and napkins, which doesn't surprise Bashir. After they eat, they visit the building where they were turned away previously and find the same group of men guarding it. They ask for their permission just to see the roof and reassure the men that they do not plan to cause trouble. While the leader (the same one who turned them away earlier) empathizes, he and the other residents feel that they have to protect what is theirs. Sisko asks if they could trade anything to access to the roof, but as neither he nor Bashir has anything of value, they are out of luck. The leader again suggests they try another building. One of the other men whispers in the leader's ear as Bashir and Sisko begin to walk off, and the leader hesitantly informs Sisko that they may be able to make a deal after all.

The setting is now a dirty, dimly-lit corridor where several residents sleep on the floor. A pair of residents emerge from a nearby stairwell, and as they come closer to the camera, it becomes clear that they are Bashir and Sisko, dressed in the other men's clothes. Trying to make the best of a bad situation, Sisko observes that they at least look like they belong in the district; Bashir adds that they smell like it too. They turn a corner to climb the next flight of stairs and find Michael Webb tending to his injured son, Danny. Webb's back is turned to them, they attempt to keep their distance and approach the next stairwell quietly. However, he hears them and turns around, wielding a knife defensively. Sisko puts his hands up and reassuringly asks Webb to put the knife down.

When he tells Webb that they want to survey the district from the roof, Webb assures them it will not look any better from there.

Danny calls for his father in a horse voice, obviously in pain. Although Webb keeps the knife pointed at the other men as he kneels beside his son, he can tell they mean him no harm. His disposition goes from defensive to nurturing as he puts the knife down and explains that his son was beaten by a group of ghosts near the processing center. Bashir offers to examine Danny's wounds, and while Sisko warns him about interfering, he believes a look will not harm anything. Fortunately, Danny suffered only superficial wounds.

At Bashir's request, Webb goes upstairs to retrieve a clean rag and alcohol to nurse Danny's wounds, and Sisko observes that they may have made a new friend.

Webb follows Bashir and Sisko out of the building, apparently impressed by Bashir's medical knowledge. He tells Bashir that the district needs another doctor, but Bashir claims not to practice any more. Insisting that the residents must all pull together, Webb reassures them that they will not escape the district any time soon. He believes the district residents need to organize themselves and show the outside world what has happened in the district. As they cannot interfere, Bashir and Sisko respectfully decline and claim they simply want to be left alone. Webb sees their apparent apathy and remarks, "My mistake. I thought you two wanted to get out of here." Bashir and Sisko exchange looks.

Meanwhile, Dax and Brynner are at a high-class party, complete with waiter. She, Brynner, and two of his acquaintances discuss recent events, such as Brynner's recent skiing trip to Christchurch at Mount Cook and how Europe has fallen into political anarchy.

When Dax implies that the same political situation might arise in the United States of America, Chris's friends seem indignant.

Chris apologizes on her behalf and explains how Jadzia was mugged, claiming such an experience would leave anyone with a negative outlook on the future. He adds that whoever mugged her took everything, even her ID, and Chris's other friend claims Dax is lucky the police did not find her first, as she might have ended up in a Sanctuary District. Dax immediately pulls Chris aside and he confirms that it is public policy to put those found on the streets without ID in sanctuaries. She is sure that must be what happened to Sisko and Bashir, but while Chris observes that sanctuary records "aren't posted on the 'net," he believes he can gain access to them.

That night, Bashir and Sisko stand in front of a lighted barrel and attempt to keep warm while they wait to get their food. Bashir observes that the wait is worse than the line at the Replimat, adding that they will probably get their dinner just in time for breakfast. Sisko decides to check on the food line. While he is gone, the ghost from before, BC, approaches Bashir and asks to see Bashir's food card. A confrontation is imminent as Sisko returns. He warns BC to leave Bashir alone, and BC and the other ghosts gang up on the two of them. During the ensuing fight,

another man intervenes in an attempt to stop BC. He manages to get the ghosts off of Sisko, but when he leans over Sisko to see if Sisko is okay, BC stabs him. The man loses consciousness and the ghosts take his food card. They run off as an alarm sounds and two guards run toward them. Taking the man's ID, Sisko and Bashir do likewise, hiding under a pile of garbage in a nearby alley as the guards run past them. However, once the situation has calmed down, Sisko reveals that the man who just died was Gabriel Bell.

On the Defiant, the major enters the bridge and asks O'Brien if he is ready to go. O'Brien replies, saying that Starfleet has denied them permission, but he is unable to raise them. Odo then enters, as he had just been cut off from Starfleet Security. O'Brien confirms that the Defiant's comm system is in perfect working order, but Starfleet has been erased from the timeline.

Sisko and Bashir return to Webb and announce that they want to join the rebellion. Webb tells Sisko and Bashir about the upcoming rally for public attention, and asks them to spread the word. Sisko agrees to pass the news, and he and Bashir begin spreading it around. All of a sudden, a riot breaks out. The people living in the District take the processors hostage. Just as Biddle is about to begin injuring them, Sisko, now armed with a shotgun, steps up and announces his name: Gabriel Bell.

To be continued. . .

Past Tense (2)

Season 3

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Season Episode: 12

Originally aired:	Sunday January 9, 1995
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, René Echevarria
Director:	Jonathan Frakes
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Bill Smitrovich (Webb), Frank Military (B.C.), Clint Howard (Grady), Daniel Zacapa (Henry Garcia), Richard Lee Jackson (Danny), Tina Lifford (Lee), Dick Miller (Vin), Deborah Van Valkenburgh (Detective Preston), Al Rodrigo (Bernardo), Mitch David Carter (Swat Leader)
Production Code:	40510-458
Summary:	In order to restore the timeline, Sisko must pose as Gabriel Bell, a hero of Earth's history.



After moving the hostages into the Sanctuary Processing Center, Biddle Coleridge tells his friends to shoot any hostage that moves. Posing as the late Gabriel Bell, Benjamin Sisko takes control of the volatile hostage situation in the Sanctuary District by convincing Coleridge that they need the hostages alive as a bargaining chip. Suddenly, Vin bursts into the room holding a gun. Coleridge is about to shoot him when Sisko tackles Vin against a wall. In the chaos, a shot is accidentally fired and Bashir calms down a frightened Lee. Then, Coleridge wants an access code to the net and initially tries to get it from Vin. Bernardo Calvera agrees to help to calm Coleridge down, just want-

ing to get home to his wife and two children.

Sisko says they need to block the windows, so he and Bashir start doing so, using benches. Meanwhile, Bashir expresses his concern about Sisko posing as Gabriel Bell because Bell historically died when guards stormed the building. Sisko says that he is not Bell, but everyone will treat him like so. Bashir reminds him that he and Sisko are the only two who know this, however and Sisko pauses to consider this.

Michael Webb arrives and Sisko introduces him to Coleridge. Sisko enlists his help to recruit gimmies, people that he trusts to guard the hostages and to watch over the volatile ghosts as well. Meanwhile, Jadzia Dax sees news coverage of the event at Chris Brynner's apartment and realizes that she must get into the District to help save Sisko and Bashir, despite Brynner's insistence that she could be hurt.

On the USS Defiant, Kira Nerys and Miles O'Brien have narrowed the possible time periods to 10 possibilities but due to the limited number of chroniton particles they have a finite number of trips they can take, not enough to cover all of the possible timeframes. Kira feels ridiculous that

she has to wear a bandage on her nose to disguise her Bajoran heritage, and O'Brien advises her to say nothing and let him do all the talking. On their first attempt, they materialize in 1930 and can find no evidence of the team's presence. Before they can leave, they run into a couple leaving a party who looks at them and then runs off.

Coleridge is outraged that gimmies are guarding the hostages, but Sisko emphasizes the importance of having people they can trust. Coleridge tells Sisko and Webb that he intends to trade the hostages for freedom — amnesty, credit chips and the ability to go anywhere they want. Coleridge wants to go to Tasmania, the birthplace of Errol Flynn. However, Sisko says that they must think of the other 10,000 people in the sanctuary as well and that they would not make it far before they were caught. Webb supports Sisko and they agree to campaign for the closure of Sanctuary districts, jobs for the residents and the reinstatement of the Federal Employment Act.

Sisko convinces Webb to act as a representative of the District to speak to the outside world, since he sees him as a relatable person that can't be dismissed as easily as he or Coleridge. As they try to get their position across, though, their connection is broken by the police as per department policy in these situations. However, Detective Preston, a police negotiator from the SFPD, contacts them. First, she asks to see the hostages. Coleridge immediately drags Lee to the screen and threatens Preston, revealing the instability of the situation.

Preston calmly asks to talk to Webb again, and so he gently pushes Coleridge and Sisko leads him away. She offers to meet in person by the main gate. Sisko accompanies Webb to the meeting and states their demands. Preston agrees to relay them to Governor Robert Chen and also agrees to do her best to supply the residents with breakfast.

Bashir finds out that Lee is hypoglycemic and offers to help her find treatment. Lee realizes that Sisko (posing as Bell) initially gave her a false name and Bashir explains that "Bell" had run into some trouble a while back. Lee reveals that she processed a woman with a warrant on her for abandoning her child because she could not take care of him and left him with a family she worked for. Lee felt sorry for her and did not log her into the system which would have alerted the police, instead letting her disappear into the Sanctuary. Lee's supervisor almost fired her when the incident was revealed. Lee does not know what happened to the woman but she thinks about her all the time. Bashir explains that it's not her fault the way things are. Lee says that everyone says that but nothing ever changes.

Later, while most of the guards are sleeping, Vin gets up and almost gets his hands on a weapon when Coleridge alerts everyone and holds a gun to him. However, Sisko intervenes by pointing his shotgun towards Coleridge and prepares to shoot him, determined not to let the hostages die.

Coleridge sees that Sisko is serious and puts his gun down. Sisko takes Vin aside and threatens him not to do anything stupid again, but he is unmoved. Vin asks him to let the hostages go. Sisko impatiently says that Vin and the others who work at the Sanctuary just don't get it — even though they work here and see the injustices suffered by the people every day. It would be a start for Vin and the others just to acknowledge what is going on.

Meanwhile, on another attempt to find Sisko and the others, Kira and O'Brien end up in 1967 surrounded by a flowered Combi van and loud rock music. Two stoned hippies come out of the van and give flowers and a peace sign to a perplexed Kira and O'Brien, who then awkwardly give back the sign. Just then, they are transported away and the male hippie simply says "wow".

True to her promise, Preston has supplied muffins and fruit juice for the residents, and Sisko makes sure Coleridge shares. Danny comes inside to find his father to be with him. Webb agrees he can stay for a while but says that Danny must go when he says so without question. Meanwhile, Bashir has managed to find some glucogen in the clinic and provides treatment for Lee. Bashir also tells Calvera (who is worried about his family) that something good will eventually come from all of this.

A short time later, Preston returns with the Governor's response: he'll reduce the charges against Bell and Webb to incitement to riot if they release the hostages. Sisko and Webb ask whether the Sanctuary will be closed and jobs offered and Preston says the Governor intends to form a committee to look into the matter and that change takes time. They both reject this offer.

Dax manages to find her way into the Sanctuary District through some underground pipes through the sanitation department. Soon, some dims alert her presence to those at the processing center and, in the process, her combadge is stolen by one of them named Grady. Meanwhile, Sisko and Bashir try to get past the lockout to the Net without luck. In the previous past, a way

was somehow found to get past this lockout and many people were able to tell their stories to the world. Bell must have found a way, so now they must do the same. Coleridge then brings Dax inside, and she is reunited with Sisko and Bashir.

Sisko and Bashir explain that they can not leave because history must be allowed to run its course. He initially orders Bashir and Dax to head to a beam-out location using Dax's combadge, however, Dax says she can get help to circumvent the lockout. Dax successfully recovers her combadge from Grady with Bashir's help and heads back through the sewer.

Dax returns to Chris Brynner for his help. He initially has doubts about helping the residents as he would lose his interface operating license for turning the channel over to criminals. Dax responds that Brynner would be giving the residents a voice, and people have the right to know their situation. When the Government storms in, the Sanctuary residents will die and those deaths should not be for nothing. Brynner agrees to help restore the processing center's computer link because, although he will lose his license, he will get great ratings. Once this is done, the residents are given the chance to tell their stories to millions around the planet through the network.

Unfortunately, despite pleas from Preston, the governor is unmoved by their plight and orders to send in troops at 0500.

Kira and O'Brien return to the Defiant from the year 2048. They realize that the team arrived before then as it was drastically different to the 2048 of unaltered time. Using this information, they narrow the possibilities down to 3 dates, but have only enough chroniton particles for one more attempt. O'Brien makes a guess and they materialize at the corner of Polk Street and California Street. They realize they hit the correct time period when O'Brien detects a residual electrostatic charge and Kira contacts Dax on her combadge. They make arrangements to rendezvous and deactivate their combadges so the Defiant will not recover them until the next day.

In the meantime, the hostages are calmer and talking sports when Coleridge reports movement outside. Sisko and Webb try to keep the hostages safe as SWAT teams move in without regard to their lives. Webb sends away Danny and Coleridge gives Danny his hat. Soon, the troops barge in and open fire. Coleridge and Webb are killed along with a number of others while Sisko takes a bullet protecting Vin, who is trying to stop the shooting. The lead SWAT team member calls the area secure. Vin berates them, as they were reckless. The SWAT team give Vin and Calvera weapons while they go to secure other areas. Bashir examines Sisko and, fortunately, he will live. Sisko pulls Vin in and berates him for not staying low, but Vin understands, finally trusting his motives.

Vin and Calvera lead the group outside, and are shocked by the bodies lying on the street outside. As the National Guard takes control of the situation, the grateful Vin allows Sisko and Bashir to escape by switching their ID cards with two of the dead. So it appears, as before, that Gabriel Bell died while trying to save the hostages. As he leaves, Sisko asks Vin to tell everyone the truth about the incident. Vin responds that he had planned to anyway.

Soon Sisko, Dax and Bashir are returned to the 24th century with history now having following its correct course. As Sisko recovers from his gunshot wound in his quarters on the Defiant, Bashir visits and shows him one unexpected consequence of their visit to the past... Federation historical records which now show Benjamin's portrait in an entry regarding Gabriel Bell. Julian asks him, from having seen the 21st century, how the people of that time could have let things get so bad. Sisko tells him "That's a good question. I wish I had an answer."

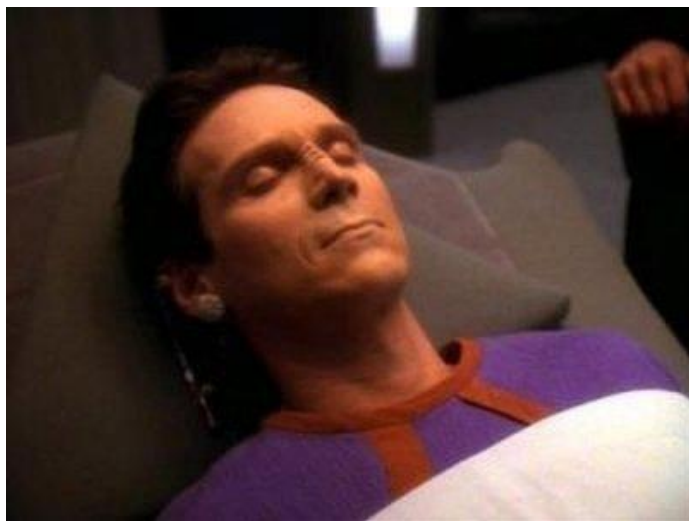
Life Support

Season 3

Episode Number: 59

Season Episode: 13

Originally aired:	Sunday January 30, 1995
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Director:	Reza Badiyi
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Guest Stars:	Lark Voorhies (Leanne), Andrew Prine (Legate Turrel), Kevin Carr (Bajoran), Eva Loseth (Riska), Ann H. Gillespie (Nurse)
Production Code:	40510-459
Summary:	When Vedek Bareil is critically injured during negotiations, the only thing that will keep him alive long enough to complete the meetings is a radical operation that will turn him into a half-man, half-machine.



Jake Sisko is walking along the Promenade of Deep Space 9 when an old friend named Leanne walks up behind him. They reminisce and catch up briefly, and then set a date for the following evening at the station's Klingon restaurant.

Just then Chief O'Brien and Odo, accompanied by several Bajoran security and Starfleet Security officers, come running along the Promenade, headed (as it turns out) toward the docking ring.

Those men go to an airlock, where they are joined by Dr. Bashir and one of the infirmary staff. The chief tells Bashir that the docking transport experienced an accident that caused casualties. Bashir asserts that the casualties should

have been beamed directly to the infirmary, but the chief explains that the accident caused a release of radiation that made transport impossible.

Once Odo opens the airlock injured passengers begin walking through. One of them is Kai Winn, but she says, "the vedek — take care of the vedek!" Next out the airlock is Vedek Bareil, with a chest covered in third-degree burns, being carried by two security officers. Odo activates his combadge and apprises Major Kira, the vedek's companion, of the situation.

In the Infirmary O'Brien delivers a report to Commander Sisko about the cause of the accident, and Winn immediately inquires if sabotage might have played a part. Kira reacts to that possibility with skepticism, but the Kai says that she will only discuss the possibility in private, with Sisko.

Meanwhile, Winn and Sisko are in Sisko's office, where Winn explains that she and Bareil were en route to peace treaty negotiations with Legate Turrel when the accident occurred. Sisko expresses surprise that Winn would be anywhere near such proceedings, but she explains that the underlying vision and the credit for the success of the negotiations is mostly due to Bareil.

However, in the infirmary, Bashir is announcing to Kira that Bareil is dead, having never regained consciousness. After he's done with Kira, he goes back to the table on which Bareil's body rests, intending to start an autopsy. However, he discovers that Bareil's nervous system is still transmitting to his brain. Bashir hypothesizes that Bareil's radiation exposure "might have fortified his peripheral cell membranes," and resumes treatment according to that hypothesis — treatment which proves to be successful and should have Bareil back on his feet in a few weeks.

Later Both Sisko and the kai credit Bashir with nothing less than a miracle (according to the kai, by the grace of the Prophets), but Bashir insists that it was simply the best of luck. Bareil is present and conscious, and says he's merely grateful, since it allows him to complete unfinished work.

Kai Winn takes that opening to insist that the treaty negotiations be resumed quickly, but Bashir disagrees on account of Bareil's infirmity. However, the kai insists that Bareil will merely "advise" her while she conducts the negotiations, to which Bashir agrees on the condition that Bareil isn't tired out. Meanwhile Kira looks on the whole proceeding with a gimlet eye.

Sometime later Nog goes to the Siskos' quarters, where Jake tries to explain the date he's got with Leanne and cancel the plans he and Nog had to play dom-jot. Nog's hard to reach at first, but finally catches on... and corners Jake into making it a double date.

waiting to explain that Bareil's not doing as well as hoped...

Back in the Infirmary, Bashir comes to Bareil's bedside to explain that his treatment caused damage to Bareil's circulatory system that is damaging his internal organs in turn. Bashir says he wants to put Bareil into stasis for an indeterminate length of time while an effective treatment is researched, but Bareil says that would be unacceptable, since it would likely become impossible to conclude the peace treaty as a result. As an alternative Bashir says they can try an experimental drug called vasokin, but only by accepting a 22% chance that the damage will be made even worse. Bareil accepts that risk in lieu of being put into stasis. As far as Bareil is concerned, conclusion of the treaty is the will of the Prophets, and he is determined to see it through.

The kai's at a disadvantage because she doesn't have the full background on the negotiations continuing negotiations — but without much success. They recess, and the Kai complains to Sisko that she's at a severe disadvantage without Bareil's direct involvement.

She declares that "if he dies, then peace with Cardassia dies with him." Later Jake, Nog, Leanne, and Riska, who is Nog's date, are in Quark's eating dinner. Nog is interjecting with insensitive comments - "boy, Jake, she talks a lot for a female" — while Jake tries to maintain a normal, respectful flow of conversation. However, Nog's attitude descends into what can be best described as the gutter. Leanne and Riska leave the bar in a huff, and then Nog insists that Jake blew it because he was "treating my female as if she was an equal!" Jake is equally displeased with Nog, and the two of them stomp away angrily as well.

In the Infirmary Winn explains her difficulties to Bareil, but he's in obvious discomfort. Bashir tells her that Bareil's had enough stress, but the Kai insists that she needs more of Bareil's attention. Bashir steps in and tells the Kai that if she doesn't leave, she'll be thrown out by security — and Kira says that Security won't need to be called, because she'll escort the Kai out of the Infirmary herself. Only then does Winn back down and leave.

Bashir explains that the organ damage he'd feared is starting to take place, and that in order to keep Bareil alive without putting him into stasis, he'll need to transplant artificial organs. Bareil insists that Bashir does whatever it takes to get him through the negotiations.

After performing the transplants Bashir goes to Kai Winn, who's in the wardroom. He explains that he wants the Kai to release Bareil from his obligation to be involved in the negotiations, since doing so is the only thing that will give Bareil a fighting chance to live. Kai Winn refuses, and Bashir ultimately deduces that in the event the negotiations fail, Winn wants a scapegoat handy.

At their quarters Jake's telling his father about the disastrous double date, and Ben's totally unsurprised, since Nog is a Ferengi and burdened by the tunnel vision imposed by Ferengi gender roles. Jake thinks that the cultural differences spell the end of his friendship with Nog, but Ben disagrees and insists that there's a genuine bond between the two that can be restored if the two of them will make up. However, Jake doubts that Nog is at all willing to speak with him.

Bareil has suffered irreversible brain damage in the meantime. In the station commander's office Winn, Sisko, Kira, and Bashir are discussing the situation, and the Kai asks if something can be done to restore Bareil's brain function as well. Bashir says that a positronic implant

would give them something to work with, but that it would cause Bareil's psyche to change in ways those present would find difficult to accept. Kira quickly agrees that it should be tried, since it is Bareil's last option for seeing the peace treaty through, and Bashir agrees to perform the needed procedure on account of Kira's endorsement.

Meanwhile, Jake has come up with an idea that will give Nog no better choice than to speak with him: he goes to Security, asking Odo to arrest him and Nog, and put them into the same holding cell.

In the Infirmary Bashir has completed the positronic implant and, as he'd predicted, Bareil is alert... but not at all himself.

Kira starts saying some of the things she didn't have the time to say before.

After some friction and Nog's discovery that Jake put Odo up to their arrests, the two of them finally come to an agreement that there is a bond of friendship between them strong enough to make them forget the differences between their two cultures. However, mending fences turns out to be much easier for the two of them than being promptly released from the holding cell.

It turns out that the treaty negotiations were a success, and a party is being held in the Wardroom to celebrate the event when Bashir gets called back to the Infirmary. It also turns out that the remaining organic half of Bareil's brain is finally failing, and with the peace treaty concluded, the only person with a stake who can see a point to doing anything more to keep Bareil alive is Kira... but Bashir finally convinces her to let him go. As the episode ends, the camera recedes from Kira and the unconscious Bareil, with Kira telling him the things she never got a chance to tell him before.

Heart of Stone

Season 3

Episode Number: 60

Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Sunday February 6, 1995
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Alexander Singer
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-460
Summary: While chasing a lone Maquis member to a deserted moon, Kira becomes trapped by a crystalline formation that rapidly grows over time, threatening her life. However, something is amiss during the entire situation. Back on DS9, Nog surprises everybody when he says he wants to join Starfleet.



Returning from consultations at a Bajoran colony, Kira and Odo detect a Maquis attack in progress. They pursue the attacking ship in their runabout and due to prevailing conditions, the pursuit takes them down to the surface of a moon with an atmosphere that's impenetrable to sensors.

Nog announces that he wants to go to Starfleet Academy. On the station Nog is in Ops asking to see Commander Sisko on an "urgent" matter, and he's sent up to the commander's office. Nog comes bearing a quantity of latinum, which he's giving to Sisko because according to Ferengi statute, Nog is at the age where he must purchase an apprenticeship. Since

he considers Sisko a mentor, he says, Sisko's the one from whom he intends to make the purchase — he wants to become a Starfleet officer. Sisko explains in brief that Nog needs to graduate from Starfleet Academy, and in order to be admitted there he needs "a letter of reference from a command-level officer." This is because Nog is not a citizen of the Federation. Since Sisko is just such an officer, Nog is certain that Sisko will provide the reference... but Sisko says he'll "think about it." Throughout the conversation, the two are pushing the stack of Nog's latinum back and forth across the Commander's desk.

On the alien moon, Odo and Kira track the fugitive to a cave network and witness severe seismic activity. Since they need to cover ground quickly looking for the Maquis fugitive, they split up. Shortly afterward, Odo receives a combadge signal from Kira... who's trapped in one of the caves. When Odo finds Kira, her right foot is completely stuck in some sort of crystal formation that grows spontaneously. Odo attempts various approaches to freeing her, but none of them work.

Sometime later Jake catches up to Nog at Quark's, under the impression that Nog's interview with his father was a joke. Nog angrily assures Jake that nothing could be further from the truth, extracting a promise that Jake will go back to his father and take back his assertion that it was a joke. Jake is confused, and asks for an explanation, but Nog refuses to give him one.

Meanwhile, Odo returns to the runabout and attempts to transport Kira out of her entrapment, only to discover that the nature of the moon's atmosphere makes it impossible to operate transporters or send a distress signal directly from the runabout. As he's returning to Kira's location he hears phaser fire, which Kira tells him was on account of the reappearance of the Maquis they'd been chasing.

On the Promenade, Nog collars Sisko outside Quark's and asks excitedly if he's decided to write the letter of reference. Faced with Nog's persistence, Sisko tells Nog unambiguously that he doesn't consider Nog a good candidate for admission to the Academy — but Nog wants nothing more than a chance to prove that he's better than Sisko's assessment suggests. With this in mind, he tells Jadzia to assign Nog to a cargo bay inventory. Jadzia's equally skeptical, but Sisko wants to give Nog a fair chance to live up to his promises — and that's exactly what he'll get, with "no help, no interference, no-one looking over his shoulder." Nog takes the opportunity with extreme enthusiasm.

On the moon, Kira's still stuck. Working from information provided in one of the criminal activity reports, Odo comes up with an idea for freeing her — but time's growing short. To pass the time while they wait for Odo's solution to show positive results, Odo explains that he's been going to the holosuite Nog enthusiastically takes the chance he's given with O'Brien and witnessing O'Brien's fascination with kayaking. In the meantime an earthquake strikes, and Odo changes form to protect Kira from falling rocks. After the earthquake ends, Odo continues talking with her at a personal level. In the Replimat Sisko and Jadzia are reviewing Nog's performance on the inventory, which was excellent.

However, both of them are still completely in the dark about Nog's motivations for joining Starfleet. Eventually, Kira and Odo are forced to admit that they're having no success. Kira orders Odo to leave her, but he refuses to abandon her.

Kira demands an explanation, and at the cost of demolishing his normal comportment, he confesses that he loves her. Much to his surprise, she tells him that his feelings are, in fact, requited.

Odo confesses his feelings. Nog is sent to Commander Sisko's office, where Sisko explains that he needs to turn down Nog's request for a reference. Sisko's explanation is that near as can be told, this is another of Nog's schemes, over which Sisko can't afford to risk any of his reputation... but just as he did with Jake, Nog loses his composure and begins to explain himself. As voices raise, he tells Sisko point blank: "I don't want to end up like my father!" Nog goes on to point out that his father shows every sign of being a brilliant engineer, but that Rom doesn't have "the lobes" any more than his own father did... and neither does he. Nog is anxious to avoid his father's fate, and is fixed on joining Starfleet exactly because that will give him one of his best likely chances to use the talents he does have. Having finally gotten a straight explanation of Nog's motivations, Sisko changes his mind and promises Nog his reference.

Matters on the alien moon also reach their denouement. Odo's been thinking about the things that Kira's told him, and they don't add up. Kira's stated feelings don't follow the body language with which he's grown familiar, and there are a number of inconsistencies in the other things she's said. When he's done laying out his thoughts...

"Kira" changes form into the Female Changeling. By way of explaining herself, she says that the whole thing was staged because she needed to understand why Odo had chosen to remain with the Solids rather than returning to his own people.

She reveals Kira's actual location, but not before asserting that Kira will never love Odo, because he is a Changeling. The Female Changeling transports off the moon, and Odo retrieves Kira.

Back on the station, Odo tells Kira that he realized what was going on when the Female Changeling made "a slip of the tongue - nothing important." In Quark's, Quark is incensed and attempts to forbid Nog from joining Starfleet... only to be overruled by Rom.

Destiny

Season 3

Episode Number: 61

Season Episode: 15

Originally aired: Sunday February 13, 1995
Writer: Martin A. Winer, David Samuel Cohen
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Tracy Scoggins (Gilora Rejal), Wendy Robie (Ulani), Erick Avari (Vedek Yarka), Jessica Hendra (Dejar)
Production Code: 40510-461
Summary: A Bajoran prophecy is nearly fulfilled when a comet threatens to destroy the Bajoran Wormhole.



"Station log, stardate 48543.2. A team of Cardassian scientists is coming to the station to assist us in deploying a subspace relay in the Gamma Quadrant. If successful, it will allow communication through the wormhole for the first time."

Constable Odo, followed closely by Commander Sisko, enters one of the station's many living quarters. He explains that he has assigned the senior Cardassian scientist, Ulani Belor, to these quarters with her colleague, Gilora Rejal, being accommodated in the adjacent room. Sisko immediately notices the unusual

warmth in the room, believing Odo has adjusted the environmental controls to suit the scientist's needs and he is right. Odo further explains that he has also had Chief O'Brien reprogram the replicators to produce Cardassian food and has assigned two deputies to watch them carefully during their trip, though the commander tells him to keep his distance; he wants the scientists to feel like guests, not prisoners. Odo, in typical fashion, replies with the caution of a security officer. As he explains, there are still some elements opposed to the recent Bajoran-Cardassian Treaty on both sides and so they have to be prepared for trouble. Though Sisko agrees with the statement, he also wants the Bajorans to get used to seeing Cardassians "walking down the Promenade, buying from their shops, eating from their restaurants. Getting to know them as something other than brutal overseers."

Just then, they are interrupted by Lieutenant Dax, who reports she has just received the scientist's designs on the proposed transceiver for the communications relay, but she isn't entirely convinced it is going to work. Sisko assures her the Cardassians are certainly confident of success, to which she smiles and expresses her hopes it will be too. Before the three of them can discuss it further, Quark enters with two bottles of kanar and expresses an interest in which of

the scientists will be staying there; Gilora or Ulani. Odo seems surprised that Quark is aware of their names, particularly since he only found out an hour ago. "Odo, please...", Quark smiles. Managing to evade the question, he reveals he has brought a bottle of kanar for each of them with a "personal invitation" to Quark's. Dax also seems surprised, but for a different reason. She asks the Ferengi where he has managed to obtain real kanar, to which he explains he has had three cases of it sitting in his storeroom since the Occupation and there hasn't been much call for it the past few years. But that's about to change, he says, as there are sure to be more Cardassians visiting the station as a result of the new peace treaty. Dax smiles, quoting what she believes is the thirty-fourth Rule of Acquisition; "Peace is good for business", however Quark soon corrects her — the thirty-fourth is "War is good for business", but he can see how she might have got them confused.

Back to the topic at hand, Quark believes it won't be long before there's a permanent Cardassian presence on the station.

"Scientists, diplomats... spies...", all of whom would be welcome at Quark's. In fact, he says he may even rent the shop next to his bar and open up some Cardassian gaming concessions. Sensing trouble, Odo quickly reminds him there will be no live Vole fights on the Promenade, and Sisko backs him up.

Content to make some sacrifices, Quark goes on to envision his new enterprise where his bar is known for having the best Cardassian food and drink in the sector though this is sadly interrupted by Dax, who informs him his kanar has gone bad. Odo instructs Quark to leave, half-seriously saying he may well have to arrest him for attempting to poison their guests. Quark makes a hasty departure, taking along the kanar.

A little while later, Sisko is in his office working on a PADD when Major Kira notifies him a Vedek Yarka has arrived and requests to meet with him urgently. Sisko nods to Kira, who gestures to Yarka standing outside. The Vedek rushes in with some urgency and reveals he has an important warning from the Prophets; if he allows the Cardassians on the station, he will bring destruction upon them all.

Vedek Yarka explains that it has all been foretold in Trakor's Third Prophecy;

"When the river wakes, stirred once more to Janir's side, three vipers will return to their nest in the sky."

The river has awakened, he says to Sisko. As Kira reveals, he is referring to the Qui'al Dam which has just been put back into operation to divert water to the city, and the Cardassian scientists — the three vipers — are now on their way to the station, their nest in the sky. The Commander seems skeptical of the whole thing but nevertheless asks how their arrival will bring destruction on them all. Yarka continues to recite the prophecy;

"When the vipers try to peer through the temple gates, a sword of stars will appear in the heavens. The temple will burn, and its gates shall be cast open."

He compares the scientist's attempts at communication through the wormhole — the Celestial Temple — as the vipers trying to peer through the temple gates. If they do, he says, the wormhole will be destroyed. Kira points out to him that only two scientists will be arriving on the station, not three, and asks if it is possible whether there could be more mistakes in his interpretation. But Yarka is adamant; "There will be three vipers, you will see", he asserts, but Sisko still isn't convinced. He illustrates the benefits of the communication relay for Bajor, how they will be able to communicate with ships on the other side of the wormhole and facilitate exploration, how they can monitor the Dominion in case of attack, but the Vedek dismisses the benefits as irrelevant, sure that they are on the verge of a great disaster. Sisko asks him if the Vedek Assembly is aware of the prophecy.

Yarka says both the Assembly and Kai Winn know of it but choose to ignore the signs. The Commander reiterates his stance; in common with the Bajoran government, he has no intention of calling off the project. Yarka expresses his dismay at the decision but informs Sisko he and his followers will remain on the station, praying he changes his mind. As the Vedek leaves, Sisko instructs Kira to have Odo find out everything he can on him and his followers. He doesn't want them causing any trouble while the Cardassians are on the station.

In the airlock, the large circular doors are wheeled back to reveal the two Cardassian women. Sisko welcomes them both to Deep Space 9 on behalf of the Federation and Starfleet Command, while Kira stands in silence. After a brief introduction, she too welcomes them on behalf of the Bajoran Provisional Government, hoping this project will mark a new era of peace between Bajor and Cardassia though she is clearly uncomfortable with the situation. With the formalities out of the way, Sisko asks them how their trip was. Ulani, seemingly more relaxed, jokes it was very exhausting though preparing for the trip was equally as tiring. She explains how guls she has never even heard of before have contacted her about the mission, reminding her of the importance, to which Sisko relates, commenting on three calls he has received from Starfleet Command just that morning. In a more serious tone, Ulani expresses her gratitude to Kira for allowing them to conduct their work on the station, much to Kira's surprise. "I'll work with anyone who's interested in peace", she replies.

After resting in their quarters, the scientists meet up with Sisko, Kira, O'Brien, and Dax for a briefing in the wardroom. On the wall, there is a diagram of the wormhole with Deep Space 9 at one end and the communication relay at the other. Sisko explains the plan is to place the relay two kilometers away from the far side of the wormhole, while Gilora begins to describe the transceiver they will be installing. Part way through, she stops herself, realizing she called the station by its old Cardassian name, Terok Nor. After quickly correcting herself, Dax asks Ulani what sort of carrier wave they will use to counter the interference inside the wormhole. She responds with a trial and error approach to testing several different soliton pulses, certain one will prove successful. O'Brien recognizes the plan as one they attempted a year ago without much success, though Gilora, confident in her ability, believes the problem was in the phase variance of the transceiver coils. Defending his skills as an engineer, the chief says the variance was less than point zero one percent but yet again, Gilora argues, saying it was too high and their new design has less than half that variance. The chief isn't convinced and wants to go over the plans himself. Ulani then interrupts, realizing an argument is developing. She reminds Sisko that a few adjustments will need to be made to the station's signaling array so that it can accommodate the transmissions, who assures her Chief O'Brien's people can handle it while they take the USS *Defiant* to the Gamma Quadrant and deploy the relay. With that, the meeting concludes and Gilora and Ulani head back to their quarters. Turning to Kira, Sisko jokes, "Now those are about the two friendliest vipers I've ever met" which elicits a few strange looks from Dax and O'Brien.

Sisko tells them he will explain himself later.

Just when it seems like everything is in order, Ulani returns to the wardroom and informs Sisko that another of their colleagues, Dejar, will be arriving later in the day. Sisko politely says that quarters will be arranged by the time she arrives. Ulani thanks him and heads out, leaving Sisko to brief his senior staff on another issue. However, just as the commander takes his seat, he pauses, noticing an expressionless Kira staring at the bulkhead. He asks her what is wrong. "There are going to be three of them..." she quietly replies, "Three vipers... just like in the prophecy..."

In the security office, Odo reveals that Vedek Yarka is no longer a Vedek at all; he was stripped of his title just two months ago because he didn't adhere to Bajoran beliefs, at least that is the official reason. Odo happens to know from his sources that Yarka led a series of protests against the Vedek Assembly when they endorsed the peace treaty with Cardassia. Sisko theorizes that Yarka is using the prophecy as a way to scuttle the treaty. Odo agrees, saying it is also coloring his view of it as well just like Sisko's agenda colors the way he sees it. The Commander defends himself, saying he wants the project to go ahead in the interests of peace and if he thought for a moment that the wormhole was in danger, he would put a stop to it. But that isn't what Odo is referring to. He has observed how Sisko prefers to distance himself from the title of "Emissary", that he has never been comfortable with it. Sisko sighs in agreement, "I can't deny that", he says before realizing Odo may be hinting at something more. He asks him if he thinks he is dismissing the prophecy too easily because he doesn't want to be the Emissary. Odo says he isn't suggesting anything. It has simply been his understanding that all humanoids have an agenda of some sort, an agenda that can influence their decisions without them knowing it.

Meanwhile, Kira and Doctor Bashir are taking a walk down the Promenade, discussing how Morn was taken ill by a bad glass of Quark's kanar. Kira quips he should get a refund, though, as Bashir explains, the odd thing is it was on the house. Half-way down the Promenade, they are interrupted by Yarka. After Bashir excuses himself, Yarka implores Kira to talk to Sisko about

the prophecy and convince him not to go ahead with the project but Kira denies him, explaining that he is her superior officer and she must deal with him on that basis first, thereby keeping her work and beliefs separate. But Yarka continues to insist she not turn her back on her faith and present his case to Sisko. "Without your faith, Nerys", he says, "...what do you have left?"

In Quark's, Dax is discussing Cardassian poetry with Ulani and Gilora, while a bored O'Brien looks on. She reveals that one of her previous hosts, Tobin, actually got to meet Iloja of Prim during his exile on Vulcan, much to the scientists disbelief. At that moment, Quark arrives and presents their colleague, Dejar. After the necessary introductions, Ulani expresses her surprise at her early arrival. Dejar explains that she was able to arrange special transportation. There is an uncomfortable aura between the two which Dax and O'Brien seem to pick up on. Quark certainly does as he attempts to alleviate it by presenting some traditional Cardassian food; Tojal in yamok sauce and Regova eggs. Though Dejar seems to enjoy it, Gilora and Ulani admit they don't really care for Cardassian cuisine, to everyone's amusement, that is everyone but Dejar.

Later, in Ops, O'Brien is assisting Gilora with the work needed to interface the transceiver with the station. As she pulls away one of the panels in the engineering pit, Gilora gasps in amazement at the sight of the modified conduits. O'Brien explains he had to make some modifications in order to meet Starfleet codes and regulations which require a secondary backup system. Gilora points out that the chances of both the primary system and its backup failing at the same time are extremely unlikely and although O'Brien agrees, he says he wouldn't like to be caught without a secondary backup in a crunch. She reluctantly decides to find another way to go about the modifications and begins making some calculations on her PADD. When O'Brien tries to provide some assistance, she shuts him out, requiring some time to think. "Fine", an annoyed O'Brien says, sitting himself quietly down on one of the consoles. Unaware of her obvious abruptness, she then asks him to get her a cup of red leaf tea. "Why not?!" O'Brien sarcastically responds, climbing out of the pit.

On the Defiant, Kira reports the communication relay has been loaded into the cargo bay and the Chief should be ready in four hours.

Sisko acknowledges the information and instructs Dax to set a course for the wormhole. In the Gamma Quadrant, Dax runs a complete scan of nearby space, checking for any Dominion presence. The scan initially turns up negative but just as Sisko gives the order to deploy the relay, sensors detect a rogue comet just inside detection range. Dax reports that it contains an abnormal amount of silithium giving it an unusually bright tail. As Kira observes the comet on the viewscreen, she remembers four words from the prophecy, "The sword of stars."

Ulani says Kira's choice of words is a very colorful way to describe a comet. She replies by saying it's simply a figure of speech.

Ulina turns her attention back to her work, noting the comet will pass close to the wormhole but shouldn't interfere with their plans. Sisko orders Dax to begin a final systems check on the relay station, to deploy it within the hour, before summoning the Major to another room for a more private conversation.

They arrive in one of the crew cabins where the Commander instructs her to keep the prophecy to herself, especially while on the bridge of the Defiant; he doesn't want the Cardassians finding out about it. Kira agrees. Sitting himself down on one of the bunks, Sisko sighs, correctly ascertaining that she believes the prophecy is coming true. Kira tells him that he has a decision to make here and now, confessing she has always believed him to be the Emissary of the Prophets. "It's hard to work for someone who's a religious icon", she smiles. But Sisko doesn't share her convictions and reminds her that he considers himself a Starfleet officer, not an Emissary, and if he is to call off this mission, it would have to be a solid reason, a Starfleet reason. Kira proposes that the Prophets — or wormhole aliens — passed their knowledge of the future onto Trakor who then wrote it down in the form of his prophecy, and now, three thousand years later, they are seeing those events unfold. "To me", she argues, "that reason sounds concrete, solid, I'd even call it Starfleet." Just then, Dax interrupts over the comm, advising they are ready to deploy the relay.

Kira looks at him with hope in her eyes, hope that he will change his mind and stop the project. But where she sees a prophecy, Sisko sees a comet. "I'm on my way", he responds.

Back on the station, Gilora is working on an ODN relay while O'Brien stands watching in the background. She complains of all the modifications and replacements he has made which makes her job even more difficult. O'Brien tries to convince her that if she would explain to him what

she intends to do, he could help. She responds by admitting it is because he is a man that she is so reluctant to accept his help. "Men just don't seem to have a head for this sort of thing", she says. The chief is persistent, telling her that nobody knows the systems better than him... including her and she would be wise to accept his help. Gilora concedes, handing him the laser torch she was using.

On the other side of the wormhole, the relay is in position alongside the Defiant. Dax reports she is ready to initiate the relay's transmission array. Dejar reports the test signal from the relay is coming through clearly while Ulani instructs Dax to initiate a carrier wave in the Delta band frequency. She explains that if the station receives it, they will send an acknowledging signal on the same frequency. Sisko smiles in anticipation, while Kira remains noticeably concerned. After a few seconds of silence, it becomes apparent that the transmission was unsuccessful. Pressing a few buttons on her PADD, Ulani then instructs Dax to initiate the signal along the theta band frequency. Almost immediately, it becomes clear that something is wrong. The wormhole springs open, emitting a massive neutrino surge, rocking the Defiant back and forth, just as Kira reports the its gravity well has increased by a factor of three. Sisko quickly orders Dax to terminate the carrier wave, closing the wormhole. Sisko seeks an explanation but nobody can provide one — the signal should not have affected the wormhole at all. Before anyone can theorize what happened, Dax announces the comet has been pulled off course and it's heading straight for the wormhole. If it enters, the silithium will cause a cascade reaction, collapsing the wormhole permanently.

"Commander's log, supplemental. With less than five hours before the comet reaches the wormhole, I've brought the Defiant back to the station and convened a meeting of the entire science team."

Everyone is assembled in the wardroom where Dax explains the carrier wave they transmitted created a subspace inversion in the wormhole, which caused the gravity well to form. Ulani reveals the possibility of a subspace inversion was present in one of their simulations but it only presented less than a two percent risk so they chose to leave it out of the information they sent. Sisko tells them they prefer to examine all possibilities before conducting field tests, to which she agrees, however, the Cardassian Science Ministry falls under the purview of the military and they are always instructed not to make a project look unnecessarily dangerous. The Commander advises them all to keep that in mind when they resume work on the relay. Dejar, who has been quiet up until now, declares a new team will most likely be assembled prior to another attempt. Turning their attention to the comet, Dax explains that a tractor beam would most likely cause it to fragment into more pieces, creating a bigger mess. Gilora comments the same thing would happen if they tried to destroy it with a phaser beam though O'Brien's not so sure. He thinks that he can modify the Defiant's phaser array to be wide enough to encompass the entire comet. Sisko directs him to start right away and concludes their meeting.

On the Defiant, O'Brien, and Gilora are working away in one of the jefferies tubes. The chief explains what he is attempting to do but it seems Gilora is far more interested in O'Brien himself than the work. As he reaches into an emitter coupling, she grabs his hand and holds it up to hers. "You have very steady hands", she says. A confused O'Brien doesn't quite know what to make of it, simply replying, "Well, they get the job done," before removing his hand from hers. Attempting to get back to his work, O'Brien leans inside the emitter and continues his adjustments, before she suddenly surprises him yet again. "I am quite fertile...", she says, prompting O'Brien to bang his head on the paneling in shock. "I could provide you with many healthy children, if that's your concern, but frankly I think you're getting a little ahead of yourself." O'Brien is astonished by what she is saying, and says that he already has a child and a wife. It seems that she mistook his irritability for a desire to pursue a physical relationship.

The chief suddenly understands and says that he is not remotely interested in her. Just as the words escape his mouth, he realizes he has said the wrong thing and tries to soften the blow, but Gilora understands what his feelings are towards her and, turning around, crawls back out of the Jefferies tube, leaving him to finish the adjustments on his own.

Dax arrives in Sisko's office, reporting that O'Brien says the phasers will be ready in half an hour. Sisko acknowledges her but seems to be more interested in what's on his computer display. He states that he has been looking through the Bajoran prophecys and nearly all of them can

be considered accurate if they are interpreted in a certain way. Dax observes he is afraid that Trakor's Third Prophecy will come true unless he sends the Cardassians home; "The gates of heaven will burn and be cast open." She asks him what he would do if he had never heard the prophecy. Sisko obviously replies that he would continue to work on the relay, to which Dax offers him two choices; he can make his own decisions or allow the prophecies to make them for him. The commander leans forward and turns off his monitor, before standing up in front of Dax. "As soon as the Defiant is ready", he says, "...have the Cardassians meet us on board."

The time soon arrives. The Defiant exits the wormhole and Sisko orders Dax to place them within ten kilometers of the comet. As soon as O'Brien reports the phasers are locked on target, the Commander gives the order to fire. But something goes wrong. The entire weapons relay blows, sending sparks flying across the bridge. Dax reveals the modified phasers never came online and they actually fired at the comet with standard phasers, fracturing it instead of vaporizing it as intended. There's now three fragments and they're only twenty six minutes away from the wormhole. Without weapons, there is no way to stop them.

O'Brien explains that the main emitter coupling has been depolarized, something which must have happened when he tried to modify the power flow. He is noticeably annoyed with himself as it's something a first year engineering student wouldn't miss. Throughout the whole thing, Gilora and Ulani each send an icy glare at Dejar as if they know something. Dejar stares back defying them to say anything, but Gilora does. She reveals that Dejar is a member of the Obsidian Order and was assigned to them for security. Sisko then puts two and two together. The Obsidian Order has long been opposed to the peace treaty with Bajor and would happily see the project fail if it damaged Bajoran relations. Dejar unconvincingly insists it's all speculation, but is confined to quarters nonetheless. With Dejar out of the way, they begin to develop a plan on how to stop the comet. Ulani suggests expanding a subspace field around the fragments, which might just be enough to contain the silitium during transit through the wormhole. O'Brien suggests using the warp drive to generate the field, but as the Defiant is too large to maneuver in between the fragments, Sisko decides they'll have to use a shuttlepod and he is going to be the pilot. After ordering Kira to assume command and take the ship back to the Alpha Quadrant he starts to head off, but is soon stopped by the Major, who expresses her desire to join him, to help her Emissary. Not needing much convincing, Sisko hands the bridge over to Dax instead.

In the shuttlepod, Sisko lays in a course for the tail-end of the fragments, allowing them to easier position themselves between the large chunks of rock and ice.

Meanwhile, the Defiant exits the wormhole on the side of Alpha Quadrant. Dax orders the helm to maintain position and ready transporters, just in case.

Assuming the position, Kira activates the subspace field, encompassing all of the fragments in one bubble. From inside the cockpit, the wormhole can be seen as it flashes open in a bright light, dragging the pod and the fragments through. At first the field seems to be holding, but it soon begins to lose integrity as small amounts of silitium slip through. Sisko instructs her to route power from the engines into the field. Their own inertia will have to carry them the rest of the way.

On the Defiant, O'Brien detects the standard neutrino surge as the wormhole opens to reveal the shuttlepod, intact with the fragments. Sisko sighs a sigh of relief as he deactivates the subspace field holding them in place. Just as Dax checks they're alright, O'Brien announces the test signal from the relay is being broadcast through the wormhole. It turns out the fragments left just enough of a silitium trail to allow subspace signals to pass through.

Kira realizes that all this time they had misinterpreted the prophecy. The "three vipers" didn't mean the Cardassians, but the three comet fragments; "peering through the temple gates" was a reference to the attempt to establish the communications relay in the first place. "Burning the temple gates" referred to the silitium's reaction with the wormhole itself to create a subspace filament through the wormhole; which in the end did provide a communication pathway, "so the temple gates would never close again. And the "sword of stars" used by the Emissary referred to the comet's silitium tail itself.

Back on the station, O'Brien is walking Gilora back to the airlock. He thanks her for what she did back on the Defiant and hopes she doesn't face too much trouble when she gets back to Cardassia. She believes her superiors will protect her from any serious repercussions and that Dejar will be the one in trouble when the Obsidian Order finds out she failed in her duty. As they reach the airlock, she turns to the chief, telling him he has a lucky wife. Giving him a small

kiss on the cheek, she finally says, "Goodbye, Mister O'Brien", before turning and heading out towards the airlock, leaving the chief to reflect on recent events.

Shortly thereafter, Yarka is walking with Sisko down the Promenade. He takes the opportunity to apologize to the commander for doubting him and admits his own distrust for the Cardassians "blinded him to the Prophets' words." As they continue walking, he reveals something more; there are signs of Trakor's Fourth Prophecy coming true in the near future and it includes the Emissary.

Thinking about it for a moment, the commander replies, "Tell me about it".

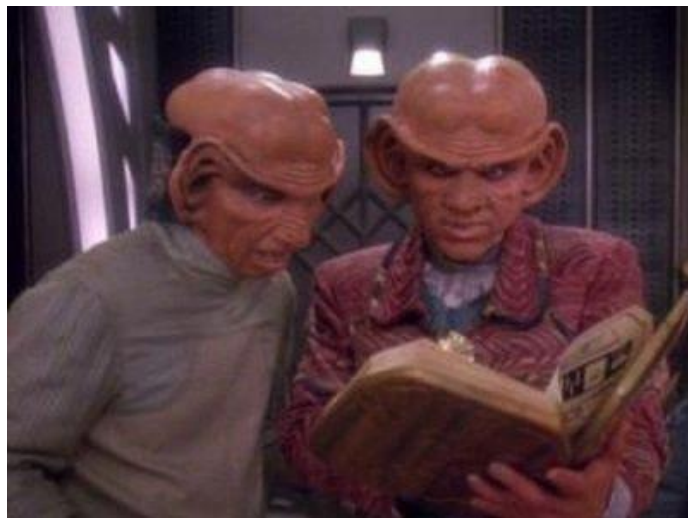
Prophet Motive

Season 3

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Season Episode: 16

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Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Wallace Shawn (Zek), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)
Guest Stars:	Juliana Donald (Emi), Bennet Guillory (Medical Big Shot)
Production Code:	40510-462
Summary:	In a shocking revelation to Quark and Rom, the Grand Nagus Zek reveals he has re-written the Ferengi Rules of Acquisition; a move which threatens to cripple the Ferengi Empire.



A young woman named Emi is grasping Quark's ears from behind, presumably giving him or leading up to oo-mox, as he is obviously enjoying the experience. She is attempting to get Quark to finalize a deal whereby she will purchase self-sealing stem bolts from him, but he says it can wait since Emi's family will not return to Deep Space 9 for another week. Rom enters Quark's quarters and ruins the party, telling his brother that they need to leave. However, it is too late; Grand Nagus Zek and his servant Maihar'du enter behind Rom moments later. Maihar'du gestures at Emi to leave Quark's quarters and she promptly does. Although Zek's head is covered and Mai-

har'du does not speak as usual, it seems the Nagus plans to move in with Quark.

Elsewhere on Deep Space 9, Doctor Bashir is in the infirmary and is called to the wardroom by Commander Sisko, where he learns from the station's commander that, for his work in Biomolecular replication, he has been nominated for the Carrington Award, the Federation's most prestigious medical award, and finds the entire senior staff waiting for him to congratulate him on being the youngest nominee in the award's history. Despite the honor he seems less than enthusiastic, to everyone's surprise. He later confides in Dax (who submitted his name for consideration) that the Carrington Award honors a lifetime of achievement in the field of medicine and, as such, most people nominated are far older than he is. As a result, he knows he has no chance of winning due to his youth. Bashir excuses himself awkwardly shortly after.

Meanwhile, Quark has moved into Rom's untidy quarters and has found living with his brother unbearable. Nog is visiting his grandmother on Ferenginar, so the place is messier than usual. Quark is further angered that his Aldebaran whiskey and other items such as tables and chairs from the bar have been taken. He decides that the two of them — or rather, Rom — will confront the Nagus to find out what is going on. As soon as he observes that Zek is more than

happy to see Rom, Quark comes out from his nearby hiding place and greets the Nagus. Quark and Rom find that Zek has composed his "crowning achievement": The Rules of Acquisition: Revised for the Modern Ferengi. Zek gives them a copy and leaves them to read it; Quark is excited, until he reads the first rule in it: "If they want their money back, give it to them." The two then notice Maihar'du crying in the corner.

Quark attempts to find some sort of master plan in the Nagus' work, looking for a secret code hidden within the "new rules" — he and Rom attempt to "discover" the code by reading one word from each page (which, naturally, translate as gibberish), but the two are hilariously unsuccessful. Still convinced the new rules are part of a scheme, he decides to go along with it for now.

Later, Quark and Rom are in the bar when Zek arrives. Continuing to exhibit his vastly different new personality, Zek buys a round of drinks for everyone, since it will make them happy and, in turn, will make him happy. Quark goes along with it and offers Zek Hupyrian beetle snuff, however, he refuses, saying it's not fun for the beetles. Quark is then horrified to learn that Zek has told Emi where she could buy self-sealing stem bolts at wholesale; much less than what he was offering. He said he was concerned she was taken advantage of. Quark walks off, and Rom expresses his surprise. Zek says it will take time to get used to the "new ways" and asks Rom to walk with him.

Meanwhile, Bashir and O'Brien are playing darts in a cargo bay, as they have been playing much too many racquetball games — 106, to be exact. They're both rusty, but wanting to play some game other than racquetball. To throw Bashir off, O'Brien starts talking about the Carrington competition. Bashir calmly says any of the others would make a fine recipient, and still doesn't assert his worthiness. O'Brien continues his jabs, saying he would vote for Bashir, but that most other people would wonder who he is.

Bashir then turns the tables, changing the conversation to Keiko's absence. Now, O'Brien can't hit the board.

Upon returning to his quarters that night, Quark finds Rom busy with several other Ferengi transforming the quarters. Rom explains that it will be the new headquarters of the Ferengi Benevolent Association.

Quark takes Rom into the other room by the ear, having enough of what's going on with Zek. Contrary to normal Ferengi values, the association seems to have been created for the same purpose its name implies: helping other people, free of charge. Rom insists Zek is a visionary and that the both of them are going to be central to his plan. Rom is excited about becoming a "new kind" of Ferengi, though he is not sure what that means at the moment. He continues to repeat concepts incomprehensible to Quark, then tells him they are both co-chairmen of the Association and will accompany Zek back to Ferenginar when he announces to the whole Ferengi Alliance.

Now, Quark is alarmed as this will undoubtedly result in the three of them being killed by being pushed off of the top of the Tower of Commerce for the ideas.

Finally, Quark takes Zek to Dr. Bashir, who examines the older Ferengi thoroughly but finds nothing wrong. Quark cannot believe it, and insists on more tests, even insulting him and bringing up the Carrington competition. He eventually relents, and Zek expresses his appreciation with a bar of latinum, suggesting to donate it to charity if Bashir does not want to accept it. Interestingly, Zek mentions that he will be giving a gift to the Bajoran people that night at the Bajoran shrine as a ceremony, and hopes Bashir attends. He leaves, telling Quark there's a lot of needy people out there.

Quark and Rom sneak onto the Nagus' Zek's personal shuttle to find what the "gift" is. They're interrupted by Maihar'du, but, instead, he brings them into the shuttle. He reveals that the gift is a Bajoran Orb.

Quark tries to get some answers, but Maihar'du cannot say because of his Vow of silence. Rom tries to look inside the Orb box, but Quark tries to wrestle it from him instead. It comes open in Quark's direction, and he has an odd orb experience in which he is taunted by Zek's figure about not understanding and being fearful. Afterwards, Quark learns that the new rules were a "gift" from the Bajoran Prophets to Zek. He and Rom discover, through Zek's personal logs, that, as soon as he received the Orb from his contact on Cardassia III, Zek headed for the Bajoran wormhole, apparently intent on using the Prophets' ability to see the future for financial gain. Quark determines to go in himself and find out what happened.

Meanwhile, at the Replimat, Bashir is busy on a PADD. Even Odo is caught up in the craze about the Carrington, and so comes to offer a "revelation" from a distant contact that Wade will not win the award, increasing the odds for the rest. Despite the fact he is apparently certain he is not going to win, Odo manages get Bashir to accidentally admit he's been working on an acceptance speech.

Zek is at a terminal talking to a party who needs Kohlanese barley, and is going out of his way to acquire some. He cuts off the transmission when Maihar'du, Quark and Rom come in, quickly kidnapping Zek and take him into the wormhole aboard his ship.

Throughout the ordeal, oddly, he remains extremely pleasant and not disturbed at all.

Once inside the wormhole, Quark opens the Orb of Wisdom (as Zek reveals it is called), instantly gaining the wormhole aliens' attention. The aliens inform Quark that they found Zek's goals to be "adversarial" and "aggressive." As a result, they "restored" Zek to a more peaceful state. Quark demands that they change Zek back, but the aliens decide to change him as well. However, Quark manages to convince them that doing so will only bring more Ferengi who will want to know what happened. He proposes that if they change Zek back, they will never have to speak with his people again. The Prophets agree and set Zek back to normal. Quark is very pleased when states that he plans to sell the Orb of Wisdom to the Bajorans, and intends to make them pay a lot for it.

In the wardroom, people have gathered for the announcement of the Carrington Award recipient and everyone is disappointed to find that it has gone to Henri Roget, someone who was never considered a serious contender. Although Bashir acts like he's not surprised, he admits to Dax even though he felt he wasn't going to win he's still disappointed he didn't.

Zek leaves the station, making sure that Quark and Rom have destroyed every last copy of the new Rules of Acquisition and will tell no-one that he donated to charity. Quark laments that despite going through a lot, he didn't manage to make some kind of profit. Rom admits to having made enough of a profit from both of them by embezzling from the Nagus. Quark congratulates him and says that this piece of theft would make their father proud.

Visionary

Season 3

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Writer: John Shirley (III)
Director: Reza Badiyi
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Jack Shearer (Ruwon), Annette Helde (Karina), Ray Young (Morka), Bob Minor (Bo'rak), Dennis Madalone (Atul)
Production Code: 40510-463
Summary: O'Brien is exposed to a small amount of radiation that allows him to shift through time several hours into the future, where he witnesses the station's destruction and his own death.



Dr. Bashir is tending to Chief O'Brien in the Ops pit. When O'Brien asks what happened, Commander Sisko tells him that one of the plasma conduits blew out while he was attempting to re-route a phase inducer. Bashir tells him that he has a mild case of radiation poisoning, before injecting him with a dose of hyronalin to counter the effects. The doctor recommends O'Brien be placed on light duty for the next few days and Sisko agrees. Before they can discuss the matter further, Major Kira interrupts with news that a Romulan delegation has arrived and is requesting permission to dock. Sisko allows them to dock at bay 12; he and Kira will meet them there. Be-

fore heading out, the Commander gives O'Brien one word of advice. "Light means light," he says. Sisko doesn't want O'Brien spending the night crawling through Jefferies tubes looking for power surges. The chief jokingly replies, "You won't get any arguments today, Commander."

On the Promenade, Kira and Sisko are on their way to meet the Romulan delegation when a drunken Klingon staggers out of Quark's, assisted by two Bajoran security guards. Constable Odo explains that a Klingon freighter had to dock with the station and, due to a computer error, will not be able to depart until it is repaired, which will take at least two more days. Sisko takes Odo aside and asks him to keep a close eye on the Klingons, as the commander doesn't want them to get in the way of the Romulans. Odo acknowledges Sisko's request and the drunken Klingon is taken to a holding cell.

Kira and Sisko continue to the docking port, where two Starfleet security guards are waiting. The circular doors are wheeled back and a Romulan named Ruwon steps out, followed closely by his aide, Karina, and two guards. Sisko offers them accommodation after their long trip but all Ruwon is interested in are intelligence reports on the Dominion. The commander exchanges a brief glance with Kira, before escorting their guests to the wardroom.

In his bar, Quark is hanging up a dartboard for O'Brien, but he is skeptical it will bring him any profit. The chief, in his confidence, notes that "darts and bars go together like bacon and eggs" to which Quark reminds him that people actually order bacon and eggs, and no-one has of yet asked to see a dartboard. In an attempt to convince, O'Brien hands Quark some darts and challenges him to hit the bulls-eye. Quark, unaware of how to play the game, throws them all at once, hitting Morn in the process. The Ferengi points out how dangerous the game is; after all, if one of his customers was injured, he could be held liable. But the chief doesn't give in and picks up a dart, intent on showing Quark how the game is properly played. As he aims for the board, there is a bright flash of light and he is transported to the upper level of the Promenade. But something isn't quite right. O'Brien looks across the way and sees himself, arguing with Quark about the damage the Klingons are doing to two of his holosuites. Quark asks O'Brien that a maintenance crew be dispatched immediately. A confused look comes across his face as the other O'Brien tells Quark to keep the Klingons out of the holosuites from now on. Finishing his conversation, he turns away, and the two lock eyes, both incredibly confused by what is happening. But before they can say anything, the original O'Brien is back in Quark's. His dart hits the bulls-eye and he falls to the floor, disoriented.

In the infirmary, Doctor Bashir explains that the chief's earlier collapse was due to a sudden decrease in his serum calcium levels, a common side effect of the radiation poisoning, and gives him a dose of asinolyathin for the pain. The doctor continues to explain that his "vision" was also likely a mild side-effect, though the Chief isn't fully convinced. He explains it to Bashir, who jokingly mocks him, saying he has a "sadly deficient fantasy life". On that note, O'Brien sarcastically "thanks" the doctor for his help and leaves.

In the wardroom, Ruwon proclaims that the Dominion is the greatest threat the Alpha Quadrant has seen in the last century and wants to know exactly what Sisko and his crew have obtained through use of their cloaking device on the USS Defiant. When the commander admits they know very little of the Dominion, Karina responds, asking about Odo, incorrectly referring to him as a Founder. She believes he can tell them all they need to know about the Dominion, though Major Kira soon corrects her, informing her that Odo may be a Changeling but he is not a Founder and wants nothing to do with them. The commander backs her up by telling them it is the truth, "whether they chose to believe it or not". Ruwon reminds Sisko that they agreed to install the cloaking device in exchange for information on the Dominion, but they have received very little so far. He goes on to demand every piece of information Starfleet has on them no matter how insignificant, including any classified reports made to Starfleet Command. Sisko says he will have to clear it with his superiors first.

On the upper level of the Promenade, Quark is complaining to O'Brien about the damage the Klingons have caused to the holosuites. In the middle of his sentence, O'Brien stops and, remembering his previous vision, looks across the way to where he was standing before. Another O'Brien is standing there, watching them. This time, Quark sees him too and observes that O'Brien currently has bigger problems than his holosuites. A few seconds later, the other O'Brien disappears.

In Sisko's office, Jadzia Dax reports that she did detect a minor temporal disturbance in Quark's, and another later on the Promenade, around about the same time O'Brien had his visions. It soon becomes apparent that O'Brien did travel to the future and then back again, to the same moment he left. Dax theorizes that the ionizing radiation he was exposed to earlier may have something to do with it and wants to examine Doctor Bashir's medical scans. Before she can explain further, the chief flashes back to Quark's in the middle of a bar fight and sees himself fighting with a Klingon. The future O'Brien is knocked to the ground, at which point another Klingon takes out his d'k tahg and heads towards him. O'Brien quickly grabs the Klingon's arm, knocking the dagger away and throwing him to the floor. Just as he avoids a bar stool being thrown at him, he flashes back to the commander's office, where he again collapses to the floor. Dax and Sisko quickly rush to his aid, but he doesn't respond; he is unconscious.

Back in the infirmary, Bashir has run a micro-cellular scan and has detected damage to O'Brien's cerebrospinal nerve cells, which he thinks has been caused by the timeshifting. The doctor explains that while he can repair the current damage, the effect is cumulative and that there may come a time, if the timeshifting continues, when he can no longer repair the damage, and O'Brien could die. Sisko comforts him, saying Dax is using every scanner on the station to hunt for any temporal abnormalities, which is of some relief to O'Brien. "If anyone can find the

cause of the timeshifts, it's Dax," he says with a relaxed smile. The commander goes on to ask him if he was aware how far ahead the timeshifts are taking him, in case it affects the meeting with the Romulans, but he doesn't know. Sisko decides to ask Odo to increase security around Quark's Bar just in case.

At that moment, Major Kira walks in and, after asking how O'Brien is, she walks Commander Sisko onto the Promenade. As they pass a Bajoran stall, she explains that the Romulans want to debrief everyone who was on the *Defiant* when it was captured by the Founders and unrestricted access to the ship and all personal logs. Sisko immediately rejects access to personal logs, but decides to permit them limited access to the ship and allow debriefings of crew. He explains to Kira how the Romulans are completely dependent on them for information to which a frustrated Kira suggests they send one of their own ships through the wormhole. He continues to explain how the Romulans generally prefer to sit back and pull the strings from a distance if they can, and though Kira replies she is one puppet who doesn't like her strings pulled, she accepts his orders. As they part ways, Sisko reminds her to be diplomatic, to which she replies "I'm always diplomatic!".

In the wardroom, Kira yells at the Romulans for insinuating she abandoned the *Defiant* prematurely during the battle with the Jem'Hadar but they only see her emotional outburst as evidence that they are correct in their assessment. Relaxing a little, she continues to explain how she was trapped in a hand-to-hand fight below decks and was knocked unconscious, before Odo put her on the shuttle. She says she only came to after they had left the ship and there was nothing they could have done. Ruwon begins to question why Odo didn't help any of the other crew but Kira defends him, insisting they were blocked in. Karina then asks her why she was in Odo's quarters before the attack and rather keenly suspects the Odo might be harboring feelings for Kira, which pushes Kira further over the edge. She puts an abrupt end to their questioning saying they can rip the cloaking device from the *Defiant* and advises them not to ask Odo the same questions or they may just find themselves on the other side of the bulkhead, floating home. Ruwon and Karina share a nervous glance as Kira storms out of the room, pushing the guards to one side.

In Quark's, Bashir has just beaten O'Brien in the tenth game of darts in a row. He tells the chief that because he has told them what happened he has changed the future, and with the increased security and Quark's promise not to let the Klingons in, the fight won't happen, though O'Brien isn't entirely convinced. Just then, three Klingons make their way down from the holosuites. The chief grabs Quark by his arm and demands an explanation as to why they are in the bar. Pulling out a bar of latinum, he replies that the Klingons weren't in the bar, they were in the holosuites, and besides, they are paying him triple to use them. The three Klingons walk over to the two Romulans seated at a table and call them "filthy petaQ". Another suggests they "show them the way out." Not ones to take insults, the two Romulans stand and begin confront their aggressors.

In the security office, Kira is telling Odo what Ruwon said about them, which makes Odo feel slightly uncomfortable given that he does indeed have feelings for her. They are suddenly interrupted by a call from Quark; a fight has broken out in the bar. O'Brien gets into a fist fight with a Klingon, but using his knowledge manages to get the upper hand this time and knocks him to the floor.

He then sees his younger self, who attacks another Klingon wielding a d'k'tagh thereby fulfilling his second vision. As he warns his past self about the flying bar stool, Odo rushes in and breaks up the fight. But before O'Brien has a chance to recover, he is again flung into another future. This time, he appears in a corridor in the habitat ring where he sees his future self opening a panel. He calls out to him but before he can do anything a sharp bolt of energy is fired out from the panel, knocking his future self to the ground. The chief rushes to see if he's alright, but after feeling his pulse, he realizes he himself is dead.

O'Brien awakens in the infirmary where he was taken after the fight. Bashir tells him everything is OK and he's going to be alright, but O'Brien knows otherwise. "No, I'm not" he says, "In a few hours I'm going to be dead!".

Sisko, O'Brien, and Odo are in the corridor where the accident happened. The chief believes it was some sort of phaser or high-energy laser that killed his future self but a scan of the bulkhead reveals nothing. Odo carefully opens the panel but again there is nothing by the computer display inside. They theorize that the perpetrator has yet to plant the device but he will do so in the next

few hours. Odo suggests placing a surveillance device in the corridor so they can observe if anyone does indeed try and tamper with the panel, at which point they are interrupted by Dax over the comm system. She wants Sisko and O'Brien to head up to Ops; she says she has found a clue as to the chief's timeshifting.

Up in Ops, Dax explained she tried several scans of the surrounding space but got nothing until she ran a scan on the lower subspace bandwidths with turned up some curious tetryon emissions. O'Brien remarks he hasn't seen emissions like that outside of a neutron star. Dax, however, suggests the presence of a quantum singularity, the only strange thing is that it isn't affecting the gravimetric field signature of the station as it should. Sisko, assuming that a quantum singularity is responsible, turns to Bashir and asks how its effects can be combated. Bashir theorizes that the singularity is attracted to the delta-series radioisotopes in O'Brien's body, effectively pulling him along like a magnet. And if that's the case, he may have a cure for it, but it's going to take time. He warns the Chief that he could experience one or two more time jumps before the process has been completed. O'Brien wants to get started right away, and so heads down to the infirmary with Bashir. Meanwhile, Sisko orders Dax to continue to pinpoint the singularity in an effort to get rid of it. Just then, Major Kira enters Ops and informs the commander she had to move the Romulans to alternative quarters as the replicators were malfunctioning. It just so happens that the quarters she has moved them to are on level 2, section 47, directly adjacent to the area where the future O'Brien was killed. Kira suggests moving them to a different room, but Sisko objects so as not to alert those responsible. Instead, he tells her to inform Odo and let the scenario play out before they make any further moves.

A short while later, Sisko is summoned to Odo's office where he informs him that someone has planted a class 3 surveillance device in the bulkhead, though he doesn't know who as they used a low energy transporter to put it there. Sisko calls it a delicate piece of transporter work. Odo goes on to say that although they cannot trace the transporter signal, he believes it originated from the station as there were no ships in range at the time. The Klingons are the prime suspects but Odo also intends to investigate the Bajorans, Quark, and the visiting Terellians just to make sure. Sisko asks if Odo actually considers Quark a suspect, and Odo explains that he always investigates Quark as a matter of procedure.

In Quark's, Bashir and O'Brien are waiting out the time he has until his death in the other future when Quark arrives with the drinks they ordered. Being his usual self, he also asks O'Brien to keep an eye out for the numbers on the dabo wheel next time he jumps into the future. O'Brien doesn't pay any attention to him and suggests he and Bashir leave. As they exit the upper level, O'Brien is again flung into the future, this time he is in the infirmary. He notices a body on one of the biobeds, covered in a white sheet. He slowly walks towards it and lifts the top to reveal his own corpse.

O'Brien covers up his dead body lying on the biobed when Bashir walks round the corner. He had been expecting him and has some important news for the chief to pass onto Bashir's past self. The radiation had damaged the basilar arteries in O'Brien's brain stem which hadn't shown up on any scans and was only picked up in the autopsy. Bashir instructs him to tell his former self to run a basilar arterial scan so he can detect and repair the damage in time. O'Brien begins to argue with Bashir about his inability to save him, but he flashes back to the upper level of the Promenade. O'Brien falls to the floor and Bashir summons a nurse and an emergency medkit there immediately.

In the habitat ring, Odo explains to Sisko that he was finally able to trace back the source of the transporter beam to some empty quarters. Sisko speculates that they brought in a portable transporter but Odo quickly discounts it as the technology is too bulky to be dragging around the halls. Sisko nods in agreement as Odo continues to explain how they modified the replicator, turning it into a mini-transporter by realigning the matter energy conversion matrix; a very sophisticated and professional job. Reaching into the replicator circuitry, Odo pulls out a device which he says is manufactured on Davlos III, a planet on the Klingon border and which does ninety percent of its trade with the Klingon Empire. Sisko doesn't think it is enough to hold the Klingons and Odo agrees but there's more. A friend at Starfleet Intelligence that used to be assigned to the Federation embassy on Qo'noS put him in contact with an old Klingon operative who provided him with information showing the three Klingons currently on the station are part of a covert strike force, reporting directly to the High Council. They now have enough to hold the Klingons for questioning, questioning that Odo feels can continue until after the Romulans

have left the station. Sisko agrees though tells Odo to be careful, to which he replies, "There is no careful way to question a Klingon." O'Brien is back in the infirmary where Bashir is scanning him. He wakes up and tells Bashir he needs to run the basilar arterial scan or he'll die within a few hours. "Well, who am I to argue with me?", Bashir jokes.

Meanwhile, Odo has arrested the three Klingon operatives: Bo'arak, Atul and Morka and has placed them in a holding cell for the time being. He accuses them of being spies and saboteurs, to which they simply reply with threats of vengeance. Odo tries a threat of his own by telling them if they help him he will forgo telling the Klingon Intelligence service that they have been captured. He says from what he hears they frown on operatives who fail their missions. The Klingons look at each other thinking about his offer.

Back in Ops, Bashir informs Sisko that he has eliminated almost all of the radioisotopes from O'Brien's system and the last treatment is in a couple more hours, after which there should be no more timeshifting. Dax also reports that the quantum singularity is orbiting the station in a roughly elliptical pattern. O'Brien continues by saying the anomaly radiates temporal energy at certain points in its orbit which seems to be causing his timeshifts. At that very moment, he shifts again. There are lots of people scrambling into a runabout. His future self is at the helm and initiates an emergency escape protocol, disengaging the docking clamps and immediately engaging full impulse. All three of the station's runabouts hastily escape the vicinity as explosions cascade across the habitat ring. The future O'Brien explains he was sleeping when an explosion rocked the station and was on his way to Ops when the evacuation alarm sounded, so got as many people as he could to the runabout before leaving. He tells O'Brien that doesn't know what happened or if the other senior staff made it off the station, and urges him to find out what happened and prevent it. As the runabout flies away, the explosions engulf the station, destroying it. At that point, the wormhole opens only to suddenly collapse an instant later. O'Brien watches the events in horror before he shifts. Back in Ops, Sisko asks the chief what's wrong.

"We've got a new problem, sir." he replies.

Sisko questions O'Brien on his latest timeshift, asking for any clue of how the station may be destroyed. O'Brien says he noticed some explosions along the habitat ring but it all happened so fast that he couldn't get a clear sense of exactly what was going on.

The commander orders a silent preparation for evacuation should it need to come to that, but he doesn't want to do anything that would alarm their enemy into attacking sooner. He also orders Dax to do a complete systems check on anything that could potentially cause this type of disaster. The chief also has an idea. If they could cause him to travel into the future on purpose, this time only by two or three hours, he may be able to find out what the threat is and stop it happening in their timeline. Bashir notes the problem with the plan; in order to do this, O'Brien's body would need to be flooded with Delta-series radioisotopes and prolonged exposure would kill him. But the chief knows the risks and is willing to do it if it means saving everyone on DS9. After thinking on it for a few seconds, Sisko approves his plan and they get to work.

In the infirmary, Bashir instructs O'Brien on a rectangular device designed to inject him with a two rad dose of delta isotopes. He explains to him that the device is already calibrated for the return trip so all he has to do is press it again to return to the present. Bashir warns him that he cannot wait too long or his body will fail due to severe radiation poisoning. On another note, O'Brien mentions a message to Keiko that he has left in his quarters. He wants Bashir to deliver it should the plan fail. Bashir understands.

Upon activating the device, O'Brien is transported to his quarters where the future O'Brien is asleep. He manages to wake him and explains the situation. The two of them quickly head for Ops and on arrival a Romulan warbird decloaks and opens fire on the station, taking out the shield generators in the first shots. Kira orders return fire but it is no use, the Romulans have hit the power core. The future O'Brien realizes the orbiting quantum singularity was the power source of the Romulan ship and tells O'Brien to go back and stop it. But he can't. The radiation poisoning has taken its toll on his body and he would die if he did, and would then be unable to warn the crew. Instead he takes off the device and hands it to future O'Brien, convincing him to go back in his place.

The new O'Brien wakes up in the infirmary next to Doctor Bashir, who asks how it went. After confirming it worked, O'Brien immediately contacts Sisko in Ops, who raises the station's shields and readies weapons. Bashir quickly realizes that this O'Brien is different; he doesn't have nearly as many delta isotopes in his body and his metabolic readings are completely different.

In the wardroom, the Romulans are interviewing Quark, when Sisko, Kira and Odo barge in. The commander tells him to leave before revealing what he knows to Ruwon and Karina. He tells Ruwon how he remembered what he said about the Dominion being the greatest threat to the Alpha Quadrant for a century and that if he truly believed that he would want to close the wormhole for good. Kira finishes by saying that the Federation and Bajor wouldn't just stand by and watch them do it so they would have to destroy the station as well and make it look like an accident. The two Romulans deny the allegations calling it a mere "theory". But Sisko responds by informing them he has about fifty photon torpedoes locked onto their ship. He then asks Odo to escort their "guests" to the nearest transporter room.

In Quark's, over darts, O'Brien tells Bashir how weird it is to be living in the past, that it is like living the other O'Brien's life. Bashir says that he's the same O'Brien, just with a few extra memories. As he leaves, he whispers in Quark's lobe, "dabo." Quark doesn't understand what O'Brien means until a small crowd at the wheel yells, "Dabo!" Quark then yells for O'Brien to come back, who simply walks away, laughing.

Distant Voices

Season 3

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Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Alexander Singer
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	Victor Rivers (Altovar), Nicole Forester (Dabo Girl), Ann Gillespie (Nurse)
Production Code:	40510-464
Summary:	When Bashir is knocked unconscious following an alien attack, he travels through his own mind and is helped by different aspects of his personality, each represented by a different member of the crew.



As Dr. Bashir and Garak sit to have lunch, Bashir reveals to his companion that today is his 30th birthday. He seems somewhat hesitant to celebrate it since he feels that turning 30 is the unofficial end of youth and the beginning of the slow march into middle age.

The pair are approached by Quark and his alien accomplice, a Lethian named Altovar. Quark rather hesitantly informs Dr. Bashir that Altovar is interested in purchasing a quantity of bio-mimetic gel and is willing to pay any price. Bashir informs Quark that the gel is strictly controlled by Starfleet and is not for sale at any price. To even ask is considered an offense under Federation law.

Thwarted, the Lethian left in a foul mood.

Upon returning to the infirmary, Dr. Bashir found Altovar breaking into his supplies in an attempt to steal the gel he so badly wanted. Realizing he had been discovered, Altovar attacked Bashir with a telepathic attack that members of his species are capable of.

Upon regaining consciousness, Dr. Bashir finds his infirmary in shambles. When he calls for help, there is no response from anyone.

When he staggers out onto the promenade, he sees it isn't just the infirmary that had been ravaged. The entire station appears to have been attacked from within. Just as it seemed as though he were the only person left on the station, Dr. Bashir finds Garak amid some wreckage. Garak informs Bashir that the Lethian had run rampant throughout the station and was killing anyone who got in his way.

Not willing to believe that everyone but them had been killed, they set out to find help. Bashir was certain that he had heard whispering voices off in the distance and he was determined to find them. As they set out, Garak noticed that the doctor seemed to be noticeably older as they

continued. His hair was beginning to streak with grey and his face began to wrinkle. Ignoring the comment, Bashir presses on.

In the ward room, Bashir and Garak finds several of his colleagues holed up in a defensive position, trying to come up with a plan of action to deal with the Lethian, but they argue with each other too much to accomplish anything. Bashir suggests to Chief O'Brien that if he can get the communications system operational, they would be able to call for assistance. O'Brien does so, but only manages to get an audio-only transmission from somewhere outside the station. When they put in on speakers, they hear a conversation between Commander Sisko and Lt. Dax discussing Dr. Bashir's condition. They say that he is in a coma and that his vital signs are getting weaker. Confused at this, Dr. Bashir pulled out his medical tricorder and took a reading. His equipment showed nothing but delta waves. He then realized what has been happening: he was in a coma. The station represented his mind (which the Lethian was trying to destroy) and the people he has been talking to are aspects of his own personality.

Armed with this information, he comes up with a new plan of action. He decides that in order to repair the station and thereby save his own life, he must try to make it to Ops and regain control of the station. Unfortunately, Bashir seems to be aging by leaps and bounds, making the chances of success dwindle as he becomes more and more feeble. In addition, the very people who might be able to help him (Sisko, who represents Bashir's skill and professionalism, Kira, who is his aggression and Dax, who is his sense of confidence) are being systematically killed off by the Lethian. Little by little, Dr. Bashir was being stripped of the means he needs to survive this attack.

As his list of possible allies dwindles and his physical age approaches 100, Dr. Bashir finally makes it to Ops with only Garak left at his side. However, his attempts to repair the station fail and he is left with few options. As he begins to rethink his strategy, Dr. Bashir has a revelation. With all of his other friends and colleagues dead, why is Garak the only one left? Why wasn't he killed as well? Most importantly, what part of his psyche is Garak supposed to represent? The truth dawns on him: Garak is no part of himself. He is the Lethian who has been trying to kill him. Bashir also realized that in the real world, his life isn't focused in Ops, but in the Infirmary.

Still trying to convince the doctor to give up in his futile struggle to survive this experience, the Lethian continues to torment Dr. Bashir. However, he realizes now that the Lethian could not simply kill him outright. If that were the case, he would have done it at any time. He needed Dr. Bashir to surrender. If he were to give up and stop fighting to live, the Lethian would win and Julian would die. Having discovered his secret, Dr. Bashir contained the Lethian in a medical quarantine field and then sterilized the contents, destroying the Lethian in his mind. With the Lethian defeated, Dr. Bashir came out of his coma and realized that he had won.

Through The Looking Glass

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Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
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Guest Stars:	Felecia M. Bell (Jennifer Sisko), Andrew J. Robinson (Garak), Tim Russ (Tuvok), Max Grodenchik (Rom)
Production Code:	40510-465
Summary:	Sisko is abducted by the Miles O'Brien from the mirror universe, and is forced to assume the identity of their Sisko in order to rebel against the Klingon-Cardassian Alliance.



Sisko, Odo, and Quark are in the station commander's office debating the disposition of 27 Cardassian voles which Sisko claims are intended for fighting. Apparently Quark and Morn were discovered painting numbers on the voles' backs in Quark's storeroom, even though Quark claims that they were Morn's pets. Sisko orders that the voles be confiscated, suggesting that if Morn wants new pets, he can get some goldfish instead. Quark says "Poor Morn. This is gonna break his hearts."

Sisko then walks out into Ops, where he tells an unnamed lieutenant "Ops is yours" and walks toward the turbolift landing... just as the car arrives carrying

O'Brien, who is out of uniform, which surprises Sisko, who asks if O'Brien is going somewhere. As O'Brien steps off the turbolift, he tells Sisko that he needs to converse privately, then after Odo leaves with Quark draws a phaser.

However, Sisko immediately orders the Ops crew to stand down.

After ordering Sisko onto the transporter pad, O'Brien waves a multidimensional transporter over the normal transporter controls, after which O'Brien and Sisko transport to a raider and Sisko asks where they are. "I guess you could say we just stepped through the looking glass," O'Brien says in reply.

O'Brien leads Sisko into another compartment, and, in a quick moment, Sisko disarms him. At barrel's end, O'Brien confirms that they are in the mirror universe. Since the time last year Kira and Bashir crossed over, the Terrans have started a rebellion against the Klingon-Cardassian Alliance, and the rebellion at issue was led by Sisko's counterpart... until he was killed when the ship he was on was destroyed by the Alliance.

Sisko demands to be taken back to his own universe, as he can't further influence events there. O'Brien then encourages him, explaining that, in his universe, Jennifer Sisko is very much

alive, working for the Alliance on a trans-spectral sensor array that will enable the Alliance to root the rebellion out of their bases in the Badlands. In closing, O'Brien explains that if Sisko will not retrieve her from Terok Nor, the rebels will be left with "no choice but to kill her." Sisko concedes that he cannot bear the death of a second Jennifer Sisko, and agrees to attempt her rescue.

On Terok Nor, Jennifer Sisko arrives at Intendant Kira's quarters, clearly not enthusiastic about talking to her. The Intendant informs Jennifer that her husband has been killed, but she is not fazed, as they did not part on good terms.

Back on the raider, O'Brien — or rather "Smiley," as he's reminded Sisko to address him — explains that Jennifer despises her late husband, who was much better at fighting than leading. Finally the two of them transport to a rebel base, where a new mission is under discussion. It appears Bashir is ready to take charge of their force, and wants to simply smuggle explosives on the station and detonate them, no matter the risk. Just then, Sisko and Smiley enter. As Bashir looks on Sisko with a gimlet eye, Tuvok points out that they all thought Captain Sisko dead. Sisko attributes it to propaganda. He successfully wins over the group with his confidence, but then Jadzia saunters in to give Sisko a kiss of gratitude, a slap across the face for letting her think that he was dead, and a question: "are you coming or not?" Sisko hangs back so that Smiley can explain to him that Jadzia is Sisko's mistress. Jadzia seduces a reluctant Sisko, who returns her advances.

On Terok Nor, the Intendant is dismayed by the decreased productivity on the station. Garak insists he's doing all he can, but she takes him down to the processing center and orders gratuitous executions of Terran slaves as an incentive. Garak suggests that she's been in a foul humor... ever since Captain Sisko was killed. The Intendant denies it, but she is clearly frustrated and Garak knows it.

As the rebels are restless about the impending completion of the sensor array, a suspicious Jadzia is telling Sisko that she is tired of fighting the Alliance, after not seeing progress for a year. She's tired of living on the run, and says they ought to just abandon the rebellion, as their group of ex-slaves with delusions of grandeur are not capable of winning. Sisko says he's not ready to give up just yet, and they must make sure Jennifer Sisko does not complete the sensor array.

Later, with the whole group, Sisko insists (over Bashir's objections) that Jennifer's rescue, not her death, is their next objective. Bashir continues to argue, and, quietly during, O'Brien suggests to Sisko that he hit him, as the other Sisko would. He quickly goes over and hits him just as he starts talking about his wife. He berates him for doing so, though Bashir and Dax remind him it would be much easier to kill her than to convince her to leave. O'Brien reminds them that they need a scientist to help them counteract the Alliance's efforts.

On Terok Nor, Rom is on the station to inform the Intendant that Sisko is alive... and that he has information that will lead to Sisko's recapture.

Sisko and Smiley, in a fighter, soon become surrounded by decloaking Alliance ships en route to Terok Nor, captured, and taken to the station. The first thing Sisko does upon leaving the airlock is to kiss the Intendant passionately, and they briefly discuss the likelihood of his execution. Kira then moves onto O'Brien and chastises him for betraying the Alliance. After Smiley explains that he did it because he wanted to be free, Kira contemptuously orders him sent back to Ore Processing, and she leads Sisko back to her quarters. Once there, she explains to him that since she can't trust him, it will be a matter of time before she needs to "dispose of" him.

Later, Jennifer arrives, accompanied by Garak, who leaves no doubt as to his hatred of Sisko. After Garak leaves, Ben and Jennifer spar over Ben's bellicosity and womanizing, but Ben puts that to a stop by explaining that he's on the station to rescue her.

After more arguing, Ben uses the adversarial nature of their marriage as a wedge to suggest that she's working for the Alliance as a response to his leadership of the rebellion, and finally asks her to defect as an alternative to slavery. Sisko tells her to think about it, then uses a sub-dermal communicator to alert Smiley to his progress and disables the guards on the Intendant's quarters.

Smiley creates a diversion to get himself and several slaves out of Ore Processing, while subduing a few guards in the process.

With Ben guarding the door with two Klingon disruptors, Jennifer ultimately agrees to follow him — though only after insisting that she still hates him — and the two of them meet up with

Smiley and the (former) slaves in the Habitat Ring. They need to coordinate to subdue a few Cardassian soldiers, but they successfully reach the airlock where Rom's shuttle is docked, only to discover Rom's corpse hanging from the airlock door, by a dagger through the chest.

On the verge of being overpowered by the Intendant and her men and with no obvious means of leaving Terok Nor, the rebels head back to Ore Processing with Jennifer in tow. Once there, the rebels engage in a firefight with the guards, and after promising Jennifer that he will get her off the station, Sisko starts manipulating a console, explaining to Smiley that he hopes the designer of the Mirror Universe Terok Nor is the same Cardassian who designed Deep Space 9.

The Intendant and the troops with her ultimately force entry to the rebels' haven in Ore Processing, where she orders the rebels (excepting Jennifer) killed — only to have Sisko tell her that doing so would be a mistake... because he has initiated the station's auto-destruct sequence. Thinking that he's bluffing, the Intendant points out to Sisko that he doesn't know the needed command authorization code, at which point he proves her wrong. When she tries to stop the sequence, she discovers that Sisko has changed the command code, and offers to let him off the station if he will give her the new code. He demands that he and his companions be let off the station first, and the Intendant capitulates, closing with an oath to Sisko that she will hunt him down.

After the trip from Terok Nor to the rebel base, Jennifer insists on knowing who Ben really is. Commander Sisko tells her that she can ask Smiley to fill her in on the details, and then the two of them say their goodbyes when Smiley arrives to take Sisko back home.

Improbable Cause (1)

Season 3

Episode Number: 66

Season Episode: 20

Originally aired:	Sunday April 24, 1995
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	Avery Brooks
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain), Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	Carlos Lacamara (Retaya), Joseph Ruskin (Informant), Darwyn Carson (Romulan), Julianna McCarthy (Mila)
Production Code:	40510-466
Summary:	The Romulans are suspected in an attempt to kill Garak.



Julian Bashir and Elim Garak are having lunch upstairs at Quark's and discussing Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Garak finds it unrealistic that Caesar couldn't have foreseen his own murder — he was a head of state after all. But Bashir has to run back to the infirmary; there is lots of work to be done today. Garak thinks Humans just eat too fast, and he suspects that there is a dark reason that explains it. As they leave, Major Kira Nerys finds Bashir and updates him on the problems she has been having in preparing quarters for the Yalosian ambassador. The combination of gases he breathes dissolved the carpet. Just then, an explosion rocks the Promenade. Bashir sees that it

occurred in Garak's tailor shop, and taps his combadge for medical assistance as he runs down to see if Garak's all right. Garak is sprawled on the floor amid the flames and debris, but he is conscious. He tells Bashir that his pants won't be ready tomorrow after all.

Later, Miles O'Brien and Constable Odo are on the scene investigating with tricorders. O'Brien says that the explosion was caused by a rupture in a power conduit behind a wall, which was probably caused by an overload in an ODN juncture. Odo grunts his disbelief, noting that it is quite a coincidence that something like this would happen to Garak, of all people. Garak does have many enemies.

O'Brien announces he's detected nitrilin, a rare substance which could be the residue of a micro-explosive device. Odo theorizes that it was planted on the conduit to make the explosion look like an accident. Commander Benjamin Sisko orders all ship departures temporarily delayed.

In the infirmary, Garak rhetorically asks why anyone would want to kill a simple tailor. Odo scoffs and reminds Garak that he was in the Obsidian Order. Garak says Odo should not listen too much to the doctor and his "flights of fancy". Sisko urges Garak to take the matter seriously. Garak recalls that there might be a few people who might want him dead, including Major Kira.

Odo says that if Kira wanted him dead, he would be. Garak doesn't think that the incident has anything to do with his exile from Cardassia. After all, the Cardassian Finance Ministry usually does not kill anyone. But no one believes that tax evasion is the real reason for Garak's exile. Garak's prevarications anger Sisko — he does not like explosions on his station. Garak promises to let them know if he can think of anyone who'd try to kill him.

Garak is upset, apparently, that no one believes him, even though he is telling the truth. Bashir asks if he has ever heard the Human story, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. Garak says no, so Bashir tells him the story, concluding that the moral is that if you lie all the time, no one will ever believe you, even when you do tell the truth. Garak, however, thinks the moral of the story is that you should never tell the same lie twice.

In the security office, Odo asks Garak to look over the passenger manifests to see if he can spot a name that might ring a bell.

O'Brien comes in and tells Odo, quietly, about some more results of the investigation. Odo thinks they indicate the presence of a pheromonic sensor, which can be used to detonate a bomb when a specific species comes in range. They're known to be used by Flaxian assassins, and Odo observes that a Flaxian came on board the station that day.

Odo interrogates the Flaxian, a Mr. Retaya, in the wardroom. Retaya was a merchant dealing in fabrics and fragrances. As he asks the Flaxian questions, Odo pretends to be interested in purchasing a fragrance for a friend, but as he has no sense of smell himself, asks Retaya for his opinion on some of Retaya's products. Odo mixes two fragrances together — floral and musky. Retaya says that together, they're very nice. Odo asks how they'd be with a spicy perfume added in. Retaya says that he doesn't think Odo's lady friend would like it. Odo moves to add the third, and Retaya stops him assertively. Odo says that the three fragrances, when added together would create a poisonous gas. Retaya says he didn't know that; he merely stopped Odo because he was sure that Odo's friend wouldn't like it. Odo tells Retaya that he'll let him know when he can leave the station.

Later, on the upper level of the Promenade, O'Brien tells Odo that the transponder has been installed on the Flaxian's ship. Odo will be able to track the ship up to a half light year away. Arriving at a runabout, Odo finds Garak already there, expecting to go with Odo to follow the Flaxian. Odo tells him to leave, but Garak is insistent, and Odo relents. They depart, and just as the Flaxian ship goes to warp, it explodes.

Afterward, in the wardroom, the crew discusses what happened. Lieutenant Jadzia Dax observes that an odd pattern they received through the transponder could have been caused by a forced neutrino inversion. Odo notes that that's a known Romulan tactic, and speculates that they killed Retaya after he failed to kill Garak. Garak says he has no idea why the Romulans would want to kill him.

This angers Sisko again, but Odo is sure that this time Garak is telling the truth, since he isn't spinning out elaborate lies to cover up the truth.

Later, in a subspace communication, a Romulan member of the Tal Shiar verifies that they did in fact kill Retaya, and they did it legally since he was guilty of crimes against the Romulan Star Empire. Sisko and Odo find her story a little too convenient. They discuss Garak's uncertain past and decide that Odo will go to Cardassia to see if he can find out anything from his contacts there.

Odo meets his contact in a cave on a barren moon. Odo's contact, staying in the shadows without letting Odo see him, confirms that the Romulans have something to do with the attempt on Garak's life. But the attack on Garak is merely a small piece of a much larger puzzle. Cloaked Romulan warbirds have been detected near the Cardassian border, although it is unlikely they're planning to invade Cardassian space. Also, the contact tells Odo that five other Obsidian Order operatives were also killed the day before, three from "natural causes" and two had unfortunate "accidents".

Garak is shocked — and exuberant — when Odo informs him of the dead operatives. Odo explodes with anger and accuses Garak of blowing up his own shop. Odo explains that he realized when he spoke to the Flaxian that he wasn't responsible, as assassins don't like to change their methods — the Flaxian had actually been planning to poison Garak. Odo then theorizes that Garak knew that the Flaxian was going to try to kill him and planted the bomb in his shop to get Odo involved in such a way that Garak wouldn't have to explain why someone was trying to kill him and guesses that Garak took perverse satisfaction in seeing his shop burn to the

ground. Garak admits that his shop's destruction didn't upset him, then tells Odo that he and the other five were close associates of Enabran Tain, the retired head of the Obsidian Order (and, notably, the only head of the Order to live long enough to retire) but he really does not know why Romulans would want him dead. Garak calls Tain and reaches Mila, Tain's housekeeper. But Tain's not there — he left in a hurry the day before. Mila has him promise to help Tain, and Garak agrees.

When the communication ends, Garak asks for a runabout, and Odo says he's coming with him.

Bashir sees Garak off at the airlock, giving him the Delavian chocolates he gave him earlier, saying Garak needs it more than he does. He thanks him and leaves. Once on the runabout, Odo and Garak take a runabout to the third planet of the Unefra system, where Tain has a safe house. Garak tells Odo that Tain was directly responsible for Garak's exile, but won't say why he'd risk his life to save him. Odo guesses that Tain was Garak's mentor and cares about him, despite the exile. But Garak will not confirm nor deny it.

Garak retorts by pressing Odo if Odo truly understands humanoid emotions or has any feelings for anyone. Odo won't say, and Garak says that's a wise decision.

Later, a Romulan D'deridex-class warbird decloaks above the runabout and tractor the runabout into a bay. Odo tries to send a distress signal, but it's jammed. They're boarded by Romulans and taken to the ship. On board the warbird, Garak and Odo are taken to the bridge, where they find Enabran Tain. Tain says Garak has spared him the effort to send someone else to kill him.

Asked about the apparent end of Tain's retirement, Tain says that the ship they are on is part of a Romulan/Cardassian joint fleet that will be soon heading through the wormhole and into the Gamma Quadrant. Odo sees that they plan on attacking the Dominion in a bold first strike. When Garak asks about the Cardassian Central Command, Tain tells him that Central Command knows nothing about it; this is a joint operation of the Obsidian Order and the Tal Shiar, the intelligence agencies of the Cardassians and Romulans, respectively. They have been building a fleet in the Orias system, a mystery to the Central Command and Starfleet since earlier that year. They intend to wipe out the Founders on their homeworld, defeating the Dominion in one swift stroke. Odo now sees that the Romulans shared the intelligence they received from Starfleet on its location.

Garak asks why this plan required killing retired operatives. Tain explains that he intends to resume his active role in the Order, and that he does not want anyone from the old days, who might know a thing or two about Tain, to complicate matters for him. Garak says that he never betrayed Tain, and there is no reason to kill him. Tain believes Garak, and offers him a choice: he can walk away and Tain won't try to hurt him, or he can join Tain on the mission and all will be forgiven. Odo reminds Garak of all the things Tain did to him — the exile, the attempt to kill him, but Garak doesn't care. He joins Tain, saying, "I'm back."

To be continued. . .

The Die Is Cast (2)

Season 3

Episode Number: 67

Season Episode: 21

Originally aired:	Sunday May 1, 1995
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
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Show Stars:	Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington), Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain)
Guest Stars:	Leland Orser (Colonel Lovok), Leon Russorn (Admiral Toddman), Wendy Schenker (Romulan Pilot)
Production Code:	40510-467
Summary:	Garak must decide whether or not to kill Odo to please his mentor, Enabran Tain, on the eve of a joint Romulan- Cardassian attack on the Dominion.



Dr. Bashir is eating lunch with Chief O'Brien in the Replimat while trying to begin the same kind of engaging and lively conversation that he typically would with Garak, who is still missing with Odo as they are investigating the bombing of Garak's tailor shop. Bashir quickly finds, however, that O'Brien prefers to spend his lunch eating rather than talking leaving the discussion very one-sided. Bashir misses his friend and O'Brien is confident their runabout, the USS Mekong has not been destroyed because debris from it hasn't been found.

O'Brien is called to Ops where tetrayon emissions precede the decloaking of the Cardassian-Romulan fleet. The fleet ignores the station's hails and proceeds through the wormhole to the Gamma Quadrant. Sisko orders the station be put on red alert immediately and tells Dax to contact Starfleet Command.

On the lead ship of the Cardassian-Romulan fleet, Enabran Tain and Garak reflect upon their times together in the Obsidian Order.

Garak says that he intends to "look up" a number of people once he returns to Cardassia Prime, including Gul Dukat. Tain feels that Garak will be able to "eliminate" anyone after the current mission is completed. Garak however feels uneasy when Tain insinuates that he's planning to have Mila eliminated, since he believes she knows too much about him. Garak casually suggests sparing her, but Tain knows that Garak is fond of the old housekeeper mentioning that Mila always believed Garak was innocent of the crime that got him exiled. Romulan Colonel Lovok enters and is introduced to Garak, of whom he is immediately suspicious. Lovok informs them that the fleet has recloaked and are setting course to the Founders' homeworld at warp 6 (any faster could make them detectable through their cloak by the Jem'Hadar). Tain tells Garak that his first assignment is to extract all information that is possible from Odo, who is being held in quarters surrounded by a force field and a guard is posted outside the door.

There, Garak uses his usual fake politeness on Odo, who is angered by the captivity he's suddenly found himself in. Garak has certainly taken to his new position quickly, as he asks Odo for information on the Founders. Odo refuses, and, instead, tells him that Tain remains both Odo's and Garak's enemy, even if it seems like Tain has been taken him back. They both tell each other that they should take the time to think about what's been said, with neither apparently backing down.

Back at DS9, the senior staff (along with Security Chief Michael Eddington) is shown an intercepted transmission in the wardroom in which Tain lays out his plans to destroy the Dominion. Vice Admiral Toddman explains that both the Romulan and Cardassian governments have denied any prior knowledge of the operation, and while they claim to be working on plans to stop Tain it is believed they are happy to just sit back and wait since the plan has a very real chance of succeeding. Starfleet is also (unofficially) in support of Tain, as Toddman explains that while he certainly isn't hoping for war, but should there be one, he unquestionably prefers that the Dominion lose it. Toddman then warns that if Tain succeeds, the Jem'Hadar will likely launch a massive retaliatory attack against the Alpha Quadrant and orders Sisko to evacuate Deep Space 9 of non-essential personnel and have the USS *Defiant* ready for battle. Sisko requests permission to take the *Defiant* into the Gamma Quadrant to rescue Odo, but Toddman refuses and explicitly tells him his top priority is to guard Bajor. Directly after the meeting, Sisko instructs the senior staff that as a "volunteer mission" he is going to go to the Gamma Quadrant with the *Defiant* to rescue Odo, justifying it as they will be able to warn the station (and the task force of nine starships being sent) in case of an oncoming attack.

All the senior staff has volunteered for the mission, and the *Defiant*'s bridge is full. Kira gets a repeated message from Toddman, but Sisko suggests that the communication was too degraded to be legible. They leave, go through the wormhole and head directly for the Founders' homeworld.

Lovok and Tain describe the situation: the nearest Jem'Hadar bases to the planet are too far, giving them time to bombard the planet. Pressure is again put on Garak to extract information from Odo about the planet's possible planetary defenses. Garak is less than keen, pointing out that Odo likely put all relevant information in his report to Starfleet... and besides, he doesn't relish the idea of interrogating someone who can change their form at will. Tain presents a device that emits a quantum stasis field which should inhibit Odo's shapeshifting ability. While Lovok is angry that he wasn't informed about this device, Garak does not seem pleased with this news and Tain suggests the Tal Shiar should continue the interrogation. Garak is visibly upset and insists that Odo is his prisoner and that it is his duty and responsibility to question Odo further. Tain agrees, with skepticism.

Suddenly, the *Defiant*'s cloaking device fails leaving the crew totally exposed and vulnerable to any Jem'Hadar ships.

Security chief Eddington admits that he has sabotaged the cloaking device under direct orders by Admiral Toddman. Despite Sisko's noticeable frustration with Eddington's betrayal, Eddington requests to continue his duties giving his word he will do nothing else to impede the mission. Sisko immediately observes that it is his policy to not question the "word" of a Starfleet officer, and he promptly grants Eddington's request. Sisko gives Chief O'Brien a two-hour deadline to fix the cloak, despite the chief telling him it will take ten.

Garak begins questioning Odo and using the quantum stasis device. Odo is about ready to return to liquid form and is discomfited at being forced to maintain humanoid form. As time passes, Odo begins to lose cohesion and taunts Garak. It is clearly bothering Garak to see Odo in such pain and he encourages Odo to confess anything — even to lie — as long as he gives up some information. Odo admits that despite all the atrocities his people have committed, he still desires to return to the Great Link, which is information he hadn't shared with Starfleet, allowing Garak to deactivate the device and end the interrogation. While Odo returns to his natural state and pours himself into the container, Garak holds his head in his hands, showing deep regret at what he has done.

O'Brien has managed to get the cloaking device back online. He returns to the bridge to give Eddington a piece of the damage as a jab. Sisko orders the cloak engaged and tells Dax to resume course.

Despite learning about the Great Link, Garak informs Tain and Lovok that Odo never broke, and that there is no new information that can be learned from him. Tain then decides Odo

has outlived his usefulness, and orders him executed, but Garak suggests that killing Odo might cause problems with Starfleet and the Bajoran government, since Odo is an officer of their militia serving on a Federation outpost. Lovok speaks first and agrees that Odo must not be executed, but based on the fact that not all Founders might be on their home planet and Odo could be useful in future engagements, concluding with that he wants to take Odo to Romulus for further studies.

At that moment, Tain and Lovok hear that the fleet has entered the Omarion Nebula and will reach orbit of the Founders' homeworld in 15 minutes. Upon hearing this, Tain concedes to Lovok, orders the helmsman to drop out of warp and reports to the bridge. Once Tain is gone, Lovok tells Garak that he knows he's protecting Odo out of friendship. Lovok tells Garak that he knows he is a practiced liar but assures him that he is a practiced observer and will be observing him very closely.

The Cardassian-Romulan fleet arrives at the Founders' homeworld, and begins their bombardment. They are initially pleased with the damage they are doing, only to be horrified when the tactical officer reports no change in lifeform readings, which is impossible. Garak quickly discerns that the Founders are using an automated transponder to send back false life sensor readings from the planet... the planet has been evacuated. Suddenly, they find they have been outmaneuvered when one hundred fifty Jem'Hadar fighters emerge from the nebula. Garak realizes that it was a trap and that the Jem'Hadar had been waiting for them all along.

The Battle of the Omarion Nebula begins as the Jem'Hadar easily annihilate the fleet. In the first few seconds, the Cardassian cruiser Koranak is destroyed and the Romulan warbirds Makar and Belak lose main power. Lovok loses contact with engineering; he goes to investigate, leaving Tain in command of the bridge. Garak, seeing the battle not going well, makes his way off the bridge to locate and save Odo. They run into Lovok, weapon drawn, who surprises them by giving them information they'll need to reach the runabout. When asked why, Lovok explains that no Changeling has ever harmed another, revealing himself to actually be one of the Founders. He admits that while the plan to attack the Founders' homeworld was indeed concocted by Tain, when they learned of it they pushed it forward in order to destroy the Tal Shiar and Obsidian Order viewing them both as serious threats, but not any longer. As far as the Founders are concerned, only the Klingon Empire and United Federation of Planets remain as serious opposition but there are already plans in motion to take care of them. Odo is again presented with the choice of joining the Great Link, which he again declines. "Lovok" allows them the chance to escape and is beamed off the doomed ship.

Garak makes his way back to the bridge in an attempt to save Tain, but he refuses to leave. Garak tells him that Lovok was a Changeling, and Tain rues that he has become old and let his pride override his instinct noting that in the old days he would have kept someone as smart as Lovok at arm's length. He also tells a pleading Garak that no matter what happens now, he has no intention of returning to his quiet retirement with Mila. Odo has to knock Garak out to force him onto the runabout and escape. As they escape, Tain wryly notes that the Founders are "very good. Next time, we should be more careful." The runabout escapes the Romulan ship before it is destroyed, but is pursued by the Jem'Hadar and loses its shields. When all seems lost, Garak sincerely apologizes and Odo accepts the apology, saying that he understands Garak's desire to return home. The Defiant decloaks and is able to transport Odo and Garak on board. The Defiant attacks and destroys a number of Jem'Hadar fighters, clearing itself a path back to the wormhole.

Speaking with Admiral Toddman on a monitor in his office, Sisko states that it appears no Romulan or Cardassian ships survived the battle. Toddman likens it to the Battle of Wolf 359; a comparison that visibly rattles Sisko, but one that he agrees is fundamentally accurate. The admiral tells Sisko that he won't file charges against him or the crew, but warns him that next time he will have to either court martial him... or promote him. Toddman assures Sisko that in either case, he will be in a lot of trouble. Sisko promises to keep that in mind.

Standing in the charred remains of his shop, Garak reflects on past events and begins to clean up the mess, when Odo appears in the doorway to thank Garak for leaving his confession out of his report. The two agree that the whole conversation is best left forgotten, as Garak decides to rebuild his shop noting the irony that he's actually a very good tailor. Odo asks Garak if they could have breakfast together sometimes. Garak admits he thought that Odo didn't eat, and Odo simply responds that he doesn't before exiting.

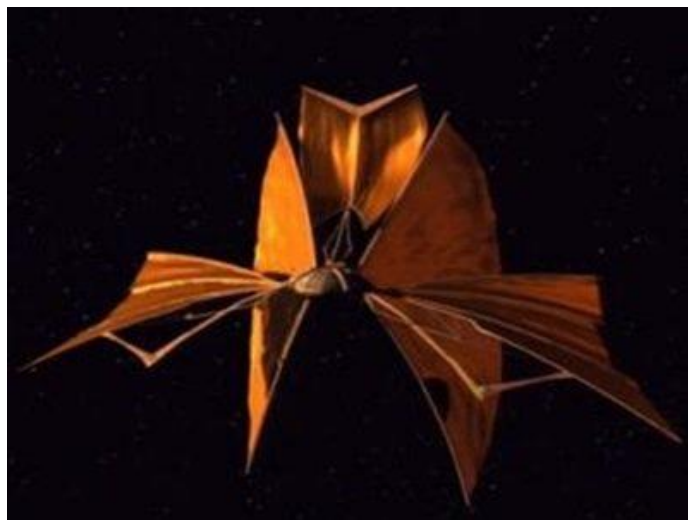
Explorers

Season 3

Episode Number: 68

Season Episode: 22

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Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Chase Masterson (Leeta)
Guest Stars:	Bari Hochwald (Dr. Elizabeth Lense)
Production Code:	40510-468
Summary:	Sisko and Jake build a solar sailing ship in an attempt to recreate a journey taken by the ancient Bajorans. Meanwhile, Bashir encounters a former school rival.



Dr. Bashir sits alone in Quark's reading a PADD as a dabo girl, Leeta, approaches him to solicit his help in treating her "cough".

The two flirt and he orders them a Fanalian toddy, but Dax interrupts to inform him that an old colleague, Elizabeth Lense, will be arriving at Deep Space 9 on the USS Lexington in three weeks. Bashir is visibly apprehensive; during his time at Starfleet Medical Academy, he was the salutatorian rather than valedictorian (an honor which went to Lense) due to him mistaking a preganglionic fiber for a postganglionic nerve.

Meanwhile, Sisko has returned from Bajor after attending the opening of a li-

brary, and greets Jake in their quarters. Jake notices that his father grew a beard, to which the elder Sisko stated that he felt it "was time for a change." He asked his son what he thought of it, and Jake replied that he likes it. Sisko is extremely excited and tells Jake about a Bajoran lightship. He tells Jake that he plans to build and fly one in order to recreate the process by which ancient Bajorans achieved space flight, which Jake is highly skeptical of.

Sisko begins by procuring space in a cargo bay. Even though Chief O'Brien is unsure whether the starship is even spaceworthy, Sisko begins the laborious task of building a lightship from scratch. Further, he wants to build it like the Bajorans did, because it'll be fun — with the only exception being the installation of a gravity net in the floor, as weightlessness makes him queasy.

Intent on proving the vessel can fly, Sisko plans to fly all the way to the Denorios belt as his major goal. He doesn't know if he could get all the way to Cardassia as the ancient Bajorans supposedly did, a hotly contested modern debate, but getting to the belt would be a good proving point.

Taking a break for a meal in his quarters, he asks Jake to accompany him, since it will only be a few days, but Jake wants to see Leanne when she gets back from Bajor. Later, he takes

another break when Dax stops by and pleasantly observes that she has not seen Sisko so excited since he and Jennifer decided to have a baby.

Later, Jake receives a message in his quarters from Wellington, New Zealand on Earth. He's happy with it, but it makes him think.

Going down to the cargo bay where Ben is working on the lightship, he says he now wants to go with his father.

At the Replimat, Bashir is preparing for Lense's arrival by reviewing several medical texts on a PADD. Dropping by, Dax asks why they are competitive, when they both got the positions they wanted. Bashir, however, says regardless he will always feel second- best.

Sisko prepares to leave when Gul Dukat calls him in his office to warn him not to attempt the journey after hearing about it, as lightships are fragile and it's a long way to the Denorios belt at sublight speeds. Despite his overt concern for Sisko's safety, noting possible Maquis trouble, Dukat obviously is of the opinion that these lightships could not have made the trip to Cardassia.

Sisko responds that the Maquis have no motive either way on this, and he's prepared emergency procedures. This is while implying a threat from Dukat, but he insists that's not the case. He ends the call wishing him luck instead.

Jake and Benjamin bond during their voyage, and they both enjoy the tranquility of the lightship. With a few coordinated pulls of levers, the sails are up and they are on their way.

Benjamin has determined to do things exactly as the Bajorans did — even taking zero-gravity ration packs instead of a portable replicator. He has Jake change the heading a bit and then sits down, where he explains the next few actions they'll need to take.

Jake notices the (strange) bathroom, designed for a zero-gravity environment and his father tells him he will get the hang of it eventually. He's also not a fan of the rations. Ben tells him he's very glad he's here, even if he didn't want to come. Then, after weeks of hiding it from even his father, Jake finally asks Ben to read a story he has been diligently working on.

Meanwhile, Morn and Quark have made a bet on how long Bashir will talk with his old schoolmate once she arrives on the station. As usual, Odo has kept tabs on the situation as well. Bashir nervously sits in Quark's with O'Brien, observing Lense from afar, and finally gets up the nerve to talk to her; however, she walks past him as if he does not exist.

Having read Jake's story, Ben appears reluctant to give his opinion of it. He is genuinely impressed, claiming the story shows "a lot of promise", but does not feel his son has had experience with the issues being dealt with in the story. Jake seems to understand, and his father tells him he should keep writing. He then reveals he received a message from the Pennington School with an offer for a writing fellowship. His father is surprised and pleased, but they are interrupted as there is a crash and one of the mast supports gives way.

Ben says they need to immediately jettison the lightship's starboard sprit. Without the sprit, sail efficiency has been compromised.

Ben's enthusiasm about the journey's chances wanes, but Jake encourages his father to press on.

Meanwhile, Bashir and O'Brien drunkenly sing together in the latter's quarters. The doctor is perplexed by Lense's reaction (or lack thereof) to him, and the chief notes with amusement that Lense must be either in love with Bashir or is unable to stand him; as O'Brien observes, Bashir is not an in-between kind of guy. O'Brien encourages him to ask her himself, in the morning, when they are considerably less drunk.

Back on the lightship, Jake informs his father that he has decided to defer admission for a year. The older Sisko then relates a story about when he left home for Starfleet Academy. For the first week, he transported home to New Orleans for dinner every night because he was homesick, but Jake claims he does not want to leave Ben alone. Jake turns the conversation to encouraging his father to date again, and he says he knows someone who's interested in meeting Ben. Their conversation is interrupted as the ship rocks suddenly. The port mainsail breaks off as they accelerate quickly and to Ben's astonishment, go to warp for several minutes.

Ben doesn't know how the ship got to warp, but they need to stop the ship. They do so successfully and check the map. There were no spatial anomalies, but when Jake points out the tachyon eddies, Ben realizes that, while a regular starship is not affected by tachyon eddies, a Bajoran lightship is different due to its solar sails, since its surface area is much greater relative to its mass. And as tachyons travel faster than light, it's possible that their impact on the sails somehow pulled the ship to warp, and probably far off-course.

This new information for ancient Bajoran space travel doesn't do them much good for their current situation: main power is offline, they've lost the jib along with the port mainsail, leaving only the starboard mainsail and port sprit, and the sextant had fallen to the deck during the warp jump and smashed to pieces, without which Ben can't determine their location or heading. Although they were less than a day from their goal of reaching the Denorios belt, Ben decides they have no choice but to call the station for pick up with the emergency com unit he brought, but doesn't get an answer. As it's not damaged, Ben believes they could be so far out that the signal hasn't yet reached Deep Space 9.

The next day, Bashir gets up the courage to confront Lense, who shows no sign of recognition. He discovers that, while at a New Year's Eve party of a mutual friend in 2367, Lense was mistakenly informed that Bashir was an Andorian. Bashir explains that he attended that party with his friend Erit, who is an Andorian. Once the two begin talking, Lense confesses how bored she has been aboard the *Lexington* as it turned out to be more of a charting expedition for her, and claims she envies Bashir's opportunity to work on long-term projects. Bashir invites her to examine some of his latest results at the infirmary, which she is more than eager to see. On the second level directly above them, Quark happily informs Morn that he has won their bet and Morn pays up.

With nothing better to do, the Siskos discuss a freighter captain named Kasidy Yates, to whom Jake wants to introduce Ben to. He confesses that he has decided to stay aboard DS9 not just for his father, but because the station will prove an excellent source of the kind of experience Ben noted that he needs to be a truly great writer. Their conversation is interrupted as three Cardassian warships arrive, headed by Dukat, and calls them on the com unit to congratulate them on having just entered the Cardassian system, thereby proving that the idea of the ancient Bajorans sailing there was possible. The tachyon eddy allowed the ship to get past the Denorios belt, presumably how the ancient Bajorans successfully met the Cardassians so many centuries earlier. Coincidentally (which Ben strongly doubts), the Cardassian Central Command has announced the discovery of an ancient crash site on Cardassia Prime, proving the story about ancient first contact is true. The Cardassian ships set off fireworks around their ships in recognition of this momentous event.

Family Business

Season 3

Episode Number: 69

Season Episode: 23

Originally aired: Sunday May 15, 1995
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)
Guest Stars: Andrea Martin (Ishka), Mel Green (Secretary)
Production Code: 40510-469
Summary: It is discovered that Quark's mother, Ishka, broke Ferengi law and made a profit through a secret deal, which may cost Quark everything he has.



Sisko is in his quarters fixing chicken paprikash and humming to himself cheerily as Jake enters. As he only cooks Hungarian food when he is in a good mood, Jake deduces that his father has convinced the Peljenites to exchange ambassadors with the Federation. As they begin their meal, Jake casually brings up Kasidy Yates, a freighter captain he is eager to introduce to his father, as he mentioned before. Sisko attempts to cool Jake's heels but acknowledges he will meet Yates soon enough.

In Quark's, business is booming and the bar is packed but Nog is nowhere to be found. Rom reveals that his son is studying for his entrance examinations for Starfleet Academy, much to Quark's chagrin. Nog, he claims, will cause the end of Ferengi civilization by joining Starfleet and abandoning the pursuit of profit. Although Quark claims Nog wants to be "hew-mon", Rom jokingly claims he simply wants a job with better hours. Quark is not amused.

Their business is interrupted as Brunt, a liquidator from the Ferengi Commerce Authority, enters to post a writ of accountability on Quark's wall. Panicking, Rom immediately tells all patrons to vacate the premises; the bar is now closed.

Brunt is now behind the deserted bar, busily working a PADD as Quark and Rom sit nervously. Rom attempts to make smalltalk with Brunt while they wait but Quark is not amused. Suspiciously, Brunt asks if they have listed all of the bar's profits, reminding him of the severe fines they will face if they have lied to the FCA; on double-checking the figures on the PADD, Quark conveniently claims Rom has forgotten to add the profits from their tulaberry wine franchise. Once his brother leaves to retrieve the figures, Quark inquires about what he has been charged with, paying the customary bribes to first learn which law he has broken and then to borrow a copy of the law to read. By this time, Rom has returned, and Quark discovers his crime

is improper supervision of a family member. Another bribe reveals that Ishka, Quark and Rom's mother, has been charged with earning profit.

Quark next stops by the security office to see Odo, informing the constable that he will be taking a trip to Ferenginar and will hold Odo personally accountable for the security of his bar in the meantime. As Odo has already learned of Quark's trouble with the FCA, the Ferengi reveals that he will have to pay for his mother's crimes unless he convinces her to confess and make restitution for whatever she has done.

Meanwhile, Sisko and Kira arrive in Ops, where Sisko informs her he has decided to name Deep Space 9's newest runabout the Rubicon.

The major teases him about his habit of naming runabouts after Earth's rivers before she goes to work, noting how many runabouts the crew seems to go through. Dax intercepts Sisko on the way to his office to eagerly ask about Kasidy Yates; it seems Jake has told her already. Although Sisko has yet to meet Yates, Dax has, and she claims Curzon would have stolen the freighter captain by now.

Sisko tells her he is glad she is not Curzon anymore.

On the way to the airlock, Rom catches up with his brother to announce that he too is going to Ferenginar. With the bar closed, he is eager to see "Moogie" again. Quark does not want Rom to accompany him, as he always takes their mother's side in arguments — even in calling her Moogie, a childish nickname that Quark detests. However, he agrees to let Rom come along.

Quark and Rom bring Brunt to their boyhood home on Ferenginar, where Brunt pays the standard "admission fee" and signs a legal waiver to cover potential theft. Rom is glad to be home again, but Quark appears uneasy about the number of new items in his mother's house. Rom finds his old tooth sharpener, which reminds Quark of how he only had a chew stick when he was a child. Brunt interrupts them to give Quark a formal list of Ishka's crimes and inform him they have three days to obtain a confession. However, a clothed Ishka enters the room and informs Brunt that she has no intention of giving one. Rom is glad to see his mother, but Quark tells her to undress immediately; Brunt meanwhile shields his eyes from the clothed female and is taken aback as she addresses him, a stranger, directly. He takes his leave after reminding Quark of the three day time limit. Quark attempts to reason with his mother, but believing she is standing up for all Ferengi women, she refuses. It is clear Ishka is pained to think of hurting her sons, whose reputations will suffer for her actions, yet she refuses to give in.

In front of Quark's, Bashir and Odo look on as O'Brien attempts to open the locking mechanism on the door. It seems their dartboard is locked inside, and though they could replicate another, Bashir claims it is "the principle of the thing". However, Odo is not optimistic given the convoluted lock Rom has put together. They are interrupted when Sisko stops by to inquire what is going on.

O'Brien denies that the dartboard is lucky. Sisko observed that it will take a while to undo the tripartite microsealing mechanism Rom has constructed. He is on his way to a cargo bay; O'Brien is under the mistaken impression the commander is on his way to meet Kasidy Yates. Although this isn't the case, it seems Jake has told everyone about his father meeting the freighter captain.

Rom comes to the table with a bowl of fresh tube grubs, having picked them himself since "Moogie" is not feeling well. Quark begins scheming to claim Ishka is mentally ill, but Rom reassures him she only has a rash from the newness of wearing clothes. The two reminisce about how independent their mother has always been, although Quark chooses to focus on the negative aspects. He claims she dragged their father down and that he will not let her do the same to him; right as he claims he will put her in her place, however, Ishka enters (fully clothed) and challenges him to do so. Rom is clearly proud of his mother's defiance. They sit down to eat, but Rom is surprised the FCA is making such a big deal when he learns that all Ishka has done is earn three bars of latinum by investing in Hupyrian beetles. Nonetheless, Quark is adamant that Ishka must repent, yet she remains equally adamant that Ferengi society is in desperate need of change. Additionally, Quark is worried about his mother, who will be sold into indentured servitude in addition to the stigma her sons will face. Although Ishka is acting from her heart, Quark accuses her of being selfish and not caring for anyone but herself.

Later, Rom visits privately with Ishka in her bedroom, which is bland and utilitarian as per Ferengi traditions with regard to females. Ishka keeps it this way to remind her of the "idiotic" Ferengi traditions towards females. Though he is glad to see his Moogie, Rom is uncomfortable, unaccustomed to seeing clothed Ferengi females, so Ishka disrobes for him. He is genuinely

concerned about Quark and tries again to convince Ishka to pay back the bars of latinum she has earned. However, she reassures him Quark has always provided a generous stipend; the issue is pride rather than money. She is willing to be sold into indentured servitude rather than pay back the three bars. As they embrace, Ishka lovingly tells Rom what a good son he is for being so concerned for Quark.

Ishka then offers to sharpen Rom's teeth.

Sisko finally meets Kasidy Yates in the cargo bay, where she and her crew are loading cargo onto her freighter, the Xhosa. He learns that Yates' equipment is outdated before formal introductions. The two mire over Jake's over-zealous match-making attempts, but Yates must attend to the inertia moorer on her ship. As Sisko leaves, he hesitates, and Yates suggests they meet for coffee the next day at 18:00.

The next morning, Rom emerges sleepily from his room, cleaning his ear, to find Quark has been up all night on the computer. It seems Moogie has conducted business transactions under dozens of aliases, proving she has the "lobes" for business but earning so much Quark will never be able to pay it all back.

Meanwhile, Quark is seated across the table from Rom, still in shock and with a faraway look in his eyes. Rom claims Quark is not the type to fly off the handle, that they will come up with a solution, but Quark claims to have found one: He will kill Ishka.

Quark enters Ishka's bedroom, where she attempts to hide a PADD she was using to try to hide still more earnings. As he confronts her, she claims he is jealous that a female is better at earning profit than he. She compares Quark to his father as Rom enters, but Quark refuses to believe that his mother did not receive help from a male or that his father was a business failure. Stubborn Ishka refuses to budge, so Quark storms out, headed for the FCA.

However, Rom follows him into the main room of Ishka's house and confronts Quark, claiming Ishka is right on both accounts. Quark is furious, yet Rom, who lived at home ten years longer than his brother, claims their father was a failure and only got by with Ishka's help. They each grab the other in the Ferengi equivalent of a brawl and knock over several pieces of furniture in their attempt to kill each other before Ishka enters to break it up. She reassures Rom she will be fine and tells Quark to do as he pleases. Once he leaves, she begins to cry.

As he enters a waiting room at the Tower of Commerce, Quark observes how steep the 40 flights of stairs are and remarks of the seven strips of latinum required for the elevator, "Talk about inflation!" He asks to see Liquidator Brunt and sits down, but several seconds later, Rom enters, exhausted from running up the stairs. At first uninterested in whatever Rom has to say, Quark perks up when he hears Ishka plans to give him half her profits. Cheerily, he leaves an extra slip for the Secretary and takes the elevator down.

Back at home, Quark apologizes to his mother for everything he'd said before and stunning Ishka, asks how much profit she made so that they can divide it fairly. It turns out that Rom had lied to both, telling Quark that Ishka would split the profits, and Ishka that Quark wanted none of them and had done so in order to get them talking to each other. Showing backbone, he berates both brother and mother pointing out that Quark shows no respect to his mother and that if Quark can uncover her profits, the FCA surely could too. He then insists that they settle things — without shouting — while he heads off to take a nap. Ishka tells Quark that he's a lot like her, and that Rom is like his father: Rom, like his father, never understood the Rules of Acquisition, but Quark, like his mother, does. She agrees to imprint the confession for him, since she can't refuse him anything.

Back on the station, Sisko and Yates are having coffee at the Replimat and discussing New Orleans, Sisko's home. He recalls the good food and the great music. However, Yates looks uneasy, and breaks the news that she had a prior engagement, but a family one, as she was waiting for a subspace transmission from her youngest brother on Cestus III. Cestus III is on the other side of the Federation and it takes two weeks for a transmission to reach Deep Space 9. When Sisko questions what the transmission is about, she admits to Sisko that her brother plays a sport that was played on Earth centuries ago... baseball! Sisko literally can't believe his ears, and asks for more details about the team, the Pike City Pioneers and the Cestus Comets. Yates tells him that it's a six sided league but more teams are potentially forming, but she asks why he's so interested. Sisko, now like an excited child at Christmas, tells Yates that he loves baseball, but he's doesn't know anyone apart from Jake who was interested in it, or even heard of it. Yates suggests that Sisko come and listen to the transmission with her, since it is an audio

recording of her brother's game against the Cestus Comets. As they head off, Sisko pesters her with questions about the league; do they use a designated hitter (no), what about wood bats (of course), and whether or not they could use a right-handed pitcher (while flexing his right arm as though warming it up). As Sisko and Yates walk away, chatting about their shared interest, Jake smiles to himself from the top level of the Promenade, knowing that his matchmaking efforts worked.

On Ferenginar, Ishka imprints the PADD with the confession for Brunt. Brunt notes that she will be an example to all women that nobody could outsmart the FCA, but Quark bribes him with a small sack of latinum. After all, as he says, "what would people say if they knew a female had made that much latinum?" After Brunt exits, Quark says his goodbyes and follows. Rom and Ishka hug and disclose that she only gave up a third of her profits, but that the FCA wouldn't find the rest, since she hid it so well hidden, she wasn't sure if she'd be able to find it all!

Shakaar

Season 3

Episode Number: 70

Season Episode: 24

Originally aired:	Sunday May 22, 1995
Writer:	Gordon T. Dawson
Director:	Jonathan West
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)
Guest Stars:	John Doman (Lenaris Holem), Duncan Regehr (Shakaar), Sherman Howard (Syvar), William Lucking (Furel), Diane Salinger (Lupaza), Harry Hutchinson (Trooper), John Kenton Shull (Security Officer)
Production Code:	40510-470
Summary:	Kai Winn, Bajor's spiritual leader has aspirations of also becoming First Minister of Bajor's Provisional Government. To secure her position, she employs Kira to retrieve farming equipment that is being held illegally by the leader of her old resistance cell. However, old loyalties and new discoveries may seriously hurt Winn's position.



On Deep Space 9, Commander Sisko is playing darts with Chief Miles O'Brien in Quark's. Sisko loses the match, with O'Brien stating he is 'in the zone' and cannot lose. Sisko then gets called by Jadzia Dax to come to Ops.

Sisko then visits Major Kira's quarters. He sees that she has been praying, and inquires about the lamp she has lit in her shrine.

She explains that it is a duranja, or lamp for the dead. She reveals that she has been praying for the deceased Vedek Bareil Antos.

Then Sisko drops a bombshell on her: Kalem Apren has died of a heart attack in his sleep, and her archenemy, Kai Winn

Adami, was appointed the new First Minister of Bajor.

Odo is talking to Kira in the wardroom about various station issues. Odo notices Kira seems distracted and she talks about her concerns with Winn being both First Minister and Kai, including the fact that no other candidates are willing to oppose Winn in the upcoming elections. Odo notes that the Bajoran people don't share her skepticism and see Winn as a hero who made peace with Cardassia. Kira feels that once Winn gets power, she won't let it go. She wishes other Bajorans could see this as clearly as she and Odo can.

After the meeting, Kira is again praying in her quarters when the chime rings. It is Kai Winn. After an exchange about Kira's prayer, and the fact that Winn has made no mention of Bareil's involvement in achieving the peace treaty with Cardassia, Winn states the reason for her visit; she needs Kira's help. Winn explains that Rakantha Province, formerly one of the most productive

agricultural regions of Bajor had, like most of the planet, its soil poisoned by the Cardassians during the Occupation and rendered unusable for agriculture. To cleanse the soil, the Bajoran Agricultural Ministry developed soil reclamators to remove the poisons.

The Government wants to use them in Rakantha to allow agriculture to resume there and be able to grow boton, moreka, and salam grass for export, believing that the increased interstellar commerce will enhance Bajor's application to join the Federation in a few years. Kira does not understand what that has to do with her, and Winn explains that some farmers in her home province of Dahkur have refused to turn over the reclamators to the Government to be used in Rakantha. Winn further states that the leader of the farmers in Dahkur is none other than Shakaar Edon, her former Resistance leader.

Winn wants Kira to convince Shakaar to hand over the reclamators. Kira is skeptical about helping Winn do anything, but Winn asks her to act for the greater good of Bajor despite any personal feelings. Kira does eventually agree to speak to Shakaar, but makes no promises.

Kira beams down to Dahkur Province near a farm. It clearly has seen better days, with dry, barren soil everywhere. She approaches the home to determine if anyone is there, but a hand on her back startles her; it is Shakaar. After some pleasantries, they go inside. Shakaar mentions that their fellow Resistance cell members Furel and Lupaza will arrive in a couple hours. He tells Kira that he knows why she is there, and needs time to think about it.

Meanwhile, back on DS9, O'Brien beats Dax at darts for his 46th victory in a row. Quark states that he will take bets on the next challenger at ten to one, without even knowing who the challenger is. As he leaves, O'Brien mentions that he would like to go kayaking in the holosuite, but Quark convinces him to work to maintain his streak, with O'Brien stating that Quark should make the odds fifteen to one.

Back on Bajor, Kira, Shakaar, Lupaza, and Furel are sharing stories about their time in the Resistance, including an explanation of why Furel did not replace his lost left arm. Eventually the subject of the reclamators comes up, and while Shakaar states he is still considering the matter, Lupaza makes her feelings clear that they should not be returned until they are finished with them.

Going outside the farmhouse, Kira points out to Shakaar that the situation is not going to go away and that he needs to think about what is best for Bajor. Shakaar explains his side, that after three years of being on a waiting list the Government finally gave the reclamators to them and said they could have them for at least a year. Once First Minister Kalem died, their return to the Government after only two months of use was ordered. Kira tells him about the Rakantha project and the possibility that Bajor could begin exporting again, but he says they need the reclamators to feed themselves. Kira asks Shakaar to meet with Winn to explain that to her and possibly work out a compromise. While skeptical, he agrees to as a personal favor to Kira.

Kira then meets with Kai Winn in the First Minister's Office. Winn is angered that Kira did not convince Shakaar to immediately return the reclamators. Kira explains that she arranged a meeting with Shakaar to hear his side and work out a compromise, and Winn states that she has little choice but to agree to participate. Winn then tells Kira she may return to DS9 after informing Shakaar of her acceptance, and rejects Kira's request to stay.

In Shakaar's home, he tells Kira he is willing to hear Winn out but will not give back the reclamators. Kira tells him he must be flexible and that he may not win this fight, but Shakaar states that the Cardassians said the same thing. Just then, two Bajoran security officers enter the house to arrest Shakaar, which Kira obviously did not know about. Shakaar punches one officer and Kira hits the other. He tells her she does not have to fight with him, and that her attack can be explained away, but Kira has had enough of Winn's lying and wants to help Shakaar.

In a cave with a weapons cache inside, Shakaar and Kira gather supplies along with Furel. Lupaza then arrives and states that Shakaar's farm was seized and scanning equipment was brought in to search for the reclamators. Reinforcements were also requested from surrounding areas to search for the "fugitives". She also says that several Resistance cell members were detained for questioning, including Mobarra, Klin, and Ornak. The others are heading for the Kola Mountain stronghold. Shakaar states that his plan is to keep running from the Bajoran civil police and reach the stronghold to meet with the others; they then move out.

Meanwhile, O'Brien is playing darts against a Vulcan Starfleet officer, Syvar. O'Brien is one bulls-eye away from winning, but before he can throw his dart, he reaches behind himself for a synthale from Quark and promptly pops his arm out of his shoulder.

O'Brien tries to throw it anyway but cannot and has to leave for surgery with Bashir to fix the problem, thus forfeiting the game.

Back on Bajor, some time later, Sisko enters Winn's office at her request, expressing surprise she would want his advice. She says that what she really wants is his help. The chase for Shakaar and his followers, for which Winn ordered the Bajoran Militia to take over, has generated sympathy for his cause in many provinces. That forced Winn to declare martial law and suspend local government in some areas such as the Hill Provinces to contain civil disorder. Sisko encourages her to withdraw the Militia from Dahkur, and Winn says she will if Sisko provides a Federation security force to take their place. Per Federation law, Sisko refuses, stating that this is a matter internal to Bajor. Winn responds by stating Bajor would withdraw its application for entry into the Federation. Sisko calls that, and the entire response to the situation, an overreaction over the mere possession of farm equipment.

Winn states that the issue is not farm equipment but respect for the law and preventing anarchy. She further states that the Prophets are testing her, and she will accomplish her goals by any means necessary.

Shakaar and his group are seen running down a slope evading Militia troops; Kira activates a device to redirect their lifesigns elsewhere to distract them. The group is growing tired of running; Shakaar decides to lead the troops into Tanis Canyon to ambush them.

Shakaar and the others are hiding on the canyon's ridgeline watching the Militia troops enter. Kira recognizes the commander of the troops, Colonel Lenaris Holem, having met him a year ago at a reception. Shakaar gives the order to pick targets and fire; he chooses Lenaris and tells Kira to shoot a lieutenant. Neither one of them can bring themselves to do it, however. Shakaar then stands up and along with Kira approaches Lenaris. They talk about their situation and recall Lenaris' Pullock V raid during the Occupation, then Shakaar states that he wants to take his people out of the canyon. Before Lenaris can respond, one of his men shoots at Furel; Lenaris, Kira, and Shakaar work frantically to prevent anyone else from firing.

Lenaris has the shooter removed from the area and tells Shakaar what he wants is not possible. Kira points out they need figure out how to get it done, or a civil war could result.

Lenaris then brings Shakaar and Kira to Winn's office. Winn is initially pleased but becomes disappointed when Lenaris tells her that they are not prisoners; Shakaar is there to enter the election as a candidate for First Minister. Lenaris adds that the Militia supports Shakaar doing so, though Kira clarifies the effort is not a coup but a free and fair election. She also states that if Winn chooses to remain in the race, the entire incident will be made public and everyone will know how close to civil war Winn brought them over farm equipment.

Back on DS9, Kira returns to her quarters with Sisko, where she tells him that Winn issued a statement of support for Shakaar and while a few other candidates entered the race, Shakaar is expected to win easily due to his popularity. Once Sisko leaves, she goes to her duranja and blows out the flame, finally moving past her grief over Bareil's death.

Facets

Season 3

Episode Number: 71

Season Episode: 25

Originally aired:	Sunday June 12, 1995
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	Cliff Bole
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Jeffrey Alan Chandler (The Guardian)
Production Code:	40510-471
Summary:	Dax is excited to perform a Trill ritual, in which she gets to "meet" each of her past hosts by transferring their memories into her friends. However, when Odo and Curzon merge and want to remain that way, Dax must find her confidence and reclaim that piece of herself. Meanwhile, Nog goes through various tests to be able to take the Starfleet academy entrance test.



Nog attempts to maneuver his runabout out of harm's way as an unseen enemy starship pursues him. The computer announces that a Cardassian vessel has locked its weapons on him. He successfully evades the weapons lock, only to be interrupted as Jake appears outside the runabout and knocks on the glass window. Nog is actually in a holosuite, so with Jake present, he ends the holoprogram.

As they exit the holosuite, Nog explains that he is trying to boost his scores for entry into Starfleet Academy, and his reaction times are almost high enough. While Jake is sure his friend will make it, Nog's uncle Quark is obviously pes-

simistic about the ordeal. Quark claims Nog would be better off in a more profitable industry, such as writing holosuite programs, especially "the more intimate variety". Neither Nog nor Jake finds his suggestion very appealing.

Later, Quark, Doctor Bashir, Leeta, Chief O'Brien, Odo and Kira join Dax and Commander Sisko in the wardroom, where Jadzia has something important to ask them. It is time for her zhian'tara, a Trill process in which she will meet former hosts of the Dax symbiont, and as her closest friends, she wants each of them to lend their body to one of her hosts, which makes everyone feel a little uneasy.

Dax explains that the process will be done telepathically by a Guardian, and at any time the host can reassert him — or herself. Naturally, everyone but Quark (who does not want "some dead person" inside him) agrees; however, a few touches of Dax's hand to his lobes make him much more agreeable. Kira agrees to embody the first Dax host, Lela.

While Dax waits for the Guardian to arrive from Trill, Nog meets O'Brien in a holosuite to begin his stress reaction test. However, the simulation is not a runabout but Ops aboard DS9. Nog panics, as he has not practiced Ops, but O'Brien explains that a test that he has practiced for on the runabout would not be very stressful.

The Guardian, a quiet, timid man, arrives to perform the zhian'tara and observes how long Dax has put it off. In Dax's quarters, he performs the ceremony and transfers Lela's memories into Kira.

Although the sensation of Lela's memories being gone is strange for Jadzia at first, she and Lela get to know one another. She learns that her habit of talking with her hands behind her back comes from Lela, who learned to do so because her fellow politicians had mocked her excessive use of hand gestures.

The rest of the zhian'tara proceeds smoothly as Dax meets her other hosts. As expected, Tobin Dax (embodied by Chief O'Brien) is a nervous nail biter who apologizes too much, and Dax discusses gymnastics with Emony through Leeta. Quark's turn to embody Audrid does not amuse him; she is a warm, motherly spirit who talks about how wonderful it is to have children. When it is Bashir's turn, he lends his body to Torias, who claims Bashir should lay off his diet as life is too short to deny oneself the simple pleasures.

Finally, the time comes for the most difficult host: Joran, the murderer, whom Sisko will embody.

In the security office, Sisko is voluntarily placed in a holding cell for the duration of the ceremony. Once the transfer has been completed and the force field is activated, the Guardian and Odo leave Jadzia and Sisko/Joran alone.

Joran appears very passive but dangerous as he observes what a "pretty girl" Jadzia is. However, he claims she is nothing more and attempts to convince her to lower the force field. She sternly refuses. With complete calm and certainty, Joran places Sisko's hand, then both hands against the force field and begins banging his head against it until Jadzia lowers it. Sisko appears to have regained control when Joran comes back and tries to strangle Jadzia; she fights Joran off, and afterwards when Sisko wrests back control, he jokingly thanks her while lying on the floor for not breaking any of his bones.

During the other hosts' time with Dax, O'Brien has continued Nog's testing in the holosuite while Rom eagerly anticipates his son's return. Quark is less than enthusiastic about the prospect of losing his nephew to "hew-mon" values, but that doesn't stop Rom from purchasing a Starfleet uniform from Elim Garak's tailor shop — regardless of whether Nog passes.

As the last host of the Dax symbiont before Jadzia, Curzon is the final part of her zhian'tara, and Odo has agreed to embody him.

However, she seems apprehensive as she walks along the Promenade with Sisko. Part of the reason she has put her zhian'tara off is that she was afraid she would not "measure up" with previous hosts. Now, faced with meeting the man who rejected her original application to the Symbiosis Commission, she has the chance to ask whether Curzon did so because he thought she was not good enough — and she doesn't seem eager to finally hear the answer.

The Guardian performs the ceremony, which due to Odo's shapeshifting nature causes his face to mold itself to resemble Curzon's, and even includes Curzon's Trill spots.

Curzon/Odo immediately heads to Sisko's quarters, where Sisko learns that Odo's unique chemical makeup has caused a blending of personalities, much like when Trill are joined to a host. Curzon invites Sisko to Quark's for a glass of Tranya, where it becomes evident that Curzon is thoroughly enjoying himself in Odo's body. But when Jadzia arrives, Sisko carefully excuses himself to grade Nog's exam, allowing Jadzia to talk with Curzon alone about private issues.

As the conversation progresses, Jadzia tries to bring up her candidacy for joining, when Curzon was her instructor, but he becomes distracted when he notices a Ferengi tongo hustler. They challenge the Ferengi to a game, and together they clean him out.

Meanwhile, Nog has failed his spatial orientation test, disqualifying him from entering the Academy, but Quark reassures him there will always be a place for him at the bar. However, he asks Curzon and Jadzia to leave, as it has now been an hour since the bar closed and they are still playing tongo.

Heading to the security office, Curzon opens a bottle of Saurian brandy which Odo confiscated from a Yridian smuggler, and shares it with Jadzia, despite her concerns about imbibing on evidence. He admits to dodging her inquiry earlier. Confronted with the question of why he did

not object to Jadzia's second application for joining, despite rejecting her the first time, he reveals that he probably felt sorry for her. His one-time thoughts on the matter don't seem to bother him, but Jadzia is bothered by his carefree attitude. Curzon comes to a decision that he believes will benefit all parties involved: he and Odo really like what they have become and wish to stay as they are.

In Sisko's office, the Guardian informs Jadzia and Sisko that he cannot remove Curzon's memories from Odo without Odo's consent.

Sisko and Jadzia talk in private, and while the thought of losing Curzon seems troubling to Jadzia, she does not intend to interfere if both Curzon and Odo wish to stay as they are. However, Sisko does not agree; he believes Curzon is being selfish and will back down, as was the case on several occasions when Sisko did as much. Jadzia considers the issue at length.

Meanwhile, Rom catches Quark in an empty corridor to confront his brother about the fact that Quark sabotaged Nog's tests in the holosuite. Quark admits to doing so and feels he is justified as his actions are in Nog's best interest. Furious, Rom confrontationally tells Quark he has already gone to Sisko about the matter. Nog will be able to retake the test and Rom warns Quark not to interfere, threatening to burn his bar to the ground. Nothing (not even latinum) is more important to Rom than his son's happiness.

Jadzia goes to Odo's quarters, where he and Curzon have been oozing around the room and enjoying themselves. Confronted about the memories, Curzon claims Jadzia is and has always been nothing but a little girl. She is not intimidated and stands her ground.

Finally, he admits that she is not, nor was she when she was an initiate, as he touches her face with one hand in an intimate manner, a little girl; as he quietly looks away and several moments pass, it is evident that Curzon was in love with Jadzia when he washed her out of the joining program — and is still in love with her now. He reveals that he rejected her because he loved her, but felt so guilty he nearly retired from the Symbiosis Commission. When she reapplied, it was a blessing to his conscience, which is why he did not object to her second application. They both agree that Curzon's memories rightfully belong to Jadzia, and Curzon agrees to go back to the way things were.

Back in the bar, Nog has passed the tests necessary for his entrance into Starfleet Academy, and he is dressed in the cadet's uniform his father purchased for him; Sisko asks if he may be jumping the gun a bit, but Nog explains that he didn't want to hurt his father's feelings by not wearing it. Everyone celebrates, even Quark, albeit begrudgingly. Quark knows he has "lost" Nog when the young Ferengi orders a root beer, claiming it is what they drink at the Academy. Dax and Odo are sitting together on the second level, where they discuss the recent events. Each has had a wonderful experience, Odo having had the best time of his life and Dax having gained the memories of what it feels like to be a Changeling and morph into different things. Odo expresses his appreciation of Curzon's ability to mix his hectic social life with his work, and that he was a remarkable man. Dax replies, "Yes, he is."

The Adversary

Season 3

Episode Number: 72

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Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
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Recurring Role: Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Lawrence Pressman (Ambassador Krajensky), Jeff Austin (Bolian Security Officer)
Production Code: 40510-472
Summary: After Sisko is promoted to Captain, he and the Defiant crew are manipulated by a Changeling posing as an ambassador.



"Commander's log, stardate 48959.1. It is with mixed emotions that I record this, my final commander's log. The last three years have been the most demanding, and rewarding, of my career. I can only hope that the future will hold even greater challenges."

"Dad, there's something I've been wanting to say to you for a long time and now that I finally have the chance, I'm going to make it short and simple..." In the wardroom, Benjamin Sisko's son Jake proudly places a fourth pip on his father's dress uniform, proclaiming him

Captain Sisko.

The two embrace as cheers erupt from the crew; being congratulated by his colleagues and as Quark serves the champagne, Chateau Cleon, 2303, Federation Ambassador Krajensky informs Sisko that a coup has taken place on the Tzenkethi homeworld. Sisko is to take the ambassador and the USS Defiant to that sector in two days to remind the Tzenkethi of the Federation's presence on nearby colony worlds, to "show the flag," as Sisko puts it.

In the Defiant's engine room, Captain Sisko orders Chief Miles O'Brien to begin preparing the ship for combat in case the Tzenkethi start looking for trouble. As O'Brien begins his work, he hears a noise in the engine room, but sees no one.

"My son, the writer, thinks that I should say something profound on this occasion. He even offered to write me a brief statement. I told him I'd take care of it myself, but as it turns out, the only thing I can think of is: Begin captain's log, stardate 48960.9."

In the Defiant's turbolift, Lieutenant Jadzia Dax asks Sisko if he has told Kasidy Yates about his promotion. Sisko says he hasn't, and that he barely had time to even tell his father the news. Dax presses Sisko about his relationship with Kasidy, saying that the whole crew is curious. Sisko tells Dax that the next time he sees Kasidy, he's taking her to the seventh game of the 1964 World Series in the holosuite. Dax, amused by Sisko's response, concludes that he likes Kasidy.

Arriving on the bridge, Sisko orders the Defiant to get underway. Not long after departing Deep Space 9, O'Brien is working in a jefferies tube. He hears the noise again; then suddenly takes a great fright before Doctor Julian Bashir appears from another tube.

He asks the doctor why he didn't answer his call; Bashir explains that he was tying a new medical console into the main power grid.

After Bashir leaves, a curious O'Brien takes a look at what the doctor has done and seems impressed, saying it wasn't a bad job for an extension course.

In the mess hall, Sisko tells his Chief of Starfleet security, Lieutenant Commander Michael Eddington, to keep the ambassador out of harm's way in case the Tzenkethi decide to engage the Defiant. Eddington again congratulates Sisko on his promotion, and Sisko tells him that it really doesn't change anything as he already has the assignment and the crew he wants. Eddington notes that when people join Starfleet, they don't do so to become Commanders or Admirals but always set their eyes on the captain's chair, and laments that he isn't likely to ever do that. Sisko suggests that Eddington could apply for a transfer from security to command, but Eddington reassures Sisko that he's happy where he is.

"Captain's log, stardate 48962.5. We are twelve hours from the border. I haven't been in this area since the last Federation- Tzenkethi War. Being here brings back a lot of memories, most of them bad."

On the bridge, Constable Odo picks up a distress call from Barisa Prime. The colony reports that it is under attack before the Defiant suddenly loses contact.

"Captain's log, supplemental. We've been unable to re-establish contact with Barisa Prime. Therefore, I have no choice but to assume we are at war with the Tzenkethi."

The Defiant sets course for Barisa Prime, and Sisko asks Odo to notify Starfleet Command of the situation. Dax tries to contact the USS Ulysses, which is the closest starship, but to no avail. Odo reports that the communication system is malfunctioning. O'Brien and Dax are dispatched to make repairs.

In the jefferies tube, Dax and O'Brien find several tendrill-like devices working their way into the Defiant's systems. They are protected by force fields, making them difficult to remove. O'Brien reports to Sisko that the devices are all over the ship, attached to almost every critical system. O'Brien states that these devices were not aboard when the Defiant left Deep Space 9, leading to the conclusion that someone on board is a saboteur. O'Brien reluctantly informs Sisko about his encounter with Bashir in the jefferies tube earlier. Sisko insists that he is not accusing Bashir of sabotage, but still would like to speak with him.

However, Dax comes up with an idea to find out for sure who placed the devices.

On the bridge, Sisko notifies his crew of the situation. Dax scans the crew for tetrayon particles with a tricorder, since the saboteur would have been exposed to them when the devices were installed. Dax points out that her and O'Brien's scans have come up positive since they were exposed to the particles when they discovered the devices, meaning that if no-one else tests positive then they'll be the prime suspects. The senior staff tests negative, including Bashir, much to O'Brien's relief. As Dax scans Ambassador Krajensky, O'Brien talks with Bashir about their encounter in the jefferies tube, but Bashir denies he was there.

Krajensky's test is positive — and suddenly he changes form and escapes the bridge through the ventilation system, revealing himself to be a Changeling.

The Defiant cloaks and Sisko orders Dax to bring the ship out of warp, but she cannot. O'Brien cannot uncloak the ship and Major Kira Nerys reports that the ship's phasers and photon torpedoes are armed. The crew has lost control of the Defiant. Sisko orders Odo and Eddington to begin a search for the Changeling before he can do any more damage, but they are unable to locate him. In the Defiant's mess hall, Odo is confident that the Changeling is still on board,

saying that he will not leave until his mission is completed. Sisko believes that the Changeling's goal is to start a war between the Federation and the Tzenkethi, speculating that the distress call from Barisa Prime was faked, and goes so far as to suggest that, depending on how long the Changeling was impersonating Krajensky, the entire basis for their mission may have been an invention of the Dominion.

Knowing that the Changeling can impersonate anyone on board, Sisko orders all non-essential personnel to be confined to quarters and sealed in with force fields, and that no one be left alone. After issuing weapons to the security officers, Odo does not take one himself. He tells Eddington he has never found it necessary to fire a weapon or take a life throughout his security career; he also notes that no Changeling has ever harmed another. In the middle of their conversation, O'Brien calls for a security team to be sent to the engine room. Odo and Eddington arrive to find Dax unconscious. Bashir reports that she has a severe concussion and takes her to sickbay.

On the bridge, Bashir tells Sisko that Dax will be unconscious for the next couple of days, leaving O'Brien alone in his attempts to regain control of the ship. Sisko tells Kira that he cannot allow the Changeling to start a war with the Tzenkethi, and that if O'Brien can't regain control of the ship, he'll have to destroy the *Defiant*.

Sisko briefs the crew on their assignments: They will break into two-person teams, each one equipped with phaser rifles, and systematically sweep the ship for the Changeling. A Bolian security officer voices his suspicions that the Changeling could be any one of them, and Sisko reminds everyone to keep their partner in sight at all times for that very reason, and orders that anyone spotted alone be escorted to the brig.

The crew begins searching the ship. Eddington asks Odo where he thinks the Changeling might be, but Odo is unsure, unable to put himself in the Changeling's position since he does not know his own people that well. Meanwhile, while Sisko and another security officer are searching a jefferies tube, the Changeling suddenly attacks them. The security officer is knocked out, leaving Sisko to pursue alone. Having been alerted to the Changeling's position, the crew moves to intercept. Arriving in the transporter bay, the Bolian security officer fires in Sisko's direction, believing that he has spotted the Changeling. Kira arrives from the opposite direction and insists that she is who she says she is, despite the fact that she and her partner have been separated for several seconds. The Bolian continuously accuses Kira of being a Changeling, and is paranoid to the point of ignoring a direct order from Sisko to lower his weapon. Just then, Odo appears and knocks out the Bolian. Eddington appears a split second later from Kira's direction, leading Sisko to conclude that any one of them could be the Changeling. Odo notes however, that Sisko is bleeding and therefore could not be the Changeling, as material removed from a Changeling reverts to its natural form, and his blood is just that — blood. Sisko calls Bashir and orders him to meet them in the mess hall.

In the mess hall, Bashir begins performing blood screenings of the crew. Kira and the Bolian security officer prove to be themselves, but when Bashir tests Eddington, his blood reverts to a gelatinous state. As he is escorted to crew quarters, Eddington maintains that he is not the Changeling. As Eddington is about to be forced inside the room, the adjacent door suddenly bursts open to reveal the real Doctor Bashir yelling for help. The Changeling that took Bashir's place morphs into the ventilation system and Odo pursues. A call comes in from the bridge notifying Sisko that the *Defiant* has entered Tzenkethi space.

Kira reports that the *Defiant* is twelve minutes away from a Tzenkethi settlement on M'kemas III. With this news, Sisko and Kira activate the auto-destruct sequence and set the timer for ten minutes. Sisko calls O'Brien in engineering and asks if he has had any progress in regaining control of the ship. O'Brien thinks he may have found a way to shut down the force fields and deactivate the devices. As O'Brien works, Odo and the Changeling — who is disguised as Odo — make their way into the engine room and each one tries to prove to the chief that the other is the saboteur. O'Brien refuses to play "choose the Changeling", and has the other officer in engineering keep his phaser pointed on both of them while he deactivates the force fields. As the force fields deactivate, the Changeling drops his disguise and attacks O'Brien and the engineering officer, leaving Odo to face the Changeling alone. As the two struggle, the Changeling forcibly merges with Odo trying to convince him to escape and return to Great Link with him. Odo refuses and pushes the Changeling onto the warp core, fatally wounding it. Odo approaches and apologizes to the Changeling, who whispers something to Odo before he dies, turning into ash.

O'Brien regains control of the ship. After Sisko and Kira abort the auto-destruct sequence,

the Defiant leaves Tzenkethi space and heads back to Deep Space 9.

"Captains log, supplemental. We've returned to the station without further incident. However, I'm concerned about my chief of security, who hasn't said a word since we left Tzenkethi space."

In the wardroom, Sisko tells the senior staff that the real Ambassador Krajensky disappeared on his way to Risa. Starfleet Security believes that he has been kidnapped, or possibly killed. Bashir asks about the coup on the Tzenkethi homeworld, to which Sisko responds that it never happened and that Starfleet wants a detailed report from the senior officers. Odo joins the meeting and informs Sisko of the Changeling's dying words: "You're too late. We're everywhere."

Season Four

The Way of the Warrior (1)

Season 4
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Season Episode: 1

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Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Obi Ndefo (Drex), Christopher Darga (Kaybok), William Dennis Hunt (Huraga), Patricia Tallman (Weapons Officer)
Production Code:	40510-473
Summary:	An overwhelming Klingon task force mysteriously arrives at the station, supposedly to aid their Federation allies in the fight against the Dominion. Desperate to learn their true motives, Captain Sisko brings Lieutenant Commander Worf aboard DS9.



The Deep Space 9 crew hunts a Changeling through the space station. Using wide-angle phaser sweeps, Captain Benjamin Sisko and Major Kira Nerys chase the Changeling to the Promenade, where it suddenly resumes humanoid shape and grabs hold of Doctor Julian Bashir after emerging from the Promenade directory. It is Odo, and the chase was really just a surprise drill. Kira asks the computer how much time it took to catch Odo; three hours and twenty-seven minutes is the answer. Odo laments that duration isn't good enough, noting how any other Founder would have had a field day with the station in that length of time, culminating in Bashir's death. The staff

is then dismissed with a warning to scan anything and everything next time, given the other Founders' increased proclivity for shapeshifting. Another random drill is scheduled, and an offer from Quark to take bets on how long the staff will take to catch Odo is rebuffed.

That night, when Kasidy Yates joins Sisko for a romantic dinner, she remarks that there have been some changes on Deep Space 9.

Firstly, Sisko has shaved his head, of which Yates approves. Secondly, there has been a lot of "maintenance" done on the station lately. Sisko is secretive, but hints that the crew is preparing a few "surprises" in case the Dominion decides to attack the station. The recent revelation that Changelings have infiltrated the Alpha Quadrant has caused a large amount of unrest, and the Cardassians have responded by sealing their borders. The couple present each other with gifts

— Sisko gives Kasidy a garment made from rare Tholian silk, while Kasidy returns the gesture by handing Sisko a Pike City Pioneers baseball cap from Cestus III.

Their dinner is interrupted when the new Klingon flagship, the IKS Negh'Var, decloaks at the station. Its commander, General Martok, requests shore leave at Deep Space 9. After Sisko agrees, the DS9 crew is amazed when an entire armada of Klingon ships decloaks around the station.

In Quark's, the Ferengi bartender nervously opines with O'Brien and Bashir that the Klingons who have arrived are awfully quiet.

When Martok meets with Captain Sisko and Major Kira, he immediately wants them to use his d'k tahg to cut their palms, proving that they bleed and therefore are not Changelings. When the Klingon is satisfied that Sisko and Kira are really who they appear to be, Martok proclaims that the Klingon fleet will remain in Bajoran space to counter the inevitable Dominion attack.

The DS9 crew resumes regular duties, despite the fact that the station's complement now includes countless Klingons. Kira and Jadzia Dax visit the holosuite, which recreates the Hoobishan Baths on Trill. Kira is distracted away from the holograms and unimpressed with them, admitting that she has never had much of an imagination. Odo and Garak have a quiet breakfast at the Replimat, where a worried Garak reveals that, since the destruction of the Obsidian Order, he has heard rumors of civil uprisings on Cardassia. Their meal is interrupted when a group of Klingons accosts Morn on the Promenade. Odo breaks up the altercation, but the lead Klingon, Drex, levels threats at both Garak and Odo. Odo tells the group of Klingons to leave the Promenade or be thrown in a holding cell.

Drex and his thugs later ambush and beat Garak in his tailor shop.

As Bashir repairs the Cardassian's broken bones, he states he is surprised that Garak isn't pressing charges. Garak, in his usual manner, brushes off the beating but is wondering why Klingons have become so hostile to Cardassians.

When Kasidy Yates' freighter, the Xhosa, sends out a distress call, Sisko and the crew of DS9 board the USS Defiant. After arriving at the Xhosa's coordinates, they discover that Commander Kaybok of the Klingon Bird-of-Prey IKS M'Char is searching all vessels exiting Bajoran space, including the Xhosa. When Sisko threatens Kaybok that the Defiant will open fire on the M'Char, the Klingon commander allows the Xhosa to break free of the M'Char's tractor beam.

Once the senior officers return to Deep Space 9, Martok meets with Sisko again in his office, slamming Kaybok's dagger onto his desk. Kaybok has been executed as punishment for disobeying his orders. Sisko realizes that something must be done before the situation escalates out of control.

Remembering how Curzon once told him that the only people who can really handle Klingons are other Klingons, Sisko notifies Starfleet Command of the situation and Starfleet consequently dispatches Lieutenant Commander Worf to the station. Upon his arrival, Chief O'Brien welcomes his old crewmate aboard. A disgruntled Quark, however, upon seeing Worf, sarcastically remarks that precisely what the station needs is "another Klingon."

Worf immediately goes to see Captain Sisko to introduce himself and report for duty. When Worf meets the captain, Sisko offers condolences for the loss of the USS Enterprise-D in battle, calling it a good ship. Despite thanking Sisko for his condolences, Worf is clearly not willing to talk about it. As is established during their conversation, he has been on extended leave at the Klingon monastery on Boreth for a time. Sisko apologizes for interrupting Worf's leave, but Worf tells Sisko his leave was almost over. When Sisko asks where Worf will likely be assigned next, Worf admits he has been considering resigning from Starfleet. When Sisko asks why, Worf explains that living among Humans has never been easy for him but that it has become even harder for him since the Enterprise was destroyed and that he is no longer sure of his place in Starfleet anymore. Sisko tells Worf that, if he doesn't want the assignment, he will understand, but Worf tells Sisko that, until he decides one way or the other about resigning, he is going to do his duty. With that, Sisko gives Worf his assignment: find out what the Klingons are up to. Before Worf leaves, Sisko cautions him that he too once considered resigning from Starfleet, but now believes that would have been the wrong choice. He urges the Klingon to consider his decision carefully and Worf promises the captain he will keep that in mind.

Worf ventures into Quark's, surprising the Ferengi by asking for prune juice over the traditional Klingon choice of bloodwine. Chief O'Brien asks his old shipmate to join him and introduces him to Doctor Bashir and darts. Worf's first try at the sport ends up with him throwing

the dart halfway through the board. Then, Kira and Dax emerge from the holosuite, dressed in bright, colorful and extravagant medieval clothes, arguing over the fact that Kira knocked out Sir Lancelot. Miles introduces Worf to the two, and while Kira is embarrassed and tries to explain the clothes, Dax is quite taken with him. Just then, Drex starts to stir up trouble, so Worf decides it's the perfect time to make his first attempt at finding out what the Klingons are up to. He picks a fight with Drex and takes the warrior's d'k tahg. Drex's father, who happens to be General Martok, comes to Worf's quarters to demand the return of his son's "honor". There, Worf voices his disappointment in Martok for the general's dishonorable tactics of harassing personnel and ships, but Martok vows that it is all in the Alpha Quadrant's best interests.

Afterwards, Worf vents his frustration on a tactical holosuite program. When Dax arrives, she challenges him to a battle with bat'leths. After a brief fight, Worf gains the upper hand and sweeps Dax off her feet. Dax rhetorically asks whether the simulation made Worf feel better. Worf is frustrated at the situation, noting that his contacts on the Klingon homeworld refuse to speak with him. Dax suggests that, with so many Klingons on the station, surely one of them owes the House of Mogh a favor and might be willing to reveal the true reason they are there.

Worf invites an old family friend, Klingon officer Huraga, for a drink. When they consume a large quantity of bloodwine and become drunk, Worf presses Huraga for information. Owing Worf's father, Mogh, as Mogh had saved Huraga's House during their feud with the House of Duras, Huraga tells Worf all about the "glorious battle" that awaits them ahead.

What Worf learns disturbs him, so much so that he hesitates to tell Sisko. Odo argues with Worf on the Promenade, and tells the Klingon that no matter choice he make, it is his duty to inform Sisko which side he's on before it's too late.

Worf decides to tell Sisko the ominous truth — the Klingons are about to attack Cardassia. The rumors are true; the Central Command has been overthrown by civilian resistance. The Klingons are convinced that Changeling infiltrators are responsible, although they have no hard proof.

In the wardroom, Sisko confronts Martok and demands that the Klingons call off their attack. Martok hints that Chancellor Gowron will be told of Worf's involvement in uncovering news of the planned attack. Worf himself feels guilty that he has essentially betrayed the Klingon Empire. When Sisko points out that Starfleet will never support an unprovoked invasion and that the attack will place the Federation-Klingon alliance in jeopardy, Martok claims he will return to his ship and consult with Gowron.

However, once Martok beams aboard his ship, he sends a message to the Klingon fleet, ordering them to begin their attack. The fleet cloaks and warps away from the station, heading straight for Cardassia Prime.

The crew of DS9 meets in the wardroom. They are in a particularly nasty predicament: warning the Cardassians of the Klingon invasion is tantamount to treachery, and the Federation Council has decided not to get involved until they speak with Gowron, a decision supported by the Bajoran government. Besides, the Klingons may be correct that the Dominion was involved in the coup, since, as Odo points out, this is indeed how the Founders would set about gaining control of Cardassia. Kira states that the Obsidian Order's destruction gave the Cardassian dissident movement the strength and momentum it needed to take over the government, with or without Dominion involvement. Worf points out that this is irrelevant... many Klingons in the Empire believe they have been at peace for too long and that the Empire must expand in order to survive. The looming Dominion threat has given them an excuse to attack and conquer. If the Klingons have returned to "the old ways" of conquest, Bajor, and potentially the Federation, are at risk.

Sisko tries an unorthodox tactic — he invites Garak into the wardroom to measure the Starfleet captain for a new suit. As Garak works, the crew make sure the tailor overhears the fact that one-third of the Klingon military is currently heading into Cardassian space and will arrive within the hour. Garak excuses himself, and immediately afterwards warns Gul Dukat. Busy fighting the civilian insurgency, the Cardassian Union is unprepared for a possible Klingon invasion.

When the Federation officially condemns the invasion, the Klingon Empire withdraws from the Khitomer Accords. The Federation-Klingon alliance is dissolved. Despite this, however, a Klingon ship decloaks, claiming to have Chancellor Gowron on board, who wishes to speak with Worf.

Aboard the Klingon ship, Gowron happily greets Worf and tells him that, despite everything,

he still considers him a friend. He then tells Worf why he is there; he wants him to leave Starfleet and join the Klingons in the battle.

To be continued. . .

The Way of the Warrior (2)

Season 4

Episode Number: 74

Season Episode: 2

Originally aired:	Sunday October 2, 1995
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars:	Obi Ndefo (Drex), Christopher Darga (Kaybok), William Dennis Hunt (Huraga), Patricia Tallman (Weapons Officer)
Production Code:	40510-474
Summary:	The Klingons attack Cardassia in an attempt to overthrow the planet's newly installed civilian government. When the crew of Deep Space Nine saves the members of the new government, they fall under attack from the Klingons as well.



Despite wanting to return to his people and knowing that he owes the chancellor much for restoring his honor and giving Kurn a seat on the Klingon High Council, Worf refuses, telling Gowron that he will not break his oath to Starfleet, nor will he support an unwarranted attack. Enraged, Gowron warns Worf that, if he refuses, the House of Mogh will be stripped of all its assets, Kurn will be removed from the High Council, and Worf himself will be exiled from the Klingon Empire and left with nothing. When Worf replies he'll still have his honor, Gowron simply says, "So be it." Later, Worf sits in Quark's, deep in thought, and is joined by O'Brien. After reminiscing over how they

saved Captain Picard from the Borg, and how Worf knew they would succeed despite the overwhelming odds, he says he has decided to resign. O'Brien tries to convince him otherwise, assuring Worf that Starfleet is sure to build another Enterprise soon, but as far as Worf is concerned, the ship and the life he knew are gone. As he cannot return to Boreth and feels that his son is much happier living on Earth, Worf decides to apply for a commission with a distant cruiser fleet in the Nyberrite Alliance. Believing he is a liability to Captain Sisko's dealing with the Klingons, he asks Sisko to accept his resignation, but Sisko refuses — Starfleet needs Worf more than ever before. Indeed, word soon arrives that the Klingons have broken through the Cardassian fleet.

Sisko contacts the new Cardassian government, the Detapa Council, only to see the face of Dukat. Apparently, Dukat switched sides when it was clear that the coup would succeed. Sisko

devises a plan: if Dukat can get the Council on a ship and rendezvous with the Defiant, they can seek refuge on Deep Space 9. Since the Klingons will execute all government officials in their invasion of Cardassia, Dukat agrees. Worf points out that — if Martok is correct, and members of the Detapa Council have been replaced by Changelings — then the Defiant will help them escape. Sisko considers it a risk worth taking. Knowing the Klingons may end up attacking the station, he orders the new weapons systems be checked and a partial evacuation of the civilian population. On his way to the airlock, Sisko runs into Kasidy, who is just arriving. The two muse how lousy their timing has been, but share their first kiss.

Sisko, Dax, Bashir, and Worf take the cloaked Defiant toward the rendezvous point. Worf admits he feels strange being on a Federation starship with a cloaking device, but Sisko assures him he'll get used to it. Bashir reminds Sisko that their agreement with the Romulans regarding the cloaking device strictly forbids its use in the Alpha Quadrant. Sisko is aware of this, but also knows there are probably countless Klingon ships between them and Dukat and he wants to make it in one piece. In response, Bashir tells Sisko he will not say anything if he doesn't, to which Sisko replies with a subtle wink.

Later, the Defiant comes across a debris field of Cardassian ships destroyed by the Klingon invaders. Although there may be survivors, the only way to find out is decloaking the Defiant to use the main sensors. Worf advises against it, warning there are probably Klingon ships cloaked and lying in wait. When Bashir argues that that doesn't sound very honorable, Worf replies that, to Klingons, in war there is nothing more honorable than winning. Despite the chance of survivors and over Bashir's objection, Sisko knows making the rendezvous is more important and decides not to take the risk. When the Defiant arrives at the coordinates, they find three Klingon Birds-of-Prey are in the vicinity and are attacking the Cardassian cruiser Prakesh.

When the Klingons ignore the Defiant's hails and fire the first shot, the starship targets the lead Bird-of-Prey and seriously damages its engines. With the Prakesh's shields, weapons and engines obliterated, Sisko is left with no choice but to drop the Defiant's shields and transport Dukat and the Council off their impaired vessel, but he also decides to err on the side of caution and orders that they undergo blood screenings. Sisko gambles that the Defiant's ablative armor will be sufficient against the attacks from the Birds-of-Prey. The Defiant begins firing at will and destroys the second Klingon vessel in the process.

When a larger Vor'cha-class attack cruiser joins the melee, Worf uses his tactical experience and suggests the use of a modulated tractor beam to deflect some of the Klingon disruptor fire. The Defiant crew is successful in rescuing all the Detapa Council members, although the Defiant's cloaking device has been damaged. The Defiant flies to maximum warp as the Prakesh explodes, and two Klingon vessels follow the starship. Meanwhile, Doctor Bashir has examined all the Council members, including Dukat, and determined that no-one aboard is a Changeling.

The Defiant successfully reaches Deep Space 9, where O'Brien detects the pursuing Klingon ships. As the Defiant approaches the station, the crew detect several dozen Klingon ships. O'Brien has requested reinforcements from Starfleet Command, but the relief task force, under command of Admiral Hastur, has not yet reached the station. Sisko makes the decision to sound battle stations.

The DS9 crew man their battle stations, preparing for the Klingons to attack, while civilians are evacuated off the Promenade (including a reluctant Quark, who wanted to defend his bar with his disruptor pistol, only to find that Rom has cannibalized it for replicator repair). The Detapa Council are sequestered away by Dukat and, unexpectedly, Garak, who raises a Cardassian disruptor to fight alongside Dukat.

Martok and Gowron hail the station and offer an ultimatum — surrender the Cardassian officials, or the Klingons will take the Council members by force. Even when Sisko tells the two Klingons that the councilors have been given blood screenings, Martok and Gowron remain determined to conquer Cardassia. Gowron urges Sisko to surrender, claiming the old station is as defenseless as an old Grishnar cat, to which Sisko confidently replies with an assurance that the "old cat" might not be as "toothless" as Gowron thinks it is. Due to the Dominion threat, Deep Space 9 has been given some major tactical upgrades — the station is now equipped with more than 5,000 photon torpedoes ready to fire.

Nevertheless, Gowron ushers in the prospect of battle by declaring, in Klingon, Kahless' battle cry: "Today is a good day to die!" The Klingon fleet begins their attack.

When the Klingon fleet enters weapons range, DS9 unleashes several volleys of the station's

new armaments. With multiple phaser banks and telescoping photon launchers, the station destroys ship after ship. Furious, Gowron orders the Negh'Var to fire its cannons directly at DS9's shield generators. The station's defensive systems fail, and Klingon boarding parties beam into Ops, the Promenade, and the Cardassians' quarters. After a series of firefights and fierce hand-to-hand combat, the DS9 crew manage to regain control of the situation. An injured O'Brien restores the shields, and Dax announces the arrival of the Starfleet reinforcements, led by the USS Venture. Gowron has little choice but to retreat. He parts with one final threat: "You have sided against us in battle. And this we do not forgive... or forget."

As the Klingons retreat and the Venture arrives, life on the station returns to normal. Quark reopens the bar, much to the delight of Morn, and Garak returns to his tailor shop. As Worf packs up his belongings, Sisko arrives with his discharge papers, wanting him to look them over before he sends them to Starfleet and makes his resignation official. Sisko tells Worf that he also considered leaving Starfleet after the death of his wife, believing that, once he took off the uniform, the pain would go away. But he soon realized that the pain would only end up catching up to him, and the only way he could beat it was to face it. In the end, he knows what he is and what he will always be — a Starfleet officer. Worf finally realizes that resigning from Starfleet won't help him move on from the destruction of the Enterprise and decides to stay in the service. Sisko offers to speak with the captain of the Venture to see if he has a position for him. Worf, however, instead requests a posting on Deep Space 9.

Worf later reports for duty in Ops, taking the post of strategic operations officer and wearing a red Starfleet uniform. The rest of the senior staff congratulate him on his new posting, as Worf confides to O'Brien that he looks forward to new challenges in the command division. Sisko reports that Dukat and the rest of the Detapa Council returned to Cardassia Prime safely and have sent thanks, although everyone knows Dukat will end up taking most of the credit. The news is not all good, however, as the Klingons are continuing to remain near DS9. They have refused to abandon several Cardassian colonies they seized and have started fortifying their positions. Sisko tells his crew that they also won't be backing down but will be staying right where they are — aboard Deep Space 9.

The Visitor

Season 4

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Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Sunday October 9, 1995
Writer: Michael Taylor
Director: David Livingston
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Tony Todd (Adult Jake Sisko), Rachel Robinson (Melanie), Galyn Gorg (Korena)
Production Code: 40510-475
Summary: An accident on the U.S.S. Defiant traps Ben Sisko in subspace. Jake spends the rest of his adult life trying to free him, when his father returns to normal space for a few seconds every several years.



On Earth, in a house on the Louisiana bayou near New Orleans. It is dark and stormy outside as an elderly Jake Sisko injects himself with an unknown compound before sitting down in front of a fire. Soon, there comes a knock at the door and Jake answers, revealing a young woman, Melanie, looking for refuge from the downpour. After a few minutes of idle conversation the visitor reveals that she, in fact, is a budding writer and is looking for the writer Jake Sisko. Confirming that Jake is who she is talking to, she cuts to the chase and asks, very promptly, why he stopped writing.

Taking a moment, Jake responds that he stopped writing, because of an event

that happened to him when he was eighteen years old. He had lost his father Benjamin Sisko.

Jake says he had grown extremely close to his father after losing his mother. In a rare event that happens only every fifty years, the Bajoran wormhole was going to undergo a subspace inversion. During this inversion, rare anomalies and temporal fluctuations were going to occur, creating a spectacle that the elder Sisko did not want he or his son to miss.

Jake was working on a particularly difficult piece of prose at this time and was struggling with it when his father asked him to come along on the USS Defiant to watch the inversion. Jake tried to hole himself away in the crew quarters to continue with his writing on his PADD, but his father persuaded him to come to the bridge to watch, reminding him of all he'd miss if he doesn't look around once in a while and then agreed to read and discuss what Jake has wrote afterwards. However, suddenly the Defiant was rocked when the wormhole began its inversion, causing a malfunction on the Defiant's engineering deck. Benjamin went to see to it, followed by Jake, despite being asked to stay behind by his father. Arriving, Jake found the entire engineering

crew unconscious and the warp core beginning to go critical from an energy flux. With Jake's help, Ben was able to stop the core from rupturing by using an interphasic compensator, but as he passed the piece of equipment to his son, the warp core emitted an energy discharge. Jake was pushed out of the way; however he witnessed his father's disappearance, and Benjamin was presumed to have been vaporized by the energy.

At the memorial service, many people spoke highly of Captain Sisko, but Jake felt he could not. Jake began living with Dax, and everyone did their best to console Jake, even to the point where Quark allowed Nog time off from the bar to spend time with him.

Jake and Nog later discussed the former's future plans since Nog was about to leave for Starfleet Academy, and Jake admitted he was considering taking his deferred admittance to the Pennington School on Earth, but wanted to remain on the station too. However, one night as Jake lay in bed, there was a flash of light. Jake turned around, and saw his father sitting in a nearby chair. A few seconds later, he disappeared again.

Jake tried to explain what had happened to Dax, who agreed to scan for any anomalies; however, the scan turned up nothing, and Jake dismissed it as a dream.

Meanwhile, the Klingons were making more angry noises and the Bajorans, unsettled by the death of their Emissary, entered into a defense pact with the Cardassians. The Klingons were very unhappy at this and everyone knew that if war broke out, Deep Space 9 would be on the front lines. As a result, the majority of the civilian population left the station. Nog had left to attend Starfleet Academy, and Jake found himself feeling more despondent than ever. Kira and Worf tried to persuade Jake to leave, telling him it was the safest thing to do but he refused. Later, at the upper pylon viewport, Kira approached Jake and told him that she knew his grandfather had asked him to live with him on Earth, and that even if Deep Space 9 wasn't on the brink of war, she'd rather he wasn't on the station. Jake told her that the reason he was staying was because that when he and his father arrived, the station was a damaged hulk but Sisko turned it into a thriving community and Jake explained that if he left the station he'd feel like leaving the last part of his father behind. Kira allowed him to stay on the condition that when she tells him to leave, he will. He agreed.

A few months later, Jake found his father in a corridor on DS9 and was physically able to touch him. Taking him immediately to the infirmary, they discovered that Ben was caught in a temporal inversion, falling in and out of sync with normal time and disappearing into subspace, unaware of the passage of time. Despite everyone's frantic attempt to save him, Ben began to disappear into subspace.

Seeing the devastation in his son's face, Ben begged his son to reassure him he would be all right but Jake was too upset to answer.

Ben vanished, and Jake was left more heartbroken than ever.

Jake tells Melanie he couldn't bear losing his father a second time. Melanie says she can come back later, but Jake says he is dying, so that won't happen.

Jake tries to shrug off his previous admission by telling a worried Melanie that when he said he was dying he was just admitting to the inevitable. Melanie assures him he doesn't need to try and grab her attention and the two briefly discuss her ambition to be a writer. Melanie then asks what happened next.

Dax and Chief O'Brien spent the next few months trying to find a way to get Ben back, but they hit a dead end especially as they couldn't recreate the accident since the wormhole wouldn't undergo another inversion for almost fifty years. Eventually, the situation with the Klingons escalated and Starfleet was forced to turn over DS9 to them. Jake had no choice to leave and could only watch the station disappear into the distance as they left. With no choice but to carry on, Jake moved back to Earth, went to the Pennington School and began writing. Afterward he moved to Louisiana and married a Bajoran woman named Korena and all was well when they met up with Nog, now a Starfleet commander. The Klingons were beginning to let Starfleet ships through the wormhole into the Gamma Quadrant, to see how the Dominion would handle ships coming into their space again. The three met up to celebrate Jake winning the Betar Prize, a prestigious writing award for his collected stories, and Jake seemed happy and settled.

One night, Jake was up late working on his newest novel and was discussing allowing Korena, an artist, to design the cover, when suddenly the familiar flash of light came from the living room. Jake and Korena entered to find Ben lying near the couch.

Starfleet Science was immediately called, and Ben was eager to find out how his son was doing. He was delighted to find that Jake was married and had published two books, achieving his ambition. However, Jake began to get upset at everything his father had missed out on and that he had given up on him, but Ben told Jake that nobody could be expected to hold on for so long, and that he was proud of him. Jake tells Ben that noting he's accomplished matters now that he knows his father is still out there, but Ben tells Jake that it all matters and that even though he isn't there, he still wants grandchildren. Suddenly Ben disappeared again, and Jake was once again distraught.

Jake stopped writing, and began studying subspace mechanics in an attempt to get his father back. Korena was initially patient; eventually, however, Jake's obsession cost him his wife. But Jake wouldn't let this stop him, and he realized he could get Ben back by recreating the accident. By this time, fifty years had passed and Jake hoped that because the Bajoran wormhole would be inverting again, he could grab his father and get him back into sync with his own life. Nog, now a captain, got the Defiant out of retirement and the crew, including Dax and Bashir, went to recreate the accident. However instead of bringing Ben back, Jake was pulled into subspace where he encountered his father.

Ben was again eager to find out how his son was doing, but was horrified to find Jake had lost his wife and abandoned his promising writing career in order to try and rescue him. Ben pleaded with his son to get back to writing and to live his life properly, telling him that he shouldn't abandon his future for him. Eventually, Jake was pulled back from subspace.

Back in the present, Melanie asks why he didn't go back to writing, and Jake reveals that he had, having been working on more collected stories. He tells her that there wasn't enough time left for him, as he is dying. Melanie realizes that Jake's father is about to appear, and bids Jake goodbye. Before she leaves, Jake makes Melanie promise to enjoy life and once she is gone he rests in an old chair before falling asleep.

Waking the next morning, Jake opens his eyes to find his father sitting close by, observing him. Ben tells Jake how happy he is that he's living in the house again and that he finally got back to writing. Jake asks Ben to read the dedication: "To my father, who's coming home."

"Don't you see? We're going to get a second chance..."

Ben is touched, but Jake explains further; he (Jake) is the link that kept pulling Ben back into normal space; the sync was like a rubber band. He was the anchor for his father. Sometimes the band would be pulled taut, and during those times before the tension was released, Ben would temporarily rejoin his timeline, but he pulled away again once it snapped back. Once Jake dies, Ben will be lost in subspace forever. The only way to save him is to cut the cord at the time it is most taut, when he is in perfect sync with Jake's timeline. If he did so, Benjamin will be shot back to the time of the incident and he could jump out of the way before he got caught in the loop. Benjamin realizes that Jake has taken poison, and is committing suicide. Ben is horrified, and pleads with his son not to do it and that he shouldn't sacrifice himself for him, but Jake explained he had to. By doing this, he is saving two lives, those of Ben and the boy Jake was, the boy who needs his father. Ben is devastated as his son dies in his arms.

Ben suddenly finds himself back in the Defiant engine room, just after he saved the ship. This time he's able to barely dodge the energy discharge from the warp core. Jake is puzzled how his dad knew to get out of the way, but Ben, having seen how much his son was willing to give up in order to save him, can only hug him knowing they now both have a second chance.

Hippocratic Oath

Season 4

Episode Number: 76

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired:	Sunday October 16, 1995
Writer:	Lisa Klink
Director:	Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Scott MacDonald (Goran'Agar), Stephen Davies (Arak'Taral), Jerry Roberts (Meso'Clan), Marshall Teague (Temo'Zuma), Michael Bailous (Jem'Hadar #1), Roderick Garr (Shady Alien)
Production Code:	40510-476
Summary:	O'Brien and Bashir are captured by a group of renegade Jem'Hadar who want them to find a cure for the biological addiction to the enzyme 'Ketracel White' which they need for survival. This enzyme is regularly administered by the Dominion to keep the Jem'Hadar obedient. Without it, the Jem'Hadar enter a painful withdrawal process and die.



Worf sits alone in Quark's, his eyes shifting between a PADD and a Markalian across the room. When Quark observes the poor quality of the Markalian's mugshot on the PADD, Worf is not amused. The Markalian is a known criminal, but Quark claims he does not discriminate and everyone is welcome at his bar. The Ferengi goes over to talk to the Markalian as Major Kira approaches and sits down with Worf. After ordering a Tarkalean tea, she agrees with Worf's observation that Quark is likely plotting something with the Markalian, yet she seems unconcerned, reassuring Worf that Odo keeps Quark in check. Worf agrees, but adds that Quark is not in

prison.

"Medical Officer's log, stardate 49066.5. Chief O'Brien and I have concluded our bio-survey of Merik III in the Gamma Quadrant. We are on course back to the wormhole and should arrive at the station two days ahead of schedule."

Meanwhile, on the runabout USS Rubicon, O'Brien and Doctor Bashir are discussing Keiko O'Brien's return to Deep Space 9 after spending several months on Bajor. Keiko is upset that her husband set up a workshop in their bedroom while she was gone, as she thinks it is a subconscious attempt to push her out of his life; although Miles does not think he has any motive, Bashir claims the opposite is true: Miles' desire to be closer to his wife is the reason, for the bedroom reminds him of her. O'Brien is relieved to hear this and wishes his wife was

more like Bashir — though he tries to hide it. The conversation is interrupted when they detect a magneton pulse emanating from a nearby planet, likely the result of a damaged warp drive. However, a plasma field prevents the runabout's sensors from scanning the planet. The field causes them to crash land in the process.

On the planet, Bashir and O'Brien are interrogated. The Jem'Hadar can easily read their rank and specialty from just looking at their uniforms. Interestingly, they place value on engineering targets rather than science and medical, revealing a bit about their tactics. One of the Jem'Hadar wants to kill Bashir and use O'Brien for intelligence, but the lead Jem'Hadar disagrees and brings them to their complex.

Meanwhile, Worf discusses with Captain Sisko and Odo the Markalian aboard the station and how he is likely plotting an illegal activity. Odo doesn't appreciate Worf attempting to interfere with his duties and assures Captain Sisko that he's already conducting an investigation. Sisko allows Odo to proceed and, while understanding Worf's position and appreciating his vigilance, reminds the Klingon that he is no longer a security officer but is now the strategic operations officer in charge of coordinating all Starfleet activity in the sector. Worf promises not to let the incident interfere with his duties.

On the planet, Bashir and O'Brien are in a holding force field, while discussing the fact that the Jem'Hadar look rather "jumpy".

Before their conversation can go further, the lead soldier, Goran'Agar, comes and takes Bashir to an isolated section of their complex.

Bashir is told that he is now working for the Jem'Hadar. Bashir refuses, but is then told of a story that he can't believe. The lead Jem'Hadar has freed himself of his need for ketracel-white. He believes that some aspect of the planet has freed him from his addiction, and wants Bashir to find a way for all Jem'Hadar to live without the need for ketracel-white.

Bashir is still a little hesitant to help the Jem'Hadar, so he is led to an area where there are several soldiers obviously in withdrawal stages. A slight touch to any one of them results in excruciating pain. Upon seeing this, Bashir is once again asked if he will help. He says yes, but only with Chief O'Brien's assistance. The soldiers then receive the white necessary to relieve their symptoms.

On the station, following a meeting about the escalating Klingon attacks in the wardroom Worf tells Odo his investigation has left him convinced Quark is planning to smuggle Tallonian crystals and is due to meet his buyer that evening. Odo thanks Worf for the information, but is cagey when asked if he plans to arrest Quark.

O'Brien and Bashir go to work after a couple days. Bashir has run tests, but, in the meantime, O'Brien has been working on a makeshift weapon firing a plasma charge to subdue the guard. Quietly, he explains that they will get the guard's gun and run to the runabout. Then, Goran'Agar and a few others arrive to check on the progress. His second, Arak'Taral, picks up the device O'Brien was working on, O'Brien explaining that it's for scanner resolution. He inadvertently triggers the weapon. Bashir and O'Brien are quickly subdued, but the second refuses to release his hands from O'Brien's neck.

Bashir tends to the guard who was hit by the device. The guard now cannot stand, but Bashir can fix the wound with surgery.

Revealing some more about their rules, the injured Jem'Hadar expects to be killed rather than be a burden on the others. Bashir objects, but, interestingly, so does Goran'Agar. He says that is one of the Vortas' rules, and they will not live by them any longer.

Meanwhile, Worf covertly observes Quark waiting for the smuggler from the second floor of the bar. Quark starts inspecting the crystals and Worf then leaves to confront Odo about the situation, saying he doesn't appear to be addressing the situation at all.

Odo brushes him off, saying he doesn't need him interfering in the way he conducts his duties and angrily suggests that Worf focus on his own.

Doctor Bashir comes to the decision that the Jem'Hadar deserve freedom, and feels that, once free of the drug, they may no longer be as murderous and could live peacefully. Despite his research, he was no closer to discovering why the lead Jem'Hadar did not need ketracel-white. Inspecting Goran'Agar, he finds his body is producing the white itself, but can't explain it. Bashir also mentions the Jem'Hadar child they found and the fact that Odo helped them. Goran'Agar reveals they almost worship the Founders, but they do not talk to them.

Back in the cell with O'Brien, Bashir relays his newfound opinion of the Jem'Hadar, but O'Brien is skeptical. He says they know Federation doctors are trained to feel sympathy, meaning they're manipulating Bashir. Bashir says they should help him, as the effort could end the Dominion. O'Brien is shocked, saying Bashir is just guessing and that the Jem'Hadar are simply killers, without any other purpose in life. At least, in the Dominion, they are kept in check. Bashir replies that they are still people. Finally, Bashir ends the conversation by pulling rank and ordering O'Brien to help him remove the runabout's bio-spectral phase discriminator to assist in his research.

With the second watching him, O'Brien removes something from the runabout's floor. In a quick move, O'Brien creates a distraction and transports outside. With tricorder in hand, he's off.

Bashir and Goran'Agar discuss the cure, but Bashir has ruled out all external factors. Goran'Agar insists there were no anomalous factors from four years ago, so Bashir thinks it's simply genetic — that Goran'Agar was never addicted to the drug in the first place. Then, his second informs them O'Brien escaped. Goran'Agar orders him to find him and bring him back alive, but he is now convinced Goran'Agar is weak and believing a lie. He leaves to capture O'Brien, and Goran'Agar leaves to follow, but not before telling Bashir he will not be protected any longer by his men. Bashir gives his word he will not try to escape.

Back on the station, Quark is finalizing the deal with his buyer when Worf enters to arrest them. They're both surprised, but then the bag containing the latinum turns into Odo, as the deal was actually a sting operation as Odo planned to be taken aboard the smuggler's ship and infiltrate the entire operation. Worf had been interfering in the investigation of a larger plot, and Odo keeps undercover missions to himself. Further, he doesn't report to Worf, and felt his presence actually helped a bit since it distracts from Odo's efforts. Odo is forced to settle for simply arresting the smuggler and confiscating his merchandise, leaving Worf embarrassed.

Meanwhile, O'Brien uses the tricorder to confuse the search party, and rigs up a trap for one of them to get a weapon. When O'Brien finally meets up with Bashir to bring him to the runabout, Bashir refuses to leave.

Bashir insists that he can find a cure. O'Brien is shocked again, and waits to convince him. O'Brien then destroys Bashir's equipment, and informs Bashir that charges can be filed against him when they return to DS9. Goran'Agar finds them and, knowing there's not enough time for Bashir to start his research from scratch, decides to let them both go free. As they approach the runabout, Arak'Taral spots them, but Goran'Agar shoots him instead. Goran'Agar sends the officers off on the runabout, and returns to his men to ease their withdrawal from ketracel-white the only way left open to him: by killing them. When O'Brien confirms that he has been a soldier, Goran'Agar asks him to explain it to Bashir.

Worf, meanwhile, has approached Captain Sisko in order to inform him about his part in disrupting Odo's investigation. Sisko is sympathetic, and reminds him that things on the station are not always as black-and-white as they might be on a starship, "and Quark is definitely a shade of grey." He tells Worf that he will need time to adjust to the unwritten rules of the station, but is confident that Worf will eventually fit in.

As they return to the station, O'Brien apologizes and says that he took the only course of action that would save Bashir's life, while Bashir restates his responsibilities as a doctor and that O'Brien condemned the men to death. They decide to cancel their weekly darts game, but agree to take it up again in a few days.

Indiscretion

Season 4

Episode Number: 77

Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Sunday October 23, 1995
Writer:	Nicholas Corea
Director:	LeVar Burton
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates)
Guest Stars:	Roy Brocksmith (Razka), Cyia Batten (Ziyal), Thomas Prisco (Heler)
Production Code:	40510-477
Summary:	Gul Dukat asks Kira to help him search for Bajoran prisoners of war — one of which is his half Cardassian/half Bajoran daughter Ziyal. However, his motives for tracking her down are more sinister than Kira had imagined.



Major Kira is in her quarters when she receives word that Razka Karn wishes to speak with her. In the course of the conversation, Kira's informed that Razka has found salvage from a missing ship called the Ravinok — but that she'll need to come to him in order to see for herself.

Later she's reviewing the criminal activity report with Odo in the Security office, but she concedes that her mind is wandering.

When she tells him that her thoughts are on the Ravinok, Odo wishes her good luck — he's certain that while she may be skeptical that there are any survivors, she won't rest until she's for certain.

While Kira prepares for her departure from the station, Captain Sisko drops in on her and asks Kira to put off her departure, as the Cardassians have asked to send someone along with Kira. She tells Sisko that she'll wait two days, and not a minute more, before she leaves.

Sometime later Sisko is in the Docking Ring with Jadzia, and they're speculating on the depth of Kasidy's interest in the Captain.

At just that moment Kasidy walks up to them to announce that she's applied for a ship's captaincy with the Bajoran Ministry of Commerce. Jadzia's immediate response is to point out that if Kasidy gets the job she can live on the station, and meanwhile the Captain's looking entirely overwhelmed at the prospect.

When Sisko makes it back to Ops, he's told by Worf that the Cardassians want to beam someone directly into Ops — someone who turns out to be Dukat. It seems that he is the one who's to accompany Kira on her search for the Ravinok, and he too is anxious to leave.

Aboard a runabout heading to Razka's location in the Badlands, Dukat inquires on Kira's motivation for the search. She explains that when the Ravinok was lost, one of the people aboard was Lorit Akrem, the man who recruited Kira into the Shakaar resistance cell.

Dukat's bemused at that, and goes on to say that the Shakaar cell had been the focus of a lot of Cardassian attention during the Occupation. Thence he asserts that the Occupation did Bajor a favor, with which Kira hotly disagrees.

Back on the station Sisko and Kasidy are having dinner, and Kasidy announces that she got the captaincy she applied for. When she raises the possibility of getting quarters on the station, an increasingly overwhelmed Sisko calls it "a big step." Obviously, Kasidy is unimpressed by that response and declares that Sisko is afraid of commitment.

When Kira and Dukat arrive at Razka's ship, Dukat's presence creates tension, and it is revealed that both Razka and Dukat are wanted men — Razka by the Cardassians, and Dukat by the Maquis. However, Dukat confirms that Razka's salvage is from the Ravinok.

Informed that Dozaria was the last stop of the Ferengi ship that was hauling the salvage, Kira and Dukat leave. Once at Dozaria, they find emissions consistent with the presence of a damaged ship, and take the runabout down to the surface of the planet... where they find the hulk of the Ravinok.

At the station Sisko is in Quark's with Jadzia and Bashir, and the three of them are discussing how the Captain can best address the fact that Kasidy's upset with him. Once the Captain leaves the table, Jadzia and Bashir agree with the Captain's judgment that the prospect of Kasidy living on the station is "a big step." Back on Dozaria, Kira discovers that Lorit wasn't killed when the ship crashed, but Dukat learns that the person he came for — a Bajoran woman who was once his beloved mistress — was.

Wanting to continue her search for Lorit, Kira explains that as a resistance fighter he had an implanted tracking device of sorts, the trail of which should lead them to the location of the survivors.

That night, after Kira and Dukat set up their bivouac with difficulty, Kira points out that she learned from the ship's computer that the daughter of Dukat's mistress, one Tora Ziyal, was also aboard. Dukat declares that he's the girl's father, and that if he finds her alive, he will be forced to kill her. The next day, he goes on to explain that if his paternity of the girl is made known on Cardassia, his political enemies would see him ruined. Kira promises him that if he kills his daughter, she will kill him.

Kira and Dukat find the survivors of the Ravinok enslaved by the Breen at a dilithium mine, and somehow disguise themselves within refrigeration suits. Once in the mine Kira discovers that Lorit is dead, and Dukat runs off to find his daughter.

Chased by Kira, Dukat finds Ziyal retrieving water from a spring. Ziyal immediately recognizes her father, and his response is to draw his disruptor on her. Just then Kira finds her way into the chamber, and draws her disruptor on Dukat.

Encouraged by Kira to run, Ziyal instead stands her ground and explains that even though she'd been warned of the likelihood that her father would want to kill her, she refused to believe it — she maintained her will to live by hoping and actually dreaming that she'd be rescued by him. The impasse is finally broken when Ziyal says to her father, "if I can't be with you, then I'd rather die." Back on the station, Captain Sisko goes to Kasidy to apologize for his gracelessness, as he'd been advised by his son to do. Kasidy accepts his apology and, though she turns away from his attempt at a parting kiss, implies that the two of them will be seeing a lot more of each other.

Shortly thereafter Dukat catches up to Kira on the Promenade to announce to her that he's taking Ziyal back to Cardassia, and that he will let her know if he has any trouble over his decision.

Rejoined

Season 4
Episode Number: 78
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Sunday October 30, 1995
Writer: Ronald D. Moore, René Echevarria
Director: Avery Brooks
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)
Guest Stars: Susanna Thompson (Lenara Kahn), Tim Ryan (Bejal Otner), James Noah (Hanor Pren)
Production Code: 40510-478
Summary: Jadzia rekindles a relationship when she meets the current host of the wife of one Dax's past hosts, Torias. However, under Trill law, this is an offense punishable by exile from the homeworld and thus the death of the symbiont.



Jadzia Dax is in Quark's showing off magic tricks to Quark and Julian Bashir when Captain Benjamin Sisko calls her away. He informs her that a Trill science team is coming to create an artificial wormhole and that the leader of the team is Lenara Kahn. He then suggests that Dax has 3 months of leave accumulated and that she should take advantage of it. But Dax says she can handle it and that she has never allowed her past lives to interfere with her job.

Dax, Worf and Kira Nerys greet the science team comprised of Dr. Hanor Pren, Dr. Lenara Kahn and her brother Dr. Bejal Otner. Dax and Kahn formally greet and both agree "it's been a long time".

Dax reveals to a curious Major Kira that Kahn use to be Dax's wife.

In Quark's Kira and Julian explain to a confused Quark that Dax's previous host Torias Dax was married to Kahn's previous host Nilani Kahn. However Torias was killed in a shuttle accident and Nilani became a widow. When Nilani died, the Kahn symbiont passed on to Lenara. Kira can not understand why Dax and Kahn can not simply "pick up where they left off" but Julian explains that it is strictly against the rules of Trill society to acknowledge it in any way. Rekindling a relationship with a love from a past life is called Reassociation and the Trill feel it is unnatural as the point of joining is to allow the symbiont to accumulate experiences from many lifetimes. When moving from host to host, the symbiont must learn to let go of the past and move on from family and loved ones. Kira believes there must have been some Trill who have reassociated and there have: they were exiled from Trill society and their symbionts died with them. There is nothing more important for a joined Trill than to protect the life of the symbiont and therefore Julian believes Dax will not act on any feelings she has.

At the welcome reception for the Trill scientists, Dax and Kahn have an awkward encounter at the buffet table which is not helped by the inquisitive looks cast by everyone else in the room. Dax humourously suggests getting in a screaming match to entertain the audience. Kahn jokes that perhaps they could throw themselves at each other, profess their love and disregard for Trill society.

Kahn adds that they are both mature adults who are capable of handling the situation and Dax agrees.

On the *Defiant*, the science team is going over the plan to generate a subspace tensor matrix with a magneton pulse to create an opening in the space-time continuum. Left alone on the bridge, Kahn and Dax discover a few problems, and Dax tells Kahn not to panic — Torias use to tell Nilani that she was making a fuss over nothing and panicking. Dax admits that Torias was insensitive but Nilani overreacted as well. Kahn replies defensively and accidentally in the first person, but what she meant to say was "Torias being a pilot made Nilani nervous". Both hosts feel they have never had so much trouble separating their feelings from that of a past host. Dax adds that Torias was at fault for testing an unsafe shuttle and that the part of her that is Torias is very sorry. On impulse, Dax invites Kahn to dinner with her and Julian, only it turns out that Dax nominated Julian as a chaperon without asking first. Kahn agrees to meet that night at Quark's.

It turns out Bashir had plans that night, but Dax insists he cancel them and he relents. The unfortunate Bashir sits at a table yawning, completely left out while Kahn and Dax reminisce the night away. Bashir gets called away by Ensign Tyler's broken leg and leaves a little too eagerly. Kahn thinks that Julian is a good friend, listening to them trading stories and not complaining. Kahn gives Dax her pair of Klingon earrings and Dax reaches out to hold Kahn's hand, only to be observed by Dr. Pren.

On the *Defiant*, preliminary testing has begun. Pren reports to Dr. Otrner about the former couples' dinner date the previous night and observes they are very friendly towards each other. Dax embraces Kahn as the first test succeeds: the wormhole was open for 23.4 seconds.

While Otrner and Kahn have dinner, Otrner asks questions about Dax, who visited Kahn's quarters the previous night. Kahn becomes defensive and Otrner states that people are starting to notice how Kahn and Dax are acting towards each other. Lenara storms off angrily and Otrner apologizes. He agrees to trust her if she says that nothing is going on, and Lenara insists there is not.

Kahn visits Dax's quarters considerably upset at the encounter with her brother. Dax suggests they should not see each other and they should not be having this conversation but Kahn says that would not change their feelings. Kahn admits that she has not gotten over Dax and Dax tells Kahn she has missed her so much. They share a passionate kiss and Kahn quickly leaves afterwards.

Dax seeks Benjamin Sisko's advice regarding what to do. Sisko thinks Dax should not pursue the relationship as Curzon Dax had said that the price for violating the reassociation taboo is too high. Sisko wants Dax to think about what will happen if they reassociate: when Jadzia dies. Sisko assures her that if he were in her position he would want to be certain that he can pay the price before doing anything. Sisko, however, agrees to back Dax if she is sure that this is what she wants. Dax says that in her seven lifetimes, she has never had a friend quite like Sisko.

On the *Defiant* the team launches another attempt to send an object through the artificial wormhole. The wormhole appears to be stable and a probe is launched. It causes a large explosion on the *Defiant* with a hull breach on Deck 5 and plasma leaks in the engine room where Dr. Kahn is located. The bridge cannot contact the engine room and Jadzia goes to investigate. The leak is out of control and the plasma needs to be vented out to space, however Kahn is lying out of reach and unconscious. Dax walks on a level 8 force field over the leaked plasma and gets to Kahn in just in time with the help of Michael Eddington. The plasma is vented before it before it damages the warp core. Kahn tells Dax that she does not want to lose her again and Dax agrees.

Dax visits the recovering Lenara and Otrner thanks Dax for what she did. He leaves and gives them their privacy. Dax gives Lenara a bottle of Risian perfume and says that the accident may have been caused by the tetryon field's reaction to the probe's shielding, producing a massive graviton wave. Kahn feels guilty about the damage but Dax says it is a huge achievement. Dax then suggests Kahn do further research with her at Deep Space 9 instead of returning to Trill and that she is prepared to pay the price. Dax says it does not matter what everyone else thinks,

but what they feel is most important. Kahn however feels that she can not give up everything she worked for and ignore the rules, despite feeling that a part of her is missing without Dax. Kahn wants to think it over on Trill for a little longer, but Dax says that if Kahn leaves on the transport tomorrow they both know that she will probably never return.

Worf escorts Pren and Otner to the airlock while Jadzia observes from above, still hoping Kahn will stay. However Kahn arrives soon after. She casts one last lingering look at Dax and the grief-stricken hosts part, possibly for ever.

Starship Down

Season 4

Episode Number: 79

Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Sunday November 6, 1995
Writer: David Mack, John J. Ordover
Director: Alexander Singer
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: James Cromwell (Hanok), F.J. Rio (Muniz), Jay Baker (Stevens), Sara Mornell (Ensign Carson)
Production Code: 40510-479
Summary: During negotiations with the Karemma, the Defiant is attacked by the Jem'Hadar. After a short battle, the Defiant is left drifting in a hostile atmosphere, with Sisko critically injured. Meanwhile, the Jem'Hadar are still looking.



The USS Defiant rendezvous with a Karemma Commerce Ministry vessel above a remote gas giant in the Gamma Quadrant in order to discuss trade issues. In a meeting between Trade Minister Hanok, Captain Benjamin Sisko and Quark in the Defiant's mess hall, Hanok expresses frustration in trading with the Federation, citing a series of mysterious heavy taxes and fees. Since the Ferengi are being used as middlemen between the Federation and Karemma to avoid angering the Dominion, Sisko realizes that Quark has been cooking the books. In command on the bridge, Worf gruffly reprimands a young officer, Ensign Carson, for poor results in a weapons drill, and

orders a fifteen percent decrease in response times. Meanwhile, Major Kira Nerys tells Lieutenant Commander Jadzia Dax that she is fasting in observation of Ha'mara, the anniversary of the Emissary's arrival to Bajor. Kira suspects Captain Sisko, who dislikes ceremonies, of purposely scheduling the trade negotiations to avoid attending Ha'mara. Kira wished he had attended, as it would have meant a lot to the Bajoran people. Suddenly, sensors pick up two incoming Jem'Hadar warships. They have come to punish the Karemma for trading with the Federation. A red alert is initiated, and Sisko and Minister Hanok come to the bridge. Hanok offers to surrender himself in exchange for all their lives, but Sisko will have none of that. The Jem'Hadar begin attacking both ships. In blind panic, the Karemma ship begins moving away, fleeing into the upper atmosphere of the gaseous Class-J planet. The Jem'Hadar and the Defiant are in hot pursuit. Kira notes that she is reading wind speeds of 10,000 kph, while Hanok, overwhelmed with guilt, notes that twenty-three people are on that ship. Sisko is determined to save the trade

ship, and orders the Defiant into the planet's turbulent atmosphere. Chief Miles O'Brien and his young subordinates, Crewmen Muñoz and Stevens, attempt to channel more power into the ship's structural integrity fields. Despite their efforts, the ship is violently buffeted by air currents. Inside the gas giant, the crew discover more bad news. The interference has restricted their sensor visibility to less than two kilometers, plus rendered their cloaking device and weapon targeting systems inoperable. Major Kira and Lt. Dax suggest using modulated tetryon pulses to actively scan via echolocation. During the Occupation, Kira used this method to evade Cardassian ships in the Badlands.

Unfortunately, each pulse would give the Defiant's location away as well, meaning the ship would have to change speed and course after every scan. As the crew begins working on their echolocation scanner, Minister Hanok returns to the mess hall. There, Quark tries to convince Hanok that the bogus surcharges were honest mistakes by his "idiot" brother Rom. Hanok doesn't buy the explanation, and angrily tells Quark that, if they survive, he will ensure that Quark will never again conduct commerce in the Gamma Quadrant. Meanwhile on the bridge, the echolocation pulses have detected an object four hundred kilometers beneath them. The Defiant gingerly moves toward it, emitting pulses to keep its bearings. Suddenly, two more blips appear, moving fast toward them

Little Green Men

Season 4

Episode Number: 80

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Sunday November 13, 1995
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Megan Gallagher (Nurse Garland), Charles Napier (General Denning), Conor O'Farrell (Professor Jeffrey Carlson), James MacDonald (Captain Wainwright)
Production Code:	40510-480
Summary:	While on their way to Starfleet Academy on Earth, Quark, Rom and Nog are thrown back in time and crash land in the small town of Roswell, New Mexico in the year 1947.



A crowd has gathered at Quark's. Rom tells the assembled crowd that since Nog will soon be heading off to Starfleet Academy, as is Ferengi tradition, he is selling off his personal items to raise capital. Rom says he will buy Nog's pajamas. Nog tells him the price is three strips of gold-pressed latinum. Rom, in typical Ferengi fashion, haggles his way down to two. Nog accepts, and encourages the crowd to buy their own keepsake.

Worf stands off to one side, and is approached by O'Brien, who is surprised to see him there. Worf explains it was a personal request of Sisko's, and says he seems to have taken some interest in the boy. The chief tells him that Sisko sponsored Nog's application to the Academy, and Worf says it just doesn't seem right: a Ferengi at the Academy. The chief comments that not so long ago, someone would have said that about Worf, too. Sisko comes up behind them and tells them to buy something before it is all gone.

Despite his annoyance, Worf ends up buying a tooth sharpener.

Quark walks into the bar and, looking irritated, walks over to Rom. Rom is surprised to see Quark, and tells him that if he hurries, there may still be some choice items left to buy. Quark tells him he's not there for the sale; Nog has no place going off to the Academy, and Quark won't have any part of it. Quark tells Rom to come with him; the sale is over, as far as Rom is concerned. The brothers' cousin Gaila has finally made good on a 10-year old promise and bought Quark a ship. Knowing Gaila, it is probably defective, so he wants Rom to check it out.

Upon inspection, Rom finds the ship is in perfect shape, but Quark feels they need to take it on a shakedown cruise. Rom suggests Earth, and Quark says it is a wonderful idea. Rom runs off to tell Nog, and Quark says to himself that it will be a profitable trip.

Quark makes arrangements with Morn to watch the bar while he's gone, and tells him to keep a close eye on Odo. Odo tells Quark Morn is a good choice, as long as he doesn't drink up all of the profits. Odo comments that it is nice of Quark to take Nog to Earth; Quark remarks that he's a generous person.

Jake and Nog are at their usual spot on the Promenade, when Bashir and the Chief walk up. They present Nog with a PADD on all of Earth's customs, geography, history... everything he'll need to know to get by on Earth. Nog looks at them in surprise, and asks if it will tell him all he needs to know about attracting human females; they chuckle and say, "Well, maybe not EVERYthing." Nog says his goodbyes to Bashir and the Chief, and Jake offers to walk him to the airlock. He turns around one last time to look at the spot where he and Jake used to spend all their time hanging out on the Promenade. Jake says, "That was a good spot." Nog replies, "The best." Jake walks his friend to the airlock.

Ops — Dax tells Sisko and Kira that the Ferengi shuttle Quark's Treasure has just departed. Kira says she wouldn't want to be stuck on that shuttle with the three of them all the way to Earth; Sisko says he's just worried that no one warned Earth they were coming.

On the shuttle — Quark complains that the trip is taking too long, and Rom says not to worry; he knows that kemocite is unstable, but another day or two won't make any difference. Quark tells Rom he doesn't know what he's talking about; Rom tells him he knows about the shipment of kemocite Quark is smuggling; and how dangerous and profitable it is, especially if they make a side trip to Orion on the way back from Earth. Quark asks when he got so smart; Rom tells him he's always been smart, he just lacked self-confidence. Rom tells Quark he could be convinced to forget what he knows... for 20% of the profits. Quark rolls his eyes, and asks Nog if he wants a cut, too. Nog says that as a Starfleet cadet, he's sworn to report any violation of Federation law to his superiors; but he hasn't been sworn in yet. For 10%, he'll keep quiet. Quark agrees, and tells Rom to push the shuttle faster. As they approach Earth, Nog comes in from the crew quarters, and asks if the picture of Gabriel Bell looks a lot like Sisko. Quark tells Rom to take the ship out of warp, and Rom says it is not responding; the command sequencer has been disabled. It turns out Gaila sabotaged the ship, and Rom can't shut it down. Rom says that if he can flood the cargo hold with plasma, its reaction with the kemocite should allow him to shut down the warp core. Quark says he's a genius. Rom asks if he really thinks so, and Quark replies he has no idea... he didn't understand a word he just said, but to do it anyway. Rom says he thinks he can get close enough to Earth to make an emergency landing. The ship streaks through space at high warp... and disappears.

Quark wakes up and sits bolt upright, covered by a white sheet. He looks around, and sees Rom and Nog lying next to him in what appears to be a dark laboratory. They both appear to be dead. Outside the lab, a human male picks up an old-fashioned phone and tells the party on the other end to contact General Denning... one of the "Martians" is awake. The camera pans over to a calendar hanging on the wall... it is an old Betty Page style pin-up calendar, set on July, 1947.

A military base, 1947 — one man in a suit, a doctor, and several men and women in US military uniforms stand on the other side of a two-way mirror, watching Quark, Rom, and Nog interact with each other. They have the farmer who found the ship, and they've convinced the "idiot in Roswell" who told the local paper they captured a flying saucer to issue a retraction... turns out, it was just a weather balloon. They're afraid that if word gets out that beings from another planet have landed on Earth, they'll create a nationwide panic. They're not telling anyone about the "Martians" until they know what they're up against. They turn on a speaker and hear the Ferengi speaking in their native tongue. Quark walks over to the door and tries to get it to open, but can't figure out how to use the door knob. The Humans watch this all with great interest.

Inside the room, the Ferengi try to figure out where they are. They figure they must be on Earth, but they don't know where, except that it is not Starfleet Academy. Quark starts beating on the door, yelling at them to give him his ship back. The soldiers on the other side of the door pull their guns, thinking he's trying to escape. A female officer grabs the doctor's arm and tells him not to let the soldiers hurt Quark; he's just scared. He tells the general they need to try and communicate with them; the General tells him the President agrees... that's why he's here.

Back inside the room, Quark is complaining that Earth was a bad idea, and that it is all Nog's fault because he insisted on joining Starfleet. Rom defends Nog, Quark yells at Rom, Nog yells at Quark, and Rom says maybe they're all dead, and this is the Divine Treasury, the Ferengi version of Heaven. Quark says that's not possible; the Treasury is made of solid gold-pressed latinum, the Blessed Exchequer and the Celestial Auctioneers are missing, and they should be bidding for new lives right now. Rom says maybe they're in the other place... Nog suggests the Vault of Eternal Destitution? Quark scoffs and says that's impossible; the bar was turning a profit.

The door opens, and two armed men enter the room, followed by the female nurse, one of the officers, and the doctor. He tries to communicate with the Ferengi; they don't understand a word he says. Rom figures their universal translators must not be working, and they all three start hitting their heads, trying to reset the translators. The Humans think they must be some sort of greeting, and start hitting their heads in return. Quark looks at them in amazement; Rom says maybe their universal translators are broken, too.

Nog says they don't have universal translators; he recognizes the uniforms from the PADD Bashir gave him. The uniforms are from the 20th century, one of Earth's old nation-states, Australia, or something. They figure out they've traveled back in time almost 400 years. Rom asks if they don't have universal translators, then why are they banging their heads. Quark hits his head, and the Humans do it to. Quark repeats the action, and so do they. Quark figures out they are just mimicking the Ferengi. He says he never realized primitive Humans were so stupid. Nog says they were also violent, petty, bigoted, and selfish. Quark says, "The three of us, and millions of primitive hew-mans... I like those odds." The nurse takes Quark's blood pressure, and Quark asks for oomox in his native tongue. She has no idea what he says, of course. She smiles, and walks over to the doctor. She tells him she has run every test she can think of, and all she can tell him is, they're not Human. They watch Rom try to repair Nog's universal translator, and think they're involved in some kind of grooming ritual, like gorillas. She correctly assumes they are father and son, and the doctor wonders if Quark is related somehow. She says for all they know, he could be the mother. The doctor says if that's true, Quark is quite a shrew.

Rom figures out that the interference disrupting their translators is coming from theta radiation from nuclear fission. Quark tells him not to be an idiot; fission doesn't happen within planetary atmospheres. Nog explains that here, it does. In the 20th century, humans used to use crude fission reactors as weapons, calling them "Atom bombs." Quark can't believe how stupid the humans are for polluting their own planet. Quark tells Rom to hurry up and fix the translators; the sooner they start communicating with these "savages," the better.

Rom sees the female playing with a hair pin, and points at it. The man figures out that Rom wants it, and she gives it to him. Rom takes the hairpin and jabs it in Nog's ear, looking for the reset button on his translator. The Humans recoil, thinking it must hurt. The doctor lights up two cigarettes, one for him and one for her, and expresses dismay at not having enough help to try and communicate with the Ferengi, and the woman says she's sure he'll find a way. She can't wait to find out how much they can learn from the Ferengi; how maybe, in a few years, Humans will have rocket ships of their own and travel the galaxy, "exploring new worlds and new civilizations." He chuckles, and says that she's a dreamer; she replies, that's why you love me. He smiles, and says that here they are, in the middle of one of the biggest discoveries in Human history, and all he can think about is how she'll look in her wedding dress. She smiles bashfully and says her mother keeps asking where they're going on their honeymoon; she thinks they should go to Niagara Falls. He says who knows... maybe we'll go to Mars. Quark notices the smell from the cigarettes burning, and Nog tells him about tobacco, how poisonous and addictive it is. Rom asks where they get it; Nog tells them it is readily available in stores. Quark is amazed; he says if they'll buy poison, they'll buy anything. Nog says he hopes he wouldn't do anything to disrupt the timeline; they could all cease to exist.

In the hangar, the soldiers are examining the ship, but they can't figure out how it runs. The doctor is out for a stroll, and he kneels down to pet a German Shepherd. The general asks him if they've made any progress. The doctor says he would think that creatures as technologically advanced as they seem to be would communicate telepathically, but they seem to have a developed language. He says, in time, a team of linguists should be able to figure it out. The captain says no one else is getting called in on the project. The general says the president wants answers, and he wants them now. The nurse comes outside, and tells them they need to get in there, now. They come inside, and the dog follows them in. Quark announces, so that they understand, that he is

Quark, the Chief Financial Officer of the Ferengi Alliance, and he has a business proposition for them.

The general looks in Quark's ear with a flashlight and says he sees no universal translator; Quark says trust me, it is in there.

The general asks how it works, and Quark says it is simple, if you know how. Anything is possible with advanced technology. He then goes into his sales pitch: he is there to open up a market for advanced Ferengi technology with the people of 20th century Earth.

Ships, transporters, medicine, replicates, weapons, all in exchange for gold. The general says Quark reminds him of his brother-in-law... a used car salesman, and not a very good one. Bottom line: he doesn't trust him. Quark threatens to take his "business" to the Russians, and the general doesn't like that. He says he'll have to get clearance from the president. Quark agrees, and offers some free advice: stop poisoning themselves with tobacco and atom bombs... they'll kill you. The general asks what he knows about atom bombs, and Quark says Ferengi have been watching Earth for years, and know all about Humans: baseball, root beer, darts, and atom bombs... quite a fascinating culture. He tells the general to go talk to the president.

Rom and Nog are talking to the doctor and his fiancée, telling them all about Ferenginar. The German Shepherd is sitting on the counter. Rom has just told the doctor that women on Ferenginar go around naked, and it is the law; Nurse Garland tells them she's never visiting there, and neither is he. Nog manipulates Garland into innocently giving him oo-mox. Quark comes back to the room, and Rom asks how his meeting with the general went. He gets Nurse Garland and the doctor to leave the room, and tells them everything is fine. The German Shepherd barks at Quark, and he complains that the humans forgot to take it with them. It runs over to him and puts its front paws on his shoulders. The German Shepherd morphs into Odo, who tells him he is placing Quark under arrest for attempting to smuggle kemocite. He tells them he hid on board the ship, which is in a hangar on the other side of the base. It is damaged, but the engines are functional. They can use it to get away from the base. Nog says that they'll be stuck 400 years in the past. Rom tells them all that if there is enough kemocite left, and if he can find a powerful enough energy source, he might be able to get them home, to their time. Odo asks what kind of energy source, but Quark interrupts, and tells them all they're not going anywhere, that inside a year, they'll be running the whole place. The Humans here are cruel, gullible, and greedy... and he can manipulate them. Once they run the whole planet, they'll contact the Ferengi of this time and sell them their ship. Ferengi will have warp drive before any other power in the quadrant, and set up a financial empire the likes of which even Grand Nagus Zek couldn't dream of... and Quark can run it all. Odo says he has a very vivid imagination, but the only place they're going is back to their own time. He'll have the ship ready in six hours... and they're all going to be on it. Quark says he's not going back, and neither is his ship. Odo says we'll see about that. He morphs back into a dog and waits by the door.

Outside, the captain is pacing by the door when the general pulls up. He tells the captain the president said no deal, not until they know more about the aliens. The captain says he'll find out, and the general gives his okay. The captain goes inside the building. Inside, Quark is trying to convince Rom and Nog to stay, but they want to go. Six MPs enter the room, three with pistols drawn. The other three put bags over the Ferengi's heads, and escort them none too gently from the room. They are tied to chairs, and the captain begins to interrogate Quark. He tells them if they don't let him go, he'll take his business to the Russians. The captain says that's a good place to start... tell us what you know about the Russians. Nurse Garland walks up to Quark with a syringe full of liquid, and Quark realizes he's in a lot more trouble than he thought.

Nurse Garland sticks the needle in Quark's arm and he starts to scream. After five injections of sodium pentathol, she tells the captain it is not working. She tells the captain it is wrong; "these people are our guests". The captain says they're not people, they're things, invaders from another world, and it is up to them to put an end to whatever the Ferengi might be planning. He grabs a scalpel and threatens to cut Quark open if he doesn't tell him what he wants to hear. Nog asks if there are laws against this kind of thing; the captain tells him not when it comes to national security. He threatens each of them in turn, until Rom breaks, and tells them it was an accident, that they never meant to come to Earth in the 1940s, and they're from the future, all the while, crying for his moogie. Nog says they're the advance scouts for the Ferengi invasion fleet, confirming the captain's fears. He tells the "puny Earthlings" that they have been studying them for centuries, and they are ripe for conquest. He calls Quark the "Supreme Commander"

and tells the Humans that 300 Marauder-class attack cruisers are orbiting the planet, preparing to attack. Quark tries to convince them they just want to sell them things, and the doctor says he doesn't believe the invasion story, all while Rom is crying for his moogie. Nog keeps up the invasion story, telling them that when the appointed hour arrives, the ships will decloak and begin transporting Klingon shock troops directly to the landing zone... killing all the males, and taking all the females to mate with.

The captain asks where the landing zone is; Nog will show him on the map if he unties him. One of the M.P.s unties Nog, and the other goes to get the General. Nog points to the Great Lakes area, saying the first landing parties will invade here. The captain leans over to get a closer look at the map, and Nog hits him in the stomach and over the head, causing him to drop his gun. The MP pulls his weapon, and Nurse Garland tells him not to hurt Nog. Nog says it was an accident, he didn't mean to hit the captain, he tripped. The captain tells the MP to shoot Nog, but the doctor takes out the MP before he can fire. Nurse Garland hits the captain over the head with a tray and unties Quark. They tell the Ferengi they are helping them escape, and Rom asks if they'll get in trouble. Quark says of course not, since they forced the humans to help them using... Nurse Garland fills in the blank, ... your insidious mind control powers. Quark compliments her on her quick thinking, and they make their way to the ship.

The general and two MPs stop them. Quark grabs Nurse Garland and points his finger at her, telling them he'll disintegrate the hostage with his "death ray." The general says it looks a lot like a finger to him. With the distraction, Odo shape-shifts out of a nearby truck and takes out the two MPs and the general. They commandeer a Jeep and get to the hangar. The doctor tells them an atomic blast will occur in seven minutes. Quark thanks the two "hew-mans," and Nurse Garland says that she only hopes one day man can travel the stars and take its place among a vast alliance of planets. Rom corrects her: "Federation." The Ferengi get in their ship and take off. The captain gets to the general and asks what do we do now? The general says about what, captain? All we ever found was a crashed weather balloon.

Rom tells them all they have to do is fly directly into the atomic blast and expose the kemocite to the beta radiation, and it will cause a reverse time warp that they can just ride home. Odo tells Quark if it doesn't work, he'll hold him personally responsible.

At the target site, the bomb goes off, and the ship gets buffeted by the explosion. The ship materializes in Earth orbit back in their own time.

Back on DS9, Quark tells Rom he could have ruled the galaxy, and now he has nothing, not even a shuttle. Rom reminds him he still has the bar, and at least he got enough from selling the shuttle for salvage to book them passage home. Odo grabs Quark and tells him he's under arrest for kemocite smuggling; Quark tells him he has no evidence, since they used up all the kemocite getting back to the 24th century. Odo tells him to tell it to the arbiter. Quark tells Rom to get him out of this; Rom says he'll contact cousin Gaila; he's sure to know a good lawyer.

The Sword of Kahless

Season 4

Episode Number: 81

Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Sunday November 20, 1995
Writer:
Director: LeVar Burton
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: John Colicos (Kor), Rick Pasqualone (Torai), Tom Morga (Soro)
Production Code: 40510-481
Summary: Jadzia, Worf and Kor hunt for the ancient Sword of Kahless, which is supposed to unite the Klingon Empire.



Worf prepares to accompany Jadzia Dax and Kor, a legendary Klingon warrior, on a mission to recover the Sword of Kahless, the mythical, millennium-old weapon of the Klingon Empire's first leader — an artifact missing for centuries. When the drunken Kor finally retires to his quarters after first speaking with Worf, he is attacked by a Lethean, who reads his mind, then erases the incident from Kor's mind. Kor is crestfallen.

The next day, Captain Sisko — hoping to restore Federation/Klingon relations — allows them the use of a runabout for travel to the Gamma Quadrant world where the sword is believed to be located. Upon arrival, the three get into a

deserted, protected chamber, but find that all the artifacts hidden there have been removed. But Worf, unwilling to give up, discovers another hidden chamber, where they finally find the Sword of Kahless. Later, Worf decides that it is his destiny, not Kor's, to possess the Sword and lead his people.

The long journey takes the three of them to an abyss, where Kor slips and loses his footing, but still holds the Sword. Worf saves Kor by grabbing the other end. Straining, he tries to convince Kor into letting go and landing on a dangerously small ledge, but Kor refuses. Dax helps pull up Kor and holds on to the sword herself as the other two are fighting over it. She holds it even as she sleeps. Dax is awakened by the sound of Worf and Kor, ready to fight to the death. Then, Worf and Kor turn on each other, and Worf is on the verge of killing Kor when Dax stuns each of them with her phaser, then transports the three of them back to the runabout.

Later, on board, Worf and Kor realize that the Sword turned the two against each other, and will probably divide the Klingon people as well. They make the decision to beam the sword into space, to protect the Empire.

Our Man Bashir

Season 4

Episode Number: 82

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired:	Sunday November 27, 1995
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)
Guest Stars:	Marci Brickhouse (Mona Luvsitt), Melissa Young (Caprice)
Production Code:	40510-482
Summary:	A transporter accident traps the senior crew of Deep Space Nine in Bashir's James Bond-like holodeck scenario, with each one taking the role of different characters.



A glass screen shatters as a man with a patch over one eye is hurled backwards through it. On the other side of the screen, Doctor Bashir stands casually, dressed in a tuxedo, and walks back toward his female companion, Caprice. She smiles as she hands him a bottle of champagne, but she has a troubled look on her face.

Bashir looks at the bottle and sees the reflection of the other man, who has gotten up and is attempting to sneak up on him. With nothing else to use for a weapon, Bashir turns around quickly and uncorks the bottle, using the cork as a projectile to render the other man unconscious. He turns to Caprice and the

two embrace, but they are interrupted by clapping from elsewhere in the room.

"Nice tux."

"Thank you."

"Now, get out."

It is Elim Garak, who has broken into the holosuite because he is curious to know what Bashir is doing. Garak notes that Bashir has been visiting the holosuite repeatedly ever since he received his new holo-program and yet the doctor has not told anyone what the program is. Despite Bashir's protests, Garak uses his usual charm and tactfulness to convince the doctor to allow him to stay and observe. However, he notes that Bashir's companion has just left. The doctor is obviously not amused, but Garak assures him they will have a wonderful time together. Garak then tells Bashir, "After all, what could possibly go wrong?"

As Garak and Bashir enter the doctor's fictional apartment in Kowloon, part of Hong Kong, Garak takes in the decor of 1964 Earth before they are joined by Bashir's valet, Mona Luvsitt.

She reveals that behind one of Bashir's walls is an assortment of firearms; between this and the lavish surroundings, Garak surmises that Bashir is playing some kind of rich playboy. On the contrary, Bashir says, he is a spy: a top-class secret agent whose clothing, equipment, lodgings, and adoring female companions are all provided to him by a grateful government. Garak remarks wryly that he (who really has been a spy) must have joined the wrong intelligence service.

Meanwhile, Sisko, Kira, Worf, Dax, and Miles O'Brien return from a conference only to discover their runabout has been sabotaged.

The USS *Orinoco* is about to explode, so Eddington beams them out. Unfortunately, the explosion comes during the transport, and as the crew materialize a bright flash forces station crew to avert their eyes. Only smoke remains, and Eddington is stunned.

Eddington rushes down to the pit in Ops to evaluate the next move, and Odo arrives to understand what's going on. The primary energizing coils were overloaded, but the crew members' patterns are still stuck in the transporter buffer. Given the immense amount of space required to store neural information and the fact that the buffer will soon lose coherence and the signatures with it, Eddington orders the computer to wipe all memory necessary in order to save the patterns; consequently, all power on the station goes out while the crew members are somewhere on the station, but he and Odo have no idea exactly where they are.

At the same time, in the holosuite (which is still active despite the power loss), Mona dresses Garak in appropriate attire for the 1960s. But shortly thereafter, the bar in Bashir's apartment turns itself 180 degrees to reveal a bed with a scantily-clad Major Kira on it. Bashir thinks Kira and Garak have conspired to ridicule him, but Garak is just as surprised as he is. Speaking with a thick Russian accent, Kira identifies herself as Colonel Anastasia Komananov, and soon Bashir and Garak realize the image of Komananov, a character from Bashir's holonovel, has been replaced with one of Kira. However, the computer claims the parameters for the character are normal and refuses to pause the program. Bashir contacts Ops to find out what has happened, but as Eddington explains about the transporter accident, Odo recognizes Kira's voice and realizes the images of the missing crew members must have been stored in the holosuite's memory. Odo and Eddington warn him not to stop the holo-program or call up the exit, as it might result in the loss of the images — and thus the crew.

Komananov explains the mission she and Bashir are supposed to be working on; a number of unusual earthquakes have occurred of late, and the government has concluded that the quakes are artificial. When Garak begins to explain that it is not difficult to manufacture such a quake, Bashir silences him, given the period they are supposed to be in. The assignment is to find out who is causing the quakes, and the only clue is the recent kidnapping of someone named Professor Honey Bare, a leading seismologist. When Komananov shows Bashir a picture of the professor, it is in fact Dax. Bashir communicates to Garak that they need to ensure that Honey Bare stays alive as if she dies, the computer will remove her from the program and unintentionally erase Dax's pattern.

Komananov is about to explain further when the door opens to reveal Mona, who collapses with a knife in her back. She is followed by O'Brien — who is now Falcon, the man with the patch whom Bashir knocked out previously — and two other armed men.

Komananov asks Falcon for one last kiss with Bashir, and Falcon accepts. As they kiss, she tells Bashir to remove her earring; it's a bomb. He does so, and the bomb knocks out Falcon. Garak, Bashir and Komananov proceed to knock out Falcon's henchmen. Komananov nearly kills O'Brien, but Bashir stops her from doing so. This makes Komananov question his motives, as Falcon has been trying to kill Bashir for nine years. Bashir notices that Garak's mouth is bleeding after the fight, and they realize that the safety mechanisms on the holosuite have been disabled, and that in addition to keeping the five crewmembers' patterns alive in the story, Garak and Bashir must take care to protect their own lives as well. Komananov then proceeds with the mission. She reveals that Hippocrates Noah has been kidnapping the world's best minds for the past six months, and that he had met each one at a club in Paris. Komananov, Bashir and Garak set out to visit the club.

Meanwhile, Odo and Eddington go to the holosuite with Quark and Rom to determine the nature of the crew's integration. Rom has made significant modifications, but Eddington is able to confirm the crew's physical patterns. However, their neural energy cannot be stored there. Quark supposes multiple other systems on the station have been used to do that, as it requires an immense amount of energy.

In the Club, the trio first find Duchamps, who has a striking similarity to Worf. Bashir claims that he is one of the world's leading geologists, and inquires about Dr. Noah and the scientists. Duchamps says that he can arrange a meeting, but only for 5,000,000 francs. Bashir requests a game of cards to win the money from him. Meanwhile, Odo, in Ops reveals that a Cardassian separatist group is responsible for the destruction of the Orinoco. Eddington announces that the neural patterns of all five officers were stored in the rest of the computer memory. They decide to use the Defiant to reassemble the neural and physical patterns of the five victims, though Rom says he needs to modify the system to interface with the ship. Meanwhile, Bashir has won the money in a game of baccarat, and asks to meet with Dr. Noah. Duchamps knocks the trio out with a puff of toxic cigar smoke. When they awaken, a man is ready for them. He introduces himself as Hippocrates Noah, but looks exactly like Benjamin Sisko.

Bashir then notices that the room they are in is atop Mt. Everest. Dr. Noah decides to test Bashir's geological knowledge by showing him one of his artifacts. When Bashir identifies the various stones, Noah then announces his plan, while also revealing a hidden control panel and Professor Bare, with Dax's appearance. He reveals he has placed massive underground lasers in strategic positions, and that he plans to activate them all at once, shrinking the earth, killing all of its inhabitants, and forcing the oceans to cover the entire globe, except the highest point on earth, his complex on Mt. Everest. He then announces that Bashir won't be joining him, and calls for Falcon, who has just been employed by him.

On the Defiant, Rom has successfully managed to complete the modifications to allow the holosuite to interface with the Defiant transporters, but it will take at least another hour.

Falcon straps Bashir and Garak to one of the giant lasers, but says that Komananov will be used as breeding stock for the second Human race. Dr. Noah activates the countdown sequence and leaves.

Once he is gone, Garak almost ends the program, but Bashir stops him. Finally, Honey Bare shows up, and Bashir charms her into coming close enough to steal the key to their restraints, freeing himself and Garak.

Bashir says they have to get back to the control room: according to the program's storyline, one of the two female leads — Anastasia/Kira or Honey/Jadzia — is supposed to end up with the hero, while the other one dies. They have to prevent that from happening to either of them. Garak objects, saying that the odds are against them and it is time to quit. Bashir is appalled, and a heated argument ensues: Garak says that if Bashir was a real spy, and not an overgrown child play-acting at one, he'd understand that there are times when it's better to save oneself than risk one's life against impossible odds. Garak starts to address the computer, but Bashir aims his backup gun at him, reminding him that if he calls for the exit, he may stop the program and kill Sisko and the others. Garak tells Bashir to face reality: he is not a hero, he only likes to pretend to be one, which is why he doesn't have the guts to pull the trigger. Garak starts to call for the exit again — and Bashir pulls the trigger.

Garak goes down with a flesh wound in his neck. Taken aback, he says that Bashir came awfully close to killing him. Bashir coolly asks him, "what makes you think I wasn't trying?" Impressed, Garak voices no further objections as Bashir leads him back to the control room.

Bashir and Garak hold Noah and his henchmen at gunpoint, until Duchamps arrives and disarms them. However, Julian receives a com signal from Eddington: he is going to try rematerializing the patterns in about two minutes. After hearing the signal, Noah decides to kill Bashir. However, Bashir pretends to surrender, believing that Noah has the right idea after all. Noah does not believe a word of it, but Bashir gives a lengthy speech, imitating the conversation that he and Garak had earlier. Noah is still not convinced, so Bashir then does the unthinkable — he activates Noah's machine, destroying all life on the (holographic) Earth.

Noah is stunned and unsure what to do next — the program obviously didn't have a script that allowed his plan to actually succeed. Deciding, just to relieve his uncertainty, that he will kill Bashir anyway, he starts to aim his gun... when Rom activates the transporter and rematerializes Sisko, Kira, O'Brien, Worf and Dax. O'Brien is appalled at Rom's messy modifications to the Defiant, not knowing that they saved his life.

Back in the holosuite, Garak congratulates Bashir on his ingenious "solution" — saving the day by destroying the world. The Cardassian has gained a new respect for his Human friend, and proposes that they meet again inside the program at Bashir's apartment in Hong Kong for their next lunch meeting.

Homefront (1)

Season 4

Episode Number: 83

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired:	Sunday January 1, 1996
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko), Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Guest Stars:	Robert Foxworth (Admiral Leyton), Herschel Sparber (Jaresh-Inyo), Susan Gibney (Cmdr. Benteen), Dylan Chalfy (Head Officer)
Production Code:	40510-483
Summary:	Starfleet Command places Sisko in command of Starfleet Security, as they believe that Changelings may have infiltrated Earth.



As the image fades in we see Lieutenant Commander Dax and Captain Sisko looking out of one of the Promenade windows at the wormhole as it opens and then closes. Dax explains that this is the seventh time this has happened within the last two hours and that each time there are no unusual sensor readings or any sign of ships leaving the wormhole. She claims that the Bajorans may be right and that they think it is a sign from the Prophets. She jokingly adds that perhaps they are having trouble recognizing their Emissary with his new beard. Sisko would seem to prefer a more scientific explanation, however. The two walk on and as they reach the railing they notice Odo

on the lower deck looking slightly aggravated, but before Sisko can find out why Dax finds this so funny, their conversation is interrupted by a comm message from Worf: a priority 1 message from Starfleet Security has just arrived.

In the meantime, Odo makes his way to Quark's bar and accuses him and Dax of rearranging the furniture in his room while he was regenerating. Quark acts surprised and asks Odo to say hello to Dax for him as Odo is called away to ops too.

As Odo arrives, the other members of senior staff are already discussing the message. Worf explains that the message contains a recording made at a conference between diplomatic representatives from the Federation and the Romulan Empire on Earth. The video is played and shows an explosion caused by a bomb of unknown origin. Worf commands the computer to play the video again but to enlarge a certain section and slow playback to one-tenth of normal speed. This time a vase can be seen to shimmer in the same way that Changelings do in their liquid form. The remains of a Changeling were not found however which probably means it escaped without injury. Sisko can't believe it has come to this, but it would seem that Changelings have finally reached Earth.

Odo and Dax are in Odo's quarters "repairing the damage" that she has caused. They discuss the trip to Earth which Sisko and Odo will be making aboard the USS Lakota. Odo doesn't seem to think he will be able to tell Starfleet any more about his race than he already has done in his previous reports, but Dax says that if there really are Changelings on Earth, then Starfleet needs as much help as it can get.

Sisko is talking with his father, Joseph Sisko. They are discussing Sisko's — the family restaurant in New Orleans. Joseph doesn't seem to understand that Ben isn't on a pleasure trip and Ben has to explain that he will probably be spending most of his time in Starfleet Headquarters. After a short discussion Jake comes into the room. Jake asks if Ben has told Joseph that they won't be staying with him. Ben admits he hasn't told him just yet, and Jake complains that if they have to stay with his grandfather he will have to work in the kitchen all day peeling potatoes. Ben tells Jake he is old enough now not to worry about having to peel potatoes all day — his grandfather will probably want him to serve the guests instead.

Back in Quark's, Chief Miles O'Brien and Doctor Julian Bashir leave the holosuite entering the bar dressed in World War II-flying jackets and caps. They order scotch and seem to be discussing the Battle of Britain. Quark asks why they are in the bar when the Germans are attacking, but Bashir explains they have to be — it is part of a ritual to remember fallen comrades. "To Clive" shouts O'Brien, after which they both down their drinks in one gulp and are about to throw their empty glasses, when Quark reminds them that they have already discussed the throwing of empty glasses. At any rate, Quark thinks they are taking it all a bit too seriously. After all, Clive was only a holosuite figure. O'Brien tries to explain to Quark that there's more to it than just Clive — it is about the Earth. O'Brien says that when a place you love is in danger and you try to take some action to help make that place safer but fail, it can be very frustrating. Quark says he knows exactly what O'Brien means and tells his own story about how he was serving as a cook aboard a Ferengi freighter hundreds of light years away from home as a currency crisis hit Ferenginar. He says he couldn't begin to explain how bad he felt to know that runaway inflation and rapid currency devaluation was rampaging across his planet like a brush fire. He still hasn't gotten over it to this day when he thinks about how he was powerless to save his accounts.

As usual there is a hint of sarcasm to the whole story which O'Brien picks up on and quips that, despite Quark's little story he doesn't feel any better. Odo walks past the bar and Bashir and O'Brien leave and join him. They briefly discuss the Battle of Britain — Bashir offers Odo the place of Clive but Odo isn't so sure he wants it — for obvious reasons. O'Brien asks Odo to visit his family in Dublin and make sure they are all fine. Clearly recent events have set him and many other people slightly on edge. Bashir says he wishes he could be going along for the ride too and Odo agrees he could do with the company as he has doubts that a Changeling would be very welcome on Earth. O'Brien tries to comfort Odo by reassuring him that people can't hold him responsible for the acts of his people. Odo remains unconvinced however and departs for the Lakota.

Back in ops, O'Brien reports that the Lakota has departed the station. Worf and Major Kira Nerys discuss the wormhole which has now returned to "normal" having last opened twelve hours previously. Kira is somewhat disappointed, as she had hoped that it was the work of the Prophets and that they had finally decided to show themselves to the Bajorans. Worf comments that he prefers the Klingon belief system. Kira asks if the Klingon Gods are just as mysterious those of the Bajorans — of course the Klingons don't have any Gods. They were executed by Klingon warriors over 1,000 years ago because they "brought more trouble than it was worth". O'Brien and Kira agree, that nobody can understand the Klingons but, as O'Brien says, that's the way they like it.

The scene changes to a view of Starfleet Headquarters, San Francisco, Earth. Sisko and Odo meet Admiral Leyton and Commander Erika Benteen in front of the building. After a short series of introductions, in which we find out that it was Admiral Leyton who recommended Sisko for the post on Deep Space 9, the theme of the conversation changes to Odo and Changelings. The admiral hopes that with the help of Sisko and Odo, the task of finding the Changelings on Earth will be easier. Sisko doubts that he and Odo were brought all the way to Earth merely to discuss the situation. Leyton confirms this and names Sisko as the Chief of Starfleet Security on Earth because of his detailed knowledge of and experiences with the Founders.

At Sisko's, Joseph Sisko is serving the customers as one can only assume he usually does. He cheerily walks around the restaurant talking aloud to all his customers. He suggests that

nobody should even need to look at the dessert menu because if they miss out on his bread pudding soufflé they will regret it. Benjamin Sisko enters and agrees with his dad telling the customers that his dad "knows his bread pudding soufflé. Jake Sisko also appears and a short discussion about Jake growing up and the history of the alligator hanging in the restaurant follows. Eventually, the three sit at a table and discuss the current situation. Odo is not present, having decided, according to Ben Sisko, it was wiser to stay in Starfleet Headquarters under the circumstances. Joseph Sisko can understand why, after all, he hasn't seen people so nervous since the last Borg incident. Anyway, he finds anyone who doesn't eat inherently suspect. Joseph recognizes however that Starfleet must be taking the whole situation very seriously, especially to bring Ben all the way from Deep Space Nine to deal with it. Shortly thereafter, Nog enters the restaurant. It turns out he eats at Sisko's regularly because it is one of the only places on Earth where he can get his tube grubs. Joseph would of course add them to his menu, but his human customers would expect them cooked and with a sauce. Nog finds the idea somewhat confusing as the grubs should be alive and moving as they go down. The idea completely puts Ben off his food.

Some time later, as the restaurant is closing, Nog and Jake sit down at a table where Nog explains that he is having problems at the Academy which he at first put down to him being a Ferengi. He later realized that wasn't the reason and many students have the same problem, especially where the Red Squad are concerned. Red Squad members receive special treatment like extra lessons and excursions that the other students don't.

Admiral Leyton and Ben Sisko meet with the President of the Federation in what seems to be an office in Paris — the Eiffel Tower is clearly visible through the window. Sisko has a number of recommendations for the President regarding the Dominion infiltration and how it can be combated. The President is not eager to turn Earth into a military outpost where everybody must submit to blood tests and phaser examinations of every room must be carried out. He quickly changes his mind however when it turns out that the attach'e case Sisko was carrying is, in fact, Odo. Odo points out that Sisko and Leyton were allowed to see the President without having to undergo a blood test or having their personal property checked. If he had been a Founder, he could have killed the President or simply taken his place. The President begrudgingly agrees to allow the new security procedures saying that it has taken a lot of hard work to changes Earth into the peaceful place that it now is and that he doesn't wish for this paradise to be destroyed. "We're not looking to destroy paradise," says Sisko, "we're looking to save it." Sisko and Benteen are going over the new security arrangements using Odo as a test subject. As Sisko found out previously, (DS9: "The Adversary") Changelings can easily be located by sweeping an area with a low energy level phaser beam. A small device mounted above the door of a room can be used to send out a wide phaser beam and scan the room systematically. When the beam comes into contact with a hidden Changeling they are injured and forced to return to their normal form. A beam strength of 3.4 should be enough to stun any Changelings according to Benteen but Odo recommends a strength of 3.5 to be on the safe side. Following the success of the test run, Sisko orders the devices to be installed in every room in Starfleet Headquarters as well as the orbital facilities. As Benteen leaves, she thanks Sisko for managing to convince the President that such measures were necessary. "You think she would have thanked me as well," says Odo. "I'm the one that got shot thirteen times today.". As Nog enters the room, he asks to speak to Sisko alone, and Odo leaves. Sisko and Nog discuss the problems he has been having at the Academy. Sisko says they both knew it would take time for Nog to get used to the academy — and vice versa. Nog wants to become a member of Red Squad and asks Sisko for his help. A Red Squad didn't exist when Sisko was at the Academy and Nog admits it is very new, but says he has the grades he needs to join the squad, he just needs the recommendation of a high ranking officer. Sisko says, when he gets the chance, he will see what he can do. He then, somewhat abruptly, dismisses Nog from the room.

Back at Sisko's, the restaurant seems to be closed and Joseph is preparing things for when it opens later in the day. Ben tells his father that he has been very busy, but that he can't talk about it. His father replies, "Think the admiral could spare you for a few hours a day to visit your father?". Joseph seems to be somewhat disappointed as Jake is away at the Pennington writing school in New Zealand and Ben is constantly busy at Starfleet Headquarters — it is almost as if they were not there at all. Ben counters that his father is more than welcome to visit him on Deep Space 9, but Joseph seems to be very attached to his restaurant and couldn't possibly

leave. They discuss Joseph's declining health but the topic changes to business again. Ben says he has a free hour and they agree to go for a walk together in a park.

Back at Starfleet Headquarters, San Francisco, a seagull flies from the sky and lands on a rock before transforming into Odo.

Benteen and Admiral Leyton approach just in time to see him finish the transformation. He explains he has just flown around San Francisco and is very impressed. Benteen wonders how many other Changelings are up there in the skies but Odo says, if that was all the Changelings were interested in doing, people wouldn't have to be so worried. Leyton however, rather rudely comments that the other Changelings have better things to do than imitate birds — after all, the other Changelings are much better than Odo at imitating Humans. Benteen, trying to ease the tension a little, says she found the seagull very convincing, but Odo isn't so sure the other seagulls were convinced. Leyton suggests that Odo keep practicing until he succeeds in making the birds think he is one of them. Again, his tone is somewhat abrupt. Odo has picked up on all these signals, however, and he offers the admiral a compliment and holds his hand out in a "shake hands" gesture. The Admiral ignores this and walks away, but Odo catches hold of his arm and their hands fuse together as Changelings do when they link — Leyton is not who he appears to be. The Leyton imposter pulls his arm free, transforms into a bird and flies away.

Some time later Odo, the real Admiral Leyton, Sisko and Benteen are together in a room discussing the impostor. Odo says he knew that it wasn't the real Leyton because he felt the impostor was treating him somewhat aggressively. As Sisko says, Odo is the first Changeling to have rejected his people and it is therefore understandable that they have such feelings about him. Leyton can't understand why the Changeling would have taken on his form but, as Benteen explains, Leyton is a prime target — he has access to all the security protocols. The important thing is however, that the new security measures don't go far enough to stop Changelings from breaking into Starfleet Headquarters. Leyton knows, however, that the President won't allow tighter security. He has been a good peacetime president, but the situation could break out into war if drastic action isn't taken. "The president is a long way from home" says Leyton and that they couldn't expect him to be as concerned about the state of affairs on Earth as a Human would be. The conversation is interrupted by an incoming comm message for Sisko. Jake asks Ben to come to the restaurant as soon as he can. Joseph has been arrested.

As Ben arrives at Sisko's he finds a group of Starfleet officers and his father arguing. The officers have tried to carry out blood tests on Jake and Joseph. They attempt to explain to Joseph that they are simply following the orders given to them that all family members of ranking Starfleet Officers must have their blood checked regularly. Joseph can't believe that such orders would ever have been given and he finds it even harder to believe that his own son was the one who passed them. Even after Ben and Jake submit to the test, Joseph refuses, calling the officers vampires. During a heated conversation between Joseph and Ben, Joseph cuts his hand.

He rushes over to the sink to wash the wound. Ben, without even thinking, examines the blood on the knife. Joseph is shocked and clearly disappointed, but this is exactly what the Changelings wanted to happen. People are so scared that they are beginning to have doubts about their own family members. The blood tests may not be all that infallible anyway. Joseph argues that if the Changelings are all that clever, they would find some poor soul in the street, drain him of his blood and use this to get around the blood screening tests. Joseph suffers a minor stroke, caused both by his atherosclerosis and because he got so enraged and overexerted himself.

Odo and Sisko discuss Joseph's recent ill health and Odo points out that when Humans are supposed to do something that would be good for them, they often do the exact opposite. However, the thing which worries Sisko most is that he actually believed that his father was a Changeling, which Odo claims to be a wise thing to assume. Of course, this is exactly what the Founders wish to happen. Sisko tells Odo, "There are times, I wish you hadn't found your people", to which Odo can only reply that sometimes he feels exactly the same.

Back at Sisko's, Joseph is back on his feet and going about his work as if nothing had happened — talking with his customers while serving them their food. Eventually Joseph sits down for a moment and talks with Jake about Ben. He is worried that he is overworked and stressed. Before Jake can reply, the lights go out in the restaurant. Nobody is quite sure what has happened but Jake says that the whole block is without power.

Sisko, trapped in an office by the power outage, is trying to open the door as Odo and Admiral

Leyton pry it open from the other side. Leyton explains that it looks like the whole Global power grid on Earth has been knocked out including the emergency backups at Starfleet Headquarters. All the evidence points to sabotage and the prime candidates are clearly the Changelings. The power outage means that transporters, sensors and every defense installation on the surface is inactive — which means that the Earth is totally defenseless against a Dominion attack.

The President hands over control "I'm not interested in excuses," says the president as he demands that the power relay system be restored as soon as possible. As he finishes his speech, Sisko, Odo, Leyton and two other officers beam into the office via the transporters on the Lakota. Sisko, in his post as chief of Starfleet Security, recommends that the president call a state of emergency. With the exception of the Borg incident, it has been over a hundred years since such a state was last called. Sisko explains that he has reason to believe that a Dominion fleet is somewhere in the Alpha Quadrant ready to launch an attack on the now defenseless Earth. Sisko continues to explain that, shortly before he and Odo left Deep Space 9, the wormhole was repeatedly opening and closing although no ships were detected traveling through it. It is more than possible, Odo continues, that the Founders salvaged cloaking devices from the Romulan-Cardassian fleet that was destroyed at the Battle of the Omarion Nebula. As it is going to take a fair amount of time to get the power relay system back online (it could take days), the only way to defend Earth is by using the transporters and communication systems of the Lakota to mobilize Starfleet officers. The President is still hesitant to agree to the suggestions, but after Sisko explains how brutal the Jem'Hadar can be in close combat, the president gives control of Earth's defenses to Sisko and Leyton.

At Sisko's, Jake looks out of the window with his grandfather to see Federation troops beaming down into the streets. They look at one another uneasily, seemingly unhappy that the situation has turned so bad.

Paradise Lost (2)

Season 4

Episode Number: 84

Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Sunday January 8, 1996
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Reza Badiyi
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Guest Stars: Robert Foxworth (Admiral Leyton), Herschel Sparber (Jaresh-Inyo), Susan Gibney (Captain Benteen), David Drew Gallagher (Riley Shepard), Rudolph Willrich (Academy Commandant), Mina Badie (Security Officer), Bobby C. King (Security Chief)
Production Code: 40510-484
Summary: Earth has been placed under martial law and security troops have been deployed in anticipation of a Dominion invasion. However, as Sisko investigates, he worries that things are not as they seem.



In the aftermath of the planet-wide power outage a state of emergency has been declared on Earth, and Starfleet Security has a presence in every neighborhood on the planet. Captain Sisko and Odo are at Starfleet Headquarters, and Sisko remarks on his discomfort with the situation — "the more I read Starfleet's reports on the sabotage of the power relays, the more unanswered questions I have." Odo then comes up with another question in need of an answer: Red Squad was beamed back to Starfleet Academy twenty-six minutes after the state of emergency was declared, unlike the rest of Starfleet. Sisko immediately points out that Red Squad was re-mobilized a short

time later.

In New Orleans, Joseph and Jake are reopening the restaurant, since Joe is convinced that he's got plenty of customers. There are troops on every block, after all.

Back at Starfleet Headquarters, Sisko informs one of his superiors about the transporter record he found, and is told that it was Admiral Leyton's idea to use Red Squad for an unspecified operation related to the state of emergency. Sisko is thence under orders to destroy the transporter records.

Sometime later Sisko goes to New Orleans and is discussing his frame of mind with his father when Nog steps up to his table. It seems that Sisko wants to meet some of the members of Red Squad, and wants Nog to make an introduction. However, Nog says, the names on Red Squad's roster are supposed to be a secret... so Sisko turns his request into an order, which settles that.

At Starfleet Academy Sisko holds an interview with one Cadet Riley Shepard. After stating that Red Squad had been briefed to expect that no record would be made of their activity, Shepard explains Red Squad's involvement with the power outage: in brief, they were the ones who did all of the hands-on work to make it happen.

Sisko goes back to New Orleans with Odo and the two of them discuss what Sisko's learned. After some discussion, Sisko reluctantly agrees with Odo's belief that the state of emergency was engineered by a clique of Starfleet officers led by Leyton, with the intent of staging a coup d'état.

Sisko and Odo take what information they have to Federation President Jaresh-Inyo, who is skeptical and shocked. Jaresh-Inyo wants proof, and Sisko says that if Leyton is ordered to withdraw the troops he's deployed, he'll refuse — thereby providing the proof Jaresh-Inyo wants. However, Jaresh-Inyo says he can't do that, since scaling back security measures would be a political disaster with the potential to start riots. Sisko offers to bring irrefutable evidence of a plot, and Jaresh-Inyo promises that with that, he would certainly put a stop to it.

Back in New Orleans Sisko is waiting in his father's restaurant for Nog and Cadet Shepard. Nog eventually arrives, but without Shepard in tow — apparently Shepard was nowhere to be found, along with the rest of Red Squad. Just after making that announcement, Leyton steps into the restaurant and states that neither Shepard nor the rest of Red Squad will be returning to Earth anytime soon. Leyton then orders Nog back to the Academy.

A conversation ensues in which Leyton admits to what he is doing, and that he involved Sisko because the credibility of the latter's field experience was vital to Leyton's plan. Leyton goes on to lecture Sisko about the importance of the chain of command, and point out that he still needs Sisko's cooperation. Sisko refuses, and Leyton orders him back to Deep Space 9.

Sometime later, Sisko's outside with his thoughts when a man appearing to be Miles O'Brien (but who is actually a Changeling) approaches him and claims that there are only four Changelings on Earth, implying that if this much damage can be caused by four Changelings on Earth, the potential damage is much greater. Just as quickly as he arrived, O'Brien's doppelgänger leaves.

After getting some advice from his father, Sisko contacts Kira Nerys and starts putting a plan into motion.

At Starfleet Headquarters, Odo and Sisko start reviewing records of personnel transfers, and discover that "Leyton's been a busy man", reassigning "over 400 officers in the past three weeks." Further examination of the records reveals that another batch of transfers will take effect just days hence, not long before Jaresh-Inyo is due to make an important speech.

When Sisko goes to Jaresh-Inyo to deliver his evidence of the plot, he finds Admiral Leyton waiting for him. Sisko's given a blood screening, and it turns up a false positive. Sisko is sent back to Starfleet Headquarters and placed in detention, and from the other side of his holding cell's force field, Leyton declares that the President's speech will never take place, but rather the speech will be given by Leyton himself.

Later, when a security tech comes through the brig to take blood screenings, Odo appears and disables the guards, as well as the tech whose cart he'd hitched a ride on in some other form. While hot-wiring the force field controls, Odo explains that the random opening and closing of the Bajoran wormhole, which precipitated the current phase of the crisis, was the direct consequence of sabotage on the part of one Lieutenant Arriaga stationed on DS9 — and that the Defiant is on its way to Earth with Arriaga aboard.

Sisko orders Odo to warn Jaresh-Inyo, and goes to Leyton's office carrying a phaser.

On learning of Arriaga's impending arrival, Leyton is amused but unimpressed. As it turns out the USS Lakota is ordered to intercept the Defiant — its crew has been told that the Defiant is crewed by Changelings.

Near Earth, the Lakota and the Defiant join battle. The ships are evenly matched, and with Sisko looking on, Admiral Leyton amends his orders to prevent the Defiant from reaching Earth by whatever means necessary, even if it means destroying the Defiant. However, both ships ultimately break off rather than finish the engagement. Knowing he's beaten, Leyton leaves his combadge and rank insignia on his desk, and walks out of his office.

The state of emergency is lifted. Sisko, Odo, and Jake beam up to the Defiant and head back to the station.

Crossfire

Season 4

Episode Number: 85

Season Episode: 13

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Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Bruce Wright (Sarish Rez), Duncan Reghr (Shakaar), Charles Tentindo (Ensign Jimenez)
Production Code: 40510-485
Summary: Odo is ordered to protect First Minister Shakaar, however, he becomes jealous when Kira and Shakaar become involved with one another.



Odo is in his office, setting up a cup of raktajino for Major Kira, as she's due to arrive for their review of the criminal activity report. They're discussing First Minister Shakaar's impending visit to the station when Quark barges in, complaining that Odo — whose quarters are directly above Quark's — makes too much noise. Odo doesn't care and tells Quark that he'll listen to his complaint later, and after he leaves the Constable tells Kira that the fact Quark's quarters are below Odo's is not a coincidence.

Captain Sisko welcomes First Minister Shakaar aboard the station. Some time later Kira, Captain Sisko, Dax, Dr. Bashir, and a mildly flummoxed O'Brien

are in the docking ring in full dress uniform, waiting to receive the first minister as he steps from his shuttle.

Kira expresses some anxiety about the development of his public speaking skills — "he used to mumble his way through mission briefings" — and then Shakaar steps out of the airlock. Introductions are made, and the complete party makes its way down to the Promenade, which is thronged with crowds hoping for a glimpse of the first minister while he makes a speech.

Once they reach the Promenade, Odo sends a communication to Sisko: "I have reason to believe someone is planning to assassinate First Minister Shakaar." In Sisko's office after the speech, Shakaar's adjutant defends the decision to disregard Odo's warning, pointing out that Shakaar's been briefed on the threat central to Odo's concerns, and that as a former terrorist, the last thing Shakaar intends to do is respond to terrorist threats. Sisko and Kira express their support for that sentiment, and Sisko orders the station's Bajoran security detachment augmented with Starfleet Security personnel commanded by Lieutenant Commander Worf.

While discussing the increased security arrangements, Worf complains about the obstacles posed against maintaining station security, but from there Odo and Worf discover that they have significant preferences in common, especially their dislike for uninvited guests to their quarters.

Some time later, Odo meets Shakaar for the first time. They get acquainted while walking to the Bajoran temple, and Shakaar makes a point of bringing up Kira's high regard for Odo.

That night there's a reception in the wardroom. Kira mingles with Shakaar's adjutant and with Odo, then decides to leave, only to be singled out by Shakaar, who wants to be "rescued." After a brief discussion Kira and Shakaar leave the wardroom together for a walk about nowhere in particular, but only after they agree to be escorted by Odo — who is distressed by the rapport he sees developing between the two.

The next day, Shakaar's negotiations with the Federation over the subject of Bajor's accession to Federation membership are going poorly. As he walks with Odo from the wardroom back to his quarters, they find common ground over their shared perception of the Federation's inherent self-righteousness. Once they make it back to Shakaar's quarters, he directs the conversation to the subject of Kira, and admits to Odo that he thinks he's falling in love with her — an admission couched in language that echoes Odo's own feelings for Kira almost perfectly.

Later Odo is performing a security sweep on the wardroom. He finds an eavesdropping device in a table setting and renders it useless. Though upset, Quark changes the subject to Odo's feelings without skipping a beat, and Odo stomps angrily out of the wardroom.

The time comes for another review of the criminal activity report, but Kira shows up late and cuts the meeting short, since she's promised to give Shakaar a tour of the station. While on the tour Shakaar moves to kiss Kira, but backs off at the last instant.

Later on, while walking through the station with Odo as an escort, Kira and Shakaar are getting on better than ever, and after entering a turbolift, begin to make a date. Meanwhile Worf's voice comes through on the com line telling Odo he needs control of the turbolift as he needs to re-route the car. Odo asks Worf for his security clearance first before he can release the controls, but at that moment Kira and Shakaar agree to dinner together that evening at a Bolian Restaurant. Odo is so distracted by this that he releases the controls before receiving Worf's codes, and the car suddenly goes into free-fall. After all of the car's occupants discover that their combadge signals have been dampened, Odo is able to stop the turbolift using his shapeshifting abilities and nobody is injured.

Odo participates in an after-action review with Sisko, and the latter explains his surprise at the way things transpired. It transpires that someone hacked into the com system and faked Worf's voice. Sisko is confused as to how the assassin had Worf's clearance code, and Odo is forced to admit that he didn't have the code, as Odo released the controls without confirming it. Captain Sisko is very surprised, as this isn't the sort of mistake Odo would make, especially as Odo's only explanation is that he got distracted. Odo asks Sisko not to push the subject further as he doesn't want to discuss it, and the Captain agrees but warns Odo not to let it happen again. Also, no ships have been allowed to leave since the incident, meaning the would-be assassin is still on the station. Odo then goes to the security office, and doesn't stay for long after Worf expresses dissatisfaction with Odo's level of attention to their investigation of the incident. He leaves for Kira's quarters, only to learn once he gets there that Kira is entertaining Shakaar.

Once the date finally ends, Kira is ecstatic at the way in which things have developed. Odo can't bring himself to admit his feelings to Kira, much less how those feelings have hurt his job performance, and simply excuses himself.

When Odo returns to his office he finds something he hadn't expected... Worf placing an operative for True Way under arrest, as he was responsible for the assassination attempt and was planning another one. Odo is stunned, and realizes that he let Worf do his job for him. Worf senses Odo's discomfort and compliments him on the performance of his deputies, but Odo is too shocked at the turn of events to acknowledge it. He returns to his quarters, and considers his failures both with Kira and at his job. His shock turns to fury and he starts smashing up his quarters in an uncontrollable rage.

Sometime later, Quark comes up to Odo's quarters to complain about the noise, and lets himself in when Odo doesn't respond. He enters to find Odo motionless, sitting on the floor amongst the wreckage. Quark, realizing from the state of the room that Odo is truly in love, tells his nemesis some home truths. Quark tells Odo that whenever there's an unusual crime committed on the station, he runs a betting pool on how long it'll take him to catch the person responsible. The fact that such a pool exists speaks volumes about the kind of man Odo is, a man who will never give up on his quest to catch his man... not a man who will smash up his furniture and then sit alone in the rubble. He also tells Odo that he's got to make a choice, either

tell Major Kira his feelings about her or forget all about her and move on with his life... because, quite simply, Odo's current behavior is bad for business.

After assuring Odo that he wasn't speaking to him as a friend, Quark leaves Odo alone again with a lot to think about.

Later, Odo (back to his normal composure) stops by Kira's quarters to inform her he won't be able to continue with their weekly meetings due to his scheduling additional training for his deputies and that he can't fit her in anywhere else as his schedule is overfull. Kira is disappointed as she enjoyed the meetings, and asks Odo if something is the matter, but he simply tells her he wants to use his time more efficiently and Kira knows there's no point in pushing him and lets the matter drop.

Odo later goes to Quark's, where the bartender tells him that, according to a rumor, the negotiations have gone very well and the timetable for Bajor's admittance for Federation membership has been cut. Quark also thanks Odo for soundproofing the floor of his quarters, but Odo tells Quark that he was just having the floor reinforced and that there's no way he'd put up with three days of construction for him. He then spots Kira and Shakaar leaving a holosuite enjoying each other's company, but Odo just leaves and begins his rounds.

Return to Grace

Season 4

Episode Number: 86

Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Sunday February 5, 1996
Writer: Hans Beimler
Director: Jonathan West
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Casey Biggs (Damar)
Guest Stars: Cyia Batten (Ziyal), John Kenton Shull (K'Temang)
Production Code: 40510-486
Summary: Gul Dukat asks for the assistance of Kira to help him track down a Klingon ship that destroyed a Cardassian Outpost. If he is successful in his mission, he will be reinstated into the Cardassian Government.



In the infirmary Dr. Bashir gives Major Kira a series of inoculations. After being wined and dined by First Minister Shakaar, Kira has agreed to attend a conference on the Cardassian outpost Korma between Cardassia and Bajor to share Bajoran intelligence about the Klingons. The inoculations are necessary because the Klingon invasion has obliterated the Cardassian health system. As Major Kira begins to feel the nauseating side effects of the vaccinations, Worf enters with a list of technological improvements that the Federation has shared with both Bajor and the Klingon Empire that the Federation would prefer to keep out of Cardassian hands. The Major barely has time to

scan the list before running from the room in search of a bathroom.

Kira is in her quarters packing for her trip, when there is a chime at the door. Gul Dukat enters her room. He explains to Kira that he is now the captain of the Groumall, the freighter that will take her to the conference. His assignment is part of the demotion and general ostracization from Cardassian society he has suffered as a result of bringing his half-Bajoran, half-Cardassian daughter, Tora Ziyal, home with him. (DS9: "Indiscretion") Despite being disowned by his mother and abandoned by his wife, he claims that he is happy that Kira prevented him from killing Ziyal. He also assures her that he will regain all he has lost. The conversation ends with Dukat offering to carry her bags to the Groumall and Kira grudgingly accepting.

Kira is sitting in her spartan quarters on the Groumall reviewing PADDs for the conference when Tora Ziyal arrives. The two greet each other warmly. Ziyal tells Kira about the bigotry she encountered on Cardassia and how happy she is to be with her father on the Groumall. Their conversation is cut short by a siren, which Ziyal informs Kira is a battle drill. Kira finds the idea of battle drills on a simple freighter odd and goes to the bridge.

Once there, she finds Dukat dressing down his crew and bemoaning the state of his ship, given that it just took them several minutes to target and destroy a mere asteroid. Kira attempts to make a helpful suggestion, and Dukat snaps at her. Dukat apologizes and offers to make it up to Kira by having dinner with her, as is the tradition for Cardassian captains. Kira looks ready to refuse, but then looks over at Ziyal, who clearly wants these two important people in her life to get along, and agrees.

At dinner, Dukat opens one of his last bottles of Bajoran spring wine and tries to engage Kira in a conversation about her romantic life, an attempt she quickly shoots down. Dukat tries to get a rise out of the Major by discussing Shakaar's apparently prolific sexual past. They are interrupted by another siren, which Dukat assures Kira is not a planned drill. The pair go to the bridge where they find that the outpost on Korma, along with both Bajoran and Cardassian delegations has been destroyed. They don't have to look far for a cause as a Klingon Bird-of-Prey immediately decloaks.

The Klingons scan the Groumall and clearly see no threat. They begin leaving the system at one-quarter impulse and to add insult to injury, lower their shields. Dukat is predictably incensed by their taunting, and orders the Groumall to open fire on the Bird-of-Prey. After Kira tries unsuccessfully to dissuade Dukat from attacking, she tells him to target the underside of the hull, the ship's weakest point. Despite taking her advice and firing on the Klingon's weakest spot with their shields down, the weapons of the Groumall fail to breach their hull. The Klingons bear down on the Groumall and Dukat prepares to be fired upon. In a final indignity, the Klingons simply pass the Groumall and leave the system, their honor not allowing the destruction of such a weak enemy.

Now that the immediate danger has passed, Kira asks Dukat where the nearest Cardassian warship is. When Dukat tells her that the nearest ship is 3 days away, Kira urges Dukat to go after the Klingons who destroyed the outpost, but to be better prepared for their next encounter. The outpost's system-5 planetary disruptors were merely disabled and not destroyed, so Kira suggests mounting them on the Groumall. Dukat thinks it impossible. Kira falls back on her resistance training and tells Dukat he will have to improvise. If Dukat jettisons the ship's cargo (along with his own traditional share of it) then the ship should be able to house one of the disruptors. Dukat tells Kira he has a lot to learn from her, clearly pleased at the idea of the two of them working together. Kira is less enthusiastic.

Dukat and Kira are testing the new disruptor, and while the attempt was successful, the massive weapon's recoil caused minor damage throughout the ship. Dukat again expresses his delight at their partnership. Kira accuses him of only seeking to regain his former rank and tells him the only reason she is working with him is to avenge the deaths of the Bajoran diplomats. Dukat tries once more to get a rise out of Kira by accusing Shakaar of being too simple for a woman like her, and Kira informs him that if he wants to continue working together, he should stick to business.

Kira trains Ziyal in basic Cardassian and Federation phaser rifles, anticipating being boarded by the Klingons in the next attack.

Ziyal attempts to get Kira to understand her father better. Ziyal says that she has a hard time seeing a murderer. Kira says she has a hard time seeing anything but a murderer. Kira tells Ziyal that the one thing Dukat really wants from her is forgiveness and that is the one thing she can never give. They return to the weapon training.

Kira and Dukat are now on the bridge, trying to discern the Klingon's next target. Dukat settles on Loyal, a world on the other side of the sector from the bulk of the Cardassian fleet and one that houses a covert weapons research facility. Based on previous Klingon targets, Dukat believes Klingon intelligence is aware of that facility, making it a choice target. Dukat and Kira plan to use a false dilithium signature to lure the Klingons to them. Dukat makes another unsuccessful pass at Kira and then orders his helmsman, Damar, to set course for Loyal.

The Groumall arrives before the Klingons at Loyal and prepares its decoy. While waiting for the Klingons to arrive, Dukat ponders aloud about what he will do when he regains his rank. The current focus of his attention is a Gul Marratt, an up-and-coming officer he believes is having an affair with his wife. Dukat plans to post him to the icy embassy on Breen. His daydreaming is interrupted by the arrival of the Klingons.

The Klingons have taken the bait and locked their disruptors on the Groumall. They demand their surrender. The Klingons lock their tractor beam and Dukat orders Kira to fire the new

weapon. The blast breaches the Bird-of-Prey's hull and disables their engines, but the Klingons still manage to return fire, severely damaging the Groumall. Realizing that one more hit will destroy them, Dukat turns to Kira to improvise.

Kira and Dukat beam onto the Klingon ship and after defeating two officers, Kira manages to use the Klingon's transporters to beam the entire crew of the Groumall to the Bird-of-Prey and vice versa. Kira enjoys the idea of the Klingon captain having to explain what happened to his superiors. Dukat tells her he won't get the opportunity and fires on the Groumall, killing its new Klingon crew.

After securing the ship, Kira finds a list of the location and targeting priorities for all Klingon ships in Cardassian space. Armed with this stunning military victory and this intelligence boon, Dukat contacts his government fully expecting to be restored to his former position.

Dukat returns later from his communication, and tells Kira that despite the intelligence find, the Detapa Council is still looking for a diplomatic solution with the Klingons, but has recalled Dukat to his position as military adviser. Dukat thinks there is little value to being the military adviser to a people who will not fight. He thinks his people are paralyzed and defeated, afraid to risk what little they have by fighting the Klingons. Dukat decides that if no one else will fight the Klingons, he will alone.

Kira is stunned at what Dukat is proposing and tells him that, unlike her people's fight against the Cardassians, he will be alone in his fight. Dukat responds by asking Kira to join him. He needs her help and if Cardassia falls to the Klingons, Bajor will be the next target. Dukat tries to convince her that being a resistance fighter is what she was meant to do.

Later, in a corridor, Ziyal approaches Kira with a d'k tahg and asks to demonstrate a knife trick that Damar showed her. Kira easily deflects the attack, and tells her that the best way to survive a knife fight is to never get in one. Ziyal says she'll need help to fight the Klingons. Kira decides there is another way she can help.

Kira, back on the bridge, has declined Dukat's offer, but does have another proposal. She tells Dukat about the intense emotional and psychological stress of the life he is now choosing and suggests that he needs to keep Ziyal from that life. Kira offers to watch over Ziyal on Deep Space 9. When Dukat asks her why she is doing this, she responds that Ziyal reminds her a lot of herself and she doesn't want Ziyal to go through what she did.

Now back at Deep Space 9, Dukat has agreed to Kira's proposal and takes great delight that their lives are so intertwined. The episode ends with Kira introducing Ziyal to Odo on the Promenade and promising to tell him the story of Gul Dukat's daughter later.

Sons of Mogh

Season 4

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Season Episode: 15

Originally aired:	Sunday February 12, 1996
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Robert DoQui (Noggra), Dell Yount (Tilikia), Elliot Woods (Klingon Officer), Tony Todd (Kurn)
Production Code:	40510-487
Summary:	When Kurn, Worf's brother, comes to Deep Space Nine, he asks Worf to kill him as his family has been dishonored by Worf's actions, and he can't live with the shame.



Worf and Jadzia Dax are in a holosuite engaging in a Klingon training exercise. Worf eventually forces Dax to surrender, and then they flirtatiously discuss the various advantages and disadvantages of Klingon battle weapons. Odo then alerts Worf through his comm badge that an intoxicated Klingon is asking to see Worf in airlock five. Worf responds that he is on his way and exits the holosuite.

The intoxicated Klingon who has just arrived on Deep Space 9 is none other than Kurn, Worf's brother, with whom he has not spoken in quite some time. Worf berates Kurn that Kurn has not responded to any of Worf's attempts to contact Kurn in the interim. Kurn then asks

Worf to restore his honor by killing him in the Mauk-to-Vor ritual.

Kurn and Worf are in Worf's quarters, and Worf gives Kurn some liquid to help his headache from his prior intoxication. Kurn then complains that the quarters are far too comfortable for a Klingon, and he then ridicules Worf for attempting, once again, to "defend the Federation." Kurn tells Worf that he not contacted him in four months because he was busy salvaging the remnants of the brothers' family house, the House of Mogh. Worf says that he regrets that because he opposed Gowron he has brought disgrace on his family's house, but Kurn sees such apologies and regrets as mere "Human weaknesses" that Worf has acquired since he has lived among Humans for so long. Worf tells Kurn that he could not fight with the Klingons against the Federation because it would have been dishonorable. Kurn says that instead of bringing dishonor on Starfleet and the Federation, Worf chose to bring dishonor down upon his own family's house.

Kurn tells Worf that the House of Mogh has since lost its seat on the Klingon High Council because Worf chose to take the side of the Federation against the Klingon Empire. In response, Gowron also took all of the property belonging to their house. As a result, Kurn fiercely tells Worf

that now Worf has everything he wanted, and Kurn has nothing, not even his honor. But, Worf can give Kurn his honor back by killing him in the Mauk-to'Vor ritual. Since Worf is the one who took away Kurn's honor, only Worf can give his honor back to him through an honorable death.

Chief O'Brien and Major Kira are aboard the Federation runabout Yukon, returning from their inspection tour of the Bajoran colonies along the Cardassian border. They notice a high-energy discharge just before they enter Bajoran airspace, and they suspect that a cloaked ship may have exploded. They decide to investigate further and begin to approach the site of the explosion. A Klingon Bird-of-Prey decloaks in front of their path and informs them that the Klingons are conducting military training exercises in the area and orders the runabout to return to Bajoran space immediately. Kira explains that they are investigating the explosion that just occurred, but the Klingons warn them that they have received their only warning and that they should leave immediately. O'Brien and Kira decide to return to Deep Space 9, but they are suspicious that there is much more going on in the area than simply military exercises.

In Quark's, Jadzia asks Quark if he has seen Worf, since Worf is late for their holosuite appointment, and Worf is never late. Quark appears to be upset with Worf, and he explains to Jadzia that earlier that morning, Worf came into the bar and ordered some Klingon incense, known as Adanji, and he nearly threw Quark over the bar when Quark tried to give him replicated incense. Dax wonders why Worf would need the incense.

In Worf's quarters, Worf and Kurn are preparing to perform the Mauk-to'Vor ritual so that Kurn can die an honorable death and be allowed to live in Sto-vo-kor, the Klingon version of heaven. On her way to Worf's quarters, Dax runs into Odo and asks him who the Klingon was that Worf met in the airlock the day before. Odo tells her that it was Kurn, Worf's brother. At this information, Dax realizes what Worf is planning to do with the incense, and she and Odo hurry to Worf's quarters to attempt to prevent the ritual from succeeding. Worf stabs Kurn with the ritual knife, but Dax and Odo arrive at Worf's quarters in time to beam Kurn to the infirmary and save his life.

Captain Sisko asks Worf why he should not put Worf on the next transport out of Deep Space 9. Worf acknowledges that his actions were in violation of Starfleet regulations, and qualified as premeditated murder under Federation law, but Dax attempts to explain to Sisko the origins of the Mauk-to'Vor ritual. Sisko interrupts that he is not concerned with Klingon beliefs, and that although he has permitted some leeway to both Dax and Worf in the past concerning Klingon tradition, this ritual crosses the line and will not be permitted to occur under any circumstances. Taking over for Worf, Dax assures Sisko that there are other ways to settle the family problems of the sons of Mogh, and that of course this will never happen again. Sisko then orders Dax and Worf to get out of his office.

Major Kira and Chief O'Brien are explaining to Sisko the strange encounter they had earlier on the runabout and their suspicions that more than military exercises are occurring in an area very close to, although outside of, Bajoran airspace. Sisko appears to share their suspicions, and he tells Kira and O'Brien to take the USS Defiant and run a sensor sweep of the coordinates where the explosion occurred. Kira asks Sisko what she should do if she runs into the Klingons, and Sisko tells her to say that the Defiant is conducting "military exercises" according to interstellar agreements. Sisko tells Kira to keep Worf informed of the situation, but under no circumstances is Worf to accompany them on the Defiant. O'Brien tries to defend Worf, but Sisko quickly cuts him off and refuses to hear any excuses for Worf's behavior.

In the infirmary, Doctor Bashir informs Worf that Kurn's condition is stable. As Kurn wakes up, he is surprised and dismayed to find that he is still alive. Worf explains that Jadzia figured out what they were doing and had Kurn beamed to the infirmary. Kurn regrets that he is not yet in Sto-vo-kor, as he was anxious to see their father again, but Worf assures Kurn that their father still waits for them, it is just not yet time for Kurn to join him. Although Worf claims that it was not his decision to leave the ritual unfinished, Kurn points out the when Dax and Odo burst into Worf's quarters, he did not try to fight them at all, and that Worf could complete the ritual right there in the infirmary if he chose. Kurn says that for only a moment in Worf's quarters, Worf was truly a Klingon, but that Worf's life in the Federation has claimed him again, and now it is claiming Kurn as well.

Dax comes to Worf's quarters to apologize for preventing the completion of the ritual and interfering in a family matter. Worf says that she was following her conscience and that is an honorable motive, but Dax acknowledges that it is not an honorable motive from the Klingon

perspective. Dax offers to help in any way she can, and says that in the short-term, Kurn can stay on Deep Space 9. Worf says that if Kurn stays on the station, he will need a job, and Dax suggests security. Although Worf doubts that Kurn would be interested in joining Starfleet, Dax suggests that he try Odo's Bajoran security detail. After reviewing Kurn's service record, Odo decides to give Kurn a job as a deputy as a favor to Worf. Odo reminds Worf that Odo is a man who collects on his debts.

Odo is observing Kurn in a cargo bay as Kurn inspects the cargo of a Boslic freighter that has just arrived at the station. Worf, under the guise of bringing a message to Odo from Starfleet Command, comes to check on how his brother is doing in his new job as a deputy. Odo assures Worf that Kurn is strict, but is doing a fine job. Kurn tells Worf that he hates his uniform, but that he is accepting his transition into the position of Bajoran security officer.

On the *Defiant*, Kira and O'Brien observe sensor readings that indicate that cloaked ships have passed through the area in the past 24 hours. Just then, another explosion occurs — this time they see it is a Vor'cha-class Klingon cruiser. The cruiser is obviously damaged, and Kira attempts to contact them to see if they need assistance. The Klingons respond that their ship is the IKS *Drovana*, that they do not require assistance, and that the *Defiant* should leave the area immediately and not approach their ship. The *Drovana* then requests access to the *Defiant*'s medical facilities. Kira responds that the *Defiant*'s medical facilities are very limited, but she offers to tow the Klingon ship to Deep Space 9. After briefly conferring with an unknown source, the Klingon ship accepts the offer.

Odo informs Worf via his com badge that Kurn has had a serious accident and that Worf should come to the infirmary immediately. Odo tells Worf that Kurn discovered a container of contraband on a Boslic freighter, and when he confronted the Boslic captain about it, Kurn allowed himself to be shot by the captain's disruptor, even though Kurn could easily have disarmed him. Odo states that a security officer with a death wish is a safety hazard for the entire station, and informs Worf that Kurn is relieved. Bashir tells Worf that Kurn should make a full recovery, again, and asks Worf if he would like to see him. Worf confronts Kurn about what happened, but Kurn's only response is that Worf is the elder brother, and that Kurn will obey whatever Worf tells him to do.

Doctor Bashir informs the senior staff in the wardroom that none of the injuries from those aboard the *Drovona* were inconsistent with the explosion of a starship, and that his best guess is that their ship was hit by a photon torpedo. Dax points out that a torpedo would have left an ion trail, and the *Defiant* didn't pick up any ion trails in the vicinity of the explosion. Kira adds that the *Drovona* was cloaked when it exploded, and that even Klingon vessels can't track vessels to aim their torpedoes when they are cloaked. Worf then correctly deduces that the *Drovona* must have hit a cloaked mine. The rest of the staff worries that, since cloaked mines are untraceable, there could be thousands of undetectable mines in and around the Bajoran system. Bashir comments that mining a system is an act of war, and expresses surprise that the Klingons would take such a risk at this point. Sisko says that they can't yet prove that the mines even exist, but if there is a war, the mines would enable the Klingons to cut off Deep Space 9 and the entire Bajoran system from the rest of the Alpha Quadrant. To find the mines, they would need their exact coordinates. Kira surmises that the *Drovona* probably has that information on their ship's computer, if only they could get access to them. Worf claims to have an idea how they could get the coordinates.

Worf attempts to convince Kurn to help him carry out his plan by arguing that by acting contrary to their treaty with the Federation, the Klingon Empire has acted dishonorably, and to go against this minefield operation of the Empire would actually be the more honorable plan of action. Kurn reveals that he opposed Gowron's plan to construct the minefield when he was on the Council because Gowron underestimates the Federation, but that Kurn was ultimately overruled. Worf implores Kurn to help him, not for his sake or for the Federation's sake, but to prevent the Empire from becoming embroiled in a war that they cannot win. Worf points out that although their people have turned their backs on them, the brothers have not turned their backs on the Empire, and the sons of Mogh could be the very ones to save their people from certain defeat.

In the infirmary, Worf and Kurn are undergoing surgical alterations to their appearance and their DNA signatures to try and pass themselves off as officers of the *Drovona*. Kurn and Worf successfully beam onto the *Drovona* and enter the main bridge. Using his inside knowledge of

High Council security measures, Kurn accesses the database that contains the coordinates of the mines. A Klingon lieutenant enters the bridge and inquires what Worf and Kurn think they are doing on the bridge.

Kurn states that he is completing a diagnostic on the navigational controls, but the lieutenant replies that he had not been informed of any computer problems, and he does not appear to be convinced. Worf claims to be Commander Sorval, son of M'tokra, but the lieutenant is still not convinced. As the lieutenant appears to back down and try to leave the bridge, Kurn pulls out his disruptor and kills the lieutenant. Worf is astonished to see what Kurn has done and asks whether it was necessary. However, Kurn reveals that the lieutenant was holding a knife in his hand, and that if Kurn had not fired first, the lieutenant would have killed Worf. Kurn expresses his regret and dishonor over killing an officer who was only doing his duty to defend the Empire.

After Worf and Kurn acquire the detonation codes for each mine from the Drovona's computer, everyone meets in the wardroom to listen to their report. Afterward, Kira and O'Brien leave for the *Defiant* to detonate the remainder of the mines. After everyone else leaves the wardroom, Worf expresses his unease to Dax about killing the Klingon officer. Although it was in self-defense, Worf is most distressed because he did not realize that the officer was about to kill him, even when he was looking into the officer's eyes, but Kurn saw it from three meters away. He fears that Kurn was right — that Worf has lived with humans for so long, that he no longer thinks like a Klingon. Although Worf had always thought he could live either among Humans or return to the Empire, he realizes now that he could never go back to the Empire. He is a Starfleet officer, and that will have to be enough. But Kurn does not even have Starfleet, and since he is no longer welcome in the Empire, Worf worries what will become of Kurn. Worf cannot bring himself to attempt the Mauk-to'Vor ritual again, as now he can only see it as Humans do — as murder. Jadzia then suggests that maybe Worf can kill Kurn without really killing him.

On the *Defiant*, Kira and O'Brien are preparing to destroy the minefield. They open a channel and attempt to warn all Klingon vessels in the area to leave immediately or risk being damaged when the mines are detonated, but no ships respond. O'Brien detonates one of the mines on Kira's command, but still nothing happens. They then detonate many of the remaining mines simultaneously, prompting several Klingon ships to decloak and leave the area, heading straight for the Klingon Empire.

Worf enters his quarters and discovers that Kurn is heavily intoxicated, and has been contemplating suicide — a dishonorable death under Klingon tradition which would prevent him from entering Sto-Vo-Kor. Kurn expresses regret that he and Worf were not raised together, regardless of if it had been on Qo'noS or Earth to which Worf agrees. Kurn tells Worf that, in his own way, Worf is an honorable man, before passing out. Worf then assures the sleeping Kurn that he will be an honorable man again, but not as Worf's brother.

Bashir prepares to surgically alter Kurn's physical appearance and genetic makeup, completely erasing his memory, so that Kurn can have a new identity, a new family, and his honor can be restored. A friend of Worf's father, Noggra, has agreed to take Kurn as his own son, Rodek. Noggra arrives and tells Kurn/Rodek that he was hit by a plasma discharge on their shuttle, and as a result, he has lost his memory and may never regain it all. Kurn/Rodek is now a member of the House of Noggra, and Noggra promises to teach Kurn/Rodek all that he has forgotten when they get home. As Kurn/Rodek leaves the infirmary, he asks Worf if he is part of his family, and Worf replies that he has no family. Worf then leaves and walks down the promenade knowing that he has cut his final tie with the Klingon Empire.

Bar Association

Season 4

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Season Episode: 16

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Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe, Ira Steven Behr
Director:	LeVar Burton
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Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt)
Guest Stars:	Jason Marsden (Grimp), Emilio Borelli (Frool)
Production Code:	40510-488
Summary:	Rom breaks Ferengi law and organises a Union movement in order to improve the working conditions Quark subjects his employees to.



Rom collapses while working in Quark's. Rom is sent to the infirmary where Doctor Bashir finds that he has a severe ear infection that had been left unattended for weeks. When Bashir asks why, Rom says that he didn't have any vacation time. Bashir says casually that he should petition Quark to add vacation time and sick leave to the bar's employees by forming a union. Rom is discharged and when he recovers, he returns to the bar to find Quark in a meeting with the employees. The meeting is not good... the Bajoran Time of Cleansing has sapped the bar's customer base and as a result, profits for the previous quarter are way down at Quark's. Quark decides to remedy his

profit margin by cutting the employees' salaries by one-third. Rom pleads with Quark to reconsider the pay cut, and he does... but the decision stands. Rom then asks if the pay cuts will be re-instated after the Cleansing Festival ends.

Quark says that it all depends on the next quarter's financial report. Rom asks Quark, as a brother, to grant him a personal favor and re-instate the employees' pay. Quark again says no and adds that they are not brothers at the bar. Their relationship is only employer and employee. Rom threatens that if Quark does not re-instate the pay cuts then he will regret it. Quark says that the only thing he regrets is not being an only child. Rom leaves in shock.

Jadzia Dax and Worf have returned from sparring in the holosuites. Worf hears something in the conduits above the hallway. He hits a panel in the ceiling with his bat'leth. The panel gives way, and a man falls to the floor with several items. Dax sees that the man has Worf's tooth sharpener on his person — the man just robbed Worf's quarters. Angrily, Worf takes the man to Odo's office. Odo arrests the man and has him taken to a holding cell. Worf intends to give his statement and demands to know why security lapses like these occur on DS9. Odo says that

those things just happen. Worf does not accept this answer and says that those sorts of things did not happen when he served as chief of security on the Enterprise. Odo perks up and says, "Really?" and pulls out a PADD and begins to read a list of security lapses on the Enterprise. He says that he knows those are the exception rather than the rule, but if those sorts of things happen on the flagship of the Federation, imagine how difficult it is to maintain security on an open port like DS9. Worf apologizes and says that the theft was upsetting. Odo agrees, but says that Worf will just have to get used to it.

Rom holds a secret meeting with the employees of the bar and says that he wants form a union. Some of the employees, especially the Ferengi employees, are shocked that Rom would even suggest forming a union. The Ferengi Commerce Authority (FCA) strictly forbids employees to form unions. Rom says not to be afraid of the FCA, to stand up and fight for what they want. Rom even names a few employees who could benefit from sick leave or vacation time. The employees finally agree to form the union and present their demands to Quark.

Rom goes to the infirmary and seeks Bashir's advice on unions. Bashir is surprised that Rom went to such an extreme, he was only speaking metaphorically. Chief O'Brien, who is being treated for a cyst on the back of his neck, encourages Rom and tells him about his ancestor, Sean O'Brien, who was a union miner back in 1902 Pennsylvania. Sean and a group of employees went on strike, refusing to open the mine until their demands were met. Dr. Bashir warns Rom to only strike as a last resort; perhaps Quark will give in to the union's demands. Chief O'Brien says that Quark is too stubborn and that the union will have to strike. O'Brien then makes the remark that Sean O'Brien gave the ultimate sacrifice for his union — he was found dead in the Allegheny River with 32 gunshot wounds in him (or was it 34?) Quark returns to the bar to find the union waiting for him. Quark thinks it is a birthday surprise; they're a month too late. Rom says that they are the Guild of Restaurant and Casino Employees and they are there to present their demands. Quark reads their demands and laughs. Rom says this is no joke. Quark says it is and to get back to work before he fires all of them. The Guild has no choice but to go on strike.

The strike begins and the union is thanking people for not dining at Quark's by handing out gold-pressed latinum. To compensate for his lack of employees, Quark attempts to use a holographic program he received from a Lethian to make holographic projections of himself to carry out all of the duties of the bar. Quark asks Odo to ask them to leave, telling him they must be violating a law somewhere. Odo agrees that he doesn't like the idea of a mob on the Promenade, but he has received orders from Captain Sisko not to interfere as long as the strikers remain orderly and don't block the second level entrance. Meanwhile, on the upper level of the Promenade, Bashir and O'Brien are taking bets as to who will enter or pass the upper entrance of Quark's. They are surprised to find that Worf enters the bar... both Bashir and O'Brien thought Worf would not do so. They walk into the bar to have a word with the commander. Worf, Bashir, and O'Brien are then seen in one of Odo's holding cells. Bashir has a gash on his forehead. Captain Sisko angrily asks why members of his senior staff were fighting on the Promenade. O'Brien and Worf explain that they weren't fighting, they just had a simple disagreement. Bashir says that he was trying to stop the fight. Sisko says that he heard that Bashir was thrown over a table. O'Brien says that Bashir just got in the way. Sisko, frustrated, says that he will have to talk to Quark himself to find an end to the strike. O'Brien asks the captain if they will be let go. Sisko agrees to tell Odo to let them out...

in the morning. Bashir sits down and says that he hopes O'Brien and Worf are proud of themselves.

Quark is summoned to the captain's office. Sisko says that he sees the end to the strike as simple. In fact, Quark could get an agreement today if he went to talk to Rom. Quark says that Sisko doesn't understand; merely talking to a union violates the core aspects of Ferengi culture. Sisko says that he may not understand Ferengi culture, but he does know who holds the lease on Quark's — the Federation. The Federation was extremely lenient with Quark's rent, but that ends today. Sisko then reads off a list of things Quark owes — maintenance requests, the drain on the station's power supply — and asks how much latinum that is. Quark says that it is a lot and agrees to talk to his brother. Sisko says he is glad they're in agreement.

Quark goes to Rom's quarters and attempts to bribe him with latinum to get him to end the union. Rom refuses. Rom says that until the employees' demands are met, they will continue to strike.

Rom meets with the employees to tell them what had happened. Grimp, a Ferengi, asks if Rom

took the bribe. Rom says no and tell the employees that it is only a matter of time before Quark gives into their demands. Grimp is reluctant to agree; Quark may agree too much with Ferengi Rule of Acquisition #211: Employees are the rungs on the ladder of success. Don't hesitate to step on them. The meeting is interrupted when the door is forced open. Enter Brunt, FCA liquidator, along with two Nausicaans. Frool grovels at Brunt's feet, asking for forgiveness. Brunt angrily says that if they were on Ferenginar, the union would be shoved off the spire atop the Tower of Commerce one by one while small children would bet on where they would land, and then their splattered remains would be ground up into feed for gree-worms. Rom points out that they aren't on Ferenginar; lucky for them, Brunt replies. Brunt says that the FCA will show mercy because they have been corrupted by Federation ideals. He says that nothing will happen to the union if they return to work the following morning. Otherwise, their families will be fined and their Ferenginar accounts will be seized, leaving them destitute. Brunt and the Nausicaans leave to make their decision, leaving Frool groveling on the floor. Grimp tells Frool to get up, but Rom tells him to stay down, that's where he belongs. The question is, where do the rest of them belong? The union decides to continue fighting for what they want and leave the room with Frool still on the floor. The strike continues.

Quark tries to talk to Rom once again to dissolve the union, but he refuses once again. Quark says Rom shouldn't be a fool, and now that the FCA is involved, they will do anything to stop him. Quark says that if Rom doesn't dissolve the union soon, Quark will no longer have any power to help him.

Worf talks to O'Brien and apologizes for the altercation they had in Quark's. O'Brien tells Worf not to worry about it, they shoved each other and — with a chuckle — Bashir was thrown over a table. Worf says that living on the station has bothered him. As a result, he is going to begin living on the Defiant.

Back in Quark's, the two Nausicaans were engaging in a Nausicaan pain game. Brunt is increasingly frustrated with the union's will.

He says that he has to send a message to Rom. He can't punish Rom directly, since that would just turn Rom into a celebrated martyr.

The only way to do this is to hurt someone close to him. Brunt couldn't stand to hurt Leeta — she has such delicate lobes — so he decides for the next best thing... Quark.

Quark is in the infirmary on a bio-bed. Rom arrives to find that the Nausicaans shattered his left eye socket, fractured two of his ascending ribs, and punctured his lower lung. It was lucky that they didn't kill him. Rom says too bad, after all, Odo has Brunt and the Nausicaans in a holding cell and he has an open-and-shut case. Quark refuses to press charges; after all, the FCA would just send another liquidator to make an example of Rom. The next liquidator would definitely succeed. Rom refuses to dissolve the union until Quark accepts all of their demands. Quark finally relents and offers Rom everything that the union wants — but Rom must make it appear that Quark has won. Rom resigns from his post as head of the union; the union dies, but the employees get all they want.

The pay raises will go into effect by the end of the week.

Worf settles into his quarters on the Defiant. Jadzia Dax gives Worf a gift: a copy of her favorite Klingon operas.

The Bajoran Time of Cleansing is over, and everyone has returned to Quark's. Rom arrives in the bar in a Bajoran uniform and states that he is now on the night shift of the engineering crew as a Diagnostic and Repair Technician, Junior Grade. Quark expresses concern that he will no longer be able to "watch after" Rom, but Rom says that he will be fine working on his own. Furthermore, Rom promises to come to Quark's all the time, but as a paying customer, punctuated by then demanding his brother serve the drink he ordered.

Accession

Season 4

Episode Number: 89

Season Episode: 17

Originally aired:	Sunday February 26, 1996
Writer:	Jane Espenson
Director:	Les Landau
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Camille Saviola (Kai Opaka), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Richard Libertini (Akorem Laan), Robert Symonds (Vedek Porta), David Carpenter (Onara), Grace Zandarski (Latara), Laura Jane Salvato (Gia)
Production Code:	40510-489
Summary:	200 years after his disappearance, a Bajoran poet emerges from the wormhole claiming to be the real Emissary.



As Chief O'Brien and Doctor Bashir enter the O'Briens' quarters, having just won the Battle of Britain in the holosuite, they lament that O'Brien must return the quarters to normal in preparation for Keiko's return. O'Brien greets Keiko and Molly warmly at the airlock and receives a surprise: During Keiko's last visit to Deep Space 9, they got lucky in their attempt to conceive a child, which means he will not be getting lucky tonight.

While O'Brien welcomes his family back to the station, Major Kira welcomes Vedek Porta to Ops. The Vedek has brought a Bajoran couple, who wish for Captain Sisko, as the Emissary of the Prophets, to bless their upcoming marriage.

After he agrees and they leave, he remarks to Dax how much he wishes he wasn't the Emissary. Then something comes through the Bajoran wormhole — a Bajoran lightship, which appears to be 200 years old. The passenger, a lone man, is beamed to the infirmary. When Sisko and Kira get there, the man introduces himself; he is the Emissary.

The mysterious man is Akorem Laan, a famous Bajoran poet from the 22nd century whose unfinished poem, *The Call of the Prophets*, has become legendary. He explains that, while traveling in his lightship, he was injured and thought he would die. Then he discovered the wormhole by mistake and was healed by the Prophets, who have delivered him to DS9. He knows nothing of the Cardassian occupation or other hardships his people have been through, but he believes the Prophets have chosen him as their Emissary.

As Sisko tries to convince himself that he is glad to give up his role as Emissary, Akorem learns that during the occupation, the Bajoran people gave up their d'jarras, a stratified caste system based on family names. He announces to the Bajorans on DS9 that the Prophets have sent him to

bring back the d'jarras and help the Bajoran people find their way again. Sisko informs Akorem that if Bajor adopts a caste-based discrimination system, then they will be ineligible for entry into the Federation. Akorem sees it as an acceptable sacrifice, as does — not surprisingly — Kai Winn. Even Kira will go along with the plan, as it is not her place to question the Emissary. In the Replimat, Sisko is having a drink agonizing over recent events when Kira approaches. She is unable to find a seat in the Replimat and is about to leave when a Bajoran woman gives her seat to Kira, simply because she has a higher d'jarra — something which Sisko informs Kira has been happening all over the station. The two are troubled by the immediate change on the station.

Unable to sleep, Sisko wanders about the Promenade that night, where he has visions of Kai Opaka. She asks who he is and claims he does not know himself. When Sisko asks Bashir about the vision, he describes it as an orb shadow, which the Bajorans believe occur when a person is not following the will of the Prophets as shown in the orbs. Religious explanations aside, it was caused by an over-abundance of neuropeptides, and Sisko readily accepts treatment to make the visions stop.

Kira attempts to follow her d'jarra, which dictates that she is to be an artist. Unfortunately, despite her best attempts, she ends up with a "flock of flightless birds" in her quarters. Vedek Porta is nonetheless stern in his belief that d'jarras are correct and that the Prophets have chosen for Kira to be an artist.

Meanwhile, O'Brien and Bashir meet by chance in Quark's and realize they no longer have time for one another now that Keiko and Molly are back on the station. O'Brien attempts to play darts with Molly in their quarters, and Bashir tries to teach Morn how to play in the bar, but it is not the same for either of them.

Meanwhile things are going from bad to worse for Sisko. His failure in his mission to ensure Bajor's entry into the Federation, a goal Sisko has been working toward for several years now, does not please Starfleet Command. Although there is no direct statement of it, he can tell they are unhappy, which he finds ironic considering they never wanted him to be the Emissary in the first place.

As he and Kira go over the duty roster, he cannot shake the feeling that he has failed in his duties. And it gets worse: Kira has to resign in order to follow her d'jarra. As soon as Sisko can find someone to take her post, she'll leave. There is an extremely sad moment between them as reality sets in.

While O'Brien and Bashir try to deal with their withdrawal, Sisko gets a call from Odo to come to the Promenade immediately, where a vedek has just been killed. The man, Vedek Imutta, fell from the second level, and as Odo prepares to start an investigation, Vedek Porta calmly announces that he pushed the man simply because he had an "unclean" d'jarra and was unwilling to resign as Vedek to follow his d'jarra. Sisko decides that enough is enough and he must take back his role as emissary from Akorem. However, as Akorem is unwilling to give up the post and both men know there will be chaos if they force the Bajoran people to choose between them, they enter the wormhole to ask the Prophets to choose.

Inside the wormhole, Akorem remains convinced that he is the emissary, but as usual, the Prophets appear largely unconcerned. They claim Sisko and Akorem's linear nature limits their comprehension. They do say that the d'jarras are in the past, which Sisko has taught them means it is no more and it can never be again. The Prophets explain that they sent Akorem into the future "for the Sisko." After weighing the options, Akorem has them send him back to his own time. They tell Sisko he is "of Bajor," as the Prophets are "of Bajor," before returning him as well.

Back on the station, Keiko has devised a plan to help her husband. She sets him up and calls Bashir, informing him of Miles' recent depression, and asks the doctor to help him with it. The two of them get their dart game after all. Meanwhile Sisko is reading *The Call of the Prophets*, which Kira is surprised to learn is now finished. As the two consider why they can still remember the altered timeline, a Bajoran man and his daughter approach the officers to ask Sisko if he can bless the girl at her upcoming birthday celebration. Sisko happily agrees to the request, having now fully accepted his role as the Emissary.

Rules of Engagement

Season 4

Episode Number: 90

Season Episode: 18

Originally aired:	Sunday April 8, 1996
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	LeVar Burton
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Ron Canada (Ch'Pok), Deborah Strang (T'Lara), Christopher Michael (Helm Officer)
Production Code:	40510-490
Summary:	Worf faces extradition to his homeworld when he destroys a Klingon transport and is solely responsible for the deaths of the 441 passengers.



Worf is in the Defiant. He wanders the halls, which are filled with dead Starfleet officers, and sees a squad of Klingon warriors raising their bat'leths in triumph. Worf then finds himself in front of the door leading to the bridge and he forces it open. Worf looks around and notices that the bridge is littered with many dead Klingon children. Worf wakes up with a scream to find that his vision was only a dream, and he is in a holding cell awaiting a hearing.

Admiral T'Lara convenes the hearing aboard Deep Space 9. Ch'Pok, the prosecutor and representative of the Klingon Empire, charges Worf with destroying a civilian transport ship and killing all 441

Klingons aboard. He requests that Worf be extradited to the Empire. Captain Sisko, Worf's defense advocate, explains that the Defiant was under attack by Klingon warships, when the transport suddenly decloaked in the midst of the battle, and that its destruction was an unavoidable accident.

Sisko meets with Odo in an attempt to find more exonerating evidence. Sisko's hunch is that the transport captain decloaked to attack the Defiant, so Odo's task is to find out everything he can about the crew of the transport. Odo leaves, and Ch'Pok approaches Sisko. Ch'Pok tells him that, if Worf is convicted of this massacre, the Klingon Empire will have a pretext to escalate its offensives against the Federation.

The hearing reconvenes. Ch'Pok accepts Worf's account of the situation, noting that, to Klingons, what matters is Worf's motivation, and whether duty or bloodlust informed his decision. T'Lara allows the hearing to move towards understanding Worf's motives, and Ch'Pok calls his

first witness, Commander Jadzia Dax, to the stand. Dax serves as a cultural expert on the Klingons, largely due to the experiences of Dax's previous host Curzon Dax, and Ch'Pok tries to get her to define Klingons as a predatory, violent people.

She defends Worf, noting that he is excellent at restraining his passions in the name of duty. Ch'Pok then enters into evidence a holosuite program, "The Battle of Tong Vey." The file was taken from Worf's database without a search order, but Worf allows it to be admitted out of his sense of honor. Dax summarizes the battle — in which Sompek conquered the city of Tong Vey with ten thousand warriors, then ordered the city burned and its people — men, women, and children — killed. Ch'Pok notes that Worf plays the role of Sompek in the holographic reenactment of it, and that he ran the holoprogram the day before the convoy mission, ending it with the order.

Ch'Pok examines Sisko, asking him why he chose Worf for the mission. The Cardassian colony on Pentath III was experiencing an outbreak of Rudellian plague, and Starfleet was sending medical aid. However, Pentath III bordered Klingon space, so the *Defiant* was sent to escort the medical convoy. Sisko explains that he wanted Worf to have more command experience, and, as a Klingon, he would be well-suited for an escort mission that might involve an altercation with Klingons. Next, Quark testifies about a brief conversation he had with Worf prior to the mission, in which Worf mentioned he "hoped" the Klingons went after the convoy. Worf is embarrassed — clearly, Quark told the truth.

Odo reports to Sisko that the transport captain was not at all the kind of person who would attack the *Defiant*. Sisko tells Odo to look into the background of each passenger on the transport ship.

Back at the hearing, Sisko calls Chief O'Brien. O'Brien explains the battle — in which a Klingon Bird-of-Prey and a battle cruiser would alternate attacking the *Defiant* and the convoy. The Klingon ships would fire, then cloak, then decloak and fire again. The *Defiant* was pursuing the Bird-of-Prey when it cloaked. They projected its course and followed it when O'Brien picked up a tachyon surge and Worf ordered Quantum Torpedoes fired at it. As the ship exploded, they realized it was simply a civilian transport.

O'Brien reaffirms that he stands by Worf's decision and that Worf is an honorable man. Ch'Pok cross-examines O'Brien. He points out that O'Brien has served during 235 combat encounters and has been decorated by Starfleet fifteen times, and asks that he be declared an expert on starship combat. Ch'Pok asks O'Brien if he would have made the same decision had he been in command. O'Brien admits that he would not have, but that it reflects his opinion made now, weeks after the incident, not the heat of the moment.

In the Replimat, Sisko is drinking coffee when Ch'Pok takes a seat next to him. He offers to defend Worf himself if Sisko concedes now and allows him to be extradited. Sisko counters that Ch'Pok is still only after grounds to invade the Pentath system. Worf will testify next, and Ch'Pok tells Sisko that he should be worried. Sisko replies that Ch'Pok has revealed one thing—Ch'Pok is worried.

Odo informs Sisko that none of the passengers had any connection to Worf or Starfleet or any perceivable motive whatsoever, but that he will keep looking. In the hearing, Worf is testifying, explaining the mission. He says he was excited by the opportunity to do battle, and that although he respects O'Brien, he was not in a position to make such a command decision and he would have made the wrong choice. Worf tells Sisko that he knew there was a chance that he would run into a civilian ship, but it was a very remote chance, and that he was more concerned with the welfare of the convoy and his ship than such a slim possibility.

Ch'Pok cross-examines Worf. He begins by trying to establish that Worf is angry at the Empire because of his discommendation. Worf says he is hated by his people because of this, but Ch'Pok asserts that they hate him on a more basic level, because he is more human than Klingon. Ch'Pok establishes that Klingons are now his enemies, but Worf says he is not happy with killing civilians because there is no honor in it. Ch'Pok counters that a true Klingon relishes killing all of his enemies, armed or not, and would be happy for the dead children now in Sto-Vo-Kor, not grieved. Ch'Pok says Worf lives with humans out of fear of Klingons, to which Worf replies with a martial challenge. T'Lara threatens to hold both parties in contempt of court. Ch'Pok continues, arguing that Worf was eager for the Klingons to attack because he wanted to prove himself to other Klingons, and that one day Alexander will grow up to find out his father is a coward who killed innocent people to prove his own courage. At this, Worf gets up and attacks Ch'Pok with a series of blows. Sisko gets up to restrain him, as Ch'Pok closes his examination with the proof

that Worf will attack an unarmed man if he is angry or has something to prove.

Sisko sits in his office, as Odo brings in a PADD. The hearing reconvenes and Sisko enters this new evidence, and asks Ch'Pok to testify as an expert on the Klingon Empire. Sisko hands Ch'Pok the PADD and asks him to identify the list of names. He answers that they are the victims of Worf's alleged attack. Sisko then explains that this list is actually of the victims of another crash that occurred three months before. Sisko asks Ch'Pok whether it would be possible that the transport was empty and was giving off false sensor images to justify an armed escalation, and Ch'Pok admits that it is. The trial is over.

Worf is in his quarters on the *Defiant*, lost in thought. Sisko comes in, and Worf admits that he should not have accepted the mission as he did have something to prove when he took command and, just like when Ch'Pok was goading him during the trial, he was hoping for an excuse to fight. He is prone to want vengeance, and he should not have fired on a decloaking ship regardless of the circumstances. Sisko agrees and sternly reminds him that he should have checked especially as he knew there were civilian ships in the area but instead fired on something he hadn't identified. Sisko lectures him on taking a command with such a predicament, and reaffirms that a Starfleet officer should never even take a chance of endangering civilians, even if it means the lives of the Starfleet officers will be lost. Nonetheless, Sisko says, there are no dead civilians on his conscience, and Worf will make a great captain one day. Sisko invites Worf to a party at Quark's, and Worf does not want to go, but Sisko reminds him that sometimes a command officer must sometimes smile even when it's the last thing they want to do in order to keep the troops happy. Worf muses that his life has become a lot more complicated since he started wearing the red uniform, but Sisko tells him it's nothing compared to when he gets four pips on his collar. The two then leave for Quark's.

Hard Time

Season 4

Episode Number: 91

Season Episode: 19

Originally aired:	Sunday April 15, 1996
Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Alexander Singer
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Craig Wasson (Ee'char), F.J. Rio (Muniz), Margot Rose (Rinn)
Production Code:	40510-491
Summary:	The Argrathi falsely accuses Miles O'Brien of espionage. His sentence is a brain implant which causes him to believe that he has served a 20 year prison sentence, including memories of his time served.



On a mission to Argratha, Miles O'Brien is accused of espionage and sentenced to twenty years in prison. However, the Argrathi are experts at mind-controlling and mind-altering technologies, and their criminal system is able to administer him the experience of twenty years of prison in just a few hours of treatment, without physically harming him.

By the time the details of the events had been received by Deep Space 9, the "correction" had already been completed, and he was free to return home, accompanied by Major Kira.

Back at the station, Doctor Bashir examines him, and he finds that the memories of his imprisonment were not simply

implanted: he really experienced living in a cell for twenty years, though in an accelerated fashion. Thus, eradication of these memories is out of question, and he has to accept them.

O'Brien's memories come back to haunt him and, despite having told his crewmates that he spent his entire sentence alone, he begins seeing his former simulated cellmate Ee'char walking around the station.

O'Brien finds it very difficult to readjust to life back on the station, and lashes out at people, first Doctor Bashir, then Quark, then Jadzia Dax, then finally at his daughter Molly. Captain Sisko, hearing about O'Brien's behavior, relieves him of duty, and orders him to report to the infirmary, and to continue his counseling sessions.

O'Brien storms out of Ops and throws his combadge at the floor of a turbolift. Then he goes to the infirmary, and tells Bashir to leave him alone. O'Brien returns to his quarters and becomes so angry with Molly when she wants some attention that he nearly hits her. He then goes to a cargo bay, and vents his frustration by smashing containers with a pole in a rage. Finally he spots weapons locker 47, pulls a phaser out, sets it to level 16, and aims it at himself.

Bashir arrives and manages to convince him not to kill himself. Ee'char appears next to Bashir, and O'Brien tells Bashir about Ee'char, and how he killed him in a jealous rage when he found that he'd been hoarding food without telling him, before realizing that the food was for both of them. Anguished about killing his best friend of almost 20 years, O'Brien breaks down, and Bashir takes the phaser away from him.

Bashir then gives O'Brien a hypospray with a medication designed to lessen the severity of the depression and prevent hallucinations. He convinces O'Brien to resume counseling sessions, and O'Brien returns home to his family.

Shattered Mirror

Season 4

Episode Number: 92

Season Episode: 20

Originally aired:	Sunday April 22, 1996
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak), Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Guest Stars:	James Black (Klingon Helmsman), Felecia Bell Schafer (Jennifer Sisko), Dennis Madalone (Guard), Leslie Hoffman (Rebel), Carlos Carrasco (Klingon Officer)
Production Code:	40510-492
Summary:	Sisko must help a band of rebels fight a Klingon-Cardassian alliance in the mirror universe.



Jennifer Sisko from the mirror universe visits Captain Sisko's quarters. Jake Sisko, although he knows Jennifer is not his mother, becomes very affectionate to her. Benjamin is then called to duty, and he is forced to leave the two alone.

When he returns, he discovers they have left the station, leaving behind a Multidimensional transporter device. Sisko tries to follow this trail, accompanied by Major Kira and Chief O'Brien, only to discover the device was programmed to transport him to the mirror universe alone.

On Terok Nor, Smiley explains they have built a copy of the Defiant based on the data and schematics that Smiley

downloaded from Deep Space 9's computers. Like the original Defiant, this copy has structural problems, and Terrans need Sisko's help to prepare it for an upcoming battle with the Alliance. Smiley is willing to transport the Siskos back to their universe before the battle begins, but only after the modifications are complete. Benjamin agrees to help them and starts working hard. Meanwhile, Jake spends most of his time with the counterpart of his mother.

The Alliance attack, commanded by Regent Worf, is expected in four days—likely not enough time to finish the modifications to the Defiant. To stall for time for the much needed repairs, Bashir and Jadzia Dax pilot a smaller ship to intercept the Klingon ships.

Jennifer approaches Sisko and offers to send Jake back home immediately, even though Sisko has not yet finished the repairs he promised. Sisko agrees that Jake should get home to his universe as quickly as possible. As Jennifer and Jake make their way through the airlock, they are trapped by Kira. Kira shoots Jennifer, but spares Jake's life once she realizes that he is Sisko's son. She tells Jake to give his father a message—that Sisko is now in her debt for sparing

his son's life, and it is a debt on which she intends to collect. A short time later, Jennifer dies in the infirmary.

Upon suggestion of Garak, Worf opts for a faster transfer and arrives on the second day of repairs, while the Defiant's modifications are barely installed. Sisko then resolves to command the Defiant himself, which Smiley gladly accepts. In battle, the Defiant makes quick work of the smaller Klingon Birds-of-Prey and inflicts heavy damage on the larger Galor-class cruisers. Although the small Defiant was heavily outgunned by the Regent's flagship, under the piloting of Captain Sisko the Rebel ship inflicted major damage on the massive warship while avoiding most return fire. The small ship commanded by Bashir and Dax arrives just in time to assist the Defiant in the skirmish, and together the two ships force the Regent's fleet to abandon his goal of taking Terok Nor and retreat from the battlefield.

The Muse

Season 4

Episode Number: 93

Season Episode: 21

Originally aired: Sunday April 29, 1996
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: David Livingston
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Majel Barrett (Lwaxana Troi), Michael Ansara (Jeyal), Meg Foster (Onaya), Patricia Tallman (Nurse Tagana)
Production Code: 40510-493
Summary: A pregnant Lwaxana Troi arrives on Deep Space Nine, distressed over the prospect of having her child taken away by its Tavnian father. In order to assist her in keeping her child in accordance with Tavnian law, Odo offers to marry her. Meanwhile, Jake finds inspiration in Onaya, an alien woman with sinister motives.



Jake Sisko is standing on the upper level of the promenade watching passengers disembark a transport and trying to come up with character ideas based on what he sees. An alien female comes out of the airlock and catches the eye of Jake before walking away. Odo walks into his office to find Lwaxana Troi crying because she's pregnant with a male child and her husband, Jeyal, is a Tavnian. The problem, as Odo finds out, is that Tavnian children are raised by the parent that is the same sex as the child, never to be seen by the other gender until reaching the age of sixteen. Lwaxana wants to be a part of her child's life, and Jeyal said that would be possible, but apparently he changed his

mind when he found out she was pregnant with a boy. Lwaxana has come to Odo for help, but Odo is reluctant.

Later, in the replimat, Jake is working on a story when the alien woman he saw coming out of the airlock sits down next to him and starts talking. Her name is Onaya and it turns out she has a thing for artists. Onaya talks about how she knew Tavor Kell, a famous Cardassian architect and how she helped him to "stop censoring himself". This grabbed Jake's interest. She reveals to Jake that she can teach him exercises to help bring out his creativity and help him be remembered as an artist; Jake is intrigued as he seems to have a case of writer's block and hesitantly admits that he wants to be remembered. They agree to meet later. Back in his quarters, Jake is working on a story when his father, Benjamin Sisko, shows up asking if he's packed for the trip he has planned with his father and Kasidy to the Bajoran outback. Jake says he doesn't want to go because he really needs to focus on this story, and his father understands—although his father doesn't know about Onaya.

In Quark's, Lwaxana is depressed and is telling Worf, Dax, and Kira how she feels like a prisoner in her own home. Being a telepath, Lwaxana's mood seems to be affecting the moods of all those around her. Quark asks Odo to get rid of her, and Odo abides, taking her on a walk. When the two arrive at Odo's quarters, Lwaxana tells Odo her food replicator is broken and asks if she can come in and use his. Odo agrees, but finds out it was just an excuse for her to spend more time with him. Exhausted, Lwaxana sits down on Odo's floor (since he doesn't have any furniture) and falls asleep in Odo's arms. Odo graciously transforms one of his arms into a blanket and the other into a pillow—he doesn't seem to mind the situation at all.

Jake arrives at Onaya's quarters, where he feels a little uncomfortable. Onaya assures him there is nothing to worry about—he's there to work. Onaya gives Jake the pen of a famous writer, and tells Jake to start writing—on paper. Jake says he's never used paper before, but Onaya tells him to write the first line, and then urges him to just keep writing. Onaya starts to bring out Jake's creativity while simultaneously draining his life little by little.

The next morning, Lwaxana and Odo are playing a game of hide and seek. Odo takes on the shape of an object in the room, and Lwaxana tries to guess what or where he is. Their fun is cut short when Odo is informed that Jeyal, Lwaxana's husband, has arrived on the station. Odo has Jeyal brought to his security office where he informs him that Lwaxana has no intentions of giving up her child to him. Odo then reveals a loophole in Tavnian law which states the male child is the property of the mother's husband and not the child's father. When Lwaxana has her baby, Jeyal will no longer be her husband because Odo plans to marry Lwaxana in a legal Tavnian ceremony. This will end her marriage to Jeyal and allow her to keep the baby. Odo and Lwaxana will remain married for a few months to satisfy Tavnian law and then get a divorce.

Jake is still busy writing his latest story, and Onaya is still slowly drawing out his creativity and draining his life. Jake comments that he can hardly keep up with the flood of ideas he's having. Suddenly, Jake has a minor nose bleed. Onaya tells Jake he should rest, but Jake is too determined to stop now and keeps on writing.

Odo arranges a surprise wedding with Lwaxana where he must convince Jeyal and all those present that his love for Lwaxana is true.

Otherwise, someone can challenge the validity of the marriage if they doubt the groom's sincerity—and Jeyal will be one tough critic. The ceremony proceeds, and Odo delivers his speech which sounds superficial. Jeyal calls it a pale declaration of love, but Odo becomes more genuine and talks of how Lwaxana accepted him for who he was and how that changed him. Jeyal accepts the ceremony, and Odo and Lwaxana are married according to Tavnian law. The child is safe.

Jake is still writing and appears very tired. Onaya again tells Jake he needs to stop, but he refuses. Onaya forces Jake to stop by taking his pen and tells Jake his writing will be even better if he is well rested. Jake agrees and starts to head home, but decides to stop at the replimat for a drink. He orders an orange juice, but collapses before he can sit down. In the infirmary, Dr. Bashir informs Sisko, who is back from his trip, that Jake's brain has been stimulated and his cerebral cortex was on the verge of synaptic collapse. Dr. Bashir assures Sisko that Jake will be all right, but he needs to remain in a neural stabilization field for a while.

Jake regains consciousness just long enough to say, "Onaya, where is she?" and Sisko begins looking for Onaya. During the night, Onaya materializes from an energy cloud in the infirmary and knocks out the nurse on duty. She wakes Jake up and tells him it's time to finish what he started and takes him to a jefferies tube junction near the reactor core. Jake is again determined to keep writing and gets another nose bleed while Onaya drains his life more quickly. O'Brien scans the infirmary and finds traces of psionic energy and informs Odo to tell his search teams to modify their tricorders to search for psionic energy. Dr. Bashir tells him they need to hurry because psionic residue decays within minutes. Sisko picks up a psionic energy trace and finds Onaya and Jake. Sisko, armed with a phaser, tells Onaya to get away from Jake and asks what she is. Onaya reveals that she unlocks the potential of artists and, in the process, kills them but gives them immortality through their art. The energy and life she drains from her victims helps her survive. Onaya turns into an energy cloud and flies off into space.

Back in the security office, Lwaxana informs Odo that she's going back to Betazed and that she's imposed on Odo long enough. Odo tries to convince her to stay, but she's afraid Odo would come to resent her with time if she stayed because of their differing feelings for each other. Lwaxana leaves the station so the two can remain friends. Later, after Jake has recovered, Sisko reads his story and tells him he has a good start on a novel, which he has titled *Anslem*, but the

spelling is terrible. Jake agrees, but doesn't feel it's really his work. Sisko reminds him that they were his words—Onaya just helped bring them out.

For the Cause

Season 4

Episode Number: 94

Season Episode: 22

Originally aired:	Sunday May 6, 1996
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates)
Guest Stars:	John Prosky (Brathaw), Steven Vincent Leigh (Lt. Reese), Tracy Middendorf (Ziyal)
Production Code:	40510-494
Summary:	Sisko discovers that Kasidy is smuggling medical supplies to the Maquis. However, the motives of the security officer conducting the investigation are less than honorable.



Kasidy Yates wakes up in Captain Sisko's bed, kisses him on the forehead and gets up to leave. Sisko reaches out and pulls her back into bed telling her that a meeting with her engineer can wait. Kasidy finally leaves after joking about his style of command and tells him that she will see him later. He pulls her now vacant pillow over, admires her lingering scent, and switches it with his own.

In the wardroom Commander Eddington is giving Sisko, Major Kira, Commander Worf, Commander Jadzia Dax and Odo a briefing on very sensitive information from Starfleet Command. The Cardassian civilian government has secretly contacted the Federation Council with a

request for industrial replicators to help build new power plants and factories. The Federation has agreed to provide twelve class-four replicators; however, the information must be kept secret because Starfleet Intelligence believes the Maquis may attempt to seize the replicators for themselves. Since the Klingon invasion the Cardassian military has been unable to pay much attention to the Maquis, so Sisko orders the crew to take the necessary precautions in anticipation of the shipment's arrival as it passes through Deep Space 9.

As the other officers leave the briefing Odo and Eddington stay behind to talk to Sisko. They tell him that they have reason to believe there is a Maquis smuggler on the station, and that they think it might be Kasidy Yates.

Sisko is upset to hear the security officer's suspicions and demands evidence. They tell him that Yates has been suspiciously late in her normal cargo runs and that Starfleet Intelligence believes a Maquis contact had begun living on the station about the same time that she did.

Sisko believes the evidence is very slim, but tells them to look for a way to discreetly search her ship.

Doctor Bashir and Garak are sitting in a crowd of spectators watching a springball game when Bashir notices that Garak seems to be more interested in watching Ziyal (who is also in the crowd and trading glances with him) than the game, which is being won by Kira.

He warns Garak that he should leave Ziyal alone considering how much Gul Dukat hates him, but Garak doesn't seem interested in the Doctor's advice. In his quarters, Sisko is cooking a meal when the door chimes. Kasidy Yates enters, followed soon after by Jake, who asks if either of them know what a Kavarian tiger-bat smells like. He's writing a story and wants to make it as realistic as possible. Captain Sisko uses the situation to ask Kasidy about her cargo route, which is in the general vicinity of Kavaria, but drops the subject when she becomes curious about his interests in her flight plans.

Ziyal and Garak find themselves alone in a turbolift. Garak breaks their awkward silence with a joke and after a brief exchange, they part on amicable terms.

Odo and a pair of his deputies are talking to a Bolian crewmember of Kasidy's ship as she walks up. Odo informs her that they need to conduct a class 2 inspection of her cargo before she can leave the station due to a reported outbreak of Temecklian virus on Bajor. Kasidy contacts Sisko and tells him that if they wait the six hours needed for the inspection they will miss their rendezvous with a Tholian freighter. She promises to flood her whole cargo hold with baryon radiation as a precaution, but insists that she needs to leave immediately. Sisko agrees to let her go, but afterwards assigns Worf to take the Defiant and follow her under cloak.

Aboard the Defiant, Chief O'Brien informs Worf that Yates' ship, the Xhosa, has changed course and is heading towards the Badlands; Worf tells him to stay with it. Sensors soon detect the impulse signature of a Maquis raider, and the Xhosa beams over its cargo.

Garak is working in his shop as Ziyal enters. She compliments him on his shop and eventually invites him to try a new holosuite program of a Cardassian sauna that she received from Quark. He accepts and they settle on a time.

Jake enters a room in their quarters to find his father sitting at the table. He gets breakfast from the replicator and sits down, explaining that he's having a dish recommended to him by Kasidy. Captain Sisko says he didn't get much sleep the night before and that he's in a bad mood because he has a lot on his mind.

In the wardroom, Eddington goes over their surveillance of the Xhosa. They have determined that the cargo was mostly organic, probably food or medical supplies, and Dax points out that at least its not weapons. Worf tells Sisko the Xhosa will return soon and Sisko dismisses the briefing.

Sisko is back in his quarters when Kasidy comes in smiling, and he tries to put on a good face, not letting on about what he knows.

He tries again to casually ask her about her route, but is interrupted when Jake comes in and invites them to go watch a baseball game holosuite program that Nog has sent him. Sisko declines, saying he has to get back to Ops, and Kasidy protests telling him she has to leave in a few hours for another run. He goes anyway and meets with Odo and Eddington in his office to tell them that Kasidy will be leaving to make another run later that night. They agree to have the Defiant follow the Xhosa again to arrest them and the Maquis if they make another rendezvous. In addition, Eddington tells Sisko that he would rather not be aboard the Defiant for this mission and would instead like to stay aboard the station to oversee security for the shipment of replicators the next day. Sisko agrees and takes command of the Defiant himself.

Sisko catches Kasidy at the airlock of her ship and invites her to leave with him for a spontaneous vacation to Risa, not even stopping to pack a bag. She says the offer is tempting but that she can't go with him and boards her ship to leave.

On board the Defiant, the crew has followed the Xhosa to the same coordinates as their last meeting with the Maquis, but this time there is no Maquis ship to meet them. Sisko decides to sit and wait.

Quark is in Garak's shop getting fitted for a new suit when Kira comes in and pins Garak against a wall, telling him that if he hurts Ziyal in any way she will make him regret it. Kira leaves, and Quark asks if he is still going to meet Ziyal in the holosuite, and Garak says he had been afraid that Ziyal was just trying to lure him there to kill him, but that now he is sure he will be safe because the Major certainly wouldn't have told him not to go if it was dangerous for

him to do so. Quark points out that it might all have been part of the plan to get him there, and Garak is left unsure once again.

Back aboard the *Defiant*, the crew is becoming suspicious of having to wait so long. Odo suggests that maybe they have been lured into the Badlands to get the *Defiant* away from the station. They decide to de-cloak and beam over to the *Xhosa* and find out what's going on. Kasidy only knows that she was supposed to meet a ship and knows nothing about what might be happening at the station.

Sisko realizes that they must have drawn him away to get at the replicators.

In the wardroom on the station, Eddington is briefing a group of Starfleet security officers about loading the replicators onto a Vulcan freighter. He tells them they are not to discuss it even with the Bajoran security detachment, and the station is to observe communication silence. As he dismisses the security officers, Kira enters the room and asks why Eddington wanted to see her.

Eddington takes out his phaser, tells her he needs to take command of the station for a few hours and shoots her. He walks out of the room and locks the door.

The *Defiant* streaks back to the station, leaving Yates and the *Xhosa* behind as Odo points out that they'll probably never see them again. Meanwhile, back on Deep Space 9, Eddington leaves the station under the command of Lieutenant Reese and departs aboard the Vulcan freighter.

When the crew arrives back in Ops, O'Brien reports that several starships are looking for the freighter, but Odo is convinced they will not find it, seeing as how Eddington seemed to have prepared for every contingency. They receive an incoming message from Eddington and Sisko takes it in his office. Eddington tells Sisko to leave him and the Maquis alone, saying that if they do, they'll never hear from them again. Sisko tells him that he will find him no matter how long it takes and see to it that he ends up in a penal colony, regretting what he's done.

Garak enters the holosuite to find Ziyal lying on a slab of rock under a heat lamp. He approaches cautiously, and asks why she really asked him to come. She tells him that they are both outcasts and that she had hoped they could find a bond in their mutual exile, despite his history with her family. With her motive cleared up, Garak says he won't be needing the phaser he's brought along and sets it aside to lay on the rock and enjoy the heat with her.

With Eddington's betrayal looming in his recent past, Sisko must now deal with Yates, who has returned to the station aboard the *Xhosa*. She exits the airlock alone and tells him she did not see the point in bringing her crew back just to face a prison sentence.

Sisko tells her that he still has to uphold his duty, and she tells him she understands but didn't want to throw away their relationship even if it meant turning herself in. They embrace and Sisko calls for security to take her away.

To the Death

Season 4

Episode Number: 95

Season Episode: 23

Originally aired:	Sunday May 13, 1996
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	LeVar Burton
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Guest Stars:	Brian Thompson (Toman'torax), Scott Haven (Virak'Kara), Clarence Williams III (Omet'iklan)
Production Code:	40510-495
Summary:	The future of peace at stake when a band of renegade Jem'Hadar discovers an ancient Iconian Gateway, which can enable them to launch attacks anywhere in the galaxy. In order to stop them, the crew of the Defiant must team up with a band of Jem'Hadar still loyal to the Founders. However, working together may prove more difficult than imagined.



Dax and Chief O'Brien are sitting in the mess hall aboard the USS Defiant discussing Molly's habit of coming to sleep in bed with her parents as Dr. Bashir gets a drink and approaches. Unknowingly, Bashir sits in Commander Worf's favorite chair, and when advised to choose a different seat by Dax and O'Brien, chooses to remain in the chair. Worf then enters the mess hall, gets an extra-large prune juice from the replicator and walks towards his favorite chair. Bashir quickly stands up and gives the chair to the commander, but then all senior staff are called to bridge by Captain Sisko, where they find out that Deep Space 9 has been attacked and an Upper Pylon has been

destroyed.

The scene changes to the attacked portion of the station, where Quark is looking for his brother Rom, and finds out that he is fine and working with the damage control teams headed by Kira Nerys. Odo then gives Kira a preliminary report of stolen items, and reports that a Jem'Hadar strike team had beamed in from a civilian transport, set off a bomb in Upper Pylon 3, and stole some items from the science labs. The Jem'Hadar had left only 45 minutes ago, so Sisko decides to follow their ion trails through the wormhole with the Defiant.

The Jem'Hadar had used a Magnetron pulse to hide their trail, and the Defiant stumbles upon a badly-damaged Jem'Hadar attack ship.

Sisko has the hurt Jem'Hadar transported aboard the Defiant without their weapons. The Vorta Weyoun is among the transported Jem'Hadar, says that his ship was attacked by Jem'Hadar

also, and wishes to speak privately with Captain Sisko. He offers to make the captain absolute ruler of the Federation, and when his offer is denied, he says that he's only trying to make a bridge between the Dominion and the Federation. He then offers to help Sisko find the Jem'Hadar that attacked Deep Space 9, but requests his help in killing them since they are rebels. He tells the captain that rebels are trying to repair an Iconian gateway and use it for themselves, which would allow them and other Jem'Hadar that join them to take over the Dominion in less than a year. After considering the power of an Iconian gateway, Sisko agrees to help Weyoun destroy it and the rebel Jem'Hadar.

The scene begins by the crew expressing their disagreements with the captain's decision. The captain informs the crew about a joint briefing between the Jem'Hadar and Defiant crew to discuss their plans on destroying the gateway. The crew finds out that there are about 150 rebel Jem'Hadar, that they are unable to attack the planet itself from space, and that they will have to beam onto the planet to take care of the rebel Jem'Hadar by hand. During the debriefing, tension rises between Worf and a Jem'Hadar soldier.

The crew of the Defiant and the Jem'Hadar are doing training drills. Meanwhile, in a turbolift the Jem'Hadar First tells Weyoun that the Jem'Hadar know the secrets Weyoun has hidden from them. The First reaffirm his men's loyalty to the Founders, and that they will make sure the rebels die. Meanwhile, on the bridge, Dax is annoyed that a Jem'Hadar has been staring at her for two hours, trying to learn her behavior because she is on his battle squad. While talking to the Jem'Hadar, Dax discovers that the Jem'Hadar do not sleep or eat. There are no female Jem'Hadar, and a Jem'Hadar is considered an honored elder if he reaches twenty. Later in the mess hall, the Jem'Hadar bring a container of white to Weyoun and ask him to distribute some, which Weyoun does. The Jem'Hadar confront Dax, O'Brien, Worf, and Odo, at their table, and one of Jem'Hadar threatens O'Brien. Worf attacks the Jem'Hadar soldier, starting a brawl. Sisko intervenes and stops the fracas, and the Jem'Hadar leader kills the soldier who started the fight. The Jem'Hadar leader tells Sisko to hurry up and kill Worf, but Sisko confines Worf to his quarters while not on duty for the remaining of the mission.

The Jem'Hadar leader then tells Sisko that he is weak, that Sisko should have died in the place of the Jem'Hadar soldier, and that when the mission is over, he will make sure that he does.

Weyoun confronts Odo in a hall and tells him that his people still love him, and that they want him back. Odo says that he does not love them back, and that he does not want to return. Later on, O'Brien gives a good-bye message for Keiko to Dax, just in case if he dies. O'Brien states that this is his eleventh "just in case" message for Keiko since they've been married, while Dax attempts to comfort him she tells O'Brien that she made one for her mother also. Before going to his quarters as ordered, Worf approaches Sisko to warn him to stay on the ship during the battle, and when Sisko chooses not to, Worf tells the captain to be watchful.

The crew with the Jem'HadarAs the Defiant is approaching the planet with the gateway, O'Brien hands out phasers to the crew and the Jem'Hadar. The weapons are set to stun and the Jem'Hadar quickly set all their weapons to maximum power. When the team gets on the planet, they find out that the gateway is not allowing their weapons to fire, and they are surprise attacked by the rebel Jem'Hadar.

Two Starfleet officers are killed, and the rest of the team fights with the rebels hand to hand. While the Jem'Hadar and the Starfleet officers are fighting the men in front, Dax, Worf, a Starfleet officer, and three Jem'Hadar soldiers enter the ziggurat and attack the rebel Jem'Hadar inside.

O'Brien tells Sisko that the explosives they brought will work even with the gateway's interference, and enters the gateway room alongside two Jem'Hadar to set up the bomb. The leader Jem'Hadar is being attacked by a decloaking Jem'Hadar, and Sisko risks his life saving him making the Jem'Hadar reconsider his threat to kill the captain. They all exit the room and the ziggurat. Weyoun beams down after the explosion, and is shot by the leader Jem'Hadar for questioning the Jem'Hadar's loyalty. The Jem'Hadar then decide to stay on the planet to hunt and kill the remaining rebels, while the Starfleet officers beam aboard the Defiant and return to Deep Space 9.

The Quickening

Season 4

Episode Number: 96

Season Episode: 24

Originally aired:	Sunday May 20, 1996
Writer:	Naren Shankar
Director:	Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Ellen Wheeler (Ekoria), Dylan Haggerty (Epran), Michael Sarrazin (Trevean), Loren Lester (Attendant), Heide Margolis (Norva), Alan Echeverria (Patient), Lisa Moncure (Latia)
Production Code:	40510-496
Summary:	Bashir and Dax try to find a cure for a planet-wide infection that was induced by the Jem'Hadar as a form of punishment for disobeying the Dominion.



In the wardroom, Major Kira and Chief O'Brien examine the replicator as Quark enters, followed closely by Odo. Quark benignly asks what the problem is, and Kira shows him an advertisement for Quark's on the monitor. Although Quark doesn't see anything wrong with it, Odo reminds him such tampering is a class 3 offense. Before they can proceed, an angry Worf enters and approaches Quark accusingly. He shows a mug in which his prune juice came from the Defiant's replicator: It is a similar advertisement, and when Worf turns the mug sideways, it repeats the jingle from the monitor. Kira impatiently warns Quark to fix the replicators by the time she returns from the

Gamma Quadrant, otherwise he will pay for it. Quark then decides to help Chief O'Brien with purging the systems.

Lieutenant Commander Dax, Doctor Bashir and Kira intercept a distress signal while on a bio-survey mission in the Gamma Quadrant.

They divert to a planet near the border of Dominion space. Dax and Bashir beam down and find a long ruined city, with people walking about going about their business all with blue welts on their face. Just then a woman named Norva with red lesions on her face approaches and collapses in front of the two in obvious pain begging to be taken to Trevean. As Bashir tries to give her something for her distress another man, Epran, approaches and tells Bashir that there's nothing he can do for Norva as the blight has quickened in her.

Reaching the hospital (after Dax traded in her hair pin for transport), the two Starfleet officers find a very un-hospital like atmosphere. Groups of people are all sat on the floor, surrounding one person with red lesions who is enjoying a meal. An attendant, seeing Norva, tells his assistant

that she has quickened and must be taken to Trevean. When Trevean enters, one of the people who is being celebrated thanks Trevean for allowing him to enjoy a decent meal and a good sleep after finding out he had quickened. Trevean then turns to Julian and Dax and tells them that Norva didn't make it, and that if she had arrived sooner then he could have done something for her. He then tells them that the blight is always fatal, which confuses Bashir as Trevean had just said he might have been able to do something for her.

Bashir and Dax explain that they came to the planet answering a distress call and that they have sophisticated medical equipment.

Trevean tells them that they once had equipment just as sophisticated, and tells them the story of the planet. Two centuries earlier, the planet was technologically advanced and were building great cities and traveling to neighboring worlds. When the Dominion came to the planet, the population attempted to resist but they paid the price. The Jem'Hadar came and destroyed the world, and the Dominion wanted to use the planet as an example to others who thought they could defy them and therefore infected them with the blight. Now everyone is born with the disease and at any point in a person's life they will "quicken". The lesions will turn red, and the person will die soon after. Trevean himself is one of the oldest surviving people.

Just then the man who thanked Trevean falls to the ground. While everyone else simply watches, Bashir instinctively moves to help but is restrained by the attendants. It turns out that when people quicken, they go to Trevean to die. Bashir and Dax are infuriated by this, and realize that he also killed Norva. Trevean tells them they've interfered with the man's death and orders them to leave.

The officers are too shocked to argue.

Dax finds the distress beacon which is automated and has actually been operating for over 200 years. Bashir feels that there's nothing he can do for people who don't want their help and recommends to leave the planet when a pregnant woman named Ekorja who was in Trevean's "hospital" and is curious about him as she has never met a doctor. She tells Bashir she is two months pregnant however while this doesn't seem so long to him, she tells him it is as the people get no warning as to when they will quicken. Just then the grim discussion is interrupted when Kira calls the two and gives them some bad news... two Jem'Hadar ships have been detected headed in their direction.

Back in the runabout, it emerges that the Jem'Hadar ships are moving between star systems on what is obviously a patrol route and will soon enter theirs. Kira suggests returning to the Alpha Quadrant and arranging for a relief mission with Starfleet, but that could take weeks. Bashir references a recent case when, during a plague on a planet that was killing thousands, it took an hour to identify the pathogen and in three days to inoculate the population. Kira is persuaded to leave the two on the planet and will hide the runabout in a nearby nebula and return for them in a week.

After returning to the planet, Jadzia and Bashir are offered a place to stay and work by Ekorja. While setting up their equipment, Jadzia asks about a hanging painting of the city in happier times. Ekorja tells them that her husband painted it before he died the previous winter and he also painted a nearby mural of the same picture to give hope and inspiration to other people. Bashir finishes setting up and tells Ekorja he needs to run a scan on someone with the disease, to which Ekorja happily volunteers. Bashir begins the scan, and offers to show her a picture of her baby on the medical tricorder. Ekorja agrees, and looks on in wonder.

Later both Bashir and Dax are hard at work, and make their first important step when Bashir isolates the virus meaning he can start mapping it and possibly create an antigen. Ekorja offers them both food, and gives them the food that she was saving for her death.

She tells them she feels she doesn't need it any longer.

Bashir now needs someone who has quickened however finding someone willing to help is proving easier said than done. Bashir then bumps into Epran who has now quickened. He is surprised they are still there and tells them he would have invited them to his death had he known him better. Bashir asks what if he didn't have to die at all? This catches the attention of Epran and a few other people. However Epran is skeptical and thinks it's going to cost him something, to which Bashir tells him that isn't true and proves his knowledge when he uses an osteogenic stimulator to fix a fracture in a boy's arm. Trevean arrives and says that others have promised a cure, and all they have done is taken food and clothes and left them with nothing, and the people who believed them all went to Trevean in the end.

Returning to his makeshift lab, Bashir is despondent that he couldn't get any volunteers. Ekorcia tells him that she used to wake up hoping she had quickened so she could go to Trevean but that changed when she learned she was pregnant. Now she wants to be there for her son when he grows up. Then Jadzia arrives, and it turns out that Epran has volunteered to be Bashir's test subject.

Later, Bashir has several people all in various stages of the disease and is making good progress. He instructs Ekorcia in the use of a hypospray and she injects herself with it's contents then moves onto everyone else. However he doesn't tell her that the hypo contains what he believes to be the antigen against the blight. Also, Epran has stopped responding to cordrazine for the pain and now has a device emitting an inhibitor field on his forehead. Jadzia tells Julian that he's been awake nonstop for days working on this and he should get some rest.

Going outside, Ekorcia tells Julian that Epran's white blood cell increased, which Bashir confirms is a good sign. He then complements her on her good bedside manner, however she tells him she was just trying to be kind. Bashir tells her some people don't like to be around the sick because it reminds them of their own mortality and he can sometimes be the same. Ekorcia reminds him that death gets everyone, but Bashir tells her it won't get Kukalaka, his teddy bear from when he was a young boy. He carried him around everywhere and one day when his leg ripped open he performed his first surgery at the age of five and stitched him back together. He then admits that Kukalaka now sits on a shelf in his quarters. Just then the moment is interrupted when Jadzia arrives panicked telling Bashir he needs to get inside now! Epran now has several new lesions on his face and is in terrible pain as the virus has suddenly mutated. Almost certain the antigen hasn't caused it, Bashir uses a micro-cellular scanner to try and find out what's wrong. However when he passes the scanner over the affected area, several more welts suddenly emerge and inflame. The terrible truth hits Bashir... the EM fields from his instruments are what is causing the virus to mutate so violently! Just then another woman starts to scream quickly followed by everyone else, all suffering the same reaction and Bashir screams for everything to be shut down. Jadzia and Ekorcia scramble to switch everything off as Bashir tries to stop the mutation, but it's no use and Epran dies in horrible agony. Bashir then uses CPR to try and resuscitate, and grows manic in his attempts to revive him well past the point of no return, forcing Jadzia to pull him back.

Trevean enters having heard of what's happened and one of the women begs him for his help. Bashir tries to stop him but Trevean tells him not to interfere and gives the woman a vial of poison, allowing her to die. Then all the other patients start calling for Trevean and Bashir simply stands, devastated and unwilling to stop him.

The next morning, Bashir stands among the now covered bodies of the people he was supposed to help and blames himself for what's happened. He knew there were changes in the viral sequence and should have realized what was happening. Jadzia tries to assure him that there's no way he could have known their instruments would cause the virus to react like that. Jadzia tries to console him but it's no use, and he admits that he was looking forward to telling people he had cured the blight. But now he knows that there is no cure, the Dominion made sure of it and he was arrogant to think he could find a cure in a week. Jadzia tells him that might have been arrogant, but it's far more arrogant to think there is no cure just because he can't find it. Bashir is left alone to think things over.

Bashir then walks down the street and is reviled by the people but he doesn't acknowledge their hatred. He spots the mural of the city that he heard about and goes to look at it.

While looking at the picture of the city in happier times, Ekorcia approaches Bashir from behind and tells him she's glad he got the chance to see it. He turns to look at her and is saddened by the sight... she has quickened. She thanks him for giving her hope, and she really thought she was going to make it to the end of her pregnancy. But now she is going to see Trevean and bids Bashir farewell. As she leaves however, Bashir asks her to wait having had a change of heart.

The runabout has returned to the planet, but Bashir tells Kira and Jadzia he can't leave the people now. He is told to contact the station when he is ready and Jadzia bids him a fond farewell before he returns to the planet, alone.

Ekorcia is now Bashir's only patient and after examining her (using old-fashioned and low level equipment) he is confused to find no trace of the antigen in her system. He reasons that her immune system must have rejected it when suddenly Ekorcia feels some pain from the blight.

Bashir advises her against receiving any more cordrazine as there's already so much in her system it may harm the baby. She agrees to forgo it. Later, Bashir prepares a salve for her and takes the opportunity to examine the baby. He is growing stronger, and will be at term in six weeks. But it's clear that Ekorina isn't going to last that long, so Bashir tells her that the baby should be strong enough to survive in two weeks and then he'll induce labor.

Later Trevean visits Ekorina and offers her the chance to die, telling her that her child will only know peace. Ekorina refuses saying her child deserves a chance to live, and Bashir confronts him and asks why he's so obsessed with death given he's survived the blight longer than anyone. Trevean responds that the reason he's obsessed with death is because he's seen so much of it. He wishes Ekorina well and hopes she lives to see her baby. He leaves, and Bashir begins to appreciate his situation.

Ekorina has made it past the two weeks and is now giving birth to her baby with Bashir as the midwife. She pushes as hard as he can, and gives birth to a baby boy but the effort takes almost all the life out of her. Bashir cleans the child and is astonished to find no marks on the child's body... he is free of the blight! Bashir realizes the antigen must have been absorbed through the placenta and immunized him to the disease. Ekorina smiles, happy that her son will live a full life, but then she finally dies. Bashir is torn between his joy and devastation.

Bashir reports the news to an astounded Trevean, and tells him that all pregnant women must be given the antigen immediately. The people cannot be saved, but their children can. Trevean promises to make sure the antigen gets to everyone and holds the child, a beacon of hope in their devastated world.

Back on Deep Space 9, Bashir is working hard late into the night analyzing the virus when Captain Sisko enters after reading Bashir's report and warmly congratulates him on a job well done. Bashir thanks him, but it doesn't make him feel any better about the people still dying on that world. Sisko reminds Bashir that, because of him, their children will not suffer in the same way.

Bashir knows, but it's small comfort. Sisko nods his understanding and leaves Bashir alone to his work and the doctor continues his efforts to find a true cure.

Body Parts

Season 4
Episode Number: 97
Season Episode: 25

Originally aired: Sunday June 10, 1996
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Avery Brooks
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Max Grodenchik (Rom), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-497
Summary: When Quark believes he is going to die, he performs the custom of selling off his desiccated remains in advance for profit. However, when he learns that he was misdiagnosed, cancelling the sale is more easily said than done. In the mean time, Keiko is seriously injured in an accident, and her developing baby must be transplanted into Major Kira's womb if it is to survive.



Jadzia, O'Brien and Worf discuss the trip that Bashir, Kira and Keiko are on in the Gamma Quadrant.

Quark treats Rom to a glass of snail juice, to celebrate his return from Ferenginar and to announce that he is dying. Quark declares he has Dorek Syndrome with just six days to live. To raise money to repay his debts he puts his vacuum-desiccated remains on the Ferengi Futures Exchange.

The shuttle craft with Bashir, Kira and Keiko returns from the Gamma Quadrant and is visibly damaged. O'Brien learns that Keiko was injured in an accident in the Gamma Quadrant and Bashir had to move the baby to Kira to save its life and

that due to the short gestation period of Bajorans, Kira must carry the baby to term.

At first, it seems no one but Rom wants to buy a piece of Quark. However, Quark is overjoyed to find that an anonymous bidder wants to buy all 52 discs for 500 bars of latinum. Convinced the anonymous bidder is The Nagus and fearful that the bid will be retracted, Quark accepts the bid and sells his remains.

O'Brien is helping Keiko to recover in her quarters when Keiko expresses frustration at having to make appointments to see her own child. Keiko and O'Brien do not know what to do about the situation.

Quark begins to arrange paying off his debts and arranging his funeral when Bashir informs him that his doctor on Ferenginar had made an error and he is not going to die. Quark is excited

about the prospect of suing his doctor, but when his anonymous buyer shows up, Quark finds it was Brunt, who considers Quark a menace to Ferengi society. Ferengi law obligates Ferengi to honor all contracts, so Quark is plagued with the prospect of killing himself.

Kira visits Keiko and O'Brien to show them how much the baby is kicking. They invite her to remain for dinner and initially Kira does not want to impose. But Keiko insists that since Kira is carrying her baby she is now family and that besides dinner, the O'Brien's also want to make a proposal.

Quark visits Elim Garak's shop in order to hire him as an assassin. Rom initially believes that Quark will have Brunt assassinated, but Quark reveals he wants to be killed by Garak in order to hold up his end of the contract. Garak agrees after denying at first that he ever did such work. However, while running through simulations of how Quark is to be assassinated they argue about how it is to be done (Breaking his neck made too much noise when the vertebrae snapped, the knife ruined Quark's clothing, the disruptor vaporized the body, the nerve gas smelled bad, poison wouldn't work as Quark wouldn't willingly eat poison), and come to the arrangement that it is to be a surprise.

A jittery Quark heads to bed while trying to stave off death by yelling he won't be surprised before he enters his room. In his dream the first Grand Nagus (who looks suspiciously similar to Quark's brother Rom) comes to him in a vision. The Nagus (or at least Quark's conscience) tells Quark that when he authored the Rules of Acquisition that he called such as a marketing ploy and considers them more like suggestions. Brunt then appears in a vision, and the three of them argue until Brunt begins strangling Quark, who wakes up in his sleep with his own hands around his throat.

The next day Quark refuses to honor the contract and Brunt immediately revokes Quark's business license, and slaps legal documents on the walls preventing any Ferengi business to continue and seizes all of his assets. Quark is left with no other choice but to close the bar immediately and indefinitely, and is forced to ask his customers to leave.

Kira arrives at the O'Briens' quarters where she has agreed to live for the duration of the pregnancy. Kira tells Molly O'Brien that she is her aunt Kira and that Molly is welcome to play in her room anytime.

Quark sits in the bare area on the Promenade where his bar used to be, having been left with nothing, not even the shirt on his back which needs to be returned later. Rom tries to cheer him up by offering Quark some of his old clothes, but to no avail. However Julian enters with a crate of drinks, claiming that a patient gave them to him as a gift and as he cannot accept them he is willing to give them to Quark. Then Jadzia arrives with a dozen glasses she was given as a gift by her sister that she claims are too ugly to keep. Then Captain Sisko arrives and asks Quark if he can store several sets of tables and chairs in the area, since it's currently free. Quark can scarcely believe what is happening, as the crew and residents start bringing in everything he needs to continue the bar. Rom reminds his brother that Brunt didn't take all of his assets away as Quark still has his friends aboard the station.

Broken Link

Season 4

Episode Number: 98

Season Episode: 26

Originally aired:	Sunday June 17, 1996
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr
Director:	Les Landau
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Andrew Robinson (Garak), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)
Guest Stars:	Leslie Bevis (Freighter Captain), Jill Jacobson (Chalon Aroya), Andrew Hawkes (Amat'igan)
Production Code:	40510-498
Summary:	When Odo contracts a mysterious illness, the Defiant crew bring him to the Gamma Quadrant to find the Founders. There, Odo learns that this illness was the Founders' way of forcing him home to the Great Link to stand trial for killing another Changeling.



Odo arrives at Elim Garak's shop, as requested by the Cardassian tailor. He believes Garak wishes to report a crime, but instead Garak attempts to introduce Odo to a Bajoran woman named Chalon Aroya. Uncomfortable with women, Odo neither accepts nor declines her invitation for dinner. Garak expresses dissatisfaction in Odo's inability to act. Suddenly, Odo's shape destabilizes. As he vocalizes the pain, the destabilization continues. Eventually, he falls to the ground, unconscious. Garak contacts Dr. Bashir and requests an emergency medical team.

In the infirmary, Bashir informs Odo that his mass and density are in a state of fluctuation, but is uncertain of the cause.

The doctor insists that Odo remain in the infirmary, as movement may encourage the destabilization. Odo grudgingly agrees.

In the briefing room, Benjamin Sisko, Worf, Jadzia Dax, and Kira Nerys view a transmission for Klingon Chancellor Gowron. Gowron refuses to return captured Cardassian territories. He also demands that the United Federation of Planets withdraw from the Archanis sector, despite its unimportance and previous relinquishment. Dax states that several diplomats have informed her that the Federation may already be planning a preemptive strike against the Klingons.

The senior staff is troubled by the growing prospect of war, but realizes there is little they can do. Suddenly, Kira bursts into a fit of sneezing. The sneezing is a result of the pregnancy. She is asked if Bashir can help, but states the the doctor currently has his hands full with Odo's unknown illness. The crew agrees to leave Odo alone to rest, knowing that he values his privacy.

In the infirmary, Kira visits Odo. Odo doesn't want company, but is happy to receive that day's criminal activity report from Kira.

Noticing something, Odo leaves the infirmary for a docking port. He encounters a Boslic captain named Rionoj, whom he suspects of attempting to steal the Falangian diamond. Unfortunately, as Odo prepares to arrest Rionoj, he is struck by the illness again, this time becoming completely liquid.

Now back in the infirmary, Odo is in a near constant state of instability (mainly in the midsection) and admits to Bashir he is having difficulty maintaining humanoid shape. Bashir estimates that Odo will not be able to maintain solid form in one or two weeks.

Bashir gives Odo the option of going to Bajor (to Doctor Mora Pol) or Starfleet Medical, but Odo insists to be taken back to the Founders.

Sisko discusses the mission to take Odo to the Founders' new homeworld with the senior staff. Major Kira initially wants to go with them, but agrees to remain behind because of the pregnancy.

Now aboard the *Defiant*, Sisko grants a request made by Garak to come aboard. Garak explains to Sisko that he wishes to ask the Founders about the crew members of several Cardassian warships that went missing during the aborted attack on the Founders. Sisko agrees to allow Garak on the mission so that Garak can distract Odo during the mission.

On the way to the *Defiant*, Odo meets Quark where Odo insists that he is coming back. Odo then walks unaided across the Promenade.

The *Defiant* leaves for the Gamma Quadrant. Garak occupies Odo's attention in the infirmary by telling him tales of his previous experiences. O'Brien tells the rest of the *Defiant*'s bridge crew how he feels outnumbered now that Kira has moved in with Keiko and him. The *Defiant* then meets and is surrounded by dozens of Jem'Hadar fighters.

A request is made for someone from the Dominion to meet on the *Defiant* to discuss the request that was being transmitted. Before arrangements could be made, one Founder and three Jem'Hadar soldiers beam directly to the *Defiant*'s bridge. One of the Jem'Hadar soldiers attacks O'Brien by grabbing his chest until the Founder orders everyone to stop.

The Founder says she has come for Odo and that he must go with her to the Great Link. A soldier places a device on the *Defiant* that will keep the navigation system from recording their destination.

The Founder visits Odo in the infirmary. They join and Odo is visibly much better and more stable than before. She then insists that they speak alone. During the discussion it is apparent that the Founders have been keeping Odo under surveillance and knew he was not well. She admits that they made him ill so that he would be forced to return to the Great Link to be judged.

The Founder tells Odo that he is to join in the Great Link, open his thoughts so that they can judge him for killing another Changeling. She also admits that only the Great Link can heal him of his illness.

Garak and the Founder discuss the possibility of Cardassian survivors. The Founder says that there are no Cardassian survivors and alludes that Cardassia is still in the thoughts of the Founders and that retaliation is coming.

Odo insists that the crew does not try to rescue him when he is being judged.

Once at the Founder's homeworld, the Founder, Odo, Sisko and Bashir transport down to a small rocky island that is surrounded by the Great Link. The Founder walks into the "ocean" and Odo follows.

Worf catches Garak in an attempt to control the *Defiant*'s phasers and torpedoes. His plan is to commit genocide by destroying the Founders' homeworld. Worf beats Garak in hand-to-hand combat.

Sisko and Bashir see Odo being ejected from the Great Link to the shore of the rocky island. He is not wearing any clothing. Bashir scans him and says he is getting strange readings. The Female Changeling walks out to the rocky island and says that he has been judged. She states that his punishment was to give him what he wanted and that he has been made a solid.

The *Defiant* returns to Deep Space 9. Odo is in Garak's shop and purchases a uniform. He is about to escort Garak to be confined for attempting to destroy the Founders when Chalan Aroya enters Garak's shop and offers to help Odo in any way now that he is a solid.

Odo leaves his office and meets Sisko in the hallway and Odo insists that he continue work. He admits while in the great link he understood the Founders. On the Promenade, a message from Gowron is displayed. Gowron states that a Klingon task force is to be sent to the Archanis sector. Sisko places the station on combat alert. Odo believes that Gowron is a Changeling based on images he had seen while in the Great Link.

Season Five

Apocalypse Rising

Season 5

Episode Number: 99

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Sunday September 30, 1996
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	James L. Conway
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Casey Biggs (Damar), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Tony Epper (Drunken Klingon), Bob Zachar (Head Guard), Robert Budaska (Husky Klingon), Ivor Bartels (Young Klingon)
Production Code:	40510-499
Summary:	Captain Sisko and his crew embark on a mission to expose Gowron as a Changeling who wants to engage a war between the Federation and the Klingon empire. By disguising themselves as Klingons, Captain Sisko and the Defiant crew infiltrate the Klingon homeworld.



With war declared between the Klingon Empire and the Federation, Starfleet summons Captain Benjamin Sisko and Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax back to Earth to discuss Odo's dire belief that Gowron, the chancellor of the high council, has been replaced by a Changeling and is pressing forth the war.

Starfleet equips Sisko with modified polaron emitters with a mission to infiltrate Klingon military headquarters on Ty'Gokor to expose Gowron to polaron radiation; if he is a changeling, exposure to

the radiation will make it impossible for him to retain his humanoid shape.

Surgically altered to look like Klingons, Sisko, Odo, Chief O'Brien and Lt. Commander Worf set course for Ty'Gokor in Gul Dukat's Bird-of-Prey. En route, however, Dukat's holographic filter malfunctions just as a Klingon Bird-of-Prey confronts them and demands visual contact. Worf suggests that he talk the other captain down, but Dukat does not trust Worf and abruptly fires his ship's disruptors at the other Bird-of-Prey, totally destroying it. With the filter off-line, Dukat has no choice but to leave the DS9 officers on Ty'Gokor and leave Klingon space. When Sisko protests, Dukat assures him that if he is successful, the war will be over and they won't need his ship to return.

Beaming into Ty'Gokor, the Order of the Bat'leth ceremony is underway in the Hall of Warriors, with hundreds of drunken Klingons intending to celebrate all night in anticipation of Gowron's arrival. Worf informs the crew that the celebrations are an endurance test, and that only those who can drink and celebrate for the whole night and remain conscious the following morning will be inducted into the Order. Waiting until morning to set up their emitters, the DS9 officers begrudgingly partake in the festivities in order to blend in. During the course of the night, Sisko

demonstrates his combat skills on several of the Klingons, and takes the opportunity to assault a Klingon who had killed one of Sisko's former Starfleet Academy classmates (though Sisko uses the excuse that the Klingon was in the way of the barrels of blood wine). By the following morning, Sisko and his crew are still coherent, thanks to an alcohol inhibitor provided by Bashir. When Martok arrives, Sisko fears he may recognize them. Although Martok feels he recognizes O'Brien, the Chief gets away with it by claiming to have fought at Mempa along with Martok, which satisfies his curiosity.

As Gowron arrives, the DS9 crew set-up their emitters and prepare to activate them when Sisko is summoned by Gowron to join the Order of the Bat'leth. Sisko accepts the commendation. As he turns, he begins to activate the emitters, when he is attacked from behind by Martok, who now recognizes him.

Thrown into a holding cell, Sisko presses Martok, as he believes that Martok thinks that Gowron is a Changeling, as well. Martok cannot hide his feelings and agrees to help the DS9 officers kill Gowron, though strangely refuses the notion of challenging Gowron to a duel himself. As they fight their way back into the Hall of Warriors, Worf challenges Gowron to a fight to the death, while Martok holds Odo at gunpoint, unwilling to trust a former Changeling. When Martok wonders why Sisko doesn't simply shoot Gowron, Odo realizes that a true Klingon wouldn't cowardly shoot someone and deduces that Gowron isn't the Changeling, but Martok is.

Worf gains the upper hand on Gowron and shatters his Bat'leth, and just as he goes to make the killing blow, Odo and Martok brawl their way into the hall. Knocked to the ground, Odo exclaims "Martok is the Changeling!" Exposed, the Martok changeling begins to choke Odo with a tendril of his shapeshifting body, but, he is blasted by Sisko's disruptor. As the other Klingons see Martok for what he really is, they begin firing as well, resulting in the Changeling's death.

With the dust settled, Gowron realizes that the Founders had led Odo to believe that he was a Changeling, hoping that Starfleet would try to eliminate him. With Gowron out of the picture, the Martok Changeling would be able to rule the Klingon Empire, pressing for war with the Federation and the Cardassian Union, destabilizing the Alpha Quadrant and leaving it wide open for a Dominion invasion. Sisko informs him that the best way to strike a blow against the Founders would be to end the war between the Federation and the Klingon Empire, but Gowron informs Sisko he can't if the Federation refuses to allow the Empire to annex Archanis. Sisko believes that the Federation won't agree, but, believes there's room for negotiation. Satisfied, Gowron decides to declare a cease fire and arranges for the DS9 officers to return home.

The Ship

Season 5
Episode Number: 100
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Sunday October 7, 1996
Writer: Hans Beimler
Director: Kim Friedman
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: F.J. Rio (Muniz), Hilary Shepard Turner (Hoya), Ken Lesco (T'Lor), Kaitlin Hopkins (Kilana)
Production Code: 40510-500
Summary: While searching for minerals on a planet, Sisko, Dax, O'Brien, Worf, and Muniz discover the wreckage of a crashed Jem'Hadar ship. However, they are not the only ones interested, because the Dominion is anxious to retrieve the vessel.



As the away team conducts their planetary survey, Chief O'Brien and young Ensign Muñiz tease one another. They appear to be forming a close working relationship. Captain Sisko determines that, despite being a long way from supply lines, the planet is a good place to mine. He and Lieutenant Commander Dax are discussing the matter when a ship of some kind crashes on the planet's surface. The runabout beams Sisko and the others to the site of the crash, where they discover a Jem'Hadar warship.

The crew find that the warship has landed upside down and enter through a hatch that would normally be used to land troops. Inside, they find numerous corpses, but according to Dax's tricorder, the troops have been dead for hours. O'Brien suspects an inertial dampener failure, which means that when the ship sped up, every bone in the men's bodies was crushed instantly. Although Sisko is excited about the discovery of the ship, he wonders what it was doing so far from Dominion space. Realizing the runabout's tractor beam will be insufficient to tow the ship, he sends for the Defiant to tow it back to the Alpha Quadrant.

Aboard Deep Space 9, Odo has arrested Quark and his "co-conspirator," Dr. Bashir. The trio enter Sisko's office, where Major Kira learns that Quark ordered a shipment of Regalian fleaspiders for Bashir without a permit. However, the Ferengi took the opportunity to smuggle illegal Regalian liquid crystals along with the spiders. An impatient Kira announces she is taking the Defiant to the Gamma Quadrant to retrieve Sisko and the others, and she will be back in a week.

Meanwhile, Commander Worf informs Sisko that they have buried the bodies of the warship's crew, 42 Jem'Hadar and one Vorta in all.

Suddenly, Ensign Hoya contacts Sisko from the runabout and announces that another warship has just come out of warp; within seconds, the runabout is destroyed and Jem'Hadar sol-

diers beam to the surface. Sisko and the others take shelter inside the crashed ship, but Muñiz is shot along the way.

Oddly, the Jem'Hadar do not follow the Starfleet team into the ship. O'Brien dresses Muñiz's wound while they regroup and formulate a plan. The crew explores the ship and find it minimalistic at best. Among other things, there are two headsets — one for a Vorta and another for the Jem'Hadar First — which seem to be the Dominion equivalent of viewscreens. They are interrupted when Kilana, the Vorta in charge of the newly arrived ship, contacts Sisko over the Dominion comm system. She offers to meet Sisko face to face with one guard each.

Sisko agrees to meet Kilana, who is quite amicable in person. However, she does not recognize Sisko's claim to salvage rights for the ship and wants it back. As she and Sisko talk, a lone Jem'Hadar beams into Sisko's ship, intent on stealing something.

Meanwhile, Kilana offers to take Sisko and the others back to Federation territory, but Sisko firmly refuses. O'Brien finds the Jem'Hadar and there is a brief struggle before Muñiz manages to shoot the soldier, saving the chief.

With Kilana aboard her ship and Sisko back inside his, O'Brien continues to tend to Muñiz, who suspects he is dying. They realize there is an anticoagulant in his blood, an apparent side-effect of the Jem'Hadar weapon, and Muñiz's wound requires immediate attention. Worf and O'Brien have a difference of opinion over this; while the Klingon believes Muñiz should be told to prepare for death, O'Brien is convinced that Muñiz's only chance is to keep fighting.

Kilana contacts Sisko again and apologizes for her deception, offering to meet him unarmed and alone (a condition to which she does not hold him) as a show of good faith. When they meet again, Kilana acknowledges the obvious: there is something aboard Sisko's ship she wants. However, neither trusts the other and Sisko refuses to let Kilana retrieve it, while Kilana refuses to tell Sisko what it is. She realizes their conversation is going nowhere, so she beams off the surface as her ship begins to bombard the surface. In the meantime, Muñiz has begun to die.

Before long, the crew realizes Kilana is not trying to hit the ship, as the ultritium concussion shells her ship is firing should destroy them in one hit. They continue to search for whatever Kilana wants, while Muñiz's condition continues to deteriorate and he becomes delirious. Tensions continue to mount as the Starfleet group, tired, hungry, and filthy, become increasingly apprehensive.

Sisko becomes fed up with the bickering and orders them to pull themselves together. He also orders Muñiz to stay alive.

O'Brien does his best to get the ship up and running, but when they attempt to take off from the planet, the power circuits overload and the condition of the ship's systems becomes even worse. Finally, Muñiz dies, causing a deafening silence to wash over the crew.

As Dax comforts Sisko, something begins to drip from the ceiling. They look up to realize one of the bulkheads is actually a Founder. However, it is not attacking but dying, no longer able to hold its form and apparently injured from the accident that killed the ship's crew. As it dies, it cries out, loud enough for Kilana and her men to hear.

With the Changeling dead, Kilana beams directly aboard Sisko's ship, alone. She informs him that her soldiers killed themselves for allowing one of their gods to die. It is revealed that both she and Sisko were genuine in their offers (she to let the Starfleet crew go and he to give her whatever was on the ship), but Muñiz and the others died because neither was willing to trust the other.

Sisko allows Kilana to take some of the Founder's remains with her as she leaves.

The Defiant arrives and tows the Jem'Hadar ship back to DS9. Starfleet is of course very pleased with the find and awards the crew medals, but Sisko laments the death of Muñiz, Hoya, and the others. Dax reminds him that, while their deaths are certainly tragic, they all knew risks when they joined Starfleet, and that while the captured ship might have cost five people their lives, it could help save thousands more. O'Brien holds his own vigil over Muñiz's casket. Worf enters as he does so and reveals that, in Klingon tradition, O'Brien's activity is called *ak'voh*, or keeping the dead safe from predators while they make their journey to *Sto-vo-kor*.

He offers to help O'Brien protect Muñiz, to which the chief responds, "I'm sure Quique would have liked that."

Looking for par'Mach in All the Wrong Places

Season 5
Episode Number: 101
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Sunday October 14, 1996
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Andrew Robinson
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Mary Kay Adams (Grilka), Joseph Ruskin (Tumek), Phil Morris (Thopok)
Production Code: 40510-501
Summary: Worf falls in love with Quark's ex-wife, Grilka. However, Quark is also still interested.



Grilka, Quark's ex-wife, shows up on Deep Space 9, and while her intentions are unknown, Worf is smitten as soon as he sees her. In Quark's bar, Worf puts on a display to get Grilka's attention that includes throwing Morn out of his seat (after first apologizing in advance to Morn, sotto voce) and insulting her guard, Thopok. Tumek pulls Worf aside and informs him that Grilka is not interested, however. Grilka comes to Quark and conveniently mentions that her Great House, the House of Grilka, has suffered significant financial losses of late — but she doesn't ask for help, for Klingons do not dirty themselves with "filthy ledgers and bank accounts." Taking the hint,

Quark "asks" to look at her financial records, and he helps her as she planned. The two of them spend a great deal of time together, and they genuinely seem interested in one another. However Quark is completely unfamiliar with Klingon mating rituals, so he asks Dax — and Worf — for help. They help him with Worf taking on a Cyrano de Bergerac-esque advisory role for Quark. After participating in a holosuite simulation with him, Grilka points out to Quark that he has just acted out one of the most romantic of Klingon operas, and she pointedly, and somewhat suspiciously, asks him, "What do you want, Quark?" His answer, that she, his "object of great value", may be worth all the latinum in the quadrant, cinches it. The two of them are in love. All seems well until Thopok, Grilka's bodyguard, becomes fed up with the offensive romance and declares that he cannot work for a House where a Ferengi is welcome. He challenges Quark to mortal combat.

Meanwhile, Miles O'Brien views it as his duty to protect and assist Kira Nerys, seeing as she is now the surrogate mother of his child. With the blessings of Keiko, Miles has been giving Kira regular massages to help relieve her pain. While giving Kira a massage in her bedroom, O'Brien

and Kira discover they have feelings for each other when Kira makes a remark about how she wouldn't mind spending three weeks in Ireland with Miles. O'Brien agrees then realizes what he said and feels guilty when Keiko walks into the room catching him giving Kira a massage. Keiko doesn't care, and says, "Don't stop on my account." Later, Kira announces to Keiko and Miles that she is going to Bajor for a few days to relax in her friend's cabin. Miles is pleased, but Keiko is shocked by this news because she is worried Kira will go into labor. Keiko demands Miles go with her, and when he refuses, Keiko accuses them of fighting again and settles the debate — Miles and Kira will go to Bajor together.

Now Quark is faced with the prospect of either losing Grilka or dying (for he obviously doesn't stand a chance against a Klingon with a bat'leth). Worf again helps the Ferengi; using a special device, Worf is able to control Quark's body movements and helps him defend himself. Despite a technical glitch that forces Quark to stall, ultimately, Quark hands the bodyguard's bat'leth to Grilka, proving his courage and sealing the deal. Quark is successful, but this leaves Worf alone.

Not as alone as he thinks, however. Jadzia Dax, who until now has pressured him about the fact that there is nothing special about Grilka, claims she would be looking for someone more fun and "attainable" if she were him. Worf, who never has done well picking up romantic subtleties, still does not get the hint. Exasperated, Dax finally takes matters into her own hands and jumps Worf, shouting something in Klingonese, and, after a very brief sparring with bat'leths, ends up beginning a mating ritual of her own with him.

About this time, Kira and Miles are meeting in a runabout to depart for the trip to Bajor. Before they can depart, Kira admits that the place she is going to relax is one of the most romantic sites on Bajor. On hearing this, Miles puts his foot down and says, "I'm not going!" They come up with a cover story to tell Keiko and Kira goes to Bajor alone.

When the two couples — Quark and Grilka and Dax and Worf — come to the infirmary with broken bones and bruises aplenty, it is enough to convince Doctor Bashir that he is best off not asking how his patients received their wounds anymore. In a private room in the infirmary, Dax and Worf talk about what happened. Dax understands that Worf is unlikely to rush into marriage, even though tradition recommends it. They do agree, however, that they ought to pursue their relationship further.

...Nor the Battle to the Strong

Season 5

Episode Number: 102

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired:	Sunday October 21, 1996
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	Kim Friedman
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Andrew Kavovit (Kirby), Karen Austin (Dr. Kalandra), Mark Holton (Bolian), Lisa Lord (Nurse), Jeb Brown (Ensign), Danny Goldring (Burke), Elle Alexander (Female Guard), Greg 'Christopher' Smith (Male Guard)
Production Code:	40510-502
Summary:	Jake Sisko and Julian Bashir are caught in the middle of a battle between a Federation colony and a Klingon army.



Doctor Bashir and Jake Sisko are on their way back to Deep Space 9, having attended a medical conference. Jake is planning to write a news article on Bashir, who is upset that his proposed theory (which consists of technobabble as far as Jake is concerned) was so controversial. As Bashir rants about the goings-on from the conference, Jake's mind begins to wander: Arriving at an important impasse in his explanation, which involves a protein anomaly, Bashir confirms that Jake is still following him. Bashir resumes explaining as Jake's voiceover continues: A few seconds pass with Bashir talking and Jake continuing to daydream, but they are both brought

back to reality when the runaway receives a distress call from a Federation colony on Ajilon Prime. Despite a recent cease fire the Klingons have resumed their war with the Federation and attacked the colony. Though the colony has requested assistance, Bashir is reluctant to bring Jake along.

Jake convinces the doctor to go anyway, and there is a hint that Bashir knows whatever they face on Ajilon will make a better story than his lecture. Jake thinks to himself: As things are speeding up for Jake and Bashir, it is a slow day in Ops. Quark has just arrived with a beverage for Kira, and Dax, Odo, O'Brien and Worf are all there to see her reaction. The beverage is a decaffeinated raktajino (dubbed "Quarktajino"), which O'Brien asked him to prepare in the fear that Kira's caffeine consumption will cause his son to be born a caffeine addict.

Unfortunately, the drink tastes horrible by both Kira and Miles' accounts. Sisko emerges from his office with the news about Jake and Bashir. The USS Farragut is on it's way to Ajilon Prime with reinforcements and Bashir and Jake will leave as soon as backup has arrived. Although Dax tries to lighten the mood, Sisko is visibly worried about his son.

Jake and Bashir arrive at Ajilon Prime, where Bashir has second thoughts about taking Jake into the heat of battle. However, Jake is sure he can handle the experience, so they land and head for the front lines.

In the emergency room, Jake's enthusiasm about his story fades when he experiences the casualties of war first hand. He is shaken by the wounded people he sees, but particularly disturbing is a man Jake finds in a doorway, unconscious and bleeding, who turns out to be dead. Another man enters yelling for help, as he has apparently been shot in the foot by a Klingon disruptor. Despite the man's story, Bashir finds it is actually a phaser burn and leaves the man, disgusted. The young man, though he initially sticks to his story, breaks down as he tells of how his fellow officers ran and he was so scared of the Klingons that he actually shot himself, wishing he was dead. Jake sits in a corner to work on his story but finds it increasingly difficult to concentrate: Jake's writing is disturbed when a medic asks Jake for help in watching a wounded man. As Jake stands with the injured man, he reaches up and spreads his blood on Jake's shirt and Jake begins to realize what he's gotten himself into.

As Bashir lends his assistance, Jake has been recruited to help move the wounded. He continues to see many more wounded but starts to deal with it better. During a break in the flow of wounded, Bashir and the doctors ask Jake for help in getting to the replicator.

Back at the station, Sisko speaks with Odo, who has just injured himself in attempting to apprehend cheating dabo players. In reflecting on how fragile his new "solid" form is, he realizes that Sisko is worried about Jake. Sisko recalls when Jake was younger how he vowed to protect his son no matter what, and now he's in the middle of a war zone. Odo attempted to reassure the Captain that Jake will be fine, but Sisko says that always worrying about your child comes with being a parent. Odo admits he doesn't think parenting is for him to which Sisko tells him simply that he won't know what's he's missing, as the joy of being a parent is worth every second of worry. Just then Dax enters with bad news, the Farragut has been destroyed by Klingon forces. Now with no other reinforcements coming, Sisko and Dax immediately leave for Ajilon Prime on the Defiant.

Bashir and Jake are sitting down to eat when Bashir's macabre joke about the food ruins Jake's appetite. Jake and Bashir discuss the man who shot himself and Jake is shocked that such behavior is possible among trained Starfleet personnel. When Bashir is called back to the wounded, Jake talks with another orderly (Kirby) who communicates the dire outlook they face, despite their being medical personnel.

Jake's reverie is interrupted with the sound of an explosion, signaling that the Klingons have resumed their attack. The cave loses power and Bashir realizes that the runabout, set down about 1 km south, has more generators that can help the situation in the cave.

Bashir and Jake make their way on foot to the runabout and begin to undergo artillery fire. Jake gets behind Bashir and then sees him disappear behind an explosion. Overcome with fear, he turns around and runs away.

Jake runs over a hill and through a great deal of smoke, finally falling upon a dead Klingon. He sees that he is in a field of dead soldiers and runs away in fear. He gets over a ridge and is struck in the head by a wounded Starfleet soldier. The soldier demands a hypospray and then explains that he is mortally wounded but wants to die facing the sky. He tells Jake of how he was hurt in protecting a hopper's escape. Jake yearns to help him but the soldier, hearing his story of running away, points out that Jake is trying to redeem his cowardice. As the soldier dies painfully, Jake runs away again.

Aboard the Defiant, Sisko is busy tweaking the replicator pattern buffers. Dax sees his feelings of helplessness and tells a story of what Audrid went through when her daughter was came down with Rugalan fever. The girl, Neema, was in a hospital for two weeks and Audrid spent the time reading her all seventeen volumes of Caster's *Down the River Light*, even though she knew Neema couldn't hear her. It was simply so Audrid had something to do. Luckily, Neema pulled through (although she later didn't talk to her mother for eight years) and Sisko is glad the story had a happy ending. For now, however, he leaves Dax to the replicators and decides to work on the sonic showers.

Jake wanders back into the cave and Kirby is relieved to see him again. Kirby explains that Bashir is injured with plasma burns and the runabout was destroyed by the enemy fire but Bashir made it back with the generator himself. Despite Jake's attempts to avoid it, Kirby gets him to go see Bashir. Bashir is relieved to see Jake and apologizes profusely and begins to

berate himself for risking Jake's life by bringing him into a war zone. Jake angrily brushes off the apology and tells him it's OK, and Bashir is startled by his anger: Kirby enters, unaware of Bashir's guilt over bringing Jake or Jake's guilt over leaving Bashir, to examine Jake's wound. Later, Jake once again tries to resume his story but can't concentrate on it.

Jake resumes his orderly duties and delivers food to the soldier who shot himself in the foot. The man explains his disappointment in himself and claims that despite his good scores in academy battle situations, the real thing is entirely different. Jake now realizes what the man has gone through and they bond over their similar experience. Jake suggests that the man may not get court-martialed and may yet have a future in Starfleet but the soldier says he does not belong in Starfleet anymore and wishes he'd aimed the phaser "a little higher." As Jake rejoins the fellow medical personnel in the break room, their macabre jokes about which way they'd prefer to die drive him to frustration. He begins to shout about the stupidity of the war and yells that nobody will ever remember the events they are all going through. Bashir intervenes and takes Jake for a walk.

Bashir tries to get Jake to open up about his miserable behavior but Jake resists. Bashir leaves the door open for discussion but Jake refuses and brushes him off. After Bashir leaves, Jake sinks to the ground and begins to cry.

Explosions rock Jake awake. He runs to the rest of the people and the head surgeon explains that they are evacuating the cave and they must move quickly and orderly if they are to survive. As most people evacuate, Jake is hiding under a table. The explosions frighten him away from the room he is in and Starfleet infantry personnel give him cover as the Klingons appear in the cave. Jake is soon pinned down by disruptor fire under a table and fires a phaser rifle blindly around the room. The room begins to collapse upon the Klingons and Jake as he screams in fear.

Bashir wakens Jake and points out that his father has arrived. They explain that Jake's actions created a cave-in that gave the rest of the personnel time to evacuate and that he is a hero. The cease-fire has been reinstated and the Klingons have pulled out of the system.

Jake gives a copy of his story to Bashir and also to his father. As Sisko reads what Jake has written, he comments that Jake's feelings are those that all who have been in battle feel, whether or not they admit it. He says Jake is courageous to write about it and tells him he is proud of him.

The Assignment

Season 5
Episode Number: 103
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Sunday October 28, 1996
Writer:	David Weddle, Bradley Thompson
Director:	Allan Kroeker
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Rosie Malek-Yonan (Tekoa), Patrick B. Egan (Jiyar)
Production Code:	40510-503
Summary:	A Pah'wraith (evil entities who are enemies of the Bajoran Prophets) possesses and impersonates Keiko, but reveals her identity to Miles, threatening to kill her if he doesn't carry out her mysterious instructions.



After Miles O'Brien has successfully killed Keiko's bonsai trees that he was caring for while she was visiting the Fire Caves on Bajor, he welcomes Keiko home. However, as soon as she gets off the transport, Keiko informs Miles that she's not Keiko, but someone who has taken over her body. Whoever is inhabiting Keiko threatens Miles with his wife's life and the life of their daughter Molly, claiming that they'll kill them both if he doesn't do exactly what she wants.

Miles is ordered to reconfigure certain parts of the space station. At the same time, Rom is excited about his new job as an engineer. Quark expresses his loathing of Rom's new job since he quit at

Quark's, as Rom has been assigned to the graveyard shift fixing the waste extraction. Rom is proud as he is called to a meeting on the "swing-shift", where the other workers treat him coldly.

During Miles' birthday celebrations, the inhabitant draws on Keiko's brain to act like Keiko, and none other than Miles know any different. Captain Sisko is especially impressed by the Q'parol that she served, showing that the alien had all the memories and talents of Keiko. During the party, Jake Sisko asks Keiko if she saw any Pah-wraith in the Fire Caves, prompted by Odo's sharing of Bajoran legends. The inhabited Keiko teases Odo for believing in "the wraiths," which Odo denies.

The Keiko-inhabitant gives Miles an ultimatum: complete the reconfigurations in thirteen hours or she'll kill Keiko and Molly. Miles starts a countdown clock to stay aware of the deadline. With the help of Rom, Miles manages to complete most of the work before Jadzia discovers his

alterations and alerts security and Sisko. Sisko calls a meeting of O'Brien, Odo, and Dax to discuss the sabotage. O'Brien leads Odo to Rom, and Odo takes him to a holding cell while Miles is left to survey the damage. Rom refuses to tell Odo anything, instead calling for O'Brien. O'Brien goes to see Rom, and Rom reveals that O'Brien's modifications are converting the station into a gigantic chroniton emitter from the reconfigurations. Rom also reveals that chronitons are lethal to the wormhole aliens. O'Brien wonders aloud about this, and Rom explains that according to the Koss'moran Bajoran story that the Pah-wraith were cast out by the Prophets.

The newly-solid Odo confronts O'Brien that he was behind the modifications, so O'Brien knocks him out. He finishes the station modifications, and takes Keiko/Pah-wraith to a runabout. Once in position near the wormhole, O'Brien activates the emitters on the station, but targets the runabout instead of the wormhole, killing the Pah-wraith inhabiting Keiko. Keiko and Miles embrace. When he returns, Sisko asks for an explanation.

Back in their quarters, Keiko reveals that she knew what the Pah-wraiths were doing, but could not intervene. Keiko tells Miles that she doubts the Pah-wraiths would have spared them.

The next day, a tired but excited Rom enters Quark's. Quark warns him that the night shift is obviously too much for him but Rom explains that he wasn't working, rather he was out celebrating his now permanent promotion to the day shift; his reward for helping O'Brien. Quark sighs as Rom then proceeds to order Pancakes, Sausages and Pineapple: the breakfast of the day shift.

Trials and Tribble-ations

Season 5

Episode Number: 104

Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Sunday November 4, 1996
Writer: Ronald D. Moore, René Echevarria
Director: Jonathan West
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Jack Blessing (Dulmer), Charlie Brill (Arne Darvin), Deirdre Imershein (Lt. Watley), Charles Chun (Engineer), James Jansen (Lucsly)
Production Code: 40510-504
Summary: While returning to Deep Space Nine with the Bajoran Orb of Time, the crew is thrown back to the 23rd Century. They must infiltrate the original Starship Enterprise in order to stop an undercover Klingon from assassinating the legenday Captain James T. Kirk.



Lucsly and Dulmur from Temporal Investigations arrive on Deep Space 9 and are welcomed into Ops by Major Kira and Lieutenant Commander Dax. The investigators ask for Captain Sisko, and Kira directs them to his office. Before they go in, Dax cracks a joke about how temporal investigators are always on time, which elicits absolutely no response from the investigators, who go into the Captain's office. Sisko asks if they want anything to drink; they say they only want the truth. Dulmur asks Sisko why he took the USS Defiant back in time. Sisko says it was accidental and he confirms that he is not contending their trip back was a predestination paradox, a statement which re-

lieves the investigators, as they hate predestination paradoxes. When they ask him to start at the beginning, Sisko tells them this may take some time and then assures them that he's not cracking a joke, something the investigators say they hate as well. Sisko tells them that the Cardassian government had expressed a desire to return one of the Bajoran Orbs that they had procured during the Occupation, so the Defiant traveled to Cardassia Prime — under cloak to avoid detection by the Klingons — to collect it, without knowing which orb it was or even if it were genuine, as many fakes had cropped up over the years. Though they didn't know it at the time they recovered it, they had indeed gained possession of the Orb of Time.

Sisko had security lock the Orb in crew quarters so it could be authenticated on Bajor. Before leaving Cardassia Prime, they took on a passenger. Commander Worf brings a man into the Defiant's mess hall who, upon seeing Chief O'Brien and Dr. Bashir, expresses his relief to finally see Humans again. Worf introduces the man as Barry Waddle, a Human merchant who had been

trapped on Cardassia when the Klingons attacked. He is an elderly, seemingly harmless man. Waddle says he deals in gemstones, mostly kevas and trillium. While he orders a raktajino from the replicator, he tells O'Brien and Bashir about how Cardassians drink hot fish juice in the morning and that after being on Cardassia for a time, he was hoping for a Klingon invasion as they can make good coffee, even if they are foul-smelling barbarians. He then notices Worf is right there, apologizes to him, and steps away. O'Brien and Bashir gently tease Worf about his aroma, telling him he has a rather earthy, peaty aroma with a touch of lilac (which only serves to annoy Worf further). On the bridge, as *Defiant* is halfway back to DS9 and Sisko tells the investigators that he was finally beginning to relax, O'Brien relays the story of the incident in the mess hall to Dax and suggests that she mention lilac the next time she sees Worf, but she refuses, saying she has her own ways of torturing him. At that moment, O'Brien announces a massive surge in chroniton radiation around the ship as the entire bridge glows brightly. The viewscreen shows nothing but white noise. The ship drops out of warp and decloaks as someone activates the transporter. Sisko orders Dax to get the ship back under cloak and deactivate the transporter but it's too late as the person has already left the ship. Just then, as the ship gets back under cloak, Dax tells Sisko that they're over 200 light years from their previous position. Sisko orders the viewscreen activated and the sight they see on the screen shocks them all as they see the *USS Enterprise*. In Sisko's office Dulmur asks him to specify which Federation starship *Enterprise* as there have been five, but Lucsly corrects him, saying there are now six. Sisko clarifies that it was the first *Enterprise*, the Constitution-class, NCC-1701. The investigators sit back in their seats at the realization it's "his" ship, James Tiberius Kirk's, which Sisko proudly confirms. The investigators call Kirk a menace, saying that Kirk's file, containing seventeen separate temporal violations, is the biggest on record. They ask what the *Enterprise* was doing and Sisko says it was orbiting one of the old deep space stations, K-7, exactly one hundred and five years, one month, and twelve days previous, on Stardate 4523.7, a Friday. Sisko's story continues. Back on the *Defiant*, a briefing is occurring with the senior staff. Worf and Odo have discovered that Waddle's "real" name is Arne Darvin, a Klingon surgically altered to appear Human. Worf tells Sisko that the younger Darvin is at that moment on board K-7 posing as a Federation official. Odo picks up and tells Sisko that the younger Darvin's mission was to derail Federation colonization efforts in the area by poisoning a load of grain which was — or rather, is — stored on K-7. However, in eighteen hours, Captain Kirk will expose Darvin and he will be arrested. Worf tells them that Darvin's arrest ended his career, as Klingon Intelligence turned their back on Darvin and he became an outcast, apparently spending the next hundred years posing as a human merchant and then in what Odo calls a "final indignity," he was trapped on Cardassia by the Klingon invasion. Sisko then is able to pick the story up from there. Apparently Darvin then heard rumors about an Orb capable of taking him back in time. Bashir wonders if Darvin may be going to warn his younger self about Kirk, but Dax thinks Darvin may be planning to kill Kirk. And not knowing how or where or when, Sisko decides that they will have to search both K-7 and the *Enterprise* without raising suspicions or altering the timeline themselves, as the last thing he wants is a visit from Temporal Investigations when they get home. So the crew starts to blend in. Odo and Worf change into civilian traders' clothing, and Sisko, Dax, O'Brien and Bashir all change into old-style Starfleet uniforms. Dax takes the extra precaution of applying makeup to cover her spots. Stepping out into the corridor, Sisko, who is now wearing a gold command uniform with lieutenant's stripes, sees O'Brien in a red support uniform, with ensign's insignia. He congratulates O'Brien on the latter's temporary promotion and tells him that he went with lieutenant's rank because he didn't want to arouse suspicion. Just then, Bashir steps out, still in Medical blue, albeit with an appropriately altered hairstyle, and asks if Sisko and O'Brien are wearing the wrong colors. O'Brien asks if Bashir knows anything about this time period, and he says that he doesn't, as he's a doctor, not an historian. Dax then appears in the miniskirt uniform of the day, saying that "women wore less," and the doctor, unsurprisingly, declares that he's going to like this time period. In the transporter room, O'Brien reports that the old-style sensors the *Enterprise* used allow for tiny interruptions in the scan cycle enabling the *Defiant* to decloak for three seconds and beam everyone to where they need to go. Worf and Odo are going to K-7. Worf reports that most of K-7 consists of storage areas and industrial fabrication facilities and, since security on a space station such as K-7 isn't as tight as it would be on a starship, they don't expect to have to take too long to search the station. The others are going to the *Enterprise*, O'Brien and Bashir together and Dax and Sisko together. After reminding

everyone to do their best not to interact with people from this time period, Sisko and Dax go first, beam into a turbolift and step out into a corridor on the Enterprise. Bashir and O'Brien beam into another turbolift and try to proceed to Deck 21. O'Brien's vocal command goes unheeded and, not knowing what could be wrong with the turbolift, they try to take a panel off to see what's happening when they're interrupted by the lift's doors opening. A woman steps in, nods to O'Brien and Bashir, takes one of the handles on the side of the turbolift and orders it to Deck 15. Sheepishly, O'Brien and Bashir take hold of the handles near them and Bashir whispers to O'Brien "I won't tell anyone if you won't." Dax marvels as to how many people are packed into the ship. Finding an auxiliary communications juncture, Sisko pretends to do repairs and Dax admires the "classic" 23rd century design of the tricorder she's carrying, but Sisko quiets her before she attracts anyone's attention. On K-7, Odo steps into the station's bar and sits down at a table. As he does, the door opens again, admitting Ensign Chekov and Lieutenant Uhura into the bar. As they walk up to the bar, a waitress asks Odo what he'd like to drink; he tries to order raktajino. When the waitress tells him he's the second person who ordered that today, he asks who the other one was; she says that it was an elderly Human male. She tells Odo that he said he'd probably be back later. Then, after being informed that raktajino is Klingon coffee, she tells Odo they don't have any Klingon beverages, and so he settles for Tarkalean tea. As he sits at the bar and watches, he sees Uhura obtain a tribble from Cyrano Jones. Back on Enterprise, Bashir continues to scan for Darvin. O'Brien is supposed to be conducting repairs so as to blend in, but unfortunately he can't tell what's what as everything's all cross-circuited and rewired. Bashir jokes that it sounds like one of O'Brien's repair jobs. They're then interrupted by a young engineer who wonders why they're working at that panel because Scotty told him to do it. He then wonders why they need a doctor to repair a power relay. Bashir makes up a story about checking O'Brien for stress and, after O'Brien accidentally pulls out a circuit that darkens the whole deck (and quickly replaces it) tells O'Brien he's seen enough and that they need to go to sickbay. O'Brien tells the engineer that he'd appreciate it if he didn't mention this to anyone; the engineer says he won't, and that he hopes O'Brien feels better soon. On K-7, Worf enters the bar and sees Odo sitting at a table. Worf tells Odo he's finished searching the primary habitat levels. Before he can get any further, he notices a trilling sound and demands to know what it is. Odo says the sound is very soothing; he holds the tribble up as it squeals at Worf, who disgustedly recognizes it. Odo has Worf sit down before he attracts any further attention. Sitting down, Worf asks where Odo got it; he tells Worf that he got it from one Cyrano Jones, who said that tribbles like everyone — but apparently not Worf, a feeling which Worf shares. He calls the tribble a "detestable creature," noting that feeding a tribble more than the smallest morsel will cause prolific reproduction. Worf tells Odo how tribbles were considered mortal enemies of the Klingon Empire, which Odo is amazed to hear, finding it hard to believe that a simple tribble could be someone's "mortal enemy." Worf further explains that the Empire considered tribbles to be an ecological menace and that many warriors were sent out to kill any and all tribbles that they could find. Once the tribble homeworld was located, a Klingon armada obliterated it. According to Worf, tribbles were considered extinct by the end of the 23rd century. Before Worf can say anything else, the station goes to red alert. The same has happened on the Enterprise. Seeing everyone rush to battle stations, Dax asks Sisko what they should do; he says they should do the same. They find an empty turbolift and Sisko contacts the Defiant — or at tries to, at first, as he slaps the insignia on his uniform out of habit, expecting it to be the working combadge it is not.

After a moment of realization, he pulls out the old-style communicator and this time successfully contacts the Defiant. Kira reports that a Klingon D7 class battle cruiser has dropped out of warp and is approaching the station. Recognizing something familiar, Dax asks Kira to identify the Klingon vessel; she identifies it as the IKS Gr'oth. Dax immediately recognizes it as Koloth's ship and she tells Sisko that Koloth is not here to attack. She remembers Koloth telling her about how he once traded insults with Kirk on a space station near the Federation border and how he regretted never getting to face Kirk in battle. Kira then reports that the Klingons just beamed two people to the station manager's office. Dax remembers one of them being Koloth, and asks Sisko if they could beam over to K-7, as they know that Darvin was there a short time ago. However, Sisko refuses and tells Kira to contact O'Brien and have him and Bashir prepare to transport to the station. Dax wants to see Koloth and points out that it is not as if he would recognize her, but Sisko stands firm. After closing the channel with Kira, Dax says it would have been fun, but

Sisko corrects her: it would have been too much fun. Sisko's voiceover tells the investigators that Dax was indeed correct. The Klingons only wanted shore leave, and Captain Kirk allowed the Klingons to beam over in small groups. Once the red alert ceased, everyone resumed their search for Darvin. Kira contacts O'Brien and Bashir on the Enterprise, telling them the next band shift in the Enterprise's scan cycle is coming up. O'Brien tells her they'll be ready. He and Bashir duck into a turbolift, but Lieutenant Watley is there with them again. She notices that Bashir has left the flap open on his tricorder, thereby draining power. He closes it and thanks her for the tip. Watley asks Bashir if he's a doctor; he replies in the affirmative. She says that she just transferred over from the USS Lexington and O'Brien, acting as a regular member of the crew, welcomes her aboard. Watley tells Bashir that she'll be in sickbay the next day at 15:00 for her physical, and tells him her name as she walks out of the turbolift. Bashir recognizes her name as his great-grandmother's last name and wonders if it could be her, which O'Brien scoffs at, as the odds of that happening are astronomically small. Since no one ever met his great-grandfather, he then begins wondering if he's supposed to meet with her later in a predestination paradox and become his own great-grandfather. O'Brien accuses Bashir of being ridiculous, but he begins to convince himself that if he doesn't meet with Watley, he might not ever be born. Just then, Kira calls and asks O'Brien if they're ready for transport; the Chief's reply: "Are we ever!" Bashir says he can't wait to get back to Deep Space 9 and watch O'Brien's reaction when he finds out Bashir was never born, a comment which causes a smirk from O'Brien as they beam out. Elsewhere on the Enterprise, Sisko and Dax are near another panel, pretending to work on it, when Dax looks up, sees Captain Kirk and Commander Spock walking toward an intercom close to them, and gets Sisko's attention. They look for a moment, but then Sisko reminds her they're just a maintenance crew doing their jobs, but Dax can't help but look as Kirk deals with the intercom transmission. She notes how he's so much more handsome in person; Sisko tells Dax how Kirk had a reputation for being a ladies' man, but she reveals she's referring to Spock instead. At that, Sisko closes the panel, takes Dax by the hand, and they walk away from Kirk and Spock. Dax is amazed that Sisko doesn't want to meet Kirk. Sisko says that's the farthest thing from his mind, as they have a job to do. Dax then reminds Sisko about how Kirk is the most famous captain in Starfleet history. Sisko then admits that indeed he would like to meet Kirk. He'd like to shake Kirk's hand and ask him about fighting the Gorn on Cestus III, but that's not why they're here. Dax concedes Sisko's point, but laments that as she remembers this time period, it's hard for her to not to want to be part of it again.

At that point the turbolift opens and they enter. Bashir and O'Brien enter the bar on K-7, whereupon they good-naturedly tease Odo and Worf for sitting at the bar while they were crawling through conduits on the Enterprise and the station. Odo says they believe that Darvin will return and Bashir picks up on the raktajino hint, a clue that others might have missed. Before they can say anything else, Chekov, Scotty and Freeman enter. O'Brien is amazed, having mistaken Freeman for Kirk. Worf agrees that it would be an honor to meet Kirk. O'Brien suggests buying Kirk a drink, but Odo reminds them they can't, and O'Brien agrees, as they can't risk altering the time line. The waitress comes up and asks them what they want, including a warning not to dare ask her for a raktajino.

She then points out the Klingons when Odo asks who else had ordered a raktajino, but they don't recognize the Klingons as such, since they look nothing like Worf or any other Klingons that the crew had met. When they act confused, the waitress decides they've had enough and walks away. Everyone at the table then looks over at Worf, wondering what's going on. Worf tells them that those are Klingons, and that it is a long story that Klingons do not discuss with outsiders. Meanwhile, a Klingon named Korax has spent his time loudly insulting Kirk, trying to get a rise out of the Enterprise officers. Chekov stands up to fight, but Scotty restrains him, saying they can take a few insults. O'Brien is impressed at how "Kirk" (Freeman) is ignoring Korax. At that moment, a confused Bashir asks if that's really Kirk, and O'Brien says it is, but then Bashir points out that the man is only wearing lieutenant's stripes. Odo says they've got more problems at the moment than a case of mistaken identity. Just then Korax begins insulting the Enterprise herself, which quickly gets under Scotty's skin — he is the engineer, after all. When Korax claims the Enterprise should be hauled off as garbage, Scotty slowly stands up and punches him. Every Klingon and Starfleet officer stand up immediately and then, despite Odo's efforts to stop them, Bashir, O'Brien, and Worf all stand up. Everyone ends up in the huge brawl in the bar.

When the door opens to admit more Enterprise security, Odo notices Darvin in the back-

ground and knocks a Klingon off of Worf so they can both give chase to Darvin. Meanwhile, caught up in the fight, Bashir and O'Brien do not notice Worf and Odo's departure and are shortly thereafter arrested by the security officers and taken into custody along with the other crewmembers who were involved. In Sisko's office, the investigators are not happy, as regulations clearly state that Starfleet officers must take all precautions in taking minimal part in historical events. Sisko admits that they made a mistake, but it didn't alter the timeline. Dulmur isn't so convinced, and goes so far as to point out that this could be an alternate timeline as far as they know, but Sisko says that if they had altered history, they would have known immediately upon their return. After exasperatedly wondering out loud why everyone he interviews always has to mention that particular fact, Lucsly bids Sisko continue. Sisko tells them that instead of going to the brig, the arrested officers were taken in for questioning. Bashir and O'Brien find themselves in a line in front of Kirk, who wants to know who started the fight. Kirk asks O'Brien who started the fight; O'Brien tells Kirk he doesn't know. Likewise, Chekov tells Kirk he doesn't know who started it. When no one confesses, Kirk confines everyone to quarters until he finds out who started it.

After they're dismissed, O'Brien and Bashir walk away as quickly as possible. O'Brien is astounded that, of all the people in the lineup, Kirk asked him about the fight and that, even more astonishingly, he ended up lying to him. O'Brien says he wishes Keiko could have seen it. Accidentally stepping on a tribble, Bashir wonders who left it out in the corridor alone. But rounding the corner, O'Brien realizes that the tribble isn't alone. Meanwhile, Odo and Worf have captured Darvin in the midst of the fight on K-7 and have beamed him back to the Defiant. Odo tells Darvin that he'll be facing some very serious charges when they return, but Darvin says they won't dare put one of the greatest heroes of the Klingon Empire in the brig, to which Worf angrily tells Darvin he's no hero to the Empire. But Darvin says he will be soon and wants his statue in the Hall of Warriors to have him standing with Kirk's head in one hand and a dead tribble in the other. Worf grabs Darvin and demands to know what Darvin did. He asks if Darvin hired someone to kill Kirk or if he sabotaged the Enterprise. But Darvin says he did nothing like that but that Kirk's death will have a certain poetic justice to it. Shortly thereafter, Sisko, who is still on the Enterprise with Dax, is amazed to hear from Odo that Darvin planted a bomb in a tribble. Odo describes it as revenge from Darvin, as it was Kirk who first noticed the tribble's reaction to a Klingon and realized that Darvin was a Klingon. While Darvin wouldn't reveal the bomb's location, he did say it would go off within the hour. Dax suggests they risk going to the bridge and using the internal sensors to scan the ship within minutes.

Sisko agrees and orders everyone else to K-7 to search for the bomb. However, Odo suggests that Worf remain on the Defiant, as it seems Worf is allergic to tribbles, to which Sisko agrees. However, O'Brien is concerned they might not be able to reach the station's internal sensors. Sisko tells him that then he will have to manually scan every tribble on the station. O'Brien, in disbelief, says there must be thousands. Bashir notes it could be hundreds of thousands, but Dax has already worked out the number as 1,771,561, starting with one tribble, producing an average litter of ten every twelve hours over a period of three days. Sisko tells everyone they have their orders and closes the channel. Later on the bridge, Sisko is sitting at a station and Dax is standing over by the engineering station when Kirk comes onto the bridge. He tries to sit in his chair, but ends up accidentally sitting on a tribble. Removing the tribble Kirk looks over at Dax who smiles and shrugs at him. He then calls Dr. McCoy to the bridge. Dax steps over and tells Sisko that she's reworked the sensor interface. Sisko scans the bridge. No explosives, which relieves Dax as she almost expected the tribble Kirk sat on to explode. Nothing on the first six decks either. Just then McCoy comes up to the bridge and begins talking to Kirk. Dax seems to recognize him and Sisko identifies him as McCoy, the ship's doctor. Just then, Dax recognizes him, having met him when he was a medical student at "Ole Miss." Sisko asks if it was Curzon who met him; she says it was actually Emony, when she was on Earth judging a gymnastics competition. Dax tells Sisko that McCoy had the hands of a surgeon and that she knew he'd be a doctor. Her smile suggests their acquaintance may have been more than purely social. Just then, Sisko finishes scanning the ship — there's no explosive aboard. Dax, stating the obvious, says that the bomb must be on K-7. In the bar on K-7, Odo, Bashir and O'Brien are searching through tribbles frantically when Odo gets a call from Sisko telling them the bomb is not on the Enterprise — thus, it must be over there. Unfortunately, Odo reports they've been able to scan only two decks so far.

When Sisko offers to send more people over from the *Defiant*, Odo tells him it's not a manpower shortage, but rather that the tribbles are multiplying so fast that they can't keep up with them. Dax suggests that she and Sisko stick close to Kirk, as Darvin likely will have put the bomb someplace he knows Kirk will be in the next half hour and as a result Kirk may lead them right to it.

Odo says they'll keep scanning the tribbles for now. Sisko and Dax get set up in the recreation room when Kirk and Spock come in.

Kirk, upon ordering his chicken sandwich and coffee, sees that the tribbles are in all the food slots. Kirk tells Spock "I want these things off the ship. I don't care if it takes every man we've got; I want them off the ship!" Scotty comes in with an armful of tribbles and tells them the tribbles are in the machinery and probably in all the other food dispensers as well, probably having gotten there through one of the air vents. Spock realizes there are similar vents on the station and in the storage compartments.

Sisko is given a clue then, and he and Dax beam to K-7 and climb down into one of the storage compartments to begin scanning tribbles. Sisko notes that most of the tribbles are dead, as the grain has been poisoned. Dax detects a faint tricobalt signature, indicating the bomb is in the compartment somewhere. They begin scanning through the tribbles when they hear a strange sound. As it turns out, that's Kirk outside trying to open the hatch leading into the storage compartment. He finally does get it open, and ends up being buried in tribbles. Sisko and Dax see the door open, and as it turns out, Kirk's opening the door all but exposes the bomb in the storage compartment. Dax realizes it's right in front of them. Sisko begins searching frantically for the bomb, tossing tribbles away as he scans them, some of them falling through the doorway and landing on Kirk. Down on the floor, Nilz Baris threatens to hold an inquiry against Kirk, stating there must be thousands of tribbles. Kirk laments it must be hundreds of thousands. Spock comes up with an exact figure of 1,771,561, using the exact formula that Dax had used earlier. In the hold, Sisko and Dax hear this, look at each other and simply shrug. Just then, Sisko finds the bomb. He places the tribble bomb on his tricorder, contacts Kira, and has the *Defiant* beam the bomb into space, where it explodes harmlessly. As they start to get up, Dax tosses the last tribble in her hand down, where it falls through the doorway and onto Kirk, causing him to ask that the door be closed. Sisko's voiceover resumes telling the investigators that after the bomb exploded history continued uninterrupted and Kirk discovered Darvin as a Klingon agent just as he had done before. And by the time they returned to the *Defiant*, Kira had figured out how to use the Orb to return the ship back to its rightful time. Back in Sisko's office, the investigators ask if that's when they returned to the future, but Sisko is forced to admit that it wasn't, as he realized that there was one more thing he had to do - something he'd thought of since he first saw the *Enterprise* on the *Defiant*'s viewscreen. Sisko goes to the *Enterprise*'s bridge and brings a duty roster to Kirk for the latter's approval. As Kirk looks it over, he looks over at Sisko, and asks his name. Sisko tells Kirk his real name, and that he's been on temporary assignment on the *Enterprise*. Before Sisko left, he just wanted to tell Kirk it was an honor serving with him. Kirk smiles, nods at him and then tells Sisko "All right, Lieutenant, carry on." Sisko thanks the legendary captain and leaves the bridge. Back in his office, Sisko tells Dulmur and Lucsly that if they want to put a reprimand in his file for that, then they are welcome to do so. They both stand up and tell Sisko they'll have to review everything before making a final recommendation, but it doesn't seem as if any harm was done. Dulmur says he probably would have done the same thing himself, given the chance. Sisko walks them out of the office; Lucsly tells them he'll have their full report in about a month, but that he shouldn't have anything to worry about. Sisko admits he's happy to hear it, and the investigators then quietly leave the station, heading directly for their ship at Docking Port Seven. Dax asks Sisko if it went well; he says it did. Kira tells Sisko that Odo wants to see them on the Promenade. Odo asks Sisko if he told the investigators; Sisko says they didn't ask, and that he's open to suggestions. Dax quips that they could build a new station. It turns out that Odo brought his tribble back with him, and it has reproduced all over Quark's bar (with one even sitting on Quark's head) and all over the Promenade.

Let He Who Is Without Sin...

Season 5

Episode Number: 105

Season Episode: 7

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Writer: Robert Hewitt Wolfe, Ira Steven Behr
Director: Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Chase Masterson (Leeta), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Monte Markham (Fullerton), Frank Kopyc (Bolian Aide), Vanessa Williams (Arandis), Blair Volk (Risian Woman), Zora DeHorter (Risian Woman)
Production Code: 40510-505
Summary: Worf, Dax, Leeta, Quark and Bashir pay a visit to Risa. Things go bad when a band of rebels gains control of the planet's weather regulator to scare the visitors in an attempt to show them how unprepared the Federation is for the Dominion invasion.



Odo and Benjamin Sisko are at the station's Replimat, discussing the coming of Miles and Keiko O'Brien's second child. Odo says that "Sean," one of their name choices, means "swamp" in Bajoran. Jadzia Dax comes in nursing a pulled neck muscle, her eighth muscle pull in several weeks and one of many injuries she has sustained since she began seeing Worf. Sisko wishes they could be romantic in a less violent way, but that's unlikely since Jadzia and Worf will be taking their leave at Risa. Sisko is astonished that Worf agreed to it, and wonders if he's begun to loosen up. But as the Klingon enters and orders his usual prune juice, Jadzia claims that he's the

same old Worf. When he arrives, Worf says he wants to speak alone with Jadzia, and they begin to mildly argue about her having lunch with Captain Boday, a Gallamite who turns out to be one of Dax's former lovers. Soon after Sisko and Odo leave, Leeta and Dr. Bashir come in to inquire about their trip, asking if they can hitch a ride on the runabout as they seek to have their own romantic leave together. Worf, although not pleased, relents and permits them to come along. In the end, a fifth person joins them on the runabout to Risa: Quark, who would not give Leeta the time off unless he was permitted to tag along.

On the way to Risa, Leeta insists on serving everybody their drinks. Quark is quite impatient, even though it's a relatively short trip, and his attitude almost makes Worf abort the trip altogether. Quark gives everybody but Worf horga'hn, Risan fertility idols, which are used when achieving jamaharon.

Once on Risa, Bashir and Leeta go off on their own as promised, and Quark immediately gets lucky with his horga'hn. Worf did not change out of his uniform, and seems uncomfortable with being on Risa, though Jadzia does her best to change his mood. She almost succeeds until they are interrupted by Arandis, one of Curzon Dax's old lovers. On his last trip to Risa, Arandis ended up sending the elderly Curzon to his death during jamaharon. Worf is getting more uncomfortable by the minute, near the point of jealousy, and it's beginning to upset Jadzia greatly. She challenges his assertion that he is not too controlling of her by having a glass of icoberry juice, which they both know she is mildly allergic to. He relents from his jealousy again, and she urges him to put a swimsuit on so they can go swimming.

Worf encounters Pascal Fullerton the leader of the radical fundamentalists group "New Essentialists". These fundamentalists are attempting to start a political revolution on Risa. Their aim is to fight against loosening morals in the Federation. Fullerton explains that morals have become degenerated and amusement has a higher priority than ever before. The event is only attended by few people.

Meanwhile Worf and Jadzia see Bashir with another woman, not Leeta. Worf is upset about that and sees this as affirmation for the thesis of Fullerton. When they meet Leeta in the massage facility with another man, Jadzia can hardly calm him down. She explains to him that Leeta and Julian will have their own reasons for behaving the way they are, and that they should be left to sort it out themselves.

The group of fundamentalists attack some Risan visitors during dinner, using phasers. When Jadzia and Worf, who are at the dinner, attempt to fight back, Fullerton calls a stop to the action. It turns out that the phaser cells are empty and Fullerton arranged the event so as to demonstrate how vulnerable the Federation has become.

Worf is impressed by Fullerton, who manages to convince him to support their plans. With the help of the Klingon they manipulate the weather management system and make it rain, thus gaining attention.

The rain creates a bad ambience on Risa because everybody expected sun filled weather. Fullerton explains his satisfaction to Worf.

But when the Worf leaves the fundamentalist whispers to his assistant that all the attention will be forgotten when the weather control system restarts. He wants to take things one step further.

Leeta and Julian explain that they came to Risa to break-up, an old Bajoran tradition. Leeta then reveals that she has developed feelings for Rom.

Worf and Jadzia are alarmed by an earthquake. It doesn't take them long to realize that Fullerton has something to do with it. This time, however, he has lost the support of Worf and he tries to begin a fight with Worf. Worf and Jadzia manage to beat the fundamentalists and readjust the weather control system. Now even Worf sees for himself that holidays on Risa are needed by the people of the Federation.

Things Past

Season 5
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Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Sunday November 18, 1996
Writer: Michael Taylor
Director: LeVar Burton
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Victor Bevine (Belar), Kurtwood Smith (Thrax), Louahn Lowe (Okala), Brenan T. Baird (Cardassian Soldier)
Production Code: 40510-506
Summary: Sisko, Odo, Dax and Garak are shifted into the past, when DS9 was known as Terok Nor. To each other, they appear normal, but to others they appear as Bajoran slaves. Soon they are accused of planting a bomb, and are sentenced to death.



Dax, Garak, Odo and Sisko are en route to Deep Space 9, having attended a conference geared towards a "dispassionate historical view" of the Cardassian Occupation of Bajor. Garak indignantly claims the Bajorans present ignored every argument he made, but everyone agrees Odo was the highlight of the conference due to his reputation for fairness despite working for the Cardassians during the Occupation. However, Odo appears uncomfortable with the discussion.

The runabout arrives at Deep Space 9, where its four occupants are found in a comatose state, their life signs weak. Doctor Bashir tries to awaken them, to no avail. In the infirmary, he explains to

Worf that the runabout encountered a plasma storm, a relatively common phenomenon. Unfortunately, Bashir cannot explain what has happened and goes about researching the issue.

Meanwhile, the unconscious crew members have awoken on the Promenade in a time when the Cardassians still controlled the station, Terok Nor. Even stranger, people around them seem to think the Human, Trill, Cardassian and former Changeling are all Bajoran. Gul Dukat and Odo's predecessor, security chief Thrax survey the area from the second level. Odo begins to hallucinate as the others talk, seeing a dead Bajoran man, shot in the chest with a phaser, walk by. Soon a Cardassian officer arrives to take Dax, who has been selected for "questioning". When Garak tries to stop the man, he gets a bloody nose for his trouble.

Back in the infirmary, Garak's nose begins to bleed. An alarmed Bashir explains that the brain can have a powerful effect on bodily functions. There is some odd psychosomatic activity

in Garak's brain, but Bashir cannot risk interrupting whatever is happening for fear that one of the patients will be injured or even killed.

As usual, there is a purpose to everything Garak does; once he, Odo and Sisko are alone, he explains that he "borrowed" a scanning device from one of the guards when they took Dax. He uses it to find their Bajoran identities. Sisko is Ishan Chaye and Garak is Jillur Gueta, but Odo seems to know this already and identifies himself as Timor Landi. Before Sisko can question him about the issue, Quark arrives with a pair of guards and offers the three of them work at his bar.

The other soldiers take Dax to Dukat's quarters, where there is awkward silence as he looks her over and has her pour him a bottle of kanar. He claims he is misunderstood and wants a "friend" with whom to share his innermost thoughts. Although Dax's position is not an enviable one, it is clear her predicament could be far worse.

As Dax learns about Dukat's apparent penchant for Bajoran women, Garak learns what it is like to be a Bajoran laborer cleaning Quark's bar alongside Sisko and Odo. The experience seems to humble him somewhat, although he retains his Cardassian mindset about the Bajorans being better suited for such tasks. Odo has another hallucination of the Bajoran man he saw previously and two other men, and though he claims his visible discomfort is from the smell of the chemicals he is using, Sisko uses the chance to bring up Odo's apparent familiarity with their Bajoran aliases. It is revealed that Ishan, Jilur and Timor were innocent Bajorans executed for an assassination attempt on Dukat's life.

The trio try to come up with a plan of escape, and while they do, Thrax enters to discuss various things with Quark. Garak recognizes a name, Livara, as a Romulan spy; however, according to his stolen data pad, Livara would have been visiting Terok Nor seven years ago, at which time Odo was serving in Thrax's place. This only leads to more unanswered questions.

Later on the promenade, Sisko uses a trick he once learned from Major Kira to subtly request a meeting with the Bajoran Resistance, turning over a vase at one of the shops. They then get some soup and sit at a nearby table to wait. Things become even stranger for Odo as his hands are suddenly covered in blood; however, no one else can see it, and it disappears shortly. A Bajoran man from the Resistance joins them and Sisko tries to arrange transport off the station. Before he can finish, there is an explosion nearby where Gul Dukat is walking with Dax and his entourage. As the Bajoran man leaves, Sisko instinctively runs over to see if Dax is okay.

However, he, Garak and Odo are arrested and taken to a holding cell.

Thrax visits the brig that evening to inform various prisoners of their fate. Under Cardassian law, the verdict is reached before the trial begins, and Sisko and the others are to be sentenced the following day. Odo desperately pleads with Thrax, knowing they are innocent, but the Cardassian officer refuses to refute the circumstantial evidence, claiming the Bajorans need to accept their fate.

Back in Dukat's quarters, he drones on about how lenient he is with the Bajorans and how he sees them as his children. Dax is obviously uninterested but pretends to listen. Waiting for an opportunity, she knocks the Cardassian upside the head, rendering him unconscious.

Each of the accused deals with the predicament in his own way. Garak plans an elaborate web of stories as usual in order to try to convince the Cardassians of his true identity. Odo continues to act strangely, but Sisko once again tries to connect the dots, as everything so far has pointed to the constable. Sisko theorizes that Odo knows more than he thinks he does, but once again the conversation is interrupted — this time by Dax, who burns a hole in the door of the brig.

The four of them head for an airlock and Dukat's personal shuttle. Dax reveals that she has used her knowledge of the station to ensure the Cardassians will be unable to stop them from leaving. Several soldiers follow suit and a fight ensues, with Thrax facing Odo. Once the other soldiers have been subdued and Thrax appears trapped, he turns into a metallic liquid form (the hallmark of the Changelings) and escapes through an air duct. Pressed for time, they continue moving towards the shuttle but find themselves back in the holding cell, two hours prior to their execution.

Thrax enters and honors Odo's previous request for an audience, taking him to the security office in the next room. There Odo attempts to reason with him, citing evidence that will prove their innocence. Thrax is more interested in order and believes the Bajorans need to accept their place in history, but when Odo reveals that the four of them do not belong there, Thrax reveals that he knows.

Suddenly, Odo and the others find themselves on the Promenade, lined up and prepared for execution. His conscience visibly takes over as he tries to fight Thrax, claiming he will not "let this happen again", and the scene again changes; Sisko, Dax, Odo and Garak are now dressed normally. A distance away, the three Bajorans Odo saw earlier are lined up for execution — with Dukat and another Odo (dressed in Thrax's uniform) standing nearby. Odo reveals that another identical bombing occurred three days later and if he had performed any kind of investigation instead of relying on circumstantial evidence, then he would have seen that the three men were clearly innocent. However he didn't know the difference between "order" and "justice" and he allowed the three innocent men to be executed as an example. The Bajorans are summarily shot with a phaser, after which the scene slowly disappears and they awake in the infirmary.

Baffled and intrigued, Bashir explains that some of Odo's morphogenic enzymes were apparently left over from when the Founders forced him to remain a Solid. The events were triggered when the runabout flew through the plasma field which triggered the enzymes causing Odo to (subconsciously) reach out for others with whom to form a link, the end result being a telepathic experience brought on by Odo who was thinking about the three Bajorans at the time. "It would make a fascinating paper," he observes, but seeing Odo's reaction, adds, "although I don't intend to write one." Just then Kira walks in, and it's clear to Bashir that he should leave the two alone. After he leaves, Kira tells Odo that even though it's been two days she still can't believe what she read in his report.

She tells him that as far as the Bajorans were concerned, he was different. He stood apart from the brutal Cardassians and that made him special. But she also knows that she did things during the Occupation she'd rather forget, but she needs to know from Odo that no other innocent people died on his watch. Odo honestly replies that he doesn't know... but he sincerely hopes not.

The Ascent

Season 5
Episode Number: 107
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired: Sunday November 25, 1996
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Ronald D. Moore
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-507
Summary: Odo and Quark are stranded when they crash on a planet with no communications or replicators. Their only hope to be found is if they can climb to the top of a high mountain. Back on the station, Jake and Nog are moving in together. However, it doesn't go as smoothly as they thought.



There's a feeling of anticipation in Sisko's quarters as Jake makes final preparations for the move to his own quarters. Jake will be living with Nog, but Sisko discovers that the boys' quarters will be not next door but on the other side of the habitat ring. The old man reminisces, but Jake is all too eager to move out on his own.

Meanwhile, Quark enters Rom's quarters to find his brother anxiously awaiting Nog's return. Despite his own disapproval of Nog's attending Starfleet Academy, Quark has brought along several dozen bottles of root beer and is disgusted to see Rom drink one. The door chime rings and Rom grows excited, believing it might be

his son, but it is Odo. The usual verbal sparring between Quark and Odo turns serious when Odo announces he has come to arrest Quark once and for all. Whatever has happened, it looks like Quark's shady dealings have finally caught up with him.

Alone with Odo aboard a Runabout now, Quark grows increasingly bored and tries to find ways to pass the time. While he is interested by Odo's reading a romance novel, Quark finds the constable unwilling to indulge him in a card game or tell him what has happened.

All he knows for sure is that a Federation grand jury has indicted him for something big.

Back aboard Deep Space 9, Nog meets Captain Sisko in his office to take orders. A symbolic moment involving Sisko's baseball, which Nog catches, epitomizes the boy's transition into a model cadet. The captain claims Nog inspires him. However, when Nog and Jake move into their quarters, it is clear things will not be quite the same. Nog seems to have become more

disciplined, while Jake has been slacking off on his writing. They are still best friends, but if Nog's 22:00 "lights out" time and 04:30 workout are any indication, the boys will not see eye to eye on everything.

The utter lack of conversation and other stimuli has caused Quark's lobes to notice how annoyingly filled with sound the Runabout is. In particular, he claims that Odo, who is eating soup, smacks his lips when he eats. There is also a strange buzzing sound, although Odo does not hear it. A few seconds pass before Quark determines to find what the sound is, and over Odo's impatience, he finds that it is an explosive. Things go from bad to worse when they try to beam the explosive off the ship, which causes it to explode and nearly destroy the ship. The Runabout limps to a nearby planet, where they have to crash-land because the life support systems have been virtually destroyed. On the way down, Quark mentions the bomb was planted by the Orion Syndicate, to Odo's surprise; it seems the lack of information about the charges against Quark was an attempt by Odo, who also knew nothing, to gain information. Both men lose consciousness during the violent crash.

Quark awakens to find their situation grim; the Class L planet on which they have landed is freezing (although the weather is otherwise hospitable), the communications system and most supplies were destroyed in the crash, and the local plants appear poisonous. They do have a couple of ration packs, but as Odo points out, they now have a choice between starving to death and freezing to death.

On his first morning with Nog, Jake sleepily walks out of his bedroom to find his friend lifting weights. As usual, Jake passes on his own workout. Nog has found one of Jake's PADDs lying around with a story, "Past Prologue," on it, so Jake asks what he thought.

However, Nog did not read for "content," but rather grammar and spelling errors. While this is "sacrilege" to Jake as a writer, Nog doesn't seem to care. He claims Jake needs some muscles.

Meanwhile, Quark has found an environmental suit, which he plans to wear ("finders keepers"), and a transceiver array, which they can use to send a distress call. As the communications system and signal booster have been destroyed, he uses his Ferengi brain to calculate that they will need to send the signal from somewhere with less atmosphere – namely, from the top of a nearby mountain.

The pair begin their trek out into the wilderness, conversing along the way. It seems Quark believes Odo got what he wanted when his people made him a Solid, and while Odo denies it, in a way he seems to know this is true. On the other hand, were he still a Changeling, Odo could have flown to the top of the mountain already.

Tension between Jake and Nog continues to mount. Nog comes home to find that, in the process of working on his story, Jake has left a mess in their quarters, and despite his claims of "working", Jake is playing computerized dom-jot to "inspire" him. Nog leaves, declaring he does not know where he is going but that anywhere would be better than with Jake.

We now find that Quark and Odo have been hiking for three days. He and Odo have taken turns wearing the environmental suit, but between the hiking and the lack of beetles, Quark is about to collapse. Forcing his companion to push on, Odo assures him that they only have about six more hours to go. His opinion changes considerably when they reach the top of the hill they are climbing and find the mountain to be closer to six days away. They push on, but Quark reveals that he is not a member of the Orion Syndicate, as they do not kill their own. Odo realizes Quark was a witness, not a defendant, in the case. From this he surmises that Quark tried and failed to get into the Syndicate, which amuses him; however, Quark points out that this means Odo has spent ten years trying to catch a nobody.

In the Replimat, Rom joins Sisko for lunch. As they discuss their sons' living together, each expresses his desire that his son would be more like the other's. As Sisko fondly remembers a time when the two were desperate to keep Jake and Nog away from each other, Rom reveals that Nog "cited" him for being disorganized and takes out a vial of blood, which he took from Nog to see if his son is a Changeling. In any case, Rom and Sisko agree their sons could learn a lot from each other.

As things become increasingly desperate, Quark realizes that he can no longer hear out of his right ear. His body has begun to shut down due to excessive stress and lack of food. Odo declares his intent to push on, even if Quark is ready to give up, and Quark goes along if only because he does not want to be left alone to die. Their true feelings come out while they continue their journey, and they eventually stop to express their hatred for one another. They trip and fall

down a slope in the heat of the moment, breaking Odo's leg in the process.

Forming a crude, makeshift splint for Odo's leg, Quark determines to carry him to the top of the mountain. Although Odo tells Quark not to be an idiot, he claims to be bringing the other man along not to save him but to eat him in case of an emergency. The Ferengi continues to pull Odo, but eventually collapses, exhausted. Odo attempts to pull the transceiver himself, inspiring Quark to push on, if for no other reason than to keep Odo from besting him.

Sisko surprises his son with a visit to inform Jake of some bad news: station "regulations" say that a single person cannot occupy double quarters, and unfortunately, there are no other quarters available. The solution, of course, is to get Jake a roommate, so Sisko calls Nog in. Over both boys' objections, Sisko makes them stay in the room together and leaves them alone. They both know how foolish they have been and attempt to reconcile, with Jake suggesting they go to the gym but Nog suggesting dom-jot instead.

As Quark collapses amid a snowstorm, Odo has realized the Ferengi did not make it and begun dragging himself upward. Before long he realizes it is an exercise in futility and records a log on his communicator: Odo is beamed off the surface by the Defiant as he speaks. It seems the ship was looking for Odo and Quark and picked up the signal from the transceiver. Worf and Dax inform him that they found Quark slumped over the emitter. The two of them end up in the Defiant's sickbay alongside one another, where they reassure each other that they meant their words of hatred earlier — their own way of apologizing and reassuring themselves that they are still friends, or at least adversaries.

Rapture

Season 5
Episode Number: 108
Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Sunday December 30, 1996
Writer: L.J. Strom, Hans Beimler
Director: Jonathan West
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn)
Guest Stars: Ernest Perry Jr. (Admiral Whatley)
Production Code: 40510-508
Summary: Sisko discovers the legendary Bajoran city of B'hala. He also receives visions of Bajor's future, one of which warns him not to let Bajor join the Federation.



The painting of the ancient lost city of B'hala in the wardroom on Deep Space 9, Captain Sisko, Major Kira and Jadzia Dax admire a 20,000-year-old painting of the lost Bajoran city of B'hala — the only known proof that the city ever existed. While Jadzia is surprised that the painting isn't a lot bigger, Kira and Sisko are in awe of the ancient artifact, which has been returned to the Bajorans by the Cardassian Government. Sisko points out a Bantaca spire in the painting, explaining that markings upon the spire describe the co-ordinates of the lost city; however, since two of the spire's sides cannot be seen, the city's exact position is difficult to decipher. He has the picture

scanned into the computer so that he can study it, prompting Kira to recall a prophecy that only one who had been touched by the Prophets could find the ruins of B'hala.

In his office, Sisko looks at the computer scan of the painting and the markings on the spire. Adjourning to a holosuite, he produces a recreation of the spire, and has the computer overlay images of the markings from the painting, as he begins a quest to decode the co-ordinates. Later, he is interrupted by Quark, who comes into the holosuite to inform him that it is after 3 am. After dismissing Quark's offer of a visit to a pleasure maze, Sisko tries to save the program to a data rod. As he works a console, however, there is an explosion and the Captain is thrown to the floor, plasma energy crackling over his body. Shocked, Quark calls the infirmary.

Odo hauls Quark into his office, under arrest for negligence. While Quark attempts to blame Chief O'Brien for not assigning Rom to fix the holosuites, Odo is having none of it, suggesting Quark tell it to the magistrate.

In the infirmary, Bashir concludes that the Captain shows no sign of permanent neural damage, but has some odd synaptic potentials.

Diagnosing Sisko with post-neural shock syndrome, he advises him that external stimuli will seem more pronounced for a while and discharges him to restricted duty.

Later in his quarters, Sisko finishes a meal of lingta roast cooked by his son, Jake. As Jake mentions the imminent return of Kasidy Yates following her six month jail sentence, Sisko is distracted by shapes on his plate, forming them into symbols resembling the markings on the spire. Back in the holosuite, he continues working on the puzzle, but is interrupted by a call from Admiral Charles Whatley from Starfleet Headquarters. The admiral has big news; Bajor's petition for Federation membership has been successful, and the Bajorans have requested the signing ceremony take place aboard Deep Space 9. Sisko is delighted, and Whatley congratulates him on the successful completion of his mission, telling him that a promotion to admiral can't be far off.

In Quark's bar, a busy crowd watches as several of Quark's dabo girls unveil a banner from the upper level. Realizing that the banner reads "Welcome Klingons", Quark jumps onto the bar and unfurls a second banner bearing the seal of the Federation, to appreciative applause. Chatting with Dax and Worf, Quark gleefully explains how good Bajor's entry into the Federation will be for business, and that he expects the place to be "busier than an Alvanian beehive", with sales of root beer alone to increase by five.

Kira explains to Worf and Dax that five years ago she wouldn't have been celebrating, but now her time on the station and her work with Captain Sisko have changed her mind. Seeking to congratulate Sisko, Kira enters the holosuite and finds him sitting motionless on the floor in front of the holographic Bantaca spire.

When he doesn't respond to her, Kira shakes Sisko out of his trance. He explains that he had been experiencing a vision of B'hala, as if he was really there, and had for one moment understood it all: B'hala, the Orbs, the Occupation of Bajor, the discovery of the wormhole, and the coming war with the Dominion — thereby referencing the past and foreshadowing the future. Kira, in awe, explains that he was having a pagh'tem'far, a sacred vision. Just then, O'Brien calls over the comm and announces that Kai Winn is on her way to the station. Sisko asks Kira to greet her at the airlock while he continues to work on the puzzle of the spire.

At the airlock, the Kai explains to Kira that she has reservations about Bajor's entry into the Federation, but is willing to await the will of the Prophets. Back in the holosuite, Sisko frets over maps and charts of Bajor in search of the location of B'hala. As he works, the doors of the holosuite open and Kasidy Yates enters, nervous but happy to be back. After kissing her passionately, Sisko tells her that her quarters are just as she left them. He wants her to come to Bajor with him to find B'hala, and she agrees.

Beaming down from a runabout into a series of underground passages, Sisko and Yates make their way by flashlight to a wall of stone.

Using his phaser to melt the rock, Sisko exposes a cavern behind, containing the ruins of B'hala and its Bantaca spire.

Back on Deep Space 9, Kira, Odo and Worf argue in the security office about accommodation arrangements for several Admirals due to attend the upcoming signing ceremony. Kira is distracted, and explains that she thinks it is a sign from the Prophets that Sisko has found B'hala. Interrupting, Kai Winn appears and asks if she can talk with the Major.

On the upper level of the Promenade, the Kai asks Kira if she thinks Sisko will forgive her for doubting that he was truly the Emissary. She admits that she was wrong, that only one touched by the Prophets could have found B'hala, and that she is now willing to follow the path the Emissary has laid out for Bajor. Kira is surprised and impressed, saying that it takes a lot of courage to admit when you're wrong. Winn is insulted, admonishing Kira and those who were in the Resistance for thinking that they were the only ones with courage, the only ones who fought the Cardassians during the Occupation. Winn reveals that she spent five years in a Cardassian prison during the Occupation and that while the Resistance had their weapons to protect them from the Cardassians, all she had was her faith — and her courage.

Sitting in the ruins of B'hala surrounded by teams carrying excavation equipment, Sisko is visited by Admiral Whatley. Skeptical, Whatley asks the Captain how he found the city, and Sisko insists it really was a vision. Whatley expresses disappointment that Sisko has been neglecting his duties on the station in the run up to Bajor's entry into the Federation and orders him to attend a medical examination on the station the next morning. As the Admiral leaves, Sisko suffers a painful headache.

In the Infirmary, Admiral Whatley awaits the arrival of Sisko, who is late for his medical examination. Hearing a commotion on the Promenade, Bashir and Whatley make their way to the entrance and see Sisko walking through crowds of admiring Bajorans. Sisko stops by a woman and tells her not to worry about her katterpod harvest, and then by a Bajoran Militia officer and tells him that he doesn't belong here. Suddenly crippled by another headache, Sisko is caught by Whatley and Bashir. Looking at the Admiral, Sisko tells him that his son forgives him.

On a biobed in the infirmary, Sisko describes a dream he had about a swarm of locusts hovering above B'hala. The swarm flew off, he says, heading towards Cardassia. Bashir explains that Sisko could die if the visions are allowed to continue, and needs surgery (a neuropolaric induction) to correct his aberrant brain activity. The procedure will save his life, but will also most likely remove the visions. Not wanting to lose the visions, Sisko refuses treatment.

In Sisko's quarters, Sisko explains to Jake and Kasidy Yates why he has refused surgery, much to their anger and surprise. Both are upset, and beg him to reconsider. Just then, Kai Winn enters and asks the Emissary if he is ready — he has asked her to guide him in his journey. He tells Jake and Kasidy that he loves them, and then leaves with Winn to consult the Orb of Prophecy.

In Ops, Kira, Dax, Worf and O'Brien discuss the Captain's deteriorating health. Worf and Kira assert to the skeptical Dax and O'Brien that faith and the Prophets will guide him safely through.

Sisko kneels in front of the Orb of Prophecy, plagued by severe headaches. Winn asks him if he'd rather wait until after the signing ceremony, but he insists that he wants to proceed. As she leaves him, he opens the Orb box.

As Federation and Bajoran dignitaries gather in the wardroom for the signing ceremony, Sisko bursts in and warns that Bajor must not join the Federation. He says that Bajor must stand alone else it will be destroyed, before collapsing unconscious to the floor.

Back in the infirmary, Admiral Whatley orders Bashir to operate, but the Doctor cannot proceed without the permission of Sisko's next of kin. Over Sisko's unconscious body, Jake breaks down and tells his father that he needs him. He gives Bashir permission to operate, and Bashir begins to prepare for surgery.

At the entrance to the Bajoran temple, Kai Winn expresses concerns to Kira, saying that she hopes the Prophets will forgive them for interfering with the Emissary's visions. Kira defends Jake's right to make the decision to save his father, but Winn is disappointed that he did not trust the Prophets. Kira counters that perhaps this is all part of the Prophets' plan. Winn states that the Bajoran Council of Ministers has voted to delay acceptance of Federation membership. She says now that Sisko has found B'hala, her path is unclear and nothing is certain.

Awaking in the infirmary, Sisko reacts in anguish when he realizes that the visions are gone. Bashir informs him that they had no choice but to operate.

Back on his feet and in his office, Sisko again ponders the computer image of the painting of B'hala. Admiral Whatley arrives, and asks Sisko to contact the Council of Ministers and tell them that he was wrong, and to convince them to accept Federation membership. Sisko says that he can't do that, because everything he said and did while he had the visions still feels right. Whatley is disappointed, and informs Sisko that he could remove his Starfleet commission for this. Sisko reassures the Admiral that he is certain Bajor will join the Federation one day. Whatley asks if he's speaking as a Starfleet captain or as the Emissary of the Prophets; Sisko answers, "Both." The admiral replies that in that case, he will keep the champagne on ice.

Returning to his quarters, Sisko is greeted by Jake and Kasidy Yates, who are cooking jam-balaya as a welcome back dinner, both for Kasidy and for him. Kasidy explains that while he may feel he's lost something important, he has held onto something important as well. She takes his hand and puts it onto Jake's. He in turn takes her hand, and adds it to his and his son's.

The Darkness and the Light

Season 5

Episode Number: 109

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired:	Sunday January 6, 1997
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	Mike Vejar
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Randy Oglesby (Silaran Prin), William Lucking (Furel), Diane Salinger (Lupaza), Jennifer Savidge (Trentin Fara), Matt Roe (Latha Mabrin), Christian R. Conrad (Lt. Brilgar), Scott McElroy (Guard)
Production Code:	40510-509
Summary:	One by one, members of the Shakaar resistance cell are murdered, and Kira becomes increasingly worried that she will be next.



Six vedeks are holding a ceremony. One of them, Latha Mabrin, is killed when the ceremonial candle issues a disruptor blast at him, throwing him back several meters and killing him instantly.

On Deep Space 9, Major Kira Nerys is examined by Doctor Bashir, who complains that she hasn't been taking the makara herb he had prescribed. She complains that it tastes "like it crawled out of Quark's ear", and that it counteracts sedatives. He says that she claimed she didn't need sedatives, and she gives a weak answer.

On returning to her quarters, she receives a mysterious message just showing a picture of Latha, a former resistance

companion of hers, and saying That's one. While the investigation is started, a Bajoran woman, Trentin Fala, contacts Kira because she is afraid of being killed as well. Kira arranges for her to be transferred from Bajor to DS9 but she dies while being beamed up because a scrambler was planted on her. Kira reveals that Trentin was never really part of the Shakaar resistance cell, but she provided information to them. Kira receives a that's two message, and then a that's three with the picture of Mobara, another resistance companion. Things begin to develop as Kira's former comrades Lupaza and Furel arrive without warning, beaming directly into the O'Brien's quarters. They are as determined as Kira is (and not hindered by pregnancy as she is) to uncover the assassin, but they are killed when a hunter probe explodes near the window of the room where they are.

It is obvious that the killer has kept a personal grudge against the resistance cell, and against Kira in particular. He is also an expert in computers and remote killing devices. Using this information and his contacts on Cardassia, Odo manages to build a list of only 25 suspects

and plans on trimming it further down. Kira steals the list in order to pursue the killer herself. After eliminating the first three names on the list, she eventually visits Silaran Prin. Prin is the mysterious murderer and he manages to capture Kira and confine her with a restraining force field. Prin was a Cardassian, civilian at the time of the occupation, and he was disfigured by a bomb used to assassinate Gul Pirak. That bomb was placed by Kira herself, working with her former cell, and based on information given by Trentin Fala. Prin has grown more than a little insane since his understanding that war could also hurt innocents: he carries long monologues about darkness and light, explains that he was cautious in his murders to not hurt innocent bystanders, and that he logically intends to deliver Kira's baby before killing her. Prin feels that Kira is a "murderer" because she killed Cardassian civilians on Bajor along with soldiers. Kira responds by saying that Cardassians didn't ever own Bajor, and even the Cardassian civilians were guilty.

Prin prepares to deliver Kira's baby by cutting it out of her, but consents to administer a sedative to Kira first. When he is satisfied that the sedative has taken effect, he approaches, and Kira quickly overpowers him and kills him.

Later, when a group from DS9 arrives to rescue her, she is initially unresponsive, and Doctor Bashir finds a large amount of sedatives in her system, which had been counteracted by the makara herb. When she finally talks, she does so in the same manner Prin had, claiming that he hadn't realized that the light requires darkness.

The Begotten

Season 5

Episode Number: 110

Season Episode: 12

Originally aired:	Sunday January 27, 1997
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	Jesus Salvador Trevino
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Duncan Regehr (Shakaar), Peggy Roeder (Y'Pora), James Sloyan (Dr. Mora Pol)
Production Code:	40510-510
Summary:	Kira goes into labor with Keiko's child. Odo buys an infant changeling from Quark that was found drifting in space. Tensions rise when the scientist that first studied Odo, Dr. Mora Pol, arrives to give Odo a helping hand.



With his back in severe pain, Odo hobbles into the infirmary convinced that he has become infected with Alvanian spine mites.

However, Doctor Bashir diagnoses a pinched nerve resulting from bad posture and advises that Odo try some of Worf's morning exercise classes. Quark, intruding, suggests he try a holosuite program featuring three Orion slave girls instead, much to Odo's annoyance.

Unperturbed by the Constable's hostility, Quark explains that he has obtained something from a Yridian dealer that Odo might be interested in — a dead Changeling, contained in an ornate container. After settling a price of 8 slips of

gold-pressed latinum upon realizing that the Changeling is actually alive, but sick, Quark sells it to Odo. Bashir advises placing the Changeling into a containment field but Odo assures him there's no need — it is just an infant.

In the Infirmary, Captain Sisko and Odo regard the sick and discolored infant Changeling. Odo explains that when he was found, he was as small as the infant in front of them; its mass will increase as its shapeshifting abilities develop. Bashir concludes that the infant was exposed to a massive amount of tetryon radiation, and that he will have to purge the isotopes with an electrophoretic diffuser.

Sisko asks Odo if he's sure the infant poses no threat. Odo explains that when he was found he had no idea of what he was or where he was from — what better way for the Hundred, and therefore the Founders, to gauge other species than by the way they treated the weak and vulnerable. When Sisko suggests that valuable intelligence could be gained by studying the infant,

Odo asks that he be allowed to work with it, to teach it to shapeshift. Sisko proposes that Odo contact his old mentor, Doctor Mora Pol, for help, but Odo states that he would rather do it alone.

Some time later, Bashir reports that the purge was almost 100% successful. He says he must leave to check on Major Kira, who has gone into labor with the O'Briens' baby, but Odo is preoccupied by thoughts of the infant. Before he leaves, Bashir advises that there is still a small degree of instability in the infant's morphogenic matrix and that he has set the computer to monitor for fluctuations. Once Bashir has gone, Odo begins to talk softly to the infant, explaining how he spent months in a lab being studied and how he felt lost and alone. He promises that it won't be that way this time.

In a birthing room, a Bajoran midwife, Miles and Keiko O'Brien use percussion instruments to sound out a soothing rhythm as Doctor Bashir examines Major Kira. Miles struggles to keep the rhythm and complains that the birth is taking longer than expected. Bashir explains that for Bajoran women, giving birth is all about being relaxed; Miles counters that Kira will not relax until First Minister Shakaar arrives — just then he does, hours late.

Seated at a table in the Replimat, Odo talks to the infant Changeling, which is now contained within a drinking glass. He is interrupted by Worf, who asks why Odo is talking to his beverage. Odo explains that it is a Changeling, causing Worf to look uncertainly at his own drink.

Back in the science lab, Odo explains with wonder to the infant that it is a Changeling, a shapeshifter, and that it could be anything — a Tarkalean hawk soaring through the sky, or a Filian python burrowing deep beneath the ground. He admits that he was never a very good shapeshifter, but believes he can be a good teacher. He promises once again that he will never treat the infant the way he was treated. Just then, Doctor Mora arrives and explains that he has heard about the infant and wants to help, much to Odo's dismay.

Mora admires the infant Changeling's size, and is surprised that Odo hasn't measured it. Barely hiding his annoyance at Mora's presence, Odo remarks that he thought Mora was on Earth helping Starfleet to develop new ways to detect Changeling infiltrators.

With genuine concern, Mora asks how Odo is and reveals that he has been worried since the Founders removed Odo's shapeshifting abilities. As Mora picks up an instrument to start measuring the infant Odo reacts angrily, determined not to let Mora perform any experiments on it. Nevertheless determined to offer his advice, Mora suggests reducing the temperature to 17 degrees Celsius, at which the infant's morphogenic matrix will be most malleable. He adds that Odo could benefit from much of his knowledge, and begrudgingly Odo agrees to look at his reports. But Odo is still angry and resentful about the tests Mora subjected him to, a fact not lost on his old mentor. Mora states that he would be fascinated to observe Odo's less invasive approach to working with the infant, and determines to stay and observe.

In the birthing room, the midwife announces that Kira has been in labor too long and won't give birth today. It is obvious that Miles blames Shakaar because of his late arrival, but Kira asks Shakaar to stay around for a while.

Odo begins to introduce shapes to the infant, starting with a sphere. The infant remains motionless and in a gelatinous state but Odo persists, showing different shapes to it and talking about what they represent.

One week later, Mora expresses concern that the infant has barely increased in size and Odo seems to have made no progress in teaching it to assume other shapes. Their barely contained annoyance with each other finally boils over and they start to bicker. At the height of their argument they are interrupted by Captain Sisko, who reports that Starfleet Command is eager to establish communication with the infant as soon as possible. With little progress to date, Sisko warns that Starfleet may want to take over the project and asks that Odo file daily reports from now on. Drawing a comparison to the type of pressure he was placed under by the Cardassians when he was working on Odo during the Occupation, Mora suggests that they try some of his more invasive techniques on the infant.

With obvious reluctance, Odo places the infant into one of Mora's electrostatic devices — a circular shallow tank that carries a charge around the outside but no charge in the center. Mora insists that Odo initiate the charge, which he timidly does, and then that he increase it to a level at which the infant will feel discomfort. As Odo does so the infant begins to move for the first time, quickly sliding to the center to avoid the charge. Odo can't help but smile, and Mora reveals that he also smiled the first time Odo did that.

Kirayoshi O'Brien is born in Kira's bedroom, O'Brien massages her legs while Shakaar invites

her to a zero-gravity tumbling performance on the Promenade. As the men squabble over the best way to relax her, Kira suddenly realizes that she's going back into labor.

Continuing to use Mora's electrostatic device, Odo is able to coax the infant into forming and holding shapes. He reveals to Mora that he used to not hold his shape on purpose in order to deny Mora the satisfaction of seeing it. Wistfully, Mora suggests that one day, if Odo is lucky, the infant may thank him for his efforts; on the other hand it may just leave, like Odo did. As they turn to leave the lab, the infant begins to form a shape, snaking up towards Odo and bending towards him. As Odo leans in to look closer, the infant forms a rough mirror of Odo's face. Odo and Mora are overcome with joy.

Returning to Odo's office, Odo and Mora are effervescent. Excitedly they chatter about the infant's shapeshifting. Mora suggests that in the coming days they begin to expose it to simple life forms, while Odo enthuses that he can't wait to communicate with it — there's so much he wants it to see, so much he wants to share. Mora compliments Odo on his approach of communicating with the infant, and admits that he was wrong. He can see that the infant is reaching out to Odo, is curious about him; the first time Odo did anything like that was when he formed a tentacle to slap Mora's hand away from the control panel of one of his devices. Mora admits that he was never able to form a connection with Odo, but Odo tells him that's not true. Odo suggests that he would still be nothing more than a lump of organic residue if it were not for Mora, and Mora is overcome. The two men have finally reached an understanding. As Mora turns to leave, Odo orders two glasses of champagne from the replicator so that they can celebrate.

Back in the birthing room, Kira is finally relaxed enough to give birth. Shakaar tries to keep Miles out of the way, but after missing his daughter Molly's birth Miles is determined not to miss this one. As they squabble, Kira tells them to leave.

In his darkened bar, Quark counts his profits on a PADD and mutters to himself that he'll have to start watering the drinks again.

Startled by a noise, he notices Odo behind the bar setting out bottles and glasses. Doctor Mora, Odo says, has gone to sleep and he feels like celebrating, so he's buying Quark a drink. Initially skeptical at seeing Odo happy, Quark eventually comes round when Odo explains that finding the infant has changed his life; he has found a part of himself that he lost when he was forced to become a solid. Just then they are interrupted by the computer, which announces that it has detected biomimetic fluctuations in the infant.

As Odo rushes into the science lab, Mora explains that the infant's morphogenic matrix is destabilizing: it is dying. Odo is grief-stricken.

In the infirmary, Bashir speculates that the radiation must have damaged the infant's cytoplasm in a way they weren't able to detect. Mora suggests using an enzymatic induction to stabilize the biomimetic fluctuations. Odo waits outside.

Kira, utterly relaxed, finally nears delivery. Keiko invites Miles and Shakaar back into the room just in time to witness the birth of a baby boy.

Bashir emerges from the Infirmary and solemnly informs Odo that there was nothing they could do. Odo enters and takes the dying infant into his hands, begging it not to die. As he does so, it absorbs itself into his body and he stumbles backwards. Shocked, he walks towards the infirmary doors and then shapeshifts into a Tarkalean hawk, soaring up into the rafters of the Promenade and swooping over the upper level before coming to rest on one of the walkways. As he changes back into his normal self, his face is a mixture of joy and sorrow.

At one of the docking ports, Kira sees Shakaar onto a shuttle bound for Bajor. He invites her to take some leave and stay with him for a while, but she feels like staying aboard the station for a while.

Doctor Mora, also boarding the shuttle, tells Odo to think of the return of his shapeshifting abilities as a gift, something the infant wanted him to have. Odo admits that he finally understands what he must have meant to Mora, and vows to involve his mentor more in his life. They hug, and Mora departs.

Kira expresses her sorrow to Odo, and confides that she never wanted a baby but now just wants to hold him in her arms and never let go. Odo replies that he knows how she feels. Kira wraps her arm around her friend's shoulders and they walk slowly off together.

For the Uniform

Season 5
Episode Number: 111
Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Sunday February 3, 1997
Writer: Peter Allan Fields
Director: Victor Lobl
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)
Guest Stars: Eric Pierpoint (Captain Sanders)
Production Code: 40510-511
Summary: Sisko encounters Eddington, his former security chief turned Maquis traitor, and he is more desperate to capture him than ever.



Sisko is in a Maquis colony to meet with an informant that claims to have information about the former Starfleet officer Michael Eddington, now the leader of the Maquis. The captain is met by none other than Eddington, who discovered the traitor. Eddington transported away, and was pursued by Sisko aboard the Defiant. Sisko enlists the help of Captain Sanders and his ship, the USS Malinche, in delaying Eddington until the Defiant can arrive. When it seems that Sisko has got his man, Eddington triggers a cascade virus, disabling all of the Defiant's computer systems, leaving it effectively dead in space. This virus was planted by Eddington before he left Starfleet, further

highlighting the depth of his betrayal.

After being towed back to the station by the Malinche, Captain Sanders informs Sisko that Starfleet has ordered Sanders to take over the hunt for Eddington. Sisko is furious about this development, as he took Eddington's betrayal personally.

The crew of DS9 learn of a Maquis raid on two Bolian freighters carrying selenium and rhodium nitrite, two seemingly innocuous materials. However, the Maquis use the chemicals to create cobalt diselenide, a chemical hazardous to Cardassians, but harmless to Humans. The Maquis attack a Cardassian colony with these biogenic weapons, forcing the Cardassian population to evacuate and opening the planet to Human colonisation.

Sisko decides to take a barely functional Defiant (due to the damage from Eddington's virus) to hunt down Eddington, and prevent further attacks on Cardassian colonies.

The Defiant encounters a Maquis raider signature inside plasma fields. When they approach it, they receive a transmission from Eddington. After a bit of banter, Eddington offers Sisko a copy of "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo, calling it one of his favorite books. Finally, the crew realizes that the Maquis Raider signature is a fake, there isn't really a ship there.

Later, the *Defiant* happens upon the *Malinche*, which has been ambushed by the Maquis who disabled their engines. They were fooled by a trick similar to the *Defiant*: their sensors detected a Cardassian transport in distress, when they lowered their shields to transport the crew, they found that the sensor readings had been faked. In their moment of vulnerability, the Maquis attacked.

Back on DS9, Odo reveals that Eddington probably uses a Breen settlement as a base to keep his unstable weapon components. Based on that intelligence and Sisko's knowledge of Eddington, Sisko deduces the next target: Quatal Prime.

However, they arrive too late, only to see two fleeing raiders and transport ships evacuating the planet. The *Defiant* manages to destroy one of the raiders, but the other, Eddington on board, disables a Cardassian transport. Sisko is forced to let Eddington escape in order to save the Cardassian transport.

When Eddington sent Sisko "*Les Miserables*", he compared Sisko to a character in the novel, Javert, "a policeman who relentlessly pursues a man named Valjean, guilty of a trivial offense". Sisko realizes that Eddington sees himself as Valjean, the hero of "*Les Miserables*", and that Eddington's self-perceived heroism could be used against him. In Sisko's words: "I think it's time for me to become the villain".

Sisko then proceeds with the same strategy the Maquis had been using, he prepares to launch biogenic weapons at a Maquis settlement.

Sisko broadcast a message telling his intention. After Sisko launches the weapons, Eddington realizes the captain isn't bluffing.

Sisko announces that he plans to continue his campaign against all of the Maquis colonies in the DMZ. Eddington offers to turn himself in to prevent further attacks, thus fulfilling the self-sacrificial part of his hero fantasy.

In the aftermath, Cardassian and Human colonists are resettled on the poisoned colonies, exchanging their former homes.

In Purgatory's Shadow (1)

Season 5
Episode Number: 112
Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Sunday February 10, 1997
Writer: Robert Hewitt Wolfe, Ira Steven Behr
Director: Gabrielle Beaumont
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Paul Dooley (Enabran Tain), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Melanie Smith (Ziyal), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: James Horan (Ikat'ika), Jim Palladino (Jem'Hadar Guard), Carrie Stauber (Romulan)
Production Code: 40510-512
Summary: After a coded Cardassian message from the Gamma Quadrant is detected, Garak and Worf attempt a rescue. However, they are captured by the Jem'Hadar and imprisoned in the same cell as Enabran Tain, General Martok, and the real Julian Bashir, who had been secretly replaced several weeks prior without any notice. The Jem'hadar fleet invades the Alpha Quadrant when an attempt to seal the wormhole is sabotaged by the changeling-Bashir.



Major Kira is helping Odo reorganize his living quarters. Odo ponders on how much, as a solid, he enjoyed sleeping in a bed. Kira suggest that if he enjoyed it so much why not keep the bed and continue using it. Odo points out however, that he reverts to a gelatinous state when he falls asleep and slides off the bed so keeping the bed would be pointless. Kira then stumbles upon a PADD entitled Finding and Winning your Perfect Mate. Odo snatches the PADD away and lowers his head, trying to explain its purpose. Kira suggests that he continue reading the PADD, given that he is a solid 18 hours a day. Dax contacts Odo over the comm and we cut away to the com-

mand center.

A Gamma Quadrant listening post has just picked up an encoded Cardassian transmission. Unable to decode the transmission, Odo suggests allowing Garak to attempt to decrypt the transmission. We then cut away to the promenade; Elim Garak is explaining to Tora Ziyal and Dr. Bashir that the transmission was nothing more than a five-year-old planetary survey report. Garak brushes off the transmission as unimportant. Bashir responds that he is surprised that

Garak isn't at all enthusiastic about a Cardassian transmission coming from the Gamma Quadrant, considering it could have been from the survivors of the joint Cardassian-Romulan attack fleet that was lost there.

Garak states that he has long given up on the idea of finding any survivors, to which Ziyal states "I never saw you as the giving-up type." Then Garak sneaks on board a Federation runabout; as he approaches the controls one of the chairs swivels around to reveal Bashir pointing a phaser at the tailor. "Going somewhere?" the doctor asks pointedly.

"I really must remember to stop underestimating you," says Garak, who then reveals that the transmission was really a distress call from Enabran Tain, the former head of the Obsidian Order. The Cardassian tailor admits that he and Tain were "very close," and despite their tumultuous history, feels obliged to find him. Garak offers to bring Bashir along with him on this rescue mission.

Bashir appears to agree at first, but then aims the phaser back at Garak and orders him to Captain Sisko's office.

At Sisko's ready room, Garak reveals that the transmission code sequence was designed by Tain and himself. No one else could decrypt it. Garak portrays his rescue attempt as a "mission of mercy," suggesting to Sisko that there might be other survivors of Dominion attacks imprisoned with Tain — including Federation citizens. Sisko is still naturally suspicious, but agrees to let Garak go...

but only if Commander Worf goes along with him.

In his quarters, Dax is furious that Worf did not inform her of his involvement in Garak's mission. Worf brushes it off, saying it would not be the Klingon way to "explain why [he] chooses to face danger, not even to his par'Mach'kai." Jadzia's anger changes to nonchalance as she takes Worf's Klingon operas, intending to enjoy them while he is away. Worf seems perturbed by the thought, worried that Dax might misplace them.

Over at Quark's, Tora Ziyal tries to express her feelings for Garak but the tailor simply brushes it off, embarrassed. Nonetheless, he promises that no matter what happens, he "will come back." They share a moment before it is interrupted by a furious Dukat, who rushes in and threatens to throw Garak over the railing if he ever touches Ziyal again. Despite Garak's snide remarks, Quark intervenes and threatens to call security while Ziyal pleads with her father, who finally relents. Garak, seemingly unaffected by the whole incident, chips in a final retort and says, "You do have a lovely daughter; she must take after her mother." Dukat explains to Ziyal that he is here for repairs and to spend time with her. Looking in Garak's general direction, he continues, "I can see we have a lot to talk about." Sisko accompanies Worf to the shuttlebay, reiterating that this is a reconnaissance mission and to avoid Dominion ships at all costs. Worf doesn't seem too happy about working with Garak.

While on their way through the Gamma Quadrant, Garak tries his best to convince Worf to support his application to Starfleet Academy. Worf finally gives in, only to realize the Cardassian fooled him the whole time. Garak points out that lying, as any skill, must be practiced constantly.

Dukat confronts Major Kira, accusing her of betraying him by letting Ziyal fraternize with a personal enemy of his. He swears never to forget it; Kira only replies that "if that's a threat, I'm not impressed." Worf stops the runabout, having decided that the source of the signal is too deep in Dominion space and that the risk of stumbling over Jem'Hadar forces is too high. Garak can convince him that by going through an interstellar nebula, they can come closer to the source without appearing on the Jem'Hadar's sensors. However, shortly after they enter the nebula, a large Dominion fleet appears.

Worf tries to get away, but the runabout is trapped in a tractor beam and boarded by a group of Jem'Hadar soldiers. When Garak says, "Are we glad to see you! Could one of you point us in the direction of the wormhole?" one of them knocks him unconscious.

Dax and Kira talk about Kirayoshi O'Brien's progress in recognizing people when a distress signal from Worf arrives. They can only understand part of it, but the words "Jem'Hadar," "buildup," and "imminent," together with the fact that two of Starfleet's listening posts in the Gamma Quadrant are suddenly destroyed makes everyone realize that the long-feared Dominion invasion is about to begin. Sisko orders Dax to notify Starfleet, put the station on yellow alert and "make sure everyone knows this is not a drill." He then sends Kira and the *Defiant* to the Gamma Quadrant to find Worf.

Three Garak and Worf are beamed inside Internment Camp 371, a Dominion prison facility located on an asteroid orbiting a gas giant.

The Jem'Hadar in charge of the camp identifies them as enemies of the Dominion and points out that there is no other release from his facility than death.

Another listening post is destroyed and a ship exits the wormhole. It turns out to be the Defiant. Sisko hails Kira and asks her what she found. "Trouble," she answers.

Gul Dukat meets his daughter in front of the Bajoran shrine. He tells Ziyal that a Dominion fleet will arrive soon and that he wants her to leave for Cardassia. She is visibly unhappy about that decision.

Worf and Garak are confined to Barracks 6, where they meet General Martok, a high-ranking Klingon officer who had been replaced by a Changeling impostor two years earlier. It turns out he has been waiting for them, as has Enabran Tain, who is in bad health and only has days to live due to heart problems. He greets them roughly, which does not seem to surprise a bitter Garak, who says he would have at least hoped for something like "thank you, Elim." Tain replies that all Garak did was to doom them both.

Dukat arrives to a briefing with DS9's senior staff where Sisko makes it clear that the only chance to fight back the Jem'Hadar invasion fleet is to seal the wormhole without damaging it or harming the Prophets, by using a series of phase-conjugate graviton beams (a method invented by Trill scientist Lenara Kahn). Kira objects the sealing of the Celestial Temple, but Sisko overrules her.

Martok informs the newly arrived prisoners that Tain modified the life support system of their prison cell to send the subspace message to Cardassia, when a female Romulan prisoner arrives and tells Martok that "he" has been released from isolation. Worf asks who she is talking about, to which Martok replies: "A friend." A few seconds later, a Jem'Hadar pushes another prisoner into the room, who, to Garak's and Worf's great astonishment, turns out to be Dr. Julian Bashir.

Bashir performs a blood screening on himself to prove to his fellow inmates that he is not a Changeling. After that, he describes how he went to sleep after a conference about a month ago and woke up in the internment camp the next morning. Martok describes how the same happened to him after he was abducted from Qo'noS while hunting sabre bear on Kang's Summit. Worf says they must find a way to warn Captain Sisko before the Changeling who replaced Bashir can carry out whatever mission he has.

This very Changeling arrives at Ops at the same time, bringing sandwiches for Dax and O'Brien, who are working on the modifications on the graviton emitter controls. He tells them to let him know if they need anything.

Dukat is waiting in front of an airlock when Ziyal arrives and tells him that she will not leave DS9. Her father gets furious, telling her that things on Cardassia will change soon and that Garak is probably dead already. Ziyal still refuses to go, so Dukat rushes off, telling her to "stay and be damned." Martok informs Garak that if there is anything left he wants to say to Tain, he'd better do it soon. Garak and Bashir make their way to their prison cell, where Tain has already gone blind. He asks Garak about his enemies, to which his former protégé replies that they have all been taken care of. Tain then advises him to stay alive and avenge his death. Garak says he will do so if he asks him this favor not as a mentor or a superior officer, but as a father. Tain replies that he is not his son, but Garak interrupts him: "Father, you're dying. For once in your life, speak the truth." The dying spymaster finally admits that Garak is in fact his son and dies after sharing a fond memory of a day in Garak's youth.

Meanwhile, the DS9 crew tries to seal the wormhole, but the station's graviton emitter array has been sabotaged and fails to destabilize the wormhole's graviton matrix. The wormhole opens moments later and allows a large Dominion battle fleet to enter the Alpha Quadrant...

By Inferno's Light (2)

Season 5
Episode Number: 113
Season Episode: 15

Originally aired: Sunday February 17, 1997
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Melanie Smith (Ziyal), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Ray Buktenica (Deyos), James Horan (Ikat'ika), Carrie Stauber (Romulan), Don Fischer (Jem'Hadar Guard), Barry Wiggins (Jem'Hadar Officer)
Production Code: 40510-513
Summary: When the Dominion fleet comes through the wormhole, it soon becomes clear that Cardassia has allied itself with the Dominion and that war is not far off. As the forces of the Alpha Quadrant assemble, the changeling posing as Dr. Bashir is wrecking havoc on Deep Space Nine.



The Dominion fleet enters the Alpha Quadrant, but does not attack Deep Space 9; instead, it heads directly for Cardassian space. Gul Dukat reveals his duplicity; he has secretly negotiated with the Dominion for the Cardassians to become its newest members.

Worf, Bashir, Garak and Martok plan their escape from Internment Camp 371. The prisoners on Internment Camp 371 are gathered together. The prison's commanding Vorta, Deyos, announces that Cardassia has joined the Dominion and, consequently, all the Cardassians imprisoned at 371 are being released... with the exception of Garak. When Garak demands to know why he is not being re-

leased, Deyos reveals that the new head of the Cardassian government is none other than Gul Dukat.

A video of Gul Dukat as leader is played on Cardassia and DS9. He promises to remove all Klingons and Maquis from within Cardassian space.

The Changeling infiltrator, the Julian Bashir Changeling, having stopped the Federation from destroying the wormhole now proceeds with a plan that could destroy the Bajoran system while he convinces the DS9 staff of the possibility of a Changeling aboard DS9 and to begin blood screenings.

While Garak works inside a tight space next to their cell to contact their runabout's transporter, Worf is coerced into a series of hand-to-hand battles with Jem'Hadar warriors, beginning with the youngest.

Back in the Alpha Quadrant, Kira and Ziyal talk on the promenade, discussing the duplicitous actions of her father, Dukat.

A Klingon fleet led by Chancellor Gowron has shown up at DS9, readying for a confrontation with a combined Dominion-Cardassian fleet. Sisko suggests to Gowron that the Khitomer Accords be revived. Gowron accedes.

Worf continues fighting the Jem'Hadar and kills the last one of five. Once back in the cell, Bashir treats Worf and states that he has three or four broken ribs. The Doctor recommends that Worf stop fighting, but Worf refuses.

Garak is still working inside the tight space, is talking to himself and seems to be losing his mind. The others hear strange noises coming from within the space. Bashir enters the confined space and brings Garak out into the cell for a break. Bashir states that Garak has claustrophobia and will be unable to continue to try contacting the runabout.

The staff aboard DS9 is waiting for reinforcements. Kira enters Ops and states that the security blocks of one of the industrial replicators was overridden and the memory core wiped. Sisko is contacted by Gul Dukat. Dukat recommends that the Federation joins the Dominion. Dukat lays claim to DS9 and gives Sisko an ultimatum: either Sisko will surrender the station, or Dukat will take it by force.

Martok assists Worf back to the cell, returning from his seventh hand-to-hand victory. Garak gets up out of bed and insists he is ready to continue working in the enclosed space.

The Julian Bashir Changeling and O'Brien talk in the infirmary. O'Brien is shocked when Bashir talks excitedly about having purchased darts, but does not suspect that Bashir is a Changeling.

Worf, back at the combat area, is waiting for his next opponent, when Deyos and the Jem'Hadar First, Ikat'ika, arrive instead.

Ikat'ika announces that he will fight Worf himself.

Meanwhile, Garak is back in the crawlspace when Jem'Hadar soldiers come in the cell looking for him. They find the tool that was used to open the panel to the space where Garak is.

Sisko orders Kira and Dax to the Defiant for the pending battle and deploys the runabouts. The Julian Bashir Changeling is on the runabout Yukon and responds to Ops in a female's voice, having already incapacitated the original crew. O'Brien announces that a build up of tachyon particles has been detected, and ships begin decloaking around the station... Romulan ships. The Romulans request permission to join the fleet; Sisko, while quite surprised, grants their request.

Kira, on the Defiant, states that the Cardassian-Dominion fleet is merely ten minutes away.

Bashir tries to bluff the Jem'Hadar soldier about the tool. Bashir flippantly quips that "it's either a self-sealing stem bolt or a reverse-ratcheting router." Not convinced, the soldier vaporizes a Romulan prisoner and then threatens to kill another if Bashir continues to lie. Before the leader can kill Bashir for his insolence, another soldier figures out the tool's use.

Worf is losing the fight against Ikat'ika and Martok advises that he stop.

Garak is perilously close to being found out when the prisoners manage to kill the Jem'Hadar soldiers in the cell, albeit losing one of their own in the process.

Worf, who is clearly beaten, refuses to yield. Ikat'ika refuses to kill Worf, as Worf had earned his respect as a warrior, and so he yields instead. Deyos orders that they both be executed. Just at that moment, Garak is finally successful in contacting the runabout, and the prisoners are beamed aboard just before Worf would have been killed by the Jem'Hadar.

Back on DS9, everyone is confused by the lack of an attacking fleet contrary to the sensor readings.

Bashir, Worf, and Garak send a message to the Alpha Quadrant in time to alert Sisko and DS9 that "Bashir" is an impostor. Kira and Dax, aboard the Defiant, determine that the Changeling has rigged the runabout Yukon with trilitium, tekasite, and protomatter, which if detonated inside the Bajoran sun, would induce a supernova, destroying Bajor, DS9, and the Klingon fleet in one fell swoop.

The Defiant warps toward the sun and tractors the Yukon away in time to prevent the supernova. It dives off into free space and explodes.

The sensor readings of the Dominion fleet suddenly vanish. Sisko realizes that the whole thing was a plot to lure the combined fleets of the Alpha Quadrant's superpowers to the Bajoran system and then blow them all up together with Bajor and Deep Space 9. Yet the plan failed and "Armageddon will have to wait... for another day".

At Quark's, Garak and Ziyal emotionally reunite, as do Dax and Worf in the infirmary. Meanwhile, Chief O'Brien is baffled to realize he has been hanging around with a Changeling for the last four weeks.

On the promenade, Gowron signs the final version of the new treaty between the Federation and the Klingon Empire, which includes a permanent Klingon military presence on DS9. Sisko is given the right to choose the commander himself, and asks General Martok to take the job.

Dukat contacts Sisko to congratulate him. Sisko points out that Ziyal would have died along with them if the bomb had gone off, but the new leader of Cardassia does not seem to bother, saying he does no longer consider her his daughter. Dukat tells Sisko that he may have escaped defeat today, but tomorrow... "We will see about tomorrow", the Captain interrupts.

"Yes, we will", Dukat replies, ending the transmission.

Doctor Bashir, I Presume?

Season 5
Episode Number: 114
Season Episode: 16

Originally aired:	Sunday February 24, 1997
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Fadwa El Guindi (Amsha Bashir), J. Patrick McCormack (Admiral Bennett), Robert Picardo (Dr. Zimmerman), Brian George (Richard Bashir)
Production Code:	40510-514
Summary:	Bashir is chosen as the model for Starfleet's next Emergency Medical Holographic Doctor. During the process it is revealed that Julian was illegally genetically enhanced as a child, rendering him a genius. However, his father must now face a jail term or his son Julian will be court-martialled from Starfleet.



Doctor Lewis Zimmerman, Director of Holographic Imaging and Programming at Jupiter Station, arrives on Deep Space 9. He was the designer and template for the innovative Emergency Medical Hologram (EMH). He hopes to use Doctor Bashir as the basis for the new Long-term Medical Holographic program (LMH), designed to replace medical staff on distant or isolated outposts. Zimmerman needs to add more "bedside manner" to his original EMH in order to make this new hologram as realistic as possible, so he conducts a series of interviews with everyone who knows Bashir. It becomes apparent that Doctor Zimmerman is very thorough, so Bashir asks, in passing, that Zimmerman

not interview Bashir's parents as the three are estranged from each other. Zimmerman says he understands, but rather than honoring his request, he is just far more eager to get in touch.

Zimmerman has Dr. Bashir's parents, Richard and Amsha, brought to Deep Space 9, much to Bashir's obvious chagrin. Bashir is not pleased to see them and expresses his displeasure to Dr. Zimmerman, who responds that a complete profile is necessary. The Bashirs have fallen out over a secret about Julian's past and over-expectant pressure that they placed upon him during his youth.

Richard Bashir has a long history of starts and stops, constantly changing jobs, never completing a project. His current occupation is designing public parks on Earth. Julian is scornful of his father's consistent lack of focus or satisfaction, and his unwillingness to take responsibility for his actions. The elder Bashirs defend themselves, saying they did the best they could.

Julian leaves the room, dissatisfied.

Remorseful, Richard goes to the holographic lab to apologize. Richard pledges to Julian, standing in befuddled silence, that he will never reveal Julian's genetically engineered past, that he is proud of what Julian has become. It turns out that Richard unknowingly apologized to the Long-term Medical Holographic program. Richard inadvertently gave away their dark secret to Chief O'Brien and Zimmerman, who were in the back room. Miles then has to tell Julian that Zimmerman will be reporting that he is unsuitable as the LMH model due to his "suspected" genetic engineered background. The report will be filed with Starfleet Medical, and this would eventually lead to Julian's dismissal from Starfleet and his license to practice medicine being revoked.

Dr. Bashir confronts his parents after this incident. It is revealed that when Julian was young, he had some form of learning disability or possible mental disability. His parents perceived his gross deficits as defects. So, they went outside of the Federation (and its laws) to have their child genetically engineered so that he would be able to keep up with his peers. Bashir ended up not only as bright as his classmates, but brighter, fitter, stronger and faster as well, thus beginning his second life.

But now that second life would end, because of strict Federation laws banning genetic engineering for anything except for repairing serious birth defects.

Dr. Bashir decides that resigning his commission would prevent an inquiry, thus protecting his family and himself from serious repercussions. However when he enters Captain Sisko's office, his father is already there, having told the Captain everything and taking full responsibility for the situation. Bashir's father agrees to go to prison for a few years so that Bashir can keep his medical license and his position within Starfleet aboard Deep Space 9.

Rear Admiral Bennett, Judge Advocate General of Starfleet, presiding over the matter via holoprojector, explains why genetic engineering is outlawed within the Federation; because "for every Julian Bashir that can be created, there's a Khan Singh waiting in the wings." Meanwhile, Rom tries to work up his courage to ask Leeta, one of Quark's dabo girls, out, but he chickens out when she approached him. Quark reminded him of the time he signed a five-year contract with Prinadora so he could have Nog. But he fell so deeply in love with her that he tried to extend the contract. However, he failed to read the fine-print — Prinadora's father swindled him out of all his money and she left him for a richer Ferengi, leaving him with Nog.

Julian introduced Leeta to Zimmerman who he immediately takes a liking to. He promises her her own store at the Jupiter Station. But before they can leave, Rom comes in screaming to confess his love of Leeta. She reciprocates and they start kissing. Zimmerman allows them their new relation and leaves, knowing there is someone out there for him.

A Simple Investigation

Season 5
Episode Number: 115
Season Episode: 17

Originally aired:	Sunday March 31, 1997
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	John T. Kretchmer
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Dey Young (Arissa), John Durbin (Traidy), Nicholas Worth (Sorm), Randy Mulkey (Idanian #2), Brant Cotton (Tauvid Rem)
Production Code:	40510-515
Summary:	A woman has her memories erased and stored on a data crystal to infiltrate the Orion Syndicate. Odo falls in love with her, but must save her life by finding her data crystal.



An Idanian in his quarters is visited by two unfriendly Finneans. The short discussion ends up in the death of the Idanian. The two mention an object they were looking for and a woman the dead Idanian was supposed to meet on the station.

In Quark's Jadzia Dax, Bashir, Odo and O'Brien talk about a new role playing holoprogram which has finally arrived, based on Bashir's secret agent series. All of them seem very eager to try it — although O'Brien would rather play a character other than Falcon — except for Odo, who finally refuses upon learning that part of his role will be stealing a girl from the evil Falcon.

Odo then walks away to see Quark harassing a woman waiting at his bar, (Arissa). While successfully convincing Quark to stop bothering her (she is actually waiting for someone), Odo involuntarily makes her believe that he is interested in her, leading to a slightly awkward situation.

Later, the woman is caught trying to break into the station computer. She was trying to access the passenger manifest because her friend never showed up. She has a dataport and while not illegal, this is very suspicious. However, she tells Odo that she attempted to bypass the system because she learned not to trust policemen.

As the episode unfolds, we learn that Arissa is trying to run away from the Orion Syndicate and the man she is trying to reach was to help her. All she is able to get is a data crystal but she is not able to decrypt it yet. Odo offers to protect her, hiding her in his own quarters. The two become increasingly close (with Dax keeping the Starfleet crew well aware) and we learn that Arissa is a former net-girl and a computer hacker who worked for Drim.

An Idanian arrives at the station following Odo's communication about the one that has been killed. The man explains that Arissa is an undercover agent who work for the Idanian government and that the crystal contains all her former memories, wiped from her brain to fool the telepaths used by the Orion syndicate.

These events happen while Arissa is making a deal of her own with her former employer, exchanging the crystal with her freedom.

Drain, however, has no intention of letting her live, but Odo is finally able to save her with the help of the Iridian man.

Arissa's memories and physical appearance are then restored. She also informs Odo that she is married and, while it would be pointless to continue their relationship (since she is not really the same person anymore) there was a woman who truly loved Odo and that she still exists in a sense. While the constable ended up with a broken heart, he still had a happy experience and a little more self confidence with women, this episode marking the first time he lowered his barriers enough to have a serious relationship with a humanoid.

Business as Usual

Season 5

Episode Number: 116

Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Sunday April 7, 1997
Writer: Bradley Thompson, David Weddle
Director: Alexander Siddig
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Lawrence Tierney (Regent Of Palamar), Josh Pais (Gaila), Tim Halligan (Farrakk), Steven Berkoff (Hagath), Charlie Curtis (Talura), Eric Cadora (Customer)
Production Code: 40510-516
Summary: Quark enters into the booming business of arms dealing with his cousin. However, his new enterprise may cost him his life.



Lieutenant Commander Dax and Quark are playing Tongo while the latter is checking on his stock quotes. He then realizes he is practically ruined. Since news of business failures travels fast among Ferengis, Quark's cousin, Gaila, immediately arrives following this. He then proposes to Quark to go into the weapon selling business with him. Gaila entices Quark with visions of a weapons market growing so fast that within a year, Quark could be debt-free and living on his very own moon. Meanwhile, Chief O'Brien is having problems with his baby son Kirayoshi. Jake pops by and Miles explains that just as his wife is on Bajor attempting to get a blight under control, his reg-

ular babysitter has had an emergency and is unavailable for the time being. As a result, every time he puts Yoshi down, he begins to cry. Jake offers to babysit, and Miles accepts as he has to head for his shift, but as soon as Yoshi is in Jake's arms he begins crying again. Miles takes the baby back and he stops crying as soon as he's in his father's arms.

With no other choice, Miles takes Yoshi to work with him. Quark the bartender then immediately changes into a weapon dealer, using his holosuites to do the demonstrations (and avoiding the risk of bringing weapons aboard DS9). He also meets with his cousin's associate, Hagath, who is ruthless and will not hesitate to kill subordinates who disappoint him. Hagath, however, seems to like Quark from the start. Gaila has decided to retire from his partnership with Hagath, which is why he offered Quark the opportunity.

Later, Odo arrests Quark for dealing weapons on the station even though no actual merchandise is being brought on board. However Captain Sisko and Major Kira arrive and tell Odo to release Quark, as the Bajorans have ruled that neither Hagath nor his associates can be arrested on Deep Space Nine due to his giving arms to the Bajoran resistance during the occupation. However, Captain Sisko furiously tells Quark that while he may not be able to get him for

selling weapons now, from now on the leniency that he has shown him over the years stops and that the next chance he gets he will see that Quark gets what's coming to him. Odo, knowing that he can do nothing, angrily throws Quark out. In Quark's, Miles is having his weekly darts game against Julian still carrying Yoshi. Despite Julian's urging, Miles can't put his son down, as every time he does, the baby starts crying. Julian later examines Yoshi and finds him to be perfectly healthy, but Miles' neck and shoulder are feeling the strain of constantly carrying the baby for over a week.

Quark's financial situation soon improves; he quickly reimburses his debtors (thanks to Hagath who pays Quark's percentage of the profits directly to his creditors), just as Gaila predicted. However, Quark's no longer has any Starfleet customers in the bar due to their disgust that he is now dealing in arms, and Quark finds that all his friends, including Dax, have turned against him. He attempts to reconcile with her later when he spots her at the Replimat, but she refuses point blank to have anything to do with a weapons dealer. He tries to reason that the weapons he sells are strictly for defense, but Dax asks him that if he's so certain, then why is he begging her for forgiveness. Later, Captain Sisko enters Ops to find everyone (including Dax and Kira) whispering.

Asking why, Miles explains that Kirayoshi is sleeping in the engineering pit. It turns out that as soon as Miles went down there, Yoshi fell asleep in his bassinet and Miles doesn't want to risk waking him. Sisko decides to give Miles a few days off duty until Keiko returns, but when Miles tries to argue, the Captain tells him they can't keep a baby in the pit. Miles agrees, but asks Sisko if he can at least be left until he wakes up. Sisko agrees, but has to remind the others who are cooing over the baby that they're meant to be working. When concluding a deal with the Regent of Palamar, Quark begins to realize the impact of what he is doing.

Probably because of his previous arguments with Dax, he asks a little more about the intention behind the deal. He then learns that the weapons will be used to lead 28 million people to their death. Attributing his remorse to his prolonged contact with humans, Quark nevertheless decides to make the deal fail, regardless of the reaction of Hagath. After giving an unreceptive Dax his Tongo wheel, as he feels he will never return from this venture, Quark arranges a meeting in Cargo Bay 5 (fooling everyone involved) between the Regent and his political opponent, General Nassuc. A blood bath ensues, and Quark simply walks down the promenade as Odo and a squad of deputies head to the cargo bay after reports of phaser fire. In his quarters, Miles is cradling his son when Worf enters, reminding the Chief he was meant to make modifications to the Defiant that day. Miles tells Worf that Captain Sisko gave him a few days off and asks Worf to hold his son while he gets his bottle, warning Worf that Yoshi will begin to cry. However, as he is held by Worf, Yoshi doesn't cry but nods off to sleep—Miles is astounded and places the baby in his bassinet. Miles sits down as Worf voices his regret that he didn't see his own son at that age, and Worf notices the Chief is asleep. Worf quickly exits the O'Briens quarters. In his office, Captain Sisko is giving Quark a severe dressing down for all the trouble he's caused. Quark defends his actions, saying events weren't meant to escalate like they did. Sisko tells Quark that the Regent is dead and Gaila and Hagath have fled the station with a purification squad after them. Quark tells the Captain he can live with the repercussions and can think of 28 million people who would appreciate them. Captain Sisko tells Quark he can think of 28 million and one, and Quark knows he is forgiven. However, this doesn't stop him from receiving a bill for damages for the cargo bay, which Quark promises to pay in installments. The episode ends as it began, with Quark and Dax playing Tongo. She comments on his ability to get out of tight spots, and he asks for the wheel back to which Dax refuses.

Ties of Blood and Water

Season 5

Episode Number: 117

Season Episode: 19

Originally aired:	Sunday April 14, 1997
Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Avery Brooks
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Guest Stars:	Lawrence Pressman (Tekeny Ghemor), Thomas Kopache (Taban), William Lucking (Furel), Rick Schatz (Medic)
Production Code:	40510-517
Summary:	A Cardassian dissident opposed to the Cardassian/Dominion Alliance asks Kira to help him so that he may reveal his secrets to use against his enemies as is customary in his culture. Kira must overcome painful memories of her own father's death, as well as the Cardassian's own war crimes, before she can face him and gain the information.



Dax, Worf and Kira are waiting at an airlock, awaiting the arrival of Tekeny Ghemor, Kira's Cardassian pseudo-father. The two have become very close since the events of DS9: "Second Skin". The legate is not secure on Cardassia since the takeover by Gul Dukat and the alliance with the Dominion. Kira is hoping Ghemor will lead the political opposition on Cardassia when he tells her that he came to DS9 because he is terminally ill. He has Yarim Fel Syndrome and will probably die soon.

Dukat contacts Captain Benjamin Sisko about an arrangement for Ghemor's extradition. Sisko has no intention of negotiating with him since the Federa-

tion doesn't even recognize the new Cardassian government and abruptly ends the transmission.

Major Kira offers to spend the next few days with Ghemor, replacing the daughter he doesn't have anymore. Their relationship is so close that he even offers to perform the Shri-tal, a Cardassian ritual that involves the dying person telling political secrets to the other, ensuring the survival of this information and its possible use against their enemies.

Then begins a series of long interviews. They are exhausting for Kira, but she doesn't complain. These are cut by brief flashbacks that make the parallel between her own father's death during the Occupation of Bajor and the agony of Ghemor.

Gul Dukat and Weyoun arrive at DS9 (with peaceful intentions even if they came aboard a Jem'Hadar battlecruiser) to reclaim the fugitive using standard Cardassian strategies. Dukat first offers to bring Ghemor's daughter Iliana back. Then he tries to turn Kira against him. Dukat also makes an attempt to poison Ghemor.

One strategy proves to be successful. Kira, even if she knew what to expect from Dukat, feels betrayed when she learns that Ghemor was present at the Kiessa Monastery massacre. She claims she thought Ghemor was different from the other Cardassians but now realizes he is not.

Kira's friends help her realize that even if Ghemor's past is stained by the occupation, he doesn't deserve to die alone. After a moment, Kira decides she will not do the same thing she did when her father died and won't find a last minute excuse to miss his death. A flashback shows that she was in a raid against the Cardassians and missed Kira Taban's death by less than an hour.

After Ghemor passes away, Dukat insists on having the body brought back to Cardassia Prime in an attempt to turn the circumstances of the death to his advantage. Sisko informs him that the funeral arrangements have already been taken care of. Kira has Ghemor buried on Bajor, right beside her father, under the same tree.

Ferengi Love Songs

Season 5

Episode Number: 118

Season Episode: 20

Originally aired: Sunday April 21, 1997
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Max Grodenchik (Rom), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Tiny Ron (Maihar'du)
Guest Stars: Cecily Adams (Ishka), Hamilton Camp (Leck)
Production Code: 40510-518
Summary: Quark discovers that his mother, Ishka, is having a love affair with the Grand Nagus Zek. Back on the station, Leeta and Rom decide to get married. However, problems soon arise.



Quark is depressed because Cardassian voles have made his bar unusable until Chief O'Brien gets rid of them. Quark also feels that he hasn't had any good luck since his Ferengi business license was revoked the previous year by the FCA. Rom announces he's marrying Leeta, then suggests that Quark visit their mother Ishka on Ferenginar. Quark arrives on Ferenginar, and his Moogie is very surprised that he has come to visit.

Rom is learning about Bajoran customs to please Leeta, but Chief O'Brien

and Lieutenant Commander Jadzia Dax are teasing him about his being "the least Ferengi-like Ferengi" they have ever met. This revelation upsets Rom, despite O'Brien's and Dax's urging that it is a compliment.

On Ferenginar, Quark is explaining his distress to his mother since he lost his business license. Ishka asks him why he chose to visit her, when they have never had a very good relationship, due to Ishka's refusal to follow Ferengi traditions concerning the proper roles of females. Quark assures her that he wants to stay until he starts to feel better. When Quark goes to his childhood bedroom, he is surprised to find that his mother has moved all of his personal belongings, including his Marauder Mo action figures, from the room. Quark is even more startled to discover Grand Nagus Zek in the closet. Quark is afraid that his mother has been illegally earning profit again in violation of FCA rules, but instead Ishka and "Zekkie" proclaim they are in love.

Ishka and Zek announce that they met during an annual tongo tournament, and that they have been seeing each other ever since, although their relationship is not public information. Although he is initially quite startled, Quark begins to surmise that he may be able to use their relationship to his advantage — to reinstate his business license. The Nagus then leaves to attend to the business of the Empire.

On the station, O'Brien appears to have rid Quark's bar of all the menacing voles. Rom asks Chief O'Brien for an extended lunch break so that he can get Leeta to sign the Ferengi equivalent of a prenuptial agreement — the Waiver of Property and Profit, or WP&P. O'Brien appears doubtful that Leeta will agree to such a thing, but Rom feels that he must have her sign the WP&P to prove that he is still a Ferengi. As O'Brien predicted, Leeta refuses to sign the WP&P, stating that a marriage is all about sharing things, including money. Rom cites Rule of Acquisition #94: "Females and finances don't mix." Rom accuses Leeta of being just like his first wife — only after his profits. Leeta protests, saying that she loves Rom, but he replies that if she really loved him, she would prove it by signing the WP&P. Leeta and Rom decide to call the marriage off.

Quark, Ishka, and Zek are having dinner together at Ishka's home. Quark flatters the Grand Nagus, but Zek refuses to reinstate Quark's business license; since the FCA revoked the license, only the FCA has the power to reinstate it. Ishka agrees with Zek — Quark made a mistake, and now he must suffer the consequences. As Ishka and Zek take a walk around the garden, Quark and Maihar'du clear the dinner table. As Quark returns to his bedroom, Brunt materializes in the closet.

Brunt knows of Ishka and Zek's relationship and is disgusted by it. Quark assures Brunt that he didn't know about it until that day.

Nevertheless, Brunt holds Quark responsible for the actions of his mother, a female under his control. Brunt tells Quark that he must put an end to the relationship — privately and quietly. In exchange, Brunt agrees to give Quark a new business license. Quark visits the Nagus ostensibly to pay his respects, but all the while scheming to destroy their relationship by convincing the Nagus that Ishka has not paid back all the latinum she earned and that she is only using the Nagus in her quest to end the male domination of Ferenginar and instate equal rights for Ferengi females. The Nagus falls for Quark's lies and contemplates his relationship with Ishka.

Quark whines that his mother doesn't understand how terrible his life is since he is forbidden to do business with Ferengis and earn profit. Irritated, Ishka explains that she knows exactly how it feels — she is denied such rights because she is female.

Reluctantly, she agrees to speak to the Nagus on Quark's behalf.

Back on DS9, Odo, Captain Sisko, and Lieutenant Commander Worf are discussing the conduct of the Klingons who recently began living on the station. General Martok has been placed in a holding cell for tossing one of his men off the second-floor balcony of the Promenade as a "disciplinary measure." Sisko intervenes, ordering Odo to release Martok and telling Worf to advise the General that if he wants to retain his position on the station, he must abide by station regulations. Sisko and Odo find Rom sobbing while working, and Odo informs Sisko that the wedding has been called off. Rom insists that he is crying tears of joy. Meanwhile, Leeta is trying unsuccessfully to convince Major Kira that calling the wedding off was the best decision that she has ever made.

Quark returns home to find his mother crying. She tells him that the Nagus left her, accusing her of being a profit-hungry female who was only using him in her plot to overthrow the Ferengi government. Quark, obviously pleased with himself for ending their relationship and anticipating the return of his business license, assures her that everything will be fine. However, Ishka tells Quark that it is a disaster — not just for her, but for everyone. Unsure what his mother meant, Quark contacts Brunt, who gives him a valid business license in return for his service to the FCA.

The next morning, Quark tells Ishka that he is returning to DS9. Just then, Quark receives a message from Zek, demanding to see him in the Tower of Commerce immediately. The Nagus asks Quark to be his First Clerk in thanks for warning the Nagus about Ishka's motives. Soon after accepting the position, Quark realizes that the Nagus is having memory problems, and that he will have his work cut out for him as First Clerk.

O'Brien visits Rom in his quarters, where Rom is counting his life savings of latinum. Rom is going to offer Leeta a bribe to sign the WP&P. O'Brien points out that a bribe won't work, since if she signs the waiver, she can't keep the money anyway. O'Brien reiterates to Rom that if he wants Leeta back, he must forget about the waiver. Rom then quotes Rule of Acquisition #229: "Latinum lasts longer than lust." O'Brien replies that while that may be true, lust can be a lot more fun. Rom finally admits that he wants Leeta back more than anything. To prove his loyalty to her, Rom gives his latinum to the Bajoran War Orphans Fund so that the waiver is no longer necessary, and he and Leeta make up.

Quark tells his mother that the Nagus has made Quark his First Clerk, and she states that he must have had a miserable day then.

Ishka tells Quark that the Ferengi markets dropped 199 points that day. Quark realizes that his mother was well aware of Zek's memory problems, and she was helping him keep the markets together during their relationship. Ishka then realizes that Quark caused Zek to end their relationship, and that he was put up to it by none other than Brunt. Ishka admonishes Quark, telling him that she hopes his business license was worth the possible destruction of the entire Ferengi economy.

Brunt visits Quark at the Tower of Commerce, taunting him about the 199-point decline in the markets the day before. Brunt tells Quark that the FCA has called a meeting to discuss the capabilities of the Nagus. Quark then realizes that Brunt knew about Zek's failing memory all along, and that Brunt convinced Quark to end Ishka and Zek's relationship so that Brunt could expose Zek and maneuver himself to be the new Nagus.

When Ishka asks Quark why he hasn't yet returned to DS9 with his new business license, Quark admits to his mother that his time living among humans has caused him to develop a conscience and that he is feeling guilty about how Zek was treated and the part he played in Brunt's plan. Ishka and Quark decide that they have to prevent Brunt from becoming Nagus, so they help Zek pass Brunt's test and retain his position as Nagus.

Quark suggests that the Nagus contact the Vulcans to see if they can help improve his memory and allow him to stay in power. Zek thanks Quark for his help, and requests that Quark retain his position as the Nagus's First Clerk. However, Quark instead admits that he concocted all of the rumors about his mother, and Zek fires Quark. Now that the rumors have been exposed as false, Zek and Ishka get back together and Ishka offers to help Zek as his financial adviser.

Before Quark returns to DS9, Ishka returns Quark's Marauder Mo action figures to him, and they realize that they have more in common than either of them were willing to admit. Brunt materializes in Quark's closet again, and he agrees to allow Quark to keep his new business license, if only to see him fail in the future.

Soldiers of the Empire

Season 5

Episode Number: 119

Season Episode: 21

Originally aired:	Sunday April 28, 1997
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	LeVar Burton
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Aron Eisenberg (Nog), J.G. Hertzler (Martok)
Guest Stars:	David Graf (Leskit), Rick Worthy (Kornan), Sandra Nelson (Tavana), Scott Leva (Ortakin)
Production Code:	40510-519
Summary:	Worf and Dax join a Klingon ship captained by General Martok on his first mission since being freed from the Dominion prison. However, the crew is in such a low state of morale that when they encounter a Jem'Hadar warship, they enter a battle for their lives.



The Klingon General Martok is slowly trying to regain the abilities he lost while he was prisoner of the Dominion. He had been wounded by Worf in a holosuite. The two men have come to have great respect for each other, and when the Klingon High Council offers Martok his first mission since his escape from Internment Camp 371, he offers Worf to be his first officer aboard the IKS Rotarran, a Bird-of-Prey. The son of Mogh gladly accepts, explaining to Captain Benjamin Sisko that the general had saved his life while imprisoned at Internment Camp 371.

Their mission is to find the IKS B'Moth, a battle cruiser that has been missing for three days. Dax, jumping at

the opportunity of being on a Klingon ship again, decides to come along. The contact with the crew is difficult because they had been through a series of failures and they hadn't felt like true Klingons in a long time. They are not so desperate and a little friendship could take place, but there is still a palpable tension that even three barrels of bloodwine (brought from DS9 by Dax) can't dissipate.

Together with Martok new suspicions (going around a nebula to avoid contact with the Jem'Hadar, not destroying an enemy ship to avoid giving away their position even if they clearly had the advantage), the crew's confidence in their captain quickly fade.

This rises again in the mess hall when they get drunk and Leskit begins an analysis of the Jem'Hadar. He says that they have no honor and that makes them more efficient than Klingons. He even interprets the recent decisions of Martok as a fear of the Jem'Hadar. Suddenly, Kornan goes berserk and attacks Leskit. In the fight, he nearly kills Ortakin who came to the rescue. Dax then ends the combat by shooting Kornan with a phaser.

A little after, the Rotarran crew picks up a distress call from the B'Moth. It is an automatic transmission indicating they were attacked by the Jem'Hadar, suffered heavy casualties and are in need of assistance. When the Rotarran arrives in visual range, they realize that the battle cruiser has drifted into Cardassian space. Being under strict orders and suspecting a trap, Martok decides not to rescue the B'Moth.

At this moment, Worf chooses to defy the general for control of the ship. It is clear that the crew can't stand another defeat and Worf wants his friend to see that. In the following struggle, Martok again feels what it is to be a Klingon and when Worf realizes he made his point, he lets Martok defeat him. With the crew behind him, Martok then proceeds to destroy a Jem'Hadar ship that was nearby and rescues 35 crewmembers from the B'Moth.

Back at DS9, the crew is completely changed by his recent victory and Martok requests fifteen barrels of bloodwine to celebrate this. He later comes to Worf to thank him for making him remember he was a warrior and soldier, and Worf admits that when he let Martok defeat him, he wasn't sure he wouldn't kill him. Martok is impressed by the sacrifice Worf was willing to make, and makes his friend an offer. He mentions that Worf still wears the crest for the House of Mogh on his sash. As the House of Mogh no longer exists, Martok offers Worf a chance to join the House of Martok, telling him he proud to welcome Worf into his family as a warrior... and as a brother. Worf accepts, and replaces the House of Mogh crest with the one for the House of Martok. The two warriors and brothers clasp hands in victory, signaling a new beginning for Worf.

Children of Time

Season 5

Episode Number: 120

Season Episode: 22

Originally aired: Sunday May 5, 1997
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Gary Frank (Yedrin Dax), Davida Williams (Lisa), Doren Fein (Molly), Marybeth Massett (Parell), Brian Evaret Chandler (Brota), Jesse Littlejohn (Gabriel), Jennifer Parsons (Miranda O'Brien)
Production Code: 40510-520
Summary: The Defiant enters a barrier surrounding a planet in the Gamma Quadrant, only to find its inhabitants are the crew's descendants from 200 years in the past.



Odo, Kira Nerys and Jadzia Dax sit having breakfast in the mess hall of the USS Defiant. Lieutenant Commander Dax states that she can't wait to sleep in her own bed, remarking on the uncomfortable bunks on the Defiant. Major Kira says that she could use a visit to the Golian Spa. Dax comments that Kira and Shakaar should both go, to which Kira says that she and Shakaar aren't seeing each other anymore. Odo, who has had feeling for Kira for a long time, asks about the breakup. Kira says that she and Shakaar went to the Kenda Shrine on Bajor to ask the Prophets if they were meant to walk the same path. Upon hearing that the Prophets said no, Dax re-

marks that Kira makes it sound final. Kira responds that people are either meant to be together or not. Dax states that any relationship can work if the partners really work at it. Odo, still contemplating the ramifications of the conversation, says that he has no opinion on the subject and hastily leaves.

Later, on the bridge of the Defiant, mugs of raktajino are being passed around to everyone. Captain Benjamin Sisko declines, saying that he is trying to cut down. Chief Miles O'Brien then begins talking about a dollhouse he is making for Molly's birthday, lamenting the fact that even with a micro-lathe he might not get it done in time. Commander Dax then begins to get some readings on her console. An energy barrier of some kind is surrounding the fourth planet of a nearby solar system. Major Kira begins scanning and states that there could be lifeforms on the surface of the planet, but the interference from the energy barrier is making it difficult to be certain. Dax seems more interested, wanting to know how the lifeforms adapted to the quantum fluctuations in the barrier. While it is an intriguing scientific possibility, O'Brien wants to push

off an investigation until the next time they go by this planet. Dax says that the interference is intensifying so that in a few weeks, a probe would not make it through the barrier.

Dax knows that everyone wants to go home, but this is the only chance. After ordering modifications to the shields, Sisko gives the go ahead.

As the *Defiant* enters the barrier, the ship starts to shake. Dax tries to adjust the shields, but the shaking gets more violent.

Energy begins to arc across the bridge consoles and Major Kira is struck by one. While caught in the energy, it appears as if there were two Kiras, slightly out of phase with each other. After a moment, the energy dissipates and the ship is through the barrier.

Sisko calls Dr. Julian Bashir to the bridge to check on Major Kira. O'Brien then tells the captain that the inertial dampers are off-line and the gyromagnetic stabilizers have depolarized, stranding the *Defiant* in orbit for a few days. Suddenly, Lieutenant Commander Worf says that they are being hailed from the surface. Upon scanning the surface he also reports that there are several settlements on the planet, with approximately eight thousand inhabitants. Human inhabitants. Stunned, Sisko answers the hail. A human woman and a Trill man welcome them to Gaia, calling Captain Sisko by name. The woman says that they have been expecting them.

The man speaks up, saying it is a long story. He invites them to beam down and talk about it over some raktajino, and then catches himself. "I forgot. You're trying to cut down." Sisko, Dax, Worf, and O'Brien beam down into a cluster of adobe-like buildings, surrounded by farmland. Children who were playing a game with a ball stop and stare at the newcomers. The two people who made the hail introduce themselves. Miranda O'Brien and Yedrin Dax. Sisko asks for an explanation. Miranda tells them that the settlement was founded by the crew of a Starfleet vessel that crashed on the planet two centuries ago. She reveals that the ship that crashed was the *USS Defiant*. In two days, when Captain Sisko tries to leave orbit, Miranda says that they will be thrown back two hundred years into the past. The people they see now are the crew's descendants.

Yedrin sees that the Starfleet officers are skeptical and tells Jadzia to scan him. She finds the Dax symbiont in Yedrin. It was passed down to Jadzia's descendants for three generations. He also tells her to scan Miranda. Jadzia finds that Miranda's DNA is similar to Miles', making her an O'Brien. Miranda also states that she is also a Tannenbaum, a descendant of Rita Tannenbaum, an ensign on the *Defiant's* engineering crew. Miranda then relates to Miles that they were trapped two hundred years in the past without any chance of seeing their families or friends. She says that Miles was the last to give up hope, but he eventually married Rita ten years after the *Defiant* crashed. Yedrin still sees doubt on Sisko's face and offers to tell him something that only Curzon would know. He begins a story about a dancer on Pelios Station, but Sisko cuts him off as both Yedrin and Jadzia smile knowingly. A young boy named Gabriel asks Worf if he is the Son of Mogh and if he can kill someone just by looking at them. Worf responds "Only if I am angry". The boy's eyes go wide and he runs off.

Miranda then directs them into a nearby structure. As they enter, two girls are sitting at a table near a viewscreen, salvaged from the bridge of the *Defiant*. The girls are doing schoolwork with the help of the image of Quark. Yedrin says that Jadzia designed the educational program, saying he thought Quark would make a great math teacher. Jadzia comments on one of the girl's spots. Lisa says that most people don't have them as most of their ancestors were human. She says that they make her special. The other girl, Molly, says it is just genetics, like Torvin's ridges. Miles is taken aback at the name of the girl and Yedrin says that the name was passed down through the O'Brien line. Worf asks if they ever tried to send out a distress call. However, being two hundred years in the past and in the Gamma Quadrant, it was never done. Lisa then says that their ancestors decided to make the planet their new home, naming it Gaia. Molly gets in on the story saying that their ancestors needed to build a shelter quickly before winter came.

The structure they are in was built and all forty-eight crewmen had to sleep in it.

Sisko seizes on the number and confronts Yedrin. Yedrin explains that the energy discharge that struck Kira damaged her neural pathways. Julian couldn't save her. Miranda tells the girls to leave, to spare them from an adult conversation, and sends them to their parents to help with the planting. Sisko states that they need to get Kira back to the station as soon as the *Defiant* is repaired. Yedrin agrees. Worf says that if they escape from the planet, the inhabitant's timeline will collapse and everything will cease to exist. Yedrin, however, says that he has a plan. The key was Kira. The energy discharge caused a subspace doubling effect.

He says that for an instant, every molecule in Kira's body had a corresponding quantum duplicate. If certain modifications to the Defiant's systems were made, they could amplify the doubling effect and duplicate the entire ship. One ship would be sent back in time and one would pass through the barrier unaffected. From the logs he retrieved, Yedrin says that the Defiant encountered a temporal anomaly thirty-nine hours after arriving in orbit. Yedrin says that there are eight thousand people on the planet and this plan is their only choice. Sisko orders Jadzia to evaluate the plan and, if it is sound, begin the modifications. Yedrin thanks Sisko, to which Sisko says "Anything for you... Old man." Back aboard the Defiant, Kira is resting on a bio-bed while Bashir is scanning a vat containing Odo. He puts Odo into a stasis device, telling Kira that because of the quantum fluctuations in the barrier, Odo can't hold his shape. Bashir says that Odo will be fine, but Kira needs to undergo a complete neural pathway induction when they get back to the station. Kira says that she feels fine. As he turns to leave, Kira asks where he is going. Bashir states that he wants to go down to the planet and meet his descendants. Kira looks at the stasis device, and turns when the doors open to admit a person who looks like Odo. He is dressed like the colonists and his facial features are more defined, but it is Odo, two hundred years older than the one sitting in the device.

Odo explains that he learned to counter the barriers effects and that he has gotten better at shape-shifting over the years. Odo then says that she is as beautiful as he remembered. Kira is somewhat shocked by this, and is even more shocked when Odo says that he loves her and has always loved her.

Kira begins questioning Odo about this revelation, saying that she never knew. Odo did everything he could to make sure she didn't find out. Kira begins saying how hard it must have been for him every time she came to him for advice about Bareil and Shakaar. Odo says that he wanted to be a good friend. He has been waiting two hundred years to say this, and all he wants is for Kira to spend some time with him on Gaia.

Back on the planet, Sisko is meeting some of his decedents, holding a baby. Miranda says that the child has Sisko's eyes. Jadzia then calls Sisko with good news: she has gone over the sensor logs and Yedrin's plan will work. Sisko then holds the baby over his head and talks to her "Everything's going to be all right." Nearby, Worf is inspecting the town well as Bashir walks up to him. Worf is making a survey of the settlement's infrastructure at the captain's request so that they can leave behind supplies. Bashir says that he was doing the same at the clinic. Bashir appears overly pleased with himself. He has met one of his descendants, his great-great-great-granddaughter — the doctor of the settlement. Suddenly, Gabriel comes running up to them shouting that "They're here!" The Klingons have arrived.

Three people are standing in the street, holding spears and wearing knives. Two of the Klingons appear human, while the other only has faint forehead ridges. Brota greets Worf and states that they are the Sons of Mogh. They are Worf's descendants, some by blood and some by choice. They live as warriors. Gabriel then says that he wants to become a Son of Mogh to which Porell says that when he is older, he can prove himself and take a Klingon name. Brota says that the Sons of Mogh are gathering to celebrate Worf's return.

Worf honors them by saying he will feast with them.

In engineering, Jadzia and Yedrin are working on modifying the Defiant's systems. Yedrin smiles as Jadzia adjusts her hair, remembering that the summer after the crash, Jadzia cut it short and that Worf hated it. Yedrin then remembers promising to grow it back for the wedding. As they talk about the wedding, Jadzia asks if they were happy. Yedrin says that Worf is a good man, and that she will learn to handle him.

Back on Gaia, Miles is installing a new pump for the town well as Bashir stands talking with him. People from the Defiant are talking with their descendants, which disturbs him. Bashir is going on about his descendents and says that he ends up with Ensign Angie Kirby, a new crewman who just transferred aboard. Bashir then begins to talk about Miles and Rita Tannenbaum. Miles rounds on Bashir and states he doesn't want to talk about it. "I have a wife and kids back home." Seeing that he has touched on a sensitive subject, Bashir leaves Miles to his work.

Elsewhere on Gaia, Kira is praying over her own grave while Odo looks watches. As Kira finishes, she comments "Praying over your own grave... that's got to be a new one." Odo says that if the Prophets were listening, they might be confused. Kira then talks about Yedrin's plan, saying that it is a little strange. She has always believed that people have one path and now, they are using technology to circumvent that. Odo says that he is in favor of the plan, Kira would

get her treatment and the Gaia's timeline would get preserved. He then goes on to say that even though the plan won't change anything for him, the Odo on the Defiant would doesn't have to lose her. Kira is touched by this.

Back at the settlement, Sisko and some children are tossing a baseball around. Jadzia walks up with a PADD and doesn't look happy.

She presents evidence to Sisko that Yedrin faked the logs so that they would think that his plan would work. There was never going to be a duplicate Defiant, just one. If Jadzia hadn't figured it out, they would have been stranded and Kira would have died.

In the meeting hall, Sisko and Jadzia have confronted Yedrin. Jadzia accuses Yedrin of betraying them. Yedrin asks what they will do. When Sisko tells him, Yedrin pleads with him saying that if the Defiant doesn't go back in time, eight thousand people will cease to exist. Sisko explains that he can't deliberately maroon his crew. Yedrin tells Sisko to look around, see all of the things that his crew and their descendants will build. Jadzia asks about Kira, to which Yedrin asks if one life is too much to ask if it would mean saving eight thousand. Sisko explodes at Yedrin, demanding to know how he can make that decision. Yedrin replies saying that he is responsible, and looks to Jadzia. She was the one that insisted that the Defiant investigate the planet. She knew that she should have been more careful, but she wanted to make a huge discovery. And because of that, the Defiant was sent to the past, Kira died, and forty-eight people were stranded. Yedrin tells of guilt that has been passed down through Dax. He says that the community is his responsibility, and that for two centuries he has watched it grow. Sisko is moved by Yedrin's plight, but says that his people have a right to go home to their families and no one has the right to ask anyone to die.

Later that night, Worf and Kira are sitting near a fire pit. The both do not like what is going to happen. Although the colonists are milling around, the mood is somber. Only the children seem unaffected. Kira comments that everyone is going to die because she has to get treated for something she can't even tell she has. Worf tells her not to blame herself. Kira moves off to return to the Defiant. Nearby, Miranda is tending some plantings and seedlings. Gabriel mentions that everyone is quiet and asks what is wrong.

Miranda tells him it is nothing to worry about, not able to tell him the truth. As Gabriel leaves, the Klingons approach Worf and tell him that there will be no feast. Worf asks them to join him at the fire. He tells them of the honor to know that his legacy has thrived. Brota tells of a beast that he killed with Worf's own mek'leth. They then tell him that their ceasing to exist will not earn them a place in Sto'Vo'Kor. They all then unsheathe their daggers and ask Worf to kill them. Worf hesitates, but then tells them that he will do what they ask tomorrow.

Kira is back at her grave. Odo finds her and asks her why she came back. She wanted to be sure that this was where she belonged. As she looks at him, she says that the path the Prophets have laid out for her ends on Gaia. Odo protests, but Kira stops him. She can't let the captain go through with his plan if it means that eight thousand people will die, even if she has to.

Sisko, Jadzia, Worf, Bashir and Miles are sitting in the Defiant's mess hall, hearing what Kira has said. Bashir reminds her that if she doesn't go back to the station, she will die. Kira says that she has accepted this and if they don't take the Defiant back in time, they would be cheating fate. Miles dismisses this, saying he has a wife and children back on the station who need him. Kira states that the Prophets will take care of them, but Miles responds that he doesn't believe in them. Worf then comments that their families will survive either way, but the colonists will not. He says that if Kira is willing to sacrifice her life, he would be willing to remain on Gaia. Miles still refuses to consider staying and tells Worf that it would be easy for him, he never sees his son. Worf bristles as he tells Miles that he is afraid to face his destiny. As Miles continues to get exasperated, he turns to Jadzia, Bashir and Sisko. He tells them that no one has the right to tell him that he can't go home to his family. When Sisko says that he is hearing what everyone has to say, Miles asks if they are actually considering going back in time. Sisko seems unsettled by the arguments, but finally turns to Kira to say that they are not. Kira protests, but Sisko is adamant as he dismisses them.

As Jadzia and Worf are walking through the settlement on Gaia, they contemplate what they are going to do. They come upon Sisko who is getting one last look around. Suddenly Gabriel comes running around the corner, almost hitting Sisko. When asked where he is going, Gabriel tells them that he is going to the fields for the planting. As the three Starfleet officers round the next corner, they see several colonists getting ready to go to the fields. Yedrin sees them and says

that planting day was always important.

Out in the fields, the colonists and most of the Defiant's crew are working at the various tasks of farming; plowing, fertilizing, planting and watering. Miles walks up, not doing any of the work, to give Sisko a status report. He says that the Defiant is ready to leave orbit. Molly, who is nearby, asks Miles if he is going to help. Miles says that he is busy, to which Molly says that he doesn't look busy. Sisko hands Miles a farming tool and tells him to get to work. People all around then notice that Worf is leading some of the Klingons towards them. Parell and Brota say that they do not see any enemy to fight, as Worf had told them. Worf says that they are trying to plant their fields before the sun sets and that time is their enemy. The Klingons exchange a look, and realize that Worf is offering them a challenge. The Klingons then join the colonists in their toil.

As Miles is working, he tells Molly that he has a little girl with the same name. When Molly asks if she can meet her, Miles looks sad knowing it can never happen. Moved by Molly, Miles goes to find Sisko and Kira. Miles tells them that they can't leave, they can't let all these people die. Sisko nods in agreement after a moment while Kira smiles sadly.

After their labors in the field, Sisko and Jadzia have told Yedrin and Miranda about their decision. Yedrin hands Jadzia a PADD which contains the navigational logs from the original crash. All Jadzia has to do is download them into the ship's auto-pilot and it should send the Defiant back to the right point in time.

On the Defiant, Odo is saying goodbye to Kira. Odo is trying to talk Kira out of her decision. She says that her decision isn't based on her, it is about all of the colonists and their decedents. Odo, seeing he can't change her mind, asks that if Kira knew about his feelings years ago would she do things differently. As Kira says that it maybe would have, she kisses him and turns to leave.

On the bridge, the crew is at their posts. Sisko asks if everyone has had a chance to record a message to their families. Everyone nods and Miles says that he has downloaded the recordings into a class 4 probe that will start transmitting a locating signal as soon as it clears the barrier. As the probe launches, Sisko orders helm control to be transferred to auto-pilot. The shields are raised as the Defiant breaks orbit. Scans show an unusual temporal signature, the anomaly that will take them back in time. The seconds count down as the Defiant heads towards impact when suddenly the ship veers away. The auto-pilot can't be overridden and the ship clears the barrier. Miles consults his console and reports that someone changed their flight plan, and that he didn't do it.

Sisko orders a scan of the surface and Kira reports that there is no sign of the settlement or the inhabitants. Everything is gone.

Sisko and Jadzia are walking down a corridor as they discuss what happened. Whoever changed the flight plan knew their way around the Defiant's systems. Jadzia says that it must have been one of the crew. Sisko then says that it could be someone who used to be part of the crew. This leads to them suspecting Yedrin, but Jadzia states that all he cared about was the settlement. Sisko supposes that he could have changed his mind. When Jadzia voices her lament that everyone they had met never existed, Sisko corrects her saying "They existed. And as long as we remember them, they always will." Kira is lying on her bed in her quarters when the door chimes. In walks Odo, who says that the other Odo came up to the ship and linked with him. Now he knows everything that the other Odo had told Kira. She remarks on his reactions from earlier when she talked of Shakaar. Odo had come to accept the fact that Kira was involved with someone else when suddenly all of that changed. Odo then tells her something else that the other Odo wanted her to know. He was responsible for changing the flight plan so that Kira didn't have to die. Kira is shocked by this and Odo says that the other Odo did it because he loved her. When she asks if that makes it right, he replies that he doesn't know but the other Odo thought so. Odo leaves her quarters as she considers everything that has happened.

Blaze of Glory

Season 5
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Season Episode: 23

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Writer: Robert Hewitt Wolfe, Ira Steven Behr
Director: Kim Friedman
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Ken Marshall (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Gretchen German (Rebecca)
Production Code: 40510-521
Summary: Sisko receives a message from one of the few surviving Maquis members saying that they will launch undetectable missiles at the Cardassians, which will provoke an all out war. Sisko enlists the help of Eddington to aid him in deactivating them, however, all is not as Sisko had been informed.



Captain Benjamin Sisko, Jake Sisko and Nog are having dinner together — calamari, Nog's favorite human dish. Jake also likes it until he realizes that the sauce is made from tube grubs.

Nog is asked about his job with security. Jake whispers something and it is revealed that Nog has problems with the Klingons who ignore him because he is a Ferengi.

Then General Martok enters the room and explains to Sisko that they have received an encrypted message from the Maquis which states that missiles are ready to launch.

Worf and Jadzia Dax report back from a mission in the Badlands. They had

problems hiding there, and Miles O'Brien explains that the warp drive of the USS Defiant is too powerful and that it ionizes the gases in the badlands nebula.

Captain Sisko visits ex-commander Michael Eddington in prison. Eddington denies that the message about the missiles involves him. He says he has nothing to do with the Maquis anymore, that they are all dead, and they cannot be reborn.

Quark is in the infirmary treated by Dr. Julian Bashir. It appears that Morn attacked Quark with a barstool. Quark claims it was unprovoked but Kira Nerys and Odo reveal that Quark told Morn that Deep Space 9 is the first target if the Dominion attack — and if that happens, there is no chance of survival. Morn responds with panic.

Sisko contacts Kira on DS9 explaining that he is going to the badlands. Kira wants to send the Defiant, but Sisko tells her he is not alone, and he reveals Eddington on board the runabout.

Eddington philosophizes about food and Maquis morals. He suggests that Sisko's fight against the Maquis is personally driven.

Destruction of Jem'Hadar ships Back on DS9, Nog and Jake are sitting in Quark's. Nog waits for the Klingons to get louder so he can send them to the brig for disturbance. When they exceed 70dB, Nog laughs and prepares to arrest them, but he falls from his chair and the Klingons laughing at him.

Sisko and Eddington are attacked by the Jem'Hadar. Sisko tests Eddington's death wish, calling his bluff. He takes off his handcuffs and leaves him to steer the ship. Eddington is able to shake the Jem'Hadar off, but they soon return. Using the Maquis trick of igniting the nebula gases they destroy the Jem'Hadar and head for the missile base.

Nog has a conversation with Martok Nog faces the Klingons on the Promenade. He explains that as per station rules, they have to move on because loitering is forbidden on the Promenade. Martok respects Nog's courage in confronting him and the Klingons leave.

Meanwhile the shuttle arrives at the missile base. They are suddenly attacked by the Jem'Hadar. Sisko fights them hand to hand while Eddington shoots them from cover.

They discover that all the Maquis followers are dead. Sisko insists on disarming the missiles, but then they find a small group of hidden survivors. One of them is Eddington's wife. It is revealed that no missiles actually exist, that the encoded message just said that the Maquis arrived safely at the meeting point. It was all a rouse to get Eddington out of jail and to trick Sisko into bringing him to the chosen destination.

More Jem'Hadar troops arrive. Eddington tells Sisko to save the people, and he stays behind to fight off the oncoming troops. He is killed in the attacks, but his sacrifice gives Sisko and the Maquis followers time enough to safely escape. The runabout leaves the badlands, and Rebecca sits distraught at the loss of her husband.

Dax and Sisko talk about Eddington and the Maquis. Sisko admits that Eddington is not a traitor but was loyal to what he believed in until the very end. Dax asks if that's what it is, the end of the Maquis. Sisko is unsure about that, as there may be others out there who escaped the Dominion, biding their time and waiting for their chance to strike. And besides, Sisko muses, there's always something romantic about a lost cause. Dax tells Sisko that he almost sounds hopeful and leaves. Sisko then stares out of the window, thinking about Eddington.

Empok Nor

Season 5
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Season Episode: 24

Originally aired: Sunday May 19, 1997
Writer: Hans Beimler
Director: Mike Vejar
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Tom Hodges (Pechetti), Andy Milder (Boq'ta), Marjean Holden (Stolzoff), Jeffrey King (Amaro)
Production Code: 40510-522
Summary: In order to repair the damaged Deep Space Nine, O'Brien assembles a team to salvage parts from the abandoned Empok Nor, an old Cardassian station which is of the same design as Deep Space Nine. However, their presence sets off an old booby trap that puts all their lives in danger.



The episode opens in Quark's Bar that seems strangely not to be very crowded. We quickly understand the reason when hearing a horrible sound. It is actually Miles O'Brien and Nog doing some conduit repairs. However, the repairs are heavy and O'Brien soon realize he will need an entirely new plasma distribution manifold. Worse, they are of Cardassian making and cannot be replicated. It is then decided to go scavenge manifolds from the abandoned station of Empok Nor. Because of the Cardassian way of planting booby traps everywhere when they leave a place, a Cardassian expert joins the mission to play as the minesweeper: Garak. The rest of the crew

comprises O'Brien, Nog and 4 other starfleet crewmembers: Pechetti, Boq'ta, Stolzoff and Amaro.

They soon arrive at Empok Nor. After Garak disarming the airlock booby trap and restoring emergency power to the station, O'Brien quickly dispatch his teams for the salvage operation. Nevertheless, tension slowly begin to build when we see that there were Cardassians left on the station who woke up from their stasis tubes with the emergency power restored.

A little after, Garak and Boq'ta find the stasis tubes partly filled with an unknown blue substance. Regarding the discovery, Garak contacts the O'Brien team. After Nog witnesses the destruction of the runabout, they conclude that the former occupants of the cells are loose on the station with unfriendly intentions. When a dampening field hindering subspace communication is suddenly activated, they understand that their new priority is to contact DS9 for evacuation.

It is decided to use the deflector grid to send a series of covariant pulses. For efficiency, they split again into 3 teams.

The first team, composed of Stolzoff and Pechetti, has no luck and is easily disposed of by the veteran of the Cardassian First Order, Third Battalion. When O'Brien arrives on the death scene, he realizes they had the time to do a pretty complete job. The remaining members split again, even if everyone is beginning to feel clearly insecure. Garak is beginning to act strangely, insisting on going after the Cardassian and inviting the hero of Setlik III (O'Brien) to join his fight.

Garak succeeds in disabling a Cardassian. After running an analysis on the body, he learns that the soldier had been given a massive dose of a psychotropic drug that looks as a failed experiment to develop a stimulant to Cardassians' xenophobic tendencies. He informs O'Brien of his discovery, but his strange behavior (probably from his contact with biogenic substance), causes O'Brien to observe that Garak doesn't have the face of a tailor anymore.

The tailor goes on with his task, killing the second guard, but not being able to prevent the death of Boq'ta. Garak finally loses control to the drug and stabs Amaro with a flux coupler. Insane, he begins playing with the remaining O'Brien and Nog. At this moment, O'Brien decides that securing the place is a greater priority than sending the signal. A cat and mouse game follows. Garak kidnaps Nog, using him to bring O'Brien to him. He arranges a hand to hand duel as it will be more enjoyable to kill O'Brien slowly.

Partly blinded by the drug, the Chief easily incapacitates him using a tricorder-phaser bomb.

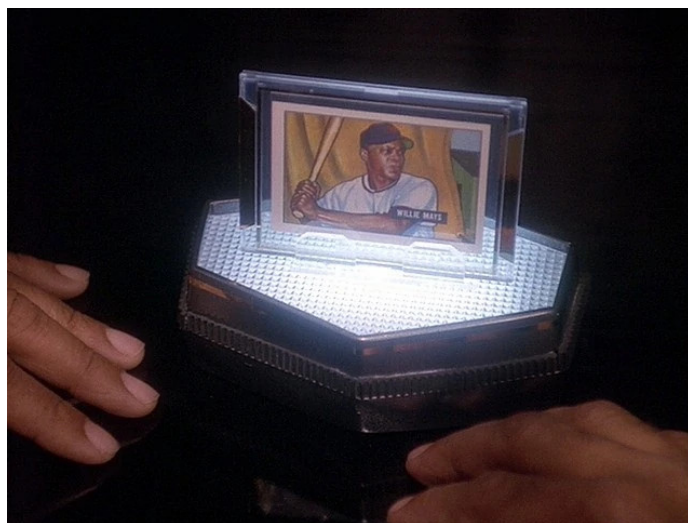
In the Cards

Season 5

Episode Number: 123

Season Episode: 25

Originally aired: Sunday June 9, 1997
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Michael Dorn
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Brian Markinson (Dr. Giger)
Production Code: 40510-523
Summary: Jake and Nog attempt to obtain an ancient baseball card to help lift Ben out of his depression. However, in order to get it from its new owner, they must steal equipment from the station, but this brings them under interrogation from the Dominion.



The mood aboard Deep Space 9 has grown dark as the Dominion threat has intensified. Three ships have disappeared along the Cardassian border in just the last three weeks, Odo has canceled a vacation due to increased thefts of food rations and medical supplies, and the crew is generally gloomy — Captain Sisko most of all. What's more, Kai Winn Adami announces she'll be visiting the station. Fortunately, Jake Sisko has a plan to lift his father's spirits — Quark has invited him to an auction at which a mint-condition Willie Mays rookie year baseball card will be available. He'll show up, purchase the card, and make a gift of it. "How hard can that be?" Jake convinces Nog to let him

use some of the gold-pressed latinum he's saved up over his lifetime so he can purchase this gift for the Captain, but even Nog's entire life savings isn't enough to out-bid a mysterious man at the back of the room. He bids 10 bars of latinum (twice what Nog has saved) and then disappears out the back. Nog tries to convince Jake they've lost the card, but Jake is determined to come through for his father. They intercept the man as he leaves the auction house but he mutters something about refusing to get involved with any "soulless minions of orthodoxy" and disappears into a turbolift.

Kai Winn, meanwhile, has revealed that the Dominion has requested a meeting with her, and Weyoun arrives to discuss business. Both Sisko and the Kai are concerned about how Bajor will be able to cope with a pending Dominion invasion.

Dr. Elias Giger, the man who bought the baseball card, requests a meeting with Jake and Nog after learning of their relationships to Captain Sisko and Quark. It seems he needs some

supplies he believes they're in a position to obtain, and he's willing to trade the baseball card for those supplies. Jake agrees, even after learning that Dr. Giger plans to use the supplies in the construction of his cellular regeneration and entertainment chamber — a device designed to keep the cells of the body from getting bored, thus prolonging life indefinitely. Jake and Nog agree that the man is crazy, but since he has the baseball card they have little choice.

Giger provides a lengthy list, and Jake and Nog go straight to work. For a neodymium power cell from a Cardassian phase-coil inverter they visit Chief O'Brien, but he's too busy recalibrating EPS regulators to help. Nog, always a Ferengi, strikes a deal: Jake and Nog will do the work while the Chief visits a holosuite for a chance to go kayaking for the first time in weeks. In exchange, O'Brien will find the power cell.

For five liters of anaerobic metabolites suspended in a hydrosaline solution, they call on Doctor Bashir, who's not only busy but is doing something he wants to do. Nog's cunning though, and he gets Bashir to admit that he'd be much happier if he had Kukalaka — his teddy bear. The pair manage to retrieve the bear from Leeta while she's sleeping.

While Jake and Nog are running errands, Kai Winn discusses Weyoun's proposal with Sisko. The Dominion wants to sign a non-aggression treaty with Bajor. She recognizes that Starfleet can't possibly protect Bajor from the full strength of the Dominion, but also knows that allying with the Dominion could make Bajor the next world conquered. Sisko advises that she stall for time and keep Bajor's options open. Weyoun, meanwhile, has gotten suspicious of the activity in the quarters below his, where Giger's machinery are humming along.

Nog has agreed to filter out subharmonic distortions from Worf's Klingon opera recordings while Jake helps Kira with an upcoming speech. When they've collected the last of the supplies, however, they find that Giger is no longer in his quarters. And Odo insists there never was such a person in those quarters. When he hears about the "Cellular Regeneration and Entertainment Chamber," he reads them a list of charges and scares them out of his office.

Searching for an explanation, Jake blames Kai Winn, thinking she was after a Bajoran mandolin that was auctioned in the same lot as the baseball card. He and Jake confront her in the corridor as Weyoun departs. Sisko is furious when he finds out, but Jake, still wanting to surprise his father, lies and insists that he and Nog got drunk at Quark's before approaching the Kai. Naturally this makes Captain Sisko even more furious, and he tells them that he was wrong to place so much trust in them. He confines both of them to quarters and angrily dismisses them.

As the two argue after they leave Sisko's office, they're suddenly beamed onto Weyoun's ship. He inquires about their connection to Dr. Giger, who was abducted on Weyoun's orders. Jake explains that they were only trying to acquire a baseball card, but Weyoun doesn't believe him. When Jake concocts an absurd story about hunting for a mysterious man from the future named Willie Mays, Weyoun realizes their original story was truthful and releases them — with the baseball card.

Call to Arms (1)

Season 5

Episode Number: 124

Season Episode: 26

Originally aired: Sunday June 16, 1997
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Chase Masterson (Leeta), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Melanie Smith (Ziyal), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Guest Stars: Robert Hewitt Wolfe (Injured Starfleet Officer)
Production Code: 40510-524
Summary: Leeta and Rom get married. Sisko decides to mine the wormhole, which will likely start the war. When their plan is detected, Sisko is forced to evacuate the station and endorse the non-aggression pact between Bajor and the Dominion. While patrolling the border, General Martok detects the first wave of Dominion ships headed for Deep Space Nine. All remaining Starfleet personnel are ordered to leave the station. Kira, Odo, Quark, Rom, Morn and Jake stay behind on the station and disable it as it is handed over to the Dominion.



On Deep Space 9, Rom and Leeta study a PADD with images of various wedding dresses from Tellarite modern to Risian traditional, but have disliked all of them. Ziyal persuades them to let Elim Garak design one for them. Garak tells her that he finds her adoration both "flattering and disturbing". Rom and Leeta see Captain Benjamin Sisko walking along the Promenade and approach him.

Miles O'Brien is telling Sisko that his wife and children have left for Earth due to the dangers of being on the front line. Rom and Leeta ask Sisko to officiate at their wedding that is to be held in three weeks time, to which Sisko agrees. After they leave, Sisko and O'Brien move to one

of the Promenade windows where a large crowd has gathered. O'Brien states that "maybe they're not coming", to which Sisko replies "that would be a nice surprise". Suddenly, the wormhole opens and several dozen Dominion starships enter the Alpha Quadrant on their way to Cardassian space. This is the fifth Dominion convoy to enter the Alpha Quadrant in as many weeks.

Sisko predicts that an attack will occur soon.

Jake Sisko arrives at his father's quarters for his first home-cooked meal since the last time he visited his father. Sisko curtly hands Jake a PADD, telling him to read the headline. It reads

"Bajorans Continue Negotiations with the Dominion", "station commander opposes non aggression pact" and the by-line reads "by Jake Sisko". Jake reveals that this is his first article for the Federation News Service.

Meanwhile Jadzia Dax, Kira Nerys and Odo are in a cargo bay checking several crates. The crates hold several thousand containers of yamok sauce. Kira realizes that Quark has smuggled them in, believing the Cardassians will soon retake the station. Odo asks what they want to do with it, to which Kira makes no reply. Jadzia tells him to dump it. Jadzia asks her what is going on between her and Odo, to which Kira reveals that Odo has feelings for her and that she only found out about a month previously.

As Nog brings Sisko his morning beverage, he asks if the rumors about the Romulans are true. Sisko has no idea what he is talking about and inquires further. Nog tells him that he was talking to several Orion free traders in Quark's the previous night and they said they heard from a Vulcan diplomat that the Romulan Star Empire had signed a non-aggression pact with the Dominion. Sisko tells Nog not to believe the rumors and to remember the one hundred and ninetieth Rule of Acquisition — "Hear all, trust nothing." However, after Nog leaves, Sisko contacts Dax and tells her to put him through to Starfleet Intelligence.

Later, in the wardroom Sisko reveals that the Romulans have indeed signed a non-aggression pact with the Dominion, joining the Tholians and the Miradorn who have already done so. The Bajorans are still debating the pact as they were also recently offered it, but Kira assures everyone that they will never sign it or any form of agreement with the Dominion. Sisko also reveals that Starfleet Command has decided no more Dominion ships can be allowed into the Alpha Quadrant. A minefield will be deployed at the mouth of the wormhole to stop the Dominion convoys. Odo comments that by doing so they could start a war to, which Sisko replies that, since they are losing the peace, a war might be their only hope.

In Dax's quarters, Jadzia, O'Brien and Rom are trying to come up with the best type of mine to deploy in the minefield. O'Brien suggests using pulse mines but the Dominion ships could simply wait at the mouth of the wormhole and destroy them. He then suggests cloaking them, but it would weaken the mines. Rom, while in the midst of complaining about his upcoming wedding, then realizes that if the mines are to be small they will need a lot of power and a way to replace them. Each mine could be equipped with a replicator unit and would swarm detonate, with at least twenty mines homing in on one ship. The main draw back is that the entire minefield will have to be deployed before it can be activated, or premature detonation could occur.

Sisko talks with Starfleet Command and relays their judgment to Kira and Worf that Starfleet's forces are needed elsewhere and will be unable to assist in the deployment of the minefield. Their orders are to deploy the minefield and prepare for a Dominion attack.

DS9 will also have to defend the Defiant, as she will be alone while deploying the minefield.

Kira meets with Odo and agrees to his plan of stopping all outgoing communications. They also decide to put their personal feelings for each other aside until the crisis has abated.

The Defiant begins to deploy the mines but the Dominion becomes aware of it almost immediately. A Dominion ship arrives with Weyoun aboard. He leaves behind all of the false pleasantness that he has always used before in his meetings with Sisko, and bluntly issues an ultimatum — remove the mines, or the Dominion will take control of DS9 and remove them themselves.

Sisko stubbornly tells Weyoun that the mines will stay and he will not allow any more ships through the wormhole. Weyoun then returns to his old ways — a mask of reasonableness and sincerity. Weyoun tells Sisko that it is the Cardassians who are pushing for the convoys, saying that they want the security that the Dominion brings. Weyoun then offers to limit the convoys to cargo ships, construction units and civilian aid if Sisko will remove the mines.

Later Sisko tells his senior officers and General Martok that the Dominion will attack as early as tomorrow. He tells them that his conversation with Weyoun was all words and an attempt to lure the other side into a "false sense of security". Sisko did not believe it and is sure Weyoun didn't either. Sisko asks Martok to take the Rotarran to the Cardassian border and watch for the Dominion fleet. Sisko also tells Kira to contact the Bajoran Council of Ministers for an immediate meeting, as he plans to use his position as Emissary to endorse the nonaggression pact. Kira doesn't understand why he would want the Bajorans to sign the pact, therefore Sisko tells her that the only way Bajor will survive the war will be to do what the Romulans did, and sign the pact to keep them out of the fighting. He is convinced that by not doing so, the past five years of their work will be undone.

The Bajorans sign the pact and First Minister Shakaar orders all Bajorans to leave DS9 for their own safety. Kira arranges for Ziyal to stay with several of her friends. Later, Sisko marries Rom and Leeta in a traditional Bajoran ceremony. Rom then tells her to go to Bajor, and not look back.

As Sisko prepares Program Sisko 197, General Martok contacts the station with a report of a large Dominion fleet heading their way.

However, his transmission is jammed by the Dominion and Dukat, Weyoun and Damar appear on the viewscreen. Dukat asks Sisko if he wants to surrender and avoid "unnecessary bloodshed". Sisko tells him no, to which Dukat happily replies that he was hoping Sisko would say that. Sisko orders his crew to battle stations.

The Dominion fleet will enter weapons range in twenty minutes. Unfortunately, the Defiant has an hour of work left before the minefield can be activated. Jake helps Doctor Bashir and his medical staff with medkits. He tells Bashir that he promised the Federation News Service a first hand account of the battle. Bashir tells him he will get it and that his name is spelled with an 'I'.

Garak meets Odo on the Promenade, praising his composure and calling him "an island of tranquility in sea of chaos." Odo's entire Bajoran staff has been evacuated to Bajor. Garak tells Odo that during the Klingon attack on the station, almost two years previously, when he and Dukat were defending the members of the Detapa Council, Dukat turned his back to him. Garak considered killing him but realized he could not fight the Klingons by himself. He tells Odo that by the time this day is over, everyone on the station will regret his failure to kill Dukat.

The Rotarran approaches DS9 and Sisko tells Martok to protect the Defiant. Worf then activates the weapons array. Kira arrives in Ops and protests Starfleet's refusal to turn the station over to her government. Sisko notes her protest and Kira reports for duty.

The Dominion fleet approaches the station. On the flagship, Dukat tells Damar he has been waiting for this moment for five years.

Damar tells him that they will reclaim Terok Nor and Bajor. Weyoun chastises them, reminding them of the nonaggression pact. The fleet enters weapons range and Dukat gives the order to fire.

The battle begins and the station manages to destroy several Dominion ships plus several that were closing on the Defiant. Damar and Weyoun are surprised that DS9's shields are holding, to which Dukat tells them he has found it wise never to underestimate the Federation's technical skill and Captain Sisko's resourcefulness.

The Defiant comes under attack but is saved by the Rotarran. The enemy fleet targets their weapons on the outer docking ring, penetrating the station's shields. Main power to the shields is lost and the auxiliary power will not last long. However, the Defiant reports in, telling Sisko the minefield has been deployed. Jadzia activates the field and returns to the station. The Dominion fleet prepares for a final assault on the station, with Dukat calling the activation of the minefield a "minor setback".

Sisko decides there is nothing more they can do and orders all Federation personnel to evacuate.

As the evacuation begins, Dax says goodbye to Worf, who has been assigned to the Rotarran, and agrees to marry him when the war is over. Sisko addresses the station population who are remaining behind. He tells them that although the station has been lost, the attack on the station allowed the Federation and the Klingons to attack and destroy the Dominion shipyards on Torros III. He also tells them that no victory can make this moment any easier for him, and promises he will not rest until he stands with them again.

Sisko is then transported to the Defiant.

Garak is already aboard, and asks Captain Sisko for permission to remain and for once tells the very simple truth — he has no where else to go. Captain Sisko agrees, and heads for the bridge. The Defiant and the Rotarran leave the station, fire a few last shots, and cloak before they can be destroyed.

Kira and Odo arrive in Ops and transmit a message to the Dominion fleet, welcoming them to Deep Space 9. Kira then activates Program Sisko 197, which disables the station.

Quark, removing all aspects of the Federation's presence, tells his staff to break out the kanar and find some yamok sauce. Rom reports for duty in his old job as Assistant Manager for Policy and Clientèle. He is now a spy for Starfleet. As Rom starts work he finds Jake, sitting nearby. He

has stayed behind to report on the Dominion occupation. He theorizes that the Dominion will not harm him, the son of the Emissary of the Prophets, lest they alienate their new Bajoran allies.

On the *Defiant*, Sisko finds out and is angry, but he cannot risk the entire crew for one person, even if he is his son. The *Defiant* and the *Rotarran* continue on their course to rendezvous with the Federation/Klingon task force. Nog states that now they will make the Dominion "sorry they ever set foot in the Alpha Quadrant." Dominion boards DS9 and Odo, and Kira and Quark arrive to meet them. Weyoun tells Odo he is honored that he remained behind. Dukat and Weyoun visit Ops and the station commander's office where Sisko has removed all of his personal items, except one. Dukat finds Sisko's baseball still on the desk, a message from Sisko.

On the *Defiant*, Sisko sits in contemplation of the impending war that will sweep across the Alpha and Beta Quadrants. The *Defiant* and the *Rotarran* de-cloak and move to join the large Federation and Klingon fleet.

The Dominion War has begun.

Season Six

A Time to Stand (2)

Season 6

Episode Number: 125

Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Sunday September 29, 1997
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler, Ron Surma
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), J.G. Hertzler (Martok)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-525
Summary: Several months after Deep Space Nine was handed over to the Dominion, the Federation is losing the war. Being relieved of command of the Defiant, Sisko is placed in command of the salvaged Jem'Hadar warship they discovered several months earlier, and must destroy the main Ketracel-White production facility in the Alpha Quadrant. The mission is a success, but it leaves the ship without warp engines and stranded 17 years from the nearest Federation Starbase.



The episode opens up on a battered Federation and Klingon fleet. Three months have passed since the Dominion occupied Deep Space 9 and the Dominion War began. The Defiant has been on the run from the Jem'Hadar for 78 hours. Everyone on board is tense and exhausted. In the medical supply room, Doctor Julian Bashir is treating Elim Garak for a small head wound. Bashir estimates their chances of survival at 32.7%. Garak is not impressed with Bashir's calculations, notwithstanding Bashir's recently revealed genetic enhancements. The Defiant and Klingon General Martok's Rotarran rendezvous and Worf and Jadzia Dax are reunited in the Defiant's wardroom.

After a joyous hello, Worf reveals that he is upset that Jadzia has scheduled the ritual sacrifice of the Targ to occur after their wedding feast. Jadzia gives in, saying, "first we'll shed blood, and then we'll feast." As Worf and Jadzia leave, Benjamin Sisko suggests that they not break any bones. Bashir enters and says he has word of the Seventh Fleet. Out of 112 ships, only 14 ships have returned. Angry, Sisko slams his fist on a tabletop, breaking the glass. Deep Space 9, now renamed Terok Nor, Gul Dukat is quite pleased with how the war is going. Reports of victories arrive daily and he says, "It is a good time for Cardassia.

And the Dominion." Weyoun is happy that life seems to be returning to normal on the station. Kira wants Bajoran security returned to the station, but Dukat is concerned about the implications of allowing armed Bajorans on board. Weyoun is disturbed by the way Dukat seems to be undermining the Dominion's position because of his antipathy towards the Bajorans. Weyoun demands to be included in all decisions on station policy henceforth. Further, Weyoun is impatient with Dukat's slow progress on clearing the minefield that is blocking the wormhole, preventing Dominion reinforcements from getting through from the Gamma Quadrant. Dukat complains that destroying these self-replicating mines is difficult because when you destroy one, its neighbor replicates another, but he will get it done. Quark, Odo, and Kira discuss the occupation. Quark says that as occupations go, this one's not so bad. There are no cries of starving children, ghetto fences dividing the Promenade, or exhausted Bajorans sprawled upon the ground. Odo reluctantly agrees.

Kira asks, if the Dominion is such a friend to Bajor, why are there no Bajoran security officers on the station? After the Defiant's arrival at Starbase 375, Admiral William Ross relieves Sisko of command of the Defiant, and tells Sisko that he'll be informed of his new assignment later. While waiting, Sisko contacts his father Joseph in New Orleans, Earth. His father is upset that his grandson Jake is still on Deep Space 9. Sisko says that staying behind was Jake's choice, but the elder Sisko doesn't care about this. Benjamin promises his father that he'll get Jake back soon. Benjamin's father asks if things are as bad as the news services say. Sisko says they're worse. Meanwhile on Terok Nor, Jake wants an interview with Weyoun, but learns that Weyoun has been censoring his Federation News Service articles by blocking Jake's transmissions. Weyoun explains that he thinks Jake's reporting is biased against the Dominion, using words like "occupation". Weyoun says that if Jake starts reporting fairly, Weyoun will allow Jake's transmissions to go through. Back at Starbase 375, Ross reveals Sisko's and the Defiant crew's new assignment. They're to destroy the Dominion's main ketracel-white storage depot in the Alpha Quadrant, located deep in Dominion territory. They'll use the Jem'Hadar ship Sisko captured last year (DS9: "The Ship") to infiltrate Dominion space. On board preparing for departure, the crew starts to complain about the conditions on the Jem'Hadar ship: no chairs, no food replicators, no viewscreen, and no infirmary.

Garak joins the crew as his knowledge of Cardassian space and Cardassian contacts may be useful. Terok Nor, Dukat, ensconced in Captain Sisko's office, wants to spend more time with Kira. Kira is disgusted by Dukat, and slaps his hand away when he reaches for her face. Sisko's Jem'Hadar ship, en route to Dominion space, is discovered by the USS Centaur. Sisko fires at them, targeting the Centaur's weapons array only. Luckily, three Jem'Hadar ships enter the fray and the Centaur warps away. In order to return Bajoran security to the station, Kira urges Odo to take advantage of his god status as a changeling with Weyoun. Odo is very uncomfortable with this, but agrees. When Odo presents his demand to Weyoun, he immediately agrees: "Consider it done." Dukat objects, but Weyoun tells Dukat to keep out of it. It is strictly between Weyoun and Odo. But Weyoun asks Odo for a favor in return: he asks Odo to sit on the station's Ruling Council, along with Weyoun and Dukat. When Odo tells Kira about Weyoun's request, she is concerned that Weyoun may be using Odo to validate the Dominion's occupation. Odo says he that he thought we were using them, and besides, he's walked this fine line before. Kira remains uneasy. Meanwhile, Sisko's Jem'Hadar ship arrives at the ketracel-white storage facility, which is built into a small asteroid. After they observe another ship go through the exchange process, Garak requests 84 canisters of ketracel-white. O'Brien says he has 83 empty canisters standing by, and one not-so-empty one which is filled with 90 isotons of enriched ultritrium. This should be enough to take out the whole storage facility. Sisko's ship moves to inside the depot's security zone. O'Brien sets the detonator for three minutes. After the exchange of (mostly) empty canisters for canisters full of white takes place, Garak asks the facility for clearance to leave. Instead, the facility raises their security net, trapping Sisko's ship inside. The facility orders Sisko's ship to stand by. The crew concludes that if they stay inside the net the bomb will destroy the ship along with the depot. The explosion will also take out the security net. But if they attempt to escape too early, they'll smash into the inside of the security net before it comes down. Dax and Bashir calculate that if the ship goes to impulse exactly 1.3 seconds before the bomb detonates, they will avoid both the explosion and the security net. Dax programs this into the computer and hands the piloting controls over to it. But the bomb goes off early. Dax takes back helm control and gets the ship out of there. The Jem'Hadar ship barely makes it out, the huge explosion

chasing at its tail. But they survive, and the plan worked. The ship suffered heavy damage however. The core matrix is fried- there's no warp drive. Bashir informs everyone that the closest Federation starbase is "17 years, two months, and three days away — give or take an hour." Sisko's Jem'Hadar attack ship, now without warp capacity, starts the long journey back.

Rocks and Shoals (3)

Season 6
Episode Number: 126
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Sunday October 6, 1997
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Mike Vejar
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Aron Eisenberg (Nog)
Guest Stars: Phil Morris (Remata'Klan), Christopher Shea (Keevan), Paul S. Eckstein (Limara'Son), Lilyan Chauvin (Vedek Yassim), Sarah MacDonnell (Lt. Neeley), Joseph Fuqua (Ensign Gordon)
Production Code: 40510-526
Summary: The damaged Jem'Hadar ship captained by Sisko crashes on a planet. Dax is seriously injured, but kept alive by Dr. Bashir. A group of Jem'Hadar who also crashed on the planet finds them, and takes them to their injured Vorta leader, who has a proposition for Sisko he may not be able to refuse.



Benjamin Sisko and crew are stranded in Dominion space on a captured Jem'Hadar ship with a disabled warp drive. Chief Miles O'Brien needs three days to restore main power, but they don't have that kind of time. Two Jem'Hadar ships approach Sisko's ship and attack.

Their only option is to make a run for an uncharted dark-matter nebula. Before they can get inside it, Jadzia Dax is injured when a Jem'Hadar volley rocks the ship. Doctor Julian Bashir thinks the symbiont has been injured too. All ships functions disabled, they crash on an unknown class M planet. The ship crashes into a sea just off a coast but everyone

escape with their lives.

A Vorta named Keevan and a group of Jem'Hadar had crashed onto the planet two days earlier. The Jem'Hadar First and Second are dead, Keevan is badly wounded, they are running out of ketracel-white, and they cannot establish communications with any Dominion forces off-planet.

Crawling onto shore with a what few items from the ship they could take with them, Sisko and the others have a much-needed laugh when O'Brien frets, absurdly, over his torn pant leg.

Back on Dominion-controlled Deep Space 9, now called Terok Nor, Major Kira Nerys wakes up for another day of duty working with the Dominion and their Cardassian allies. She boards the lift, already filled with Jem'Hadar and Cardassians. Arriving at her station in ops, she thanks Mavek, a Cardassian, for her raktajino.

In a cave on the planet Keevan discusses their dire situation with Third Remata'Klan. It will be ten days before they can even attempt to establish communications. Keevan distributes white

to the Jem'Hadar soldiers. Meanwhile Sisko and the crew set up camp in another cave where Bashir can stabilize Dax's condition.

Nog and Garak go on a survey mission to find water and food, but are soon taken prisoner. Garak tells Keevan that his name is Kamar and that he was serving the Founders when he was captured by the USS Centaur. Keevan asks, if that is true, then why was Garak wearing a Starfleet combadge. Keevan asks if there's a doctor in Garak's unit. Garak says yes, which Keevan says just saved Garak and Nog's lives. Keevan sends Third Remata'Klan to assess the Federation group's strength, but not to engage.

On Terok Nor Jake Sisko is interviewing Odo and Kira about the Dominion's plans to send 400 Vorta "facilitators" to Bajor. Jake also informs them that Vedek Yassim is planning a demonstration on the Promenade the next day. Jake's pointed questions quickly get under Kira's skin and she ends the interview.

Back on the planet, Sisko and a few others are searching for Nog and Garak. Despite the order from Keevan not to engage, the Jem'Hadar open fire. Running out of ketracel-white, the Jem'Hadar are becoming anxious and none of them can shroud themselves any longer.

Kira tries to convince Vedek Yassim not to hold her protests. Yassim asks Kira what Kira's doing to fight the Dominion. Kira says that this is different from the Cardassian occupation-fighting isn't the answer here. Yassim accuses Kira of becoming an apologist for the Dominion, "a defender of evil".

Kira and Jake are shocked at Vedek Yassim's protest. While planning an assault on the Jem'Hadar position, Third Remata'Klan visits Sisko's cave to make a deal with Sisko: exchanging Sisko and Bashir for Nog and Garak. Sisko tries to sew suspicion and resentment in Remata'Klan for his Vorta handler. But Remata'Klan will not have it. He knows and accepts what he claims is the order of things. Sisko accepts the deal.

On Terok Nor, Vedek Yassim proceeds with her protest. She yells "Evil must be opposed!" and steps off from the upper level of the Promenade. She doesn't make it to the deck; the noose around her neck snaps taut. The next morning, Kira wakes up for another day of duty on the Dominion-occupied station, boards the lift, and thanks Mavek for her coffee. She looks around and wonders what she's doing.

Arriving at the Jem'Hadar cave, Bashir performs surgery and saves Keevan's life. Keevan offers Sisko another deal. With only one vial of white left, Keevan fears that his soldiers will soon go on an uncontrollable rampage, killing everyone. He is planning to send the Jem'Hadar on a suicide attack and wants Sisko and his crew to kill them. Keevan would then surrender to Starfleet.

Back on the station, Kira is disgusted with herself and vows to start fighting back. She and Odo will put together a resistance cell to fight the Dominion and their Cardassian allies.

In an arid canyon on the planet, before the Jem'Hadar assault, Sisko tells Remata'Klan that the Jem'Hadar were betrayed by the Vorta, and offers to end the hostilities. But Remata'Klan remains loyal to his orders. He and his squad give their lives to those who gave it to them, thus preserving the "order of things." After the massacre, Keevan offers himself as a prisoner of war. Sisko appears to consider shooting the arrogant and treacherous Keevan for a moment, then orders him taken into custody.

Sons and Daughters (4)

Season 6
Episode Number: 127
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Sunday October 13, 1997
Writer: Bradley Thompson, David Weddle
Director: Jesus Salvador Trevino
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Melanie Smith (Ziyal), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Casey Biggs (Damar)
Guest Stars: Marc Worden (Alexander), Sam Zeller (Ch'Targh), Gabrielle Union (N'Garen)
Production Code: 40510-527
Summary: Worf must help his son, Alexander, to learn the ways of a Klingon warrior, while on a ship patrolling for Dominion vessels. Meanwhile, Gul Dukat's daughter, Ziyal, comes back to the station from school on Bajor.



Captain Benjamin Sisko and his crew have been rescued from an uncharted planet in a dark-matter nebula deep inside Dominion space by the Rotarran (DS9: "Rocks and Shoals"). The Rotarran is dropping them off at Starbase 375. Before he disembarks, Sisko bets Klingon General Martok a barrel of bloodwine that Sisko will step foot on Deep Space 9 before Martok does. A little later, the Rotarran picks up five new replacements from the Vor'nak. Martok had asked General Tanas for fifteen, but he could only send five. One of these recruits is Alexander Rozhenko, son of Worf.

On Deep Space 9, Kira Nerys and Odo are still gearing up for their resistance movement but it's apparently not too much of a secret since Quark and Jake Sisko are well aware of it. Later, Gul Dukat surprises Kira by bringing Ziyal back to the station. Kira is happy to see Ziyal, who asks Kira to have dinner with her that night. Kira agrees, but Dukat declares that it will take place in his quarters at 2200 hours. Kira starts to protest, but Dukat and Ziyal run off.

On the Rotarran, Martok receives his orders. Their next mission will be to protect a convoy headed to Donatu V. They will be the only ship protecting the convoy and, since the last three convoys headed the same way were destroyed by the Jem'Hadar, they are probably going to see some action. Worf tells Martok about Alexander's troubled past. Martok expresses concern for them. Later, Worf and Alexander argue about why Alexander is here. Worf insists that Alexander doesn't belong on the Rotarran.

Back on the station, Ziyal visits Kira in her quarters where Kira says that she can't have dinner with Dukat. The conversation moves to why Ziyal left Bajor. She says that everyone was polite, but as the daughter of Gul Dukat, she didn't have any friends. The station is her only true home. And she misses her father. Ziyal implores Kira to come that night, and Kira reluctantly agrees.

On the Klingon ship a fight breaks out in the mess hall when Ch'Targh deliberately provokes Alexander, teasing him about root beer and ice cream. But they can't finish it because Worf interferes to prevent his son from getting hurt. Worf seems to have no more confidence in his son than the last time he saw him and has difficulty controlling his emotions where Alexander is concerned.

Art appreciation: Dukat and Kira admire Ziyal's work On Deep Space 9, Ziyal tells Kira and her father that she has found her way. She wants to be an artist and her talent has been recognized by the director of the Cardassian Institute of Art. Dukat and Kira think that her drawings resemble Cardassian artist Nanpart Malor and Bajoran artist Vedek Topek, respectively. Ziyal says she wants to use her art to bring people together, but she quickly realizes that that must sound silly to Kira and Dukat. Later, Dukat tells Kira that Ziyal's drawings have been accepted for inclusion in the Cardassian Institute's exhibition on Cardassia. Dukat invites Kira at a party to celebrate. He even sends her a dress as a gift, but Kira is not able to look at herself in the mirror and so decides to return it. Dukat gives the dress to Ziyal instead.

On the Rotarran, Alexander becomes the ship's fool when he mistakes a simulation that was loaded in the computer for a real attack.

Later, Worf tries to train Alexander in hand-to-hand combat as it would be quite useful if they ever encounter real Jem'Hadar soldiers. But Worf is not able to be objective and the training session ends in a verbal fight between the father and the son.

Alexander asks if Worf is going to send him away again and says that Worf will be happy when Alexander is dead.

Later, General Martok orders Alexander to report to a transport ship because his presence was interfering with his father's duties.

That angers Alexander, who confronts his father over the incident, however they are interrupted by a tactical alert signaling an attack by Jem'Hadar fighters. In the following battle, Alexander proves inexperienced but still useful and earns some respect from his fellow crewmen. Worf realizes that Alexander is not a child anymore and that he must let him prove himself if he is to become a Klingon warrior. Worf offers to try (again) for a new start, willing to learn how to be a good father. Alexander joins the House of Martok, as his father did, in a ritual ceremony.

Behind the Lines (5)

Season 6
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Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Sunday October 20, 1997
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: LeVar Burton
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-528
Summary: Sisko is promoted, and Dax is placed in command of the Defiant. She must disable a Dominion sensor array that has been monitoring all traffic within five sectors. Meanwhile, on Deep Space Nine, now named Terok Nor, Kira must find a way of preventing the minefield from being destroyed. Odo's loyalties are questioned when he physically joins with the Founder Leader.



The Defiant is in orbit of Starbase 375. In a ritual that's evolved over time, Captain Benjamin Sisko takes a discharged power cell that had been used in the phaser array and lays it on a rack on the mess hall wall, and makes a short speech. Everyone applauds.

Admiral William Ross interrupts to tell Sisko that Starfleet Intelligence has discovered a massive sensor array near the Argolis Cluster which explains the Dominion's uncanny ability to always know where Federation starships are. It can detect ships from five sectors away. Ross orders Sisko to come up with an attack plan by 0800 the next morning.

On Terok Nor, the Dominion-occupation name for Deep Space 9, Rom and Major Kira have arranged to put Cardassian officer Damar's PADD into the possession of the Jem'Hadar. In it, Damar proposes poisoning the last ration of ketracel-white, because if the Dominion lines through the Gamma Quadrant don't open up, the Jem'Hadar will run amok after all the white is gone. Some Jem'Hadar confront Damar in Quark's Place and a fight breaks out. Later Gul Dukat and Weyoun argue about how the unfortunate situation arose, with each defending his own.

On Starbase 375 at 0800, Sisko notes that the Dominion's Argolis Array can detect cloaked ships up to two light years away and proposes approaching the array through the Argolis clus-

ter itself. With the gravimetric distortions it will be difficult, but Defiant's crew can manage it. Admiral Ross approves the plan. The Defiant will leave as soon as current repairs are complete.

Back on the station, Odo confronts Kira over the Damar PADD operation. Kira accuses Odo of taking his role on the station's Ruling Council too seriously, as if he were genuinely more interested in the smooth operation of the station than in defeating the Dominion. The Female Changeling enters, and asks Kira to leave. She says that she's trapped in the Alpha Quadrant because of the minefield blocking the wormhole and that she needs to see others of her kind. She and Odo argue over their past and Odo specifically mentions the punishment he received from her several years earlier. But she says that the past is over.

Back on Starbase 375, Ross informs Sisko that Captain Bennet has been promoted to command of the Seventh Tactical Wing and that Sisko is to replace her immediately. Jadzia Dax will now captain the Defiant. Ross orders Sisko to review some tactical reports and present an opinion on the Bolian operation at 0600.

After a meeting of Terok Nor's Ruling Council concludes, the Female Changeling enters. She is most concerned about the minefield and this is the first thing she says to Dukat. Weyoun piles on. Dukat says that even without reinforcements from the Gamma Quadrant they're still winning the war. Later, the Female Changeling commiserates with Odo about the strange solid behavior that he has to put up with all the time. They go to Odo's quarters. With gently probing questions, she manages to get Odo to admit that he's in love with Kira, and she concludes that that is the reason that Odo remains with the solids. He unburdens himself of the torture of his unrequited love. The Female Changeling is sympathetic. She offers to link and says that that is what Odo really needs. They link.

Some time later, Kira finds Odo in his quarters. He seems to be in another world, but at peace. He admits to linking with the Female Changeling. Kira is quite angry. Odo tries to reassure her and tells her that linking is not about information exchange (which might give away her resistance cell). It's about thought and form and feeling. Kira says that it's about manipulation. The Female Changeling is not trustworthy. Odo thinks that perhaps he can convince her to call off the war. But this is a rationalization. Odo is mostly just curious about himself and his people. Kira understands this but says that now is not the time for that. Odo promises not to link with her again, at least not until the war is over.

Damar, acting more full of himself than he usually does, orders a '27 Kanar from Quark. He can afford it now that he's been promoted to Gul. Quark knows that Damar knows something important and manages, eventually, to ferret it out with free drinks.

Later, an obviously drunk Quark intrudes on Kira's resistance cell meeting. Jake Sisko, Rom, and Odo are also there. Quark says that he's had enough of the Dominion and Cardassians. He wants to sell root beer again. When he's done with the self-pity, Quark says that Damar has found a way to deactivate the self-replicating mines. It's something about the deflector array. Rom figures that the secret is an anti-graviton beam, which the deflector array could be reconfigured to generate. There's one way to disable the deflector array: by accessing the EPS feed and overloading the waveguide. But getting to the EPS feed will set off an alarm, as it's in a secured conduit. So they plan for Odo to take the alarms off-line for five minutes during a security diagnostic. They schedule this for exactly 0800 the next morning.

The Defiant goes on its mission without Sisko. Back on Starbase 375, he's having trouble adjusting to life away from the trenches. He won't be sleeping- it's his ship and his plan- and his friends. Ross tells him to get some sleep. Sisko's going to have to get used to this. The Defiant will be going on a lot of missions without him.

On Terok Nor, Odo has a lot of questions for the Female Changeling. She repeats that words are insufficient and clumsy. She urges Odo to link with her. He resists at first but eventually succumbs.

Just before 0800, Rom and Kira are putting the plan into motion. As Rom climbs into a conduit, Kira goes to check on Odo in his office, but he's not there. Just as she's about to contact Rom, Damar interrupts. When she steps away, it's too late; Rom had just opened the hatch to the secure conduit. Kira tells him to get out of there. He crawls back to where he came from and opens the outer hatch to see a Cardassians fire rifle pointed right at him.

The Defiant returns to Starbase 375 triumphantly. With Ross and Sisko aboard, Dax now performs the power cell ritual that Sisko had earlier. Sisko realizes that they're a good crew. And that they don't really need him to command them.

Kira storms down a corridor and bangs on Odo's door panel. She is beyond furious. In his quarters she yells to Odo that he let everyone down. Rom is in a holding cell! Odo may have handed the Alpha Quadrant to the Dominion! What does he have to say for himself? But Odo is elsewhere, mentally and emotionally. In the link, he says, nothing else matters. Things mattered to him once, but not any longer. Kira can never understand- she's a solid.

Favor the Bold (6)

Season 6
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Season Episode: 5

Originally aired:	Sunday October 27, 1997
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Director:	Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Melanie Smith (Ziyal), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Bart McCarthy (Admiral Coburn), Ericka Klein (Admiral Sitak), William Wellman Jr. (Bajoran Officer), Andrew Palmer (Jem'Hadar Soldier)
Production Code:	40510-529
Summary:	Odo struggles with his choices between his friends and the Link. Sisko faces a suicide mission in order to reclaim Deep Space Nine. Rom is ordered to be executed. Kira and Damar come to blows over Ziyal and Gul Dukat.



Somewhere in space, the USS *Defiant* is venting plasma. Her weapons are offline and her shields are at 30%. Two Jem'Hadar fighter ships approach and attack. A Klingon bird-of-prey decloaks and destroys one of the Jem'Hadar ships. The *Defiant* brings its weapons online and destroys the other. The Klingon ship is the *Rotarran*. The *Rotarran* and the *Defiant* have been playing this game for a while. Just then they receive new orders from Starfleet to fall back. The crew complains that it seems that all they've been doing lately is retreating. Lieutenant Commander Jadzia Dax, captaining the *Defiant*, and her fiancé, Lieutenant Commander Worf, captaining the *Rotarran*, agree to

meet at Starbase 375. There, Captain Benjamin Sisko tells Dax that he's got a plan to retake Deep Space 9.

The next day, Sisko describes his plan to a roomful of admirals. Elements from the Second, Fifth, and Ninth Fleets will be peeled off the front lines and sent to retake DS9. Admiral Coburn objects that the plan leaves Earth exposed. Sisko responds that the Third Fleet will still be there to protect Earth. Besides, the Dominion won't attack Earth. Earth isn't the key to the Alpha Quadrant; the wormhole is. And whoever controls Deep Space 9 controls the wormhole.

On Terok Nor, the Dominion/Cardassian name for Deep Space 9, Quark and Major Kira Nerys attempt to see Odo about releasing Rom from his Dominion holding cell. But Odo's quarters are

guarded by Bajoran and Jem'Hadar security, and Odo won't see anyone. The Bajoran informs them that Odo has been with the Female Changeling for three days.

Inside, the Female Changeling and Odo have just had sex in the manner of solids. The Female Changeling observes that the solids' version of intimacy pales in comparison to the changelings' linking. They discuss Odo's previous experiences with sex. The Female Changeling guesses that Odo regrets not having had it with Kira. But Odo doesn't want to talk about Kira. He says that he has a Ruling Council meeting to attend. The Female Changeling says that that meeting took place three days ago. Odo is shocked at the passage of time. The Female Changeling tells him not to worry anymore about solids' meetings and schedules: we're changelings; we're timeless. They link again.

Kira next goes to see Weyoun about Rom. He's in the wardroom examining Dukat's daughter Ziyal's painting. But as the Founders made the Vorta without a sense of aesthetics, Weyoun cannot appreciate it. Weyoun tells Kira that the Dominion is planning to execute Rom on charges of terrorism for attempting to sabotage the Dominion's move to bring down the minefield. He also notes that Rom is the one who came up with the self-replicating mines in the first place. Weyoun won't help. Kira threatens to involve the Bajoran government, since Rom is married to a Bajoran citizen, but Weyoun is not impressed.

Rom, his wife Leeta, and his brother Quark discuss Rom's future, or lack of one, from his Dominion holding cell. Quark pledges to do whatever it takes to get Rom out. But Rom is much more interested in having Quark take out the anti-graviton beam, to finish what Rom started. Quark protests at first, because he doesn't want to die, but he knows that he has no choice. As Rom tells him, the fate of the entire Alpha Quadrant is in Quark's hands.

Kira next appeals to Ziyal to speak to her father Dukat about Rom. Ziyal goes to Dukat, but he says he can't do anything. Ziyal appeals to his vanity; this is Dukat's opportunity to show Bajor what a great man he is. Dukat suspects that Ziyal was involved in the attempted sabotage. Ziyal says that if Dukat truly regrets the Cardassian occupation of Bajor, then this is his chance to prove it to the Bajorans, and to her. He again refuses and Ziyal, angry, says that Dukat is a true Cardassian. She storms out.

In Quark's Bar, Damar confronts Kira about her attitude. Kira says that if Damar doesn't like her attitude, he's welcome to try and change it. Damar later tells Quark that they've begun to deactivate the mines. The minefield will be down within a week.

On Starbase 375, General Martok tells Sisko and Admiral William Ross that Klingon Chancellor Gowron doesn't like Sisko's plan.

Gowron is concerned that it will leave the Klingon Empire exposed to Dominion attack. Martok and Worf agree to see Gowron in person to convince him that the plan is worth it.

Quark tells Kira about Damar's estimate that the minefield will be down in a week. Quark says they have to let Starfleet know. They use Jake Sisko's courier, Morn, to get the message out. Sisko receives it. With Ross, they decide that the plan has to proceed right away, even though the Ninth Fleet and the Klingons won't be able to make it in time, because if the wormhole opens up and Dominion reinforcements come through, then all is lost. They'll have to take out the anti-graviton emitter, even if they can't retake the station.

Later, Dukat, Weyoun, and Damar note the movement of Federation ships from the front lines to Starbase 375. But they don't know what the Federation is up to. Dukat asks Damar to talk to Ziyal to convince her to talk to Dukat again. Damar thinks this is inappropriate and beneath him, but Dukat says that it's important to him, so Damar agrees. In a cargo bay, Damar confronts Ziyal, who is speaking with Kira. Damar tries to convince her to come with him, to no avail. He grabs her. Kira objects and and knocks Damar unconscious. Ziyal is shocked.

On Starbase 375, Ross sees Sisko off. Sisko is reviewing ancient Bajoran texts. Sisko says that when the war and his career are over, he plans to retire to Bajor. It's his home. On the Defiant, Nog and Miles O'Brien talk about Nog's field promotion to ensign.

Sisko takes command of the Defiant from Dax. The fleet departs for Deep Space 9.

"We are way, way past 'sorry'!" Back on Terok Nor, Dukat tells Weyoun that the Federation fleet is headed towards the station.

Weyoun isn't concerned. He's sure the Dominion will crush them. They arrange to have ships taken off the front lines and repositioned at Terok Nor. Elsewhere on the station, Odo and the Female Changeling are observing the solids from the upper deck of the Promenade. They pity the solids. The Female Changeling says that the solids must be broken of their love for freedom for

their own good. Odo is taken aback. His eyes are beginning to open again to what the Founders really are. He leaves as Weyoun interrupts.

Odo spots Kira and chases her down. He tries to explain that he's been "occupied". Kira says she knows; while he's been occupied the minefield's coming down, the Federation is about to lose the war, and Rom is scheduled to be executed. He tries to apologize but Kira won't have it. She says "we are way, way past 'sorry'".

The Federation task force, en route to DS9, detects 1,254 Dominion ships ahead. The Federation is outnumbered 2 to 1. On the Defiant's bridge, everyone is quiet. Sisko says there's an old saying: "Fortune favors the bold". They're about to find out if that's true...

Sacrifice of Angels (7)

Season 6
Episode Number: 130
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Sunday November 3, 1997
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Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Melanie Smith (Ziyal), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), J.G. Hertzler (Martok)
Guest Stars: Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Darin Cooper (Cardassian Officer)
Production Code: 40510-530
Summary: Sisko faces thousands of Dominion warships alone in an attempt to regain Deep Space Nine. Kira, Jake and Leeta are suspected of trying to stop the attempts at disabling the minefield and are held for questioning. Everything seems doomed and everyone makes ready for a final stand.



Operation Return has begun: the Federation attack fleet has encountered a massive Dominion blockade force — outnumbering the Starfleet vessels two-to-one. Garak, confident, notes that the absent Klingons will miss "a very interesting fight" — O'Brien thinks it's more likely that the fleet will miss the Klingons. As the Defiant crew survey the task ahead of them, Sisko prepares his strategy — groups of attack fighters will launch against the Cardassian ships, and only the Cardassians, hoping to provoke

them into breaking formation, and opening a hole in the Dominion line — the only chance the Federation has of reaching Deep Space Nine before the minefield is taken down. O'Brien and Bashir quote from "The Charge of the Light Brigade", sensing the historical analogy, something which only makes a nervous Nog more agitated. Finally, Sisko gives the order to attack, and the battle is joined...

The Federation fleet advances, but the Cardassians stand their ground in the first assault, and Sisko orders further strikes. On the station, safely back from the front line, Dukat and Weyoun survey the developing battle. Dukat recognises Sisko's strategy almost immediately, planning to give the captain his opening, then closing it on him. As for the minefield, it will be down in eight hours, he promises to the Female Changeling, something Weyoun says he will hold Dukat to. As the Founder and her Vorta commander leave, Damar sneers at their arrogance and egotism, Dukat noting that they are their allies — for now. Damar then raises his concern that Federation-loyal elements may seek to sabotage the station again, hoping to damage or disable Terok Nor

before the minefield is deactivated. Damar suggests that they are arrested until the situation is resolved — Dukat notes that the Bajorans could object to such an act, and rewords Damar's idea — they are being "held for questioning". In Quark's, said "elements" are plotting exactly that - Kira suggests severing the computer core's power connections — using a bomb. Before they can fully flesh out their plan — with unhelpful remarks from Quark — Damar arrives to take them to the security office, leaving Quark behind, uncertain as to what to do...

Sisko continues to press the Cardassians — the ninth wave of fighters proves just as ineffective as the previous eight. But Dukat is now prepared to spring his trap. He orders half a dozen squadrons to pursue the next group of attacking ships, pulling them out of formation. As O'Brien and Garak note the movement, Sisko is more pessimistic as to its success — Dax noting two Galor-vessels moving into cross-fire positions, and Bashir concluding that it is indeed a trap. However, Sisko notes it is also an opportunity to break through, one they may not get again. He orders two wings of Galaxy starships to engage the Galors. "All other ships, head for that opening. Anyone who gets through doesn't stop until they reach Deep Space Nine." The Federation fleet leaps forward, weapons blazing, and the two Galors are quickly dispatched. The Defiant, flanked by two Miranda vessels, heads into the heart of the blockade fleet, taking multiple hits. but the battle descends into a frantic melee, as Dominion ships close around the Starfleet vessels, and begin jamming fleet communications with a rotating EM pulse. Sisko's orders cannot get out to their intended recipients.

Back on the station, Dukat and Weyoun discuss what the Cardassian considers their inevitable victory. Weyoun is much more pessimistic — noting that five hours still remain before the Dominion reinforcements can come through the wormhole — but he too considers the ramifications of conquering the Federation — a vast occupation force, and constant vigilance against the inevitable resistance. And the key to that resistance is Earth. Weyoun considers the only way to eliminate the threat is to eradicate the planetary population — something Dukat strongly objects to. The only way to achieve victory is to make the enemy see they were wrong to oppose them in the first place. "Then you kill them?" "Only if it's necessary." Dukat's thoughts turn to the Occupation of Bajor - his one regret is that the Bajorans never saw him for who he really was — a protector, not a dictator; a carer, not an oppressor - and then to Sisko, whom he considers to have the same flaw, a lack of respect for Dukat. Weyoun is somewhat amused by his contemplations.

The Majestic and the Sitak are lost. The Female Changeling comes to Odo, regaling him with their success in the battle so far. He cannot see it the same way — people he knows, people he considered his friends, are fighting and dying. She retorts that they are only Solids, and that the Link means more. Odo isn't sure, and she realises the reason behind his indecision — Kira and his feelings for her. The Female Changeling reveals Kira's arrest, and that she is to be put to death, so that Odo can regain the clarity she had attempted to provide. Odo is understandably horrified, and turns away from her. She notes that Odo cannot help her, or any of his friends. It's too late for them. The Defiant remains in the centre of the battle, as its two Miranda escorts (Majestic and Sitak) are blown away by a concerted assault. Communications are restored, but the enemy numbers are too great — Sisko orders evasive manoeuvres...

The Defiant is pursued by three Jem'Hadar fighters. Aft shields are down, forward shields are failing, and the cloaking device is offline. Sisko orders all power to weapons. Just then, a fleet of Klingon ships emerges from the blinding light of the system's sun, hammering into the Dominion fleet. Worf apologises for being late — convincing Gowron to spare ships for the mission was not easy.

With the Klingons reinforcing the assault, a real opening has appeared in the enemy lines, and the Defiant weaves its way through the battle, emerging alone beyond the last Jem'Hadar cruiser. Three hours remain before the detonation of the minefield, as Sisko gives the command to warp to Terok Nor. Weyoun orders pursuit, but Dukat notes that the station's defenses are more than enough to deal with one small ship, and Sisko's attack is nothing less than suicide.

Quark and Ziyal attempt to free the Resistance. Meanwhile, Quark grabs Ziyal in her quarters, and asks her if she knows how to make hasperat souffle. Ziyal is intrigued. The two then go to the security office, and attempt to take the souffle to Kira. The Cardassian on guard is suspicious, and begins to disassemble the meal — only to be stopped by a hypospray wielded by Ziyal. In the holding cells nearby, Rom contemplates his imminent execution — with ninety minutes remaining, he expects to be dead two hours after. Just then, Quark and Ziyal enter, Quark

armed with a pair of Cardassian disruptors. He tells the Jem'Hadar on guard not to move, then demands they open the cells. Ziyal points out the flaw in his request, and as Quark restates his order, the Jem'Hadar raise their weapons. Acting on instinct, Quark fires first, killing both soldiers. Stunned, Quark can only stand and watch as Ziyal takes down the forcefield, and frees the Resistance members. The Female Changeling continues to try and persuade Odo to link with her, only to be interrupted by Weyoun informing them of the escape. He recommends they go to Ops, where they will be safer, but Odo states he will remain behind. Kira and Rom head for the main computer and attempt to shut down the power systems, pursued by Dominion forces. Pinned down in a cargo bay, Rom reacts in surprise at the sound of Bajoran phaser fire felling the Jem'Hadar. Odo has assembled his security force, and outflanked the enemy. As he escorts them to an access conduit, Kira asks why he changed his mind — Odo notes that the Link was paradise, but he isn't quite ready for paradise yet.

The Defiant is closing on the station — a mere eleven minutes away, cutting it a little close, O'Brien notes. Rom works frantically at the main computer core, Kira sitting helplessly watching. As she asks how the work is going, Rom realises he won't make it in time. Kira suggests cutting power to the station's weapons array instead — without weapons, the minefield cannot be detonated, at least not before the Defiant can get there. Rom resumes his work. In space, the battle has begun to turn the way of the Allies. The Klingons have outflanked the Dominion blockade fleet, and their lines are starting to crumble. Dukat is undeterred — with the minefield about to be taken down, thousands of ships wait on the other side to reinforce their position. His only hope is that the Defiant arrives in time for Sisko to see it. And his wish may be coming true. Dax suggests to Sisko that he might want to come up with an alternate plan. Rom is severing the final connections to the ODN relays. But time has run out.

The minefield detonates. Damar has neutralised the last mine, and the field is ready for detonation. Rom strains to make the last adjustment, as Dukat gives the order.

With a brilliant flash, the array of mines is wiped out. Rom was too late, and the Defiant too. Sisko and his crew watch in horror as the shockwave from the detonations blossoms around the station. He orders Dax to enter the wormhole — one last stand against the Dominion fleet. As the Female Changeling communicates to the Dominion reinforcements, Damar detects the approaching Defiant, and Dukat gives the order to destroy her. But Rom's work has been successful, and the station's weapons are offline. The Defiant enters the wormhole...

Sisko orders the ship to a halt — all power diverted to weapons and forward shields — as the Jem'Hadar fleet is seen on the viewscreen. The crew silently prepare themselves, when Sisko is suddenly pulled into the realm of the Prophets. They challenge his decision to end "the game" — they cannot allow him to die. Sisko tells them that the only way for them to save his life is to prevent the Jem'Hadar fleet from entering the Alpha Quadrant. The Prophets dismiss his demands — they are not concerned with corporeal matters, but Sisko rounds on them. What about Bajor? Their influence over that world is entirely a corporeal matter — and Bajor will be destroyed if the Dominion reinforcements arrive. "You want to be gods? Then be gods!" The Prophets agree, but note that a penance must be exacted for Sisko's interference. The Sisko is of Bajor, as the Prophets are, but he will find no rest there - he will follow a different path. Before he can find out what they mean, Sisko is returned to the Defiant, as the Dominion fleet enters weapons range...

Suddenly, the Jem'Hadar vessels are enveloped in waves of energy, and disappear completely. Dax cannot detect any neutrino emissions - the ships are just... gone. On Terok Nor, Dukat watches in horror as the Defiant emerges alone, the reinforcements are nowhere to be seen, and two hundred enemy ships break through the blockade. The Defiant opens fire on the still-defenseless station, and Weyoun orders an evacuation. Dukat remains completely aghast at his sudden change in fortune, and his slim grasp on reality begins to crumble. As Damar organises the evacuation, Dukat's sole thought is with Ziyal — he must find her. Sisko lets the Dominion forces evacuate — the Defiant is in no shape to stop them. Bashir relays a message from the USS Cortéz — the Dominion forces are in retreat. Smiling, Sisko gives the order for the fleet to rendezvous... at Deep Space Nine.

A dishevelled Dukat wanders the Promenade, searching for Ziyal. Weyoun and the Female Changeling depart the station — Weyoun asks if Odo will be joining them; the Female Changeling says no, but it is only a matter of time. With one final look at his prize, Weyoun enters the airlock. Dukat has reached the Habitat ring, and finds Ziyal looking for him. Dukat wants her to come

back to Cardassia with him — she's all he cares about, all he has. But Ziyal doesn't want to leave. Dukat is insistent, the enemy is on its way; Ziyal says that they aren't her enemy — she's one of them, she helped Kira and the others escape. She belongs here on the station, and bids him goodbye. As she leaves, she turns back to tell Dukat she loves him — only to be shot by an overhearing Damar. Shattered by grief, Dukat runs to his dying daughter and tells him he forgives her, angrily shoving aside Damar as he tries to get him to leave.

The last Dominion ship has been routed, Starfleet has returned to Deep Space Nine, and Sisko sets foot upon his home once more, to a cheering crowd of Bajorans. Martok arrives just afterward, noting that Sisko has won his wager with him — a barrel of bloodwine for the first of them to step aboard the station. Worf and Dax are reunited, and O'Brien and Bashir are too — with Quark's holosuites.

Nog relates his promotion to his father and Leeta, remarking that this makes him Rom's superior officer. As Garak searches the Promenade, Sisko asks after Kira. The Major is in the Infirmary — with Ziyal. Garak reacts, and heads for the medical facility, finding Kira standing over the young woman's body. He remarks that he could never figure out why she loved him, and now he never will.

Dukat is still aboard the station, a shattered wreck of a man. Babbling to himself and an illusory Ziyal, he is helped out of a holding cell by Odo, handing Sisko's baseball to him as he does. Sisko regards the object for a moment, as Dukat is led away...

You Are Cordially Invited...

Season 6
Episode Number: 131
Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Sunday November 10, 1997
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: David Livingston
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Marc Worden (Alexander), Shannon Cochran (Sirella), Sidney Liufau (Atoa)
Production Code: 40510-531
Summary: Worf and Dax's marriage is threatened when Martok's wife does not welcome Dax into the House of Martok.



A week has passed since the Federation retook Deep Space 9. The station has been designated headquarters for the Ninth Fleet with General Martok being designated as its new Supreme Commander. Captain Sisko recommended him for the position but Martok is not pleased, as it means vast amounts of paperwork to do.

In Quark's, Jadzia Dax, Worf and Alexander Rozhenko are discussing an incident that happened on the Rotarran when Alexander flooded an entire deck with hydraulic fluid. Alexander also mentions that he has received new orders; he is to transfer to the Ya'Vang. Dax decides to move the wedding forward, so

that Alexander may participate before he leaves. Worf agrees and tells Alexander that he wishes for him to be his Tawi'Yan, a swordbearer, almost an equivalent to a best man.

While Dax and Kira Nerys are discussing the wedding later, Dax notices that Odo changed direction to avoid meeting them. Kira tells her it is because of what happened during the Dominion Occupation, to which Dax has no idea.

Later, Worf meets with Sisko, Martok, Miles O'Brien and Julian Bashir. He asks them to join Martok and himself in Kal'Hyah, a mental and spiritual journey that lasts for four nights before a Klingon wedding. Martok advises the four to get a good night's sleep and a good meal before entering.

Later, Sisko and Martok go to one of the upper pylons, to greet Martok's wife Sirella, who has arrived on a Vor'cha class ship. By marrying Worf, Jadzia will become a member of the House of Martok. As a Mistress of a Great House, Sirella approves all the weddings conducted by its members. Sirella greets Martok by telling him he has put on weight- and his hair is going gray.

After Sirella tells him she expected him to be in his grave, he tells her he will attempt to die soon-before the year is out if possible.

Sirella then travels to meet with Dax and is extremely hostile to her. Sirella tells her that it would be difficult to for a Klingon female to impress her and that for an alien it will almost be impossible.

Worf confronts Martok asking him why he never told him Sirella was opposed to his marriage to Jadzia. Martok tells him Sirella believes that by allowing aliens into the House of Martok, they risk losing their Klingon identity. Martok reveals that Sirella does not like Worf either.

Meanwhile, Sisko, O'Brien, Bashir and Alexander begin the Kal'Hyah, in one of Quark's holosuites, all eager for what they assume will be four days of Klingon debauchery. Worf shows them the Ma'Stakas, that are to be used at the conclusion of the wedding to attack Worf and Dax. This tradition stems from Kahless and Lukara's wedding when they were nearly killed by Molor's troops. Worf also mentions that the food sitting nearby is not to be eaten, it is there to tempt them to break their fast. This is the first trial on the path to Kal'Hyah- deprivation. Everyone realises that they're in for four days of hell.

At the same time, Dax is undergoing a trial of her own. She is holding two braziers and lifts them unto a column. Sirella is unimpressed and orders her to do it again. Sirella then tells her to end her attempt as she believes the House will not tolerate her weakness and will always be considered an outsider. Dax reacts angrily to this and lifts the braziers again.

Jadzia's next trial is to recite the history of all the women in Sirella's family. Dax then tells her that one of Sirella's ancestors who was apparently the daughter of a Klingon Emperor was in fact a concubine.

While this is happening, Kira congratulates Jake Sisko on having his stories of the Dominion occupation published by the Federation News Service. Odo approaches but once again avoids Kira. Kira and Jake then see Sisko, Bashir, O'Brien and Alexander enter the holosuites again, on the second night of their path to Kal'Hyah. This trial is the shedding of blood. Sisko, O'Brien and Alexander take a step back before Worf and Martok turn around. Although, Worf is surprised to see that Bashir has 'volunteered' to go first, Bashir is even more surprised.

Meanwhile Dax is hosting a party in her quarters with many people including Kira, Nog, Quark, Rom, Leeta, Morn, and Jake. A Samoan dancer is also performing with a two handed knife, burning on each side. This dancer, Manuele Atoa, is actually a lieutenant from the USS Sutherland.

Meanwhile, Bashir and O'Brien are chained to the ceiling above a floor covered with hot coals. Bashir tells O'Brien he is having a vision- he is going to kill Worf. O'Brien agrees with him.

Odo arrives at the party after receiving complaints about the noise. Odo and Kira finally realize they have to talk about what happened during the Occupation.

Sirella arrives and tells Dax it is time for the Bre'Nan ritual, to which Dax tells her she is busy. Sirella insults her, calling her a Risian slut. Sirella orders her to come with her, or she will cancel the wedding. After refusing Sirella pulls a knife and Dax attacks her. Sirella leaves and the party resumes.

The next morning Worf solemnly tells Dax that Sirella has cancelled the wedding. Worf tells her to go to Sirella and beg for forgiveness to which she reacts angrily to. Worf then storms out telling her there should be no wedding.

O'Brien and Bashir enter Quark's where they see the Klingon banners being removed. Quark tells them that the wedding has been cancelled and decide to order dinner.

Martok meets with Worf and convinces him to apologise to Jadzia. O'Brien and Bashir are just about to eat, when Sisko, Martok and Alexander enter telling them that the wedding is back on. Sisko tells Quark to remove the food, that there should be no food for those on the path to Kal'Hyah. Quark tells them there are no refunds for those on the path to Kal'Hyah either. However, Worf enters and tells them that Jadzia has refused to be married.

Sisko then meets with Jadzia. Jadzia finds the notion of apologizing to Sirella insulting as she says she was once the Federation ambassador to the Klingon Empire and that she helped to negotiate the Khitomer Accords before Worf was born. Sisko tells her it was Curzon who negotiated the Accords- not her.

In Quark's several Klingons begin to beat Klingon drums. The marriage service is almost operatic. It relates the creation of the Klingons by the gods who were later killed by their own creations. After Worf and Dax recite their vows, swearing to join with each other against all that

oppose them, Sirella pronounces them married. Bashir asks Martok if it is time to attack them but Martok tells him to be patient. Sirella embraces Jadzia, welcoming her to the House of Martok. Martok then tells Bashir to attack and he and O'Brien rush forward with their Ma'Stakas held high...

Resurrection

Season 6

Episode Number: 132

Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Sunday November 17, 1997
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	LeVar Burton
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Philip Anglim (Vedek Bareil)
Guest Stars:	John Towey (Vedek Ossan), Scott Strozier (Security Guard)
Production Code:	40510-532
Summary:	The mirror universe's Bareil attempts to steal the Bajoran orb of Prophecy and Change. Things are complicated when Kira falls in love with him.



It seems to be a normal day in Ops when O'Brien detects an unusual transporter signal. A strange version of Bareil Antos then materializes directly into Ops and takes a bewildered Major Kira hostage. He proves to be inoffensive (his disruptor is not even working), and he is finally convinced to try to make himself a new life on the station instead of fleeing.

Even though the mirror Bareil gets strange looks from all around, he begins to adjust himself to life on the station, and even Kira has a hard time sorting out her feelings for him. The two share more and more time together, and even though it is clear that the visitor is not a duplicate of the former Vedek Bareil, Kira is

attracted to him. The man who didn't even think of spirituality in his former life pushes his interest as far as to try an orb experience.

When all seems to be unfolding for the better, the mirror universe version of Kira visits Bareil and, at that point, we learn that all of Bareil's previous behavior was only a plot to steal the Orb of Prophecy and Change and return to the mirror universe to use it to unite Bajor and act as joint leaders of a rebellion against the Alliance.

However, the following scenes show an ambiguous version of Bareil. He doesn't know where his loyalty lies any more, clearly influenced strongly by his "new" life and his orb experience. Quark is even able to notice that the man is tormented by something and warns Kira about that.

When Bareil goes ahead with his plan, Kira is waiting for him and reveals her disappointment by what she discovered. Even if mirror Kira arrives in time to save the game, Bareil finally decides against stealing the orb. Nevertheless, he still decides to go back to the mirror universe because he doesn't think he will be able to change lifelong habits at such short notice. He tells Kira that the vision he had was about a happy life on Bajor with her and that he really believed that could work for a time, but finally realized that he really belongs to the mirror universe.

Statistical Probabilities

Season 6
Episode Number: 133
Season Episode: 9

Originally aired:	Sunday November 24, 1997
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	Anson Williams
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Casey Biggs (Damar), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Guest Stars:	Jeanetta Arnette (Dr. Loews), Hilary Shepard Turner (Lauren), Michael Keenan (Patrick), Faith Salie (Sarina), Tim Ransom (Jack)
Production Code:	40510-533
Summary:	Bashir is asked to help a group of genetically enhanced people integrate into normal society, but working around their personality problems. Soon, they must analyse a proposed treaty with the Dominion and predict its outcome.



Lieutenant Karen Loews, a Starfleet psychiatrist, brings four augments to Deep Space 9 looking for help from Dr. Bashir. They haven't been as lucky as Bashir, and every one has strong social disabilities (maniac, bipolar disorder, catatonia, etc). Even if they have ambiguous feelings for "mister productive member of society" at first, they finally accept the doctor as one of them.

In a meeting with the rest of the DS9 senior staff, Bashir informs them of his wish to help the augments to become normal members of the society. The feedback he gets is divided, but Bashir decides to give it a try. They are interrupted when the patients break into the com system to

contact their new friend about an annoying high-pitched noise. Back in their quarters, Bashir confirms what nobody else could hear and O'Brien soon comes to fix the problem with some unexpected help from Patrick.

When they are in the augment's quarters, there is a broadcast by the newly-appointed Gul Damar. Bashir and O'Brien are astonished how quickly the augments are able to deduce all of Damar's story based on only one speech. The augments don't stop there and, now very interested in the matter, they quickly go through all the database material about Cardassia and the Dominion. Grabbing his opportunity, Bashir proposes to Captain Sisko to let his new friends assist the peace talks between the Dominion and Starfleet on the next day. The group proves very useful in uncovering a move by the Dominion to acquire a strategic planet that would have allowed them to produce ketracel-white. Sisko even agrees to send the information, and the analysis behind it, to Starfleet Intelligence.

In the meantime, Bashir goes to Quark's with O'Brien after the augments noticed that the chief seemed to miss his friend. Bashir proves once again difficult to seize, walking the thin line between super intelligent augments and "uncomplicated" (as he qualifies O'Brien), "slow" people.

Back with the augments, Bashir intends to cheer them up by announcing that Starfleet has granted them access to classified information, but he is welcomed by a new and devastating projection. According to them (and since the doctor can't prove them wrong), the Federation will be defeated and will eventually rebuild from a rebellion against the Dominion. Since it seems inescapable, the best move would be to surrender immediately to prevent the loss of lives. With that in mind, Bashir tries to convince captain Sisko to take appropriate actions, but the captain doesn't see it that way. It is Quark who eventually brings enlightenment to the doctor by making him realize that even if the odds are against you, you can still win (e.g. at a dabo table).

Nevertheless, when the doctor explains the situation to the others, they decide to take the fate of the Federation into their hands and contact the Dominion by themselves, after disabling the doctor. Fortunately, Bashir is able to prevent them from committing treason by escaping on time with the help of Sarina. To his angry "friends", he then explains that even if probabilities are not on your side, one person can still change the course of history (as just proven by Sarina's actions). As such, the Federation is ready to bet nine hundred billion lives on that.

The episode ends in the augments returning to their original institute. Jack is still angry, but the doctor assures they will be listened to if they ever find a way to defeat the Dominion. He also promises to visit them someday.

The Magnificent Ferengi

Season 6

Episode Number: 134

Season Episode: 10

Originally aired:	Wednesday January 1, 1998
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director:	Chip Chalmers
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Cecily Adams (Ishka), Josh Pars (Gaila), Christopher Shea (Keevan), Hamilton Camp (Leck), Iggy Pop (Yelgrun), Josh Pais (Gaila)
Production Code:	40510-534
Summary:	By orders of the Grand Nagus Zek, Quark enlists the help of Rom, Nog, his cousin Gaila, a Ferengi assassin named Leck, and Brunt to attempt to rescue his mother, Ishka, from Dominion captivity by trading a captured Vorta at DS9's sister station, Empok Nor.



Quark finds out that his mother, Ishka has been abducted by the Dominion. Grand Nagus Zek offers Quark 50 bars of latinum to rescue Ishka. Quark informs Rom of this development and agrees to help. Quark and Rom convince Nog to join the rescue operation by allowing him to plan the rescue mission. Quark also hires Leck, an eliminator. Quark's cousin, Gaila also joins the rescue team after Quark paid his fine and released him from Starfleet custody. Quark tells everyone else except Rom that the Nagus only offered 20 bars of latinum for the rescue, so he could get a greater profit.

The team of five begin training in the holosuites, and do not perform well. They

also have the problem of not having a ship. At that point Brunt walks in and offers his services. Quark reluctantly accepts Brunt's help because he has a ship. Quark realizes that a rescue operation would fail and figures a way to make a deal with the Dominion. Calling in a favour from Kira, Quark gets custody of Keevan a Vorta captured by Starfleet. Quark gets the Dominion to agree to a prisoner exchange. Quark chooses Empok Nor as the site for the prisoner exchange. Keevan discourages the Ferengi from going through with this, stating that the Dominion would simply kill them. Keevan also does not want to return to the Dominion because they will give him a rather unpleasant debriefing for not committing suicide instead of being captured.

Using Brunt's shuttle the six Ferengi and their Vorta prisoner go to Empok Nor and set up their base camp in the station's infirmary. Keevan nearly escapes when Gaila falls asleep while guarding him. Shortly thereafter a Jem'Hadar ship arrives and the station is boarded. The Vorta in charge of the prisoner exchange, Yelgrun wants to complete the transaction quickly. Quark

convinces Yelgrun to clear all but two Jem'Hadar soldiers off the station and command his ship to leave.

Shortly before the prisoner exchange is to take place, Rom blurts out the true amount of latinum offered for the rescue. The rest of the Ferengi are upset by this news and Gaila aims his weapon at Quark. Quark leaps out of the way and Gaila accidentally shoots Keevan. Quark now must come up with a new plan to rescue Ishka. Nog discovers that with neural stimulators he can make Keevan's arm move. Quark stalls for time while Nog hooks up more neural stimulators to render Keevan mobile, and appear alive.

The prisoner exchange takes place near the airlock where the Ferengi ship is docked. Using a tricorder Nog controls Keevan while Quark oversees the final exchange. The illusion holds up for a little while, until Keevan starts moving towards the edge of the corridor. Keevan then gets stuck continually walking against a bulkhead. Yelgrun realizes it is a trick too late, a door opens with the rest of the Ferengi hidden inside. The two Jem'Hadar are killed and Yelgrun is captured. Quark decides to turn Yelgrun over to Starfleet and the Ferengi leave Empok Nor for Deep Space Nine, leaving Keevan continuously walking against the bulkhead.

Waltz

Season 6

Episode Number: 135

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Wednesday January 8, 1998
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars: Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Casey Biggs (Damar)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-535
Summary: While en route to Gul Dukat's war crimes hearing, the ship carrying them is attacked. Dukat escapes with an injured Sisko and they crash on a planet, where Dukat has hallucinations of Weyoun and Damar ordering him to kill Sisko. Sisko must activate the distress beacon if he is to be found alive.



Aboard the USS *Honshu*, Captain Benjamin Sisko thinks about the man he was on his way to visit in the ship's brig. Sisko recalled the doctors' assurances that he would be sane – they claimed he had made a full recovery. "Maybe I prefer to think of him as a crazy man... a broken man. He'd be less dangerous that way." He then admitted that he felt the prisoner would be better off dead — however, such thoughts were unworthy of a Starfleet officer. Sisko thought about the losses their prisoner had suffered. "He lost an empire, he lost his daughter, and he nearly lost his mind. Whatever his crimes... isn't that enough punishment for one lifetime?" Sisko then comes upon

the man inside the brig, Gul Dukat. After some small talk, Dukat engaged Sisko in a discussion regarding the appearance that Sisko will be making before a special Federation Grand Jury. Sisko tries to assure Dukat by explaining that in the Federation, he would be innocent until proven guilty. Dukat then asked Sisko his opinion on Dukat's innocence, but Sisko ducked the question by saying that he had not read all the charges. Dukat then pointed out that it was not like him to equivocate. Sisko informed Dukat that he would not be tried until the end of the Dominion War and that his appearance before the special jury would just be a formality. Still suspicious, Dukat reminded Sisko that he was going to be the prosecution's witness. Sisko tells him, "I'll tell them everything I know." Sisko then offers his sympathies over the death of Dukat's daughter, Tora Ziyal. Still suspicious of Sisko's motives, Dukat then asked, "Do I detect the fine hand of Dr. Cox at work once again?" Sisko explained that he just wanted to offer his condolences, with Dr. Cox's permission. Dukat realized Sisko was sincere and apologized. Dukat

explains that Dr. Cox encouraged him to speak of Ziyal whenever possible, since it was her death that led to his momentary instability. Sisko then informed Dukat that they would reach Starbase 621 tomorrow, and he would see him at the arraignment. As Sisko left, Dukat thanked Sisko, as well as Major Kira Nerys, for caring for Ziyal over the past few years. Sisko then asked Dukat if he could get him anything, and Dukat jokingly asks for one bottle of Kanar and an Orion slave girl. Suddenly, the ship shakes and red alert is sounded. Kira walks out of Sisko's office on Deep Space 9 and informs the rest of the senior staff that the Honshu was just destroyed by a wing of Cardassian destroyers. She also tells them that so far Starfleet has picked up the distress beacons from three escape pods and one shuttlecraft. The only available ships to search for survivors will be the USS Defiant and the USS Constellation, because of Dominion activity along the border. Additionally, the Defiant will only have 52 hours to search, as it must leave to guard a troop convoy near the Badlands. Despite objections from the senior staff, Starfleet orders stand. Worf orders an immediate departure, but before he departs, Kira reminds him of the deadline. Sisko awakens and finds himself lying by a campfire in a cavern, with Dukat. Dukat tells Sisko of how they arrived on the planet in the first place — ironically, it seems that Cardassian destroyers shot them down. Sisko was heading to Engineering when a plasma conduit exploded 15 meters down the corridor from the brig, resulting in plasma burns on the left side of his body. Dukat then informed Sisko that he and Lieutenant McConnell found Sisko when the order came to abandon ship. When Sisko was asked where McConnell was, Dukat reveals he died when a piece of shrapnel hit him in the head just as they were carrying Sisko into the shuttle. Sisko is told that the engines for the shuttle were damaged from the shock waves and it is grounded. Dukat also set up a distress beacon, which was broadcast on a neutral frequency.

Sisko agreed this was fair. He finds that his broken arm was held together by an improvised cast that Dukat made, since he did not know how to use the bone regenerator. Dukat excuses himself to search for food, since they only have a week's worth of rations from the shuttle. "What are you planning to do with him?" inquired Weyoun, to which Dukat replied that he and Sisko had a lot to talk about. Weyoun then reminded Dukat about the time spent in the hospital, where he had to be sedated. This leads an outraged Dukat to fire a phaser at Weyoun, revealing only a rock wall with a smoldering hole. Sisko wakes up to find Dukat preparing soup. The two discuss what happened the previous night and Sisko's bout with nausea, which he apologized for. Dukat assured him the mess was nothing compared to his days as a newly minted Glinn aboard the Kornaire, reminiscing about an incident involving three men in a compartment that had gone through an explosive decompression. Uncomfortable, Sisko tells Dukat to change the subject and in turn, Dukat sarcastically proclaims 'the Emissary has spoken.' Dukat insists that Sisko should have a sense of humor about their predicament, pointing out the possibility they'll be rescued by the Dominion and commenting on how their universe could be amusing when it allows radical shifts in fortune. Sisko refuses to be humored by their situation, but asks Dukat why he was looking around.

Dukat claims it must have been the wind that he heard, offering Sisko a sip of his soup. As the two work on improving the flavor of the meal, they have another conversation regarding Deep Space 9. Dukat asked about Kira, Odo, and Quark, attempting to convince Sisko that they never gave him a chance and that his policies toward the Bajorans were generous. Dukat continued to press, claiming it was his intention to rectify the mistakes between Cardassia and Bajor. Sisko ignores this, and instead inquired about the next ingredient for their soup. While Dukat adds salt to the soup, he questions Sisko whether or not he'll give him the benefit of the doubt. Sisko responds with a question of his own, asking Dukat if he really does care about what he thinks. Dukat follows up with another question, asking him if he cares about what his friends think of him. Sisko realizes Dukat was implying they are friends, making it clear that they are not friends and even though he is grateful for saving his life, that's as far as it would go. Again, something catches Dukat's attention with Sisko asking him if there is nothing out there. Dukat assures him that it was the wind, but goes out to the caverns to double-check. Somewhere deeper in the caverns, Dukat is arguing with Damar, who attempts to convince Dukat to kill Sisko soon and escape to assist Cardassia in its victory. While Dukat conversed with the Damar delusion, Sisko checks the transmitter and discovers that though the outside display indicated System On-Line, its secondary display on the inside revealed the systems were offline. When Dukat returns, Sisko tells him there may be something wrong with the com system. Dukat first checks the outside display, reporting the unit to be fine. Sisko suggest that the casing should be taken off and then

run a full diagnostic just to be sure. Dukat complies and checks the inside of the transmitter but pretends to run a diagnostic, assuring Sisko then there was nothing to worry about, that the unit is working. Sisko then realizes that it was off intentionally. Alone in the cave, Captain Sisko worked on the transmitter with one of the tines he had broken off his fork. After some tinkering, Sisko managed to have the unit's systems back on-line to restart the Distress signal. Hearing Dukat's approach, Sisko diligently covered up his work and hid his altered fork underneath his sheet. Dukat returns with a couple of cushions salvaged from the shuttle, shining his flashlight on Sisko who appeared to have just woken up. As Dukat helps Sisko get settled against his new cushion, the Captain comments that it appears he is planning a long stay. Dukat explains that he only wants the both of them to be comfortable as they await for a rescue.

Once Dukat settled upon his own cushion, he told Sisko about an idea that occurred to him while he was out at the shuttle. Dukat muses about how confused the Bajorans would be if they found both of them sharing the same hardships, calling himself the evil Gul Dukat, and Sisko the Emissary of the Prophets. Dukat points out that it is just the two of them, all alone, that no one is there to judge them, insisting that they both be honest with one another. He presses Sisko for his opinion on him, but is interrupted by another figment of his delusions, in the form of Kira, who whispers an opinion of her own over his shoulder. She tells him that she thinks he is an evil, sadistic man who should have been tried as a war criminal years ago — put up against a wall and shot. Having heard her opinion, this prompts Dukat to question Sisko if he agrees with Kira on how he feels about him. Sisko tells Dukat that he doesn't see any reason in discussing the matter any further. Dukat disagrees and continues, telling Sisko that his name and reputation have been slandered and twisted after the Occupation of Bajor. He states he has been wrongfully vilified throughout the Alpha Quadrant for six years and wonders out loud if Sisko is one of those people. Sisko insists that he could not really pass judgment on him because he was not there during the Occupation, nor did he see the things that Dukat had to struggle with day after day. The Kira delusion warns Dukat that Sisko does not want to tell him the truth because it would upset him. Sisko watched as Dukat talked over his shoulder at the air, realizing that Dukat is delusional. Dukat believes that Sisko was not being entirely honest, pointing out that he was not a man who hesitates to make snap judgments when the situation calls for it. Sisko tells Dukat he is right about being judged unfairly, that he himself judged Dukat unfairly, and that he probably had good reasons for everything he had done on Bajor. Dukat agrees with Sisko, and claims that some of his harsher acts were forced upon on him by Central Command. He then explained to Sisko that he wanted to use entirely different tactics with the Bajorans, that he wished to have ruled with "a softer hand." Sisko tells Dukat that he understands, stating that he was a soldier and was only carrying out orders. Dukat eagerly agrees with this assessment only to laughed at by the Kira delusion, calling him a fool, telling him he is being patronized. After Dukat yells at his delusion. Sisko manages to turn Dukat's attention onto him, suggesting that they ignore Kira and pretend she is not there. As the Defiant picks up a distress signal and beams up two additional Honshu survivors, Dukat fires his phaser wildly at his Kira delusion. Dukat later discovers Sisko's hidden fork and notices one of its missing tines, concluding after he checks the transmitter that Sisko had repaired the unit behind his back. Outaged, Dukat destroys the transmitter which cuts the signal the Defiant picked up moments earlier, and from the debris of the transmitter he dislodges a metal bar, which he uses to assault Sisko.

Despite subspace interference over the viewscreen, Kira reminds Worf to follow his original orders to end their search soon so they can assist the troop convoy in the Badlands. Both Doctor Bashir and Miles O'Brien disagree with the Major's orders, wanting to pretend they were unable to understand the message. Worf tells them that they all understood, and ignoring them would be dishonorable. Worf dismisses Bashir from the bridge, and he ordering helm to lay in a course for the third planet and continue their search for the remaining time. Sisko awakens with his head bleeding to see Dukat standing over him wiping blood from a metal pole in his grasp. Dukat tells Sisko that he brought the damage upon himself, with the groggy captain making a mention of victims that must have suffered like him. Dukat begins to name all the things he has been called, sarcastically calling Sisko a "supreme arbiter." A frustrated Sisko demands what Dukat wants from him and Dukat explains that he does not want any pretenses, only that they express their true thoughts. Sisko takes Dukat up on his challenge and begins a fierce barrage of questions — true and false, of Dukat's role in the Occupation. The murder of over five million Bajorans on his watch is Dukat's responsibility. Dukat adamantly claims

otherwise, explaining that he tried to save lives during his administration. Sisko then demanded for evidence. Dukat says the Occupation had already been going on for almost 40 years, but the planet was not ready for full-scale colonization. He tells Sisko that Central Command wanted the situation resolved and they didn't care how it was done. Dukat reminds Sisko that he wanted to use "a gentler hand" when dealing with the Bajorans — reducing the output quotas by 50 percent. Dukat begins to list orders he gave during his tenure, such as reorganizing the camps, abolishing child labor, improved medical care, and food rations were increased as the death rate decreased by 20 percent. Dukat also explains that he had to punish the Bajorans as well: on his anniversary, an orbital drydock was blown up, killing over 200 Cardassians. He then rounded up 200 Bajoran Resistance members, and executed them, claiming it was justice, not malevolence. He also executed more Bajorans after a failed assassination attempt. As Dukat continued his stories, the delusions in the forms of Weyoun, Damar, and Kira all support his every word. When Dukat asks Sisko if he understood what he said, Sisko pretends to have been moved by his stories and explains that what happened to the Bajorans was not Dukat's fault, it was theirs. Dukat eagerly agrees with Sisko's empty revelation as Sisko plays along, asking Dukat why the Bajorans did not appreciate the rare opportunity he offered. Dukat accused that Bajorans were small-minded, ignorant fools, that the Cardassians were clearly the superior race, and they did not choose to be so — fate handed them that role. Ultimately, Dukat confesses his hatred for the Bajorans and everything about them, from their religion, Bajoran earrings, and their broken, wrinkled noses. He is most infuriated by their wishes for equality to the Cardassians. Sisko, still playing along, suggests to Dukat that maybe he should have killed them all. Dukat agrees entirely, proclaiming he should have "turned their world into a graveyard in which the likes the galaxy has never seen." From over his shoulder, Sisko struck Dukat behind with the same metal pole and acidly finishes their conversation, "And that is why you're not an evil man." Sisko finds his way to the shuttle through a sandstorm, discovering that it is still operational. Just as Sisko begins to depart, Dukat attacks Sisko and a fight ensues. Dukat then forces Sisko out into the sandstorm while brandishing a phaser. Before Dukat departs, he thanks Sisko for their time together promising, they will not be seeing each other for awhile, and that vows "from this day forward, Bajor is dead! All of Bajor" As the doors to the shuttle door close, Dukat along with the rest of his delusions, Weyoun, Kira, and Damar smile over an unconscious Sisko lying in the sandstorm.

Dax wakes Sisko, reporting that she notified Starfleet of Dukat's last known position and that they'll find him. Sisko disagrees about the possibility of his capture and begins to discuss life, about how it seems complicated and that it appears everything is a shade of gray, that there is nothing truly good or evil. He then explains to Dax that after he spent time with a man like Dukat, he realized there that there is true evil. Dax points out that realizing truth is one thing, but to do something about it is another.

Sisko makes it clear about what he will not do; he makes a vow to stop Dukat from destroying Bajor.

Who Mourns for Morn?

Season 6
Episode Number: 136
Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Tuesday February 4, 1998
Writer: Mark Gehred-O'Connell
Director: Victor Lobl
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Gregory Itzin (Hain), Brad Greenquist (Krit), Bridget Ann White (Larell), Cyril O'Reilly (Nashk), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn / Bar Patron Placed On Morn's Chair)
Production Code: 40510-536
Summary: It is announced that Morn has died and has left his entire estate to Quark. But claiming his inheritance lands him in a web of lies and deceit over the nature of Morn's wealth.



Odo enters Quark's to inform Morn about his Livanian beets. When Morn doesn't respond to Odo, he tries to spin Morn around on his chair, only to find it is a hologram. Quark states he installed it for when Morn was off the station, as his prior absence caused a five percent decrease in profits. Chief O'Brien and Dr. Bashir enter Quark's and greet Morn's hologram, proving Quark's point. Lt.

Commander Dax and Captain Sisko enter, shocked to see Morn as they just found out Morn died when his ship hit an ion storm.

A funeral is held at Quark's under Lurian traditions, including gifts of food and drink for the deceased so they will

have something to sustain them in the afterlife. Quark attempts to sell off stock claiming it as being "Morn's favorite". Sisko unseals Morn's will and discovers that he left everything to Quark. Odo follows station procedure of inspecting all contents left, and takes delight in toying with Quark in where Morn had spent all his money. They go to Cargo Bay 3 and only find a shipment of spoiled Livanian beets.

Odo suggests Morn might have spent his income on decorating his quarters. They journey there only to find a 'hot tub' of mud and a painting of a matador.

Odo leaves Quark to pine in Morn's quarters, and after he leaves a nude woman appears out of the mud. The woman identifies herself as Morn's ex-wife Larell. She states that Morn won the Lissepian Lottery and has one thousand bricks of gold-pressed latinum. Larell threatens to tie Quark up in court for years if he doesn't split it with her, but Quark has no idea where this money is kept. Later Quark encounters two green alien brothers (race unknown) named Krit and Nahsk, who claim they were business associates of Morn who had money owed to them. They threaten Quark if he doesn't pay them from, and break the matador painting over Quark's head.

After they leave Quark discovers there was an access chip hidden inside the painting that gave access to a storage container on the station. Bajoran security brings a small container to Odo's security office, that contains only a single brick of latinum. Quark notices Morn wrote a bank account number on it, and returns to his quarters to arrange delivery of Morn's savings. On the way he encounters Larell again, who steals the brick from Quark; however Quark remembers the number and knows the bank will only deliver it to him. Just as Quark is about to contact the bank, a disruptor is held to his head by a human named Hain. Hain claimed to be working with Lurian Security, and said Morn was the crown prince and that his riches belonged to the royal family. When Hain learned about Larell, Hain claimed she'd been trying to blackmail the family for years. Instead of arresting Quark, Hain would ensure Quark got a sizable reward for helping capture Larell.

Later, Larell and Quark meet up her in his quarters to discuss when the latinum will arrive when someone tries to pick the lock.

Larell hides while Krit and Nahsk bypass the lock and threaten Quark. Quark's doorbell goes off, so Krit and Nahsk hide when Quark answers the door. Hain enters and Quark attempts to warn him of Quark's "guests" but he doesn't catch on while everyone in hiding comes out. It is revealed that Hain, Larell, Krit and Nahsk were all lying to Quark, and they (along with Morn) had been the ones behind the infamous Lissepian Mother's Day Heist. It turns out that Morn had betrayed them all and left with all one thousand bricks of gold-pressed latinum they had stolen, and they knew he was waiting for the statute of limitations to expire — which it did two weeks previous. At first they decide to kill Quark as he's not needed, but Quark advises them they need his thumbprint and they can't walk up to the cargo bay with a severed thumb to retrieve it. Since they were going to split it five ways anyway, they agree to let Quark take Morn's place.

Refusing to leave Quark alone, they all go to Quark's Bar. Odo arrives and asks why the bar is suspiciously closed, and Quark is able to tip Odo off that something is happening at 1600 hours — the time the shipment of latinum will arrive. After accepting the shipment, Quark goes to count the bricks only to find Hain, Larell, Krit and Nahsk have all drawn weapons on each other. Krit calls Nahsk "slow", causing Nashk to turn on his brother. A firefight breaks out, so Quark jumps into the cargo container. Odo and security arrive and apprehends the four, then Quark discovers the bricks were filled with gold dust instead of latinum — leaving Quark with only some "worthless" gold.

That evening, Quark is alone at his bar angry and attempts to rip Morn's stool from the floor. Odo arrives and says someone's here to see him — and out walks a very alive Morn. It turns out Morn faked his death, knowing that would draw out his former robbery associates and that Quark would do whatever it took to get the latinum. Morn regurgitates a strange fluid into a glass. Quark observes that the fluid is actually latinum, about 100 bricks worth. Morn had stored the latinum in his second stomach, which had caused his hair to fall out. Morn gives the latinum to Quark as compensation, while Quark and Morn discuss selling the gold bricks to a primitive culture who would find it valuable.

Far Beyond the Stars

Season 6
Episode Number: 137
Season Episode: 13

Originally aired: Tuesday February 11, 1998
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Avery Brooks
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark / Herbert Rossoff), Terry Farrell (Jadzia / Darlene Kursky), Michael Dorn (Worf / Willie Hawkins), Rene Auberjonois (Odo / Douglas Pabst), Nana Visitor (Kira / Kay Eaton), Avery Brooks (Sisko / Benny Russell), Alexander Siddig (Bashir / Julius Eaton), Cirroc Lofton (Jake / Jimmy), Colm Meaney (O'Brien / Albert Macklin)
Recurring Role: Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko / Preacher)
Guest Stars: Jeffrey Combs (Mulcahey / Weyoun), Marc Alaimo (Ryan / Gul Dukat), J.G. Hertzler (Roy), Aron Eisenberg (Vendor), Penny Johnson Jerald (Cassie)
Production Code: 40510-537
Summary: Sisko has visions of himself and his crew as writers for a science fiction paper in 1950's Earth.



Joseph Sisko, Captain Benjamin Sisko's father, has left Earth for the first time to visit his son on Deep Space 9, but his timing couldn't be worse. Although the Federation is in firm control of the station, the Cardassian border is still a risky place for Federation ships to patrol. In particular, the USS Cortéz has recently been destroyed, and even a six-hour search by the Defiant failed to discover any survivors. That means Captain Quentin Swofford — a man Sisko knew well — is dead, and Benjamin is distraught.

As he discusses the news with his father, however, Sisko is distracted and puzzled when he sees a strange man walk

past his office dressed in 1950s Earth clothing. Dax, standing right outside in Ops, insists she didn't see anyone, which only makes it a greater puzzle. Later, when walking down a corridor with Kasidy, Sisko is again confused when a baseball player walks past and calls, "Hey, Benny! Catch the game?" Again, Kasidy is sure she didn't see anyone. When Sisko follows the man through a door, he finds himself suddenly in the middle of a busy New York street and is almost immediately hit by a taxi.

Doctor Bashir examines him and finds unusual synaptic potentials — his neural patterns look like they did when Sisko was having visions the year before. (DS9: "Rapture") When Sisko takes a PADD to examine the data for himself, he finds himself instead looking at a copy of Galaxy Magazine at a New York newsstand. What's more, Sisko — or rather, Benny Russell — feels completely at home on this street, and when Albert Macklin comes around the corner they walk off together to the office.

The people Benny knows at the office and meets on the street are similar to the people Sisko knows on the station and meets in space. They sound the same, and look at least somewhat

similar, but they are not the same people. Albert is not Miles O'Brien, and Kay is not Kira Nerys, but they feel awfully familiar. Most of this story is told from their perspective.

When Benny and Albert arrive at *Incredible Tales* – the science fiction magazine for which they work – they find Herbert Rossoff and Douglas Pabst engaged in "The Battle of the Doughnuts, Round 28" (as Kay Eaton describes it). Kay herself has been experimenting with White Rose Redi-Tea ("A pitcher of plain water becomes a pitcher of ice tea") – a concept her husband, Julius finds appalling.

Albert is, as always, looking for matches to light his pipe. When the bickering and general bustle ebbs enough, Roy Ritterhouse comes in bearing a stack of sci-fi sketches to distribute to the pool of writers for the next month's stories.

Benny is particularly taken with a drawing of a space station – basically a circle with pylons at 120 degree intervals, and "USAF DS/9" stenciled around the edge. He takes the sketch and offers to create an appropriate story to accompany it. Trouble starts, however, when Pabst announces a picture of the staff will appear in the next issue, and moreover suggests that Kay and Benny "sleep late" the morning it's taken – the public needn't know that women and blacks are writing *Incredible Tales* along with the white men.

Herbert sarcastically quips about the dangers of "a Negro with a typerwiter" and Benny is angry, but Pabst holds firm. There will be no picture of Kay and no picture of Benny.

As Benny leaves the office that night (*Incredible Tales* is located in the Arthur Trill building), the space station sketch is caught in a breeze and lands under the shoe of Burt Ryan – a cop with an attitude. He and his partner, Kevin Mulkahey are suspicious of a janitor (as they perceive Benny) dressed in a nice suit, but give back the drawing with "This time you're getting off with a warning. Next time you won't be so lucky." Then as he's almost home he hears a Preacher on a street corner who seems to be speaking directly to Benny. "Write those words, Brother Benny!" the preacher advises – write the words of the "God of the spirits of the prophets." With all these events fresh in his mind, Benny Russell sits down before his typerwiter with the space station picture in front of him and begins to write. "Captain Benjamin Sisko sat looking out the window..." Even as he writes the words Benny sees his own reflection in the window – only he has on a curious uniform instead of a shirt and tie and his glasses are gone. He presses on with his story into the night.

When the story is finally finished some days later he takes it to Cassie – his girlfriend – at the diner where she waits tables.

He also visits with Willie Hawkins, a charming baseball player, and Jimmy, a street kid. Fresh after hearing Willie tell how white people wouldn't want him living in their neighborhoods, Benny hears Jimmy's skepticism about the new story. What's more, Jimmy is trying to pawn a watch he "found" and Benny's cautions about him getting in trouble don't seem to do any good.

On the other hand, the entire writing staff of *Incredible Tales* loves the story, which Benny has titled "Deep Space Nine." In fact, it's the best thing Pabst's secretary (Darlene Kursky) has ever read. Unfortunately, Pabst himself is unwilling to print the story.

"It's not believable," he insists, since it features a Negro space station captain for a hero. Jimmy isn't remotely surprised, and Cassie suggests it may be a sign he should stop writing and go into the resturant business with her – owning and running the diner.

When Willie comes in and grabs Benny by the shoulder, he's surprised to see ridges on his forehead and strange clothing. He jumps off the stool in surprise, but when he looks up again it's just Willie, asking if Benny had seen the game. Benny leaves, troubled by the vision.

That evening, he encounters the same Preacher again. "Walk with the prophets, brother Benny!" he insists. "Write the words that will lead us out of the darkness and onto the path of righteousness." Benny rushes home and sits down before his typewriter once again, concentrating so hard he even forgets about his date with Cassie. She finds him sleeping with a stack of pages in his hand – a new Ben Sisko story – and tries to get him to relax by taking a "spin around the dance floor" in the living room. He's startled once again when he instead sees himself dancing in a strange room and to hear "Cassie" talking about "the Dominion." He flashes back and forth between his living room and the space station – seeing things from his own story.

As Sisko questions his own sanity, Pabst insists he's certifiable – he's written six sequels to the "Deep Space Nine" story Pabst already refused to publish. Albert makes a suggestion that could salvage everything though: make the story (at least the first story) a dream. If a poor Negro were

dreaming of such a future, the story might work, Pabst grudgingly admits, and Benny agrees that anything would be better than not publishing the story at all.

Even as Benny and Cassie are celebrating getting the story published, however, another tragedy strikes. They encounter the Preacher, who warns, "the path of the Prophets sometimes leads into darkness and pain", just as gunshots ring through the air. Benny rushes forward and finds that Dickson and Mulkahey have shot Jimmy. When he tries to fight his way to him, the two cops begin to beat him up, and Benny sees ridges on one of their necks and long thin ears on the other's face.

He's badly beaten, but on the day his story is finally published he makes his way to the office anyway (with Cassie's encouragement). There he only finds more bad news. The publisher of Incredible Tales, Pabst reveals, felt the issue didn't meet their "usual high standards" – he didn't like it. Worse, Benny is fired. That becomes "the straw that broke the camel's back," and Benny falls apart. "You can pulp the story but you can't destroy the idea. It's real!" he cries as he collapses to the floor.

"You are the dreamer, and the dream." As he's carted away in an ambulance, Benny finds the preacher sitting beside him and sees himself in a strange uniform. "Who am I?" he asks quietly. "You're the dreamer," the Preacher answers him, "and the dream." Captain Sisko wakes up in the infirmary with Kasidy, Jake, Joseph, and Bashir standing over him, happy to see him awake. He was unconscious for only a few minutes, and Julian reports that his neural patterns are returning to normal. As his father gets ready to leave, Sisko commits to stay on DS9 and keep fighting. He stares out the window wondering if Benny Russell is really the one doing the dreaming, and sees himself wearing Benny's clothes in his reflection.

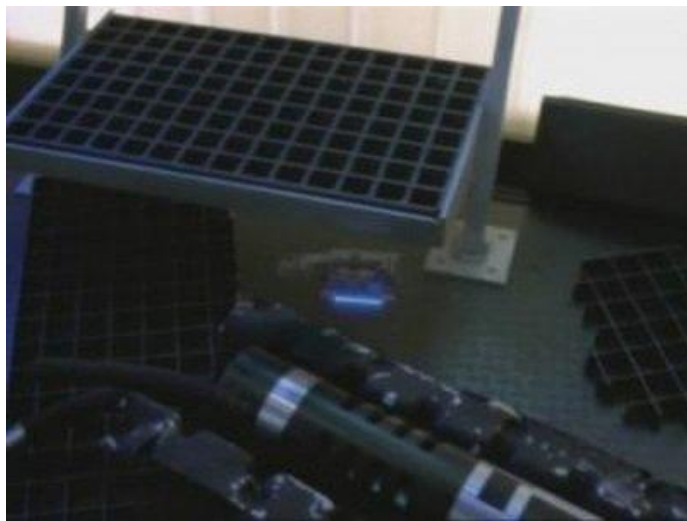
One Little Ship

Season 6

Episode Number: 138

Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Tuesday February 18, 1998
Writer: David Weddle, Bradley Thompson
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Scott Thompson Baker (First Kudak'Etan), Fritz Sperberg (Second Ixtana'Rax), Christian Zimmerman (Third Lumat'Ukan), Kevin Quigley (Glennon), Leland Crooke (Gelson)
Production Code: 40510-538
Summary: Dax, O'Brien, and Bashir take the Runabout Rubicon to explore a nebula, where the runabout and its contents shrink to less than 1% of their original size. When the Defiant is taken over by the Jem'Hadar, it's up to the tiny crew of the Rubicon to take back the ship.



Captain Sisko and his staff are taking a break from the Dominion War. They are investigating a subspace compression anomaly. The vortex was discovered recently, and gaining an understanding of the principles behind the subspace compression could give Starfleet a significant tactical advantage over the Dominion. The USS Rubicon is going through the anomaly's vortex to collect data and the Defiant is stabilizing them with a tractor beam. As the Rubicon enters the anomaly, it begins to shrink in size, until the runabout is less than a foot long.

A short while after the experiment's start, the Defiant is attacked by a Jem'Hadar ship. Because it must remain

tractored to the the Rubicon, the Defiant makes a very easy target and it is quickly disabled and boarded by a Jem'Hadar team and loses contact with the Rubicon.

Back on the Rubicon, the crew is fine but many systems are down. Fortunately for them, Miles O'Brien gets on it while Jadzia Dax homes in on the Defiant's transponder signal. When the blast shutters are finally repaired, a surprise is awaiting them. Having left the anomaly by a different path, the Rubicon has stayed small. Their communications system down, they decide to enter the Defiant by the aft plasma vent to have a better chance of drawing attention.

On the Defiant, the Jem'Hadar are in control but they have to rely on the starfleet crew to make the repairs because of their vulnerable position. Sisko jumps on the opportunity and plans a takeover of the Defiant from the engineering room while Major Kira is making repairs to the warp core. The Jem'Hadar ship then resumes its mission to the Coridan system and the boarding party's First orders them to set a course for the nearest Dominion outpost.

After O'Brien finishes restoring the visual sensors on the Rubicon; he, Dax, Bashir are able to figure out Captain Sisko's plan and they decide to give it a little help. If the Captain is to take back the Defiant from engineering, he will have to override the bridge lockout and release the codes, but since Nog is having a hard time with the task, O'Brien suggests they reroute the encryption subprocessors manually.

To prevent Bashir and O'Brien from suffocating from the absence of breathable oxygen molecules, Dax beams a bubble of compressed air into the airtight circuit and Bashir and O'Brien carry on their mission.

Back in engineering, Sisko has been trying to get the job done as best as he could. The Jem'Hadar team being composed mainly of "new" Jem'Hadar, the captain has been using their lack of experience to his advantage. Unfortunately, he was constantly opposed by Ixtana'Rax, an experienced Jem'Hadar from the Gamma Quadrant, and managed to gain some time by playing on the tensions between him and the Jem'Hadar First, Kudak'Etan. However, the stalling is eventually uncovered and his plan aborted. The only satisfaction he gets is that the Defiant will auto-destruct as soon as they go to warp, one thing Worf has managed to get done.

Fortunately for everyone, when the Rubicon's crew realizes nothing is happening after the circuit modification, they make a rush in engineering. The Jem'Hadar are taken by surprise by the tiny ship and photon torpedoes quickly disable two of them, the rest are taken care of by Kira, Worf and Sisko. An anesthesiant gas is then released through the rest of the ship, incapacitating the rest of the Jem'Hadar soldiers. With the Defiant back under control, the Rubicon re-enters the anomaly and returns to normal size. Back on Deep Space 9, Odo and Quark take the opportunity to tease O'Brien and Bashir about being "a few centimeters shorter" than when they left.

Honor Among Thieves

Season 6

Episode Number: 139

Season Episode: 15

Originally aired: Tuesday February 25, 1998
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Allan Eastman
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Michael Harney (Chadwick), Carlos Carrasco (Krole), John Davis Chandler (Flith), Leland Crooke (Vorta), Joseph Culp (Paimus), Nick Tate (Bilby), Brad Blaisdell (Yint)
Production Code: 40510-539
Summary: O'Brien is ordered to infiltrate the Orion Syndicate to expose a Federation informant. However, his involvement may lead to the death of his new friend.



In a run down bar on Farius Prime, there are several customers, including a Dopterian and a Farian that seems to be inhaling a drug product, playing Tongo with a Human. The Bolian bartender, Graife, refreshes their drinks. Miles O'Brien, in civilian clothing, sits at the bar and listens to some customers in the background. They are discussing how Raimus will be unhappy about the acquisition of faulty merchandise. They decide to order some food, Flith suggests Krellan food, but Liam Bilby says it always gives him heart burn.

They joke about how his appetite will kill him some day, he says "don't get your hopes up".

The Dopterian is about to use a com booth on the wall, but Bilby yells at him that their about to use it, and sends Krole. He puts a small device on a mechanical implant on his neck, and a similar device on the com booth's screen, and interfaces with the computer.

The continue listing what they want to order, and Krole asks who to bill for their dinner. They suggest the police department on Farius, but they billed them for yesterday's meal. So they decide on the municipal sanitation department. As he tries to access their account code, O'Brien covertly activates a small device in his hand, making the com booth begin to shock Krole.

O'Brien jumps up, and tells the others not to touch him, that he's being "spiked". He then goes to the panel, and begins entering commands. The electric shock stops, and they help him to a chair. They complain that they spiked him just for trying to use their account code. Krole pulls off the dataport, and finds that it is fused. They wonder what to do, since it would be too expensive to ask Raimus to pay for a replacement, but O'Brien offers to fix it for him... for a price. They ask O'Brien his name, and he replies "Connelly". They give him the datalink, and tell him to have it fixed and polished by tomorrow morning.

In a dark and steamy alley, O'Brien walks up to meet a man. O'Brien explains what happens, and the man says that no one's ever made contact with the Orion Syndicate so quickly. It turns out, O'Brien is working for Starfleet Intelligence to find out who their informant in Starfleet is, and then he can return to Deep Space 9. Bilby will find information on O'Brien's alias, that he's a "fix- it man down on his luck". Chadwick, O'Brien's handler, tells him to get as close as he can, and not to take any unnecessary risks, because if they find out who he really is, they will kill him.

Meanwhile on Deep Space 9, Quark and Odo enter Ops at the same time to report several technical problems, such as the Internal Security Sensors, and the fire-suppression system in Quark's Place. Dr. Bashir comes into Ops, and also complains about a malfunction in the infirmary. Dax and Worf are on a turbolift coming into Ops, when it stops short, forcing them to climb out. Major Kira explains that it happens every time Chief O'Brien goes on leave, since no one really knows how he keeps the Starfleet and Cardassian technology working together. Dr. Bashir goes to Captain Sisko about the problems, but the Captain believes he is just worried about his friend. The Captain explains that he cannot reveal the whereabouts of the Chief, but assures him he can take care of himself.

Back in Graife's bar, on Farius, Krole, Flith, and Bilby are playing Tongo when the Chief comes in. O'Brien hands the fixed neural interface to Krole, who tries it on to test for feedback. Bilby is impressed with O'Brien's work, and has looked into "Connelly's" background, knowing that he lives on Jinami Street, and his work history. O'Brien asks how he knows so much about the identity he's taken, still undercover, and Bilby doesn't respond. Instead, he takes him for a walk. In Bilby's apartment, in a housing development, he unlocks a safe, and pulls out three Klingon type-3 disruptors. O'Brien sits up, suspicious, and Bilby says he didn't bring him here to kill him.

Apparently, the Orion Syndicate was looking for people who can fix things on Farius Prime, as Bilby shows him that the disruptors he needed to procure don't work, O'Brien diagnoses that the induction coils are burnt out, and says he can fix them. Bilby offers him some cake his wife made, and shows him a picture of his family, who live on New Sydney. Bilby inquires about the O'Brien's family, to which he says that he doesn't have any. Bilby, in not so many words, asks if he would like to work for him in the Syndicate.

In the dark alley, Chadwick hands O'Brien the Klingon induction coils he asked for, courtesy of the Klingon Ambassador to Farius.

Chadwick asks why Raimus, Bilby's boss, wants the disruptors. O'Brien says he doesn't know, neither does Bilby, and asks if he can contact his wife. Chadwick says they can't risk it, and O'Brien leaves to give the Disrupters to Bilby. Back in Graife's Bar, O'Brien gives them the disrupters, which they inspect. Flith asks where he got the replacement parts, which are hard to come by on Farius. O'Brien doesn't tell them, to the point they get angry, and he says he stole them from a warehouse on Degora Street, and he didn't want them to get implicated if he got caught. Bilby believes it, and decides to do something about Connelly's clothes. So, Bilby takes him to the same tailor he uses, to buy a new suit.

Later in Graife's Bar, Yint, who sold Bilby the malfunctioning disrupters, comes in asking what they want. Bilby says he wants his money back, but Yint refuses. Bilby decides to demonstrate by shooting Yint in the leg. O'Brien tries to stop him, but Bilby fires again and kills Yint.

Back in Bilby's apartment, Bilby confides in O'Brien, to the point of revealing that there's an Orion Syndicate operative in Starfleet. He asks Connelly to remind him to buy a birthday present for his daughter, and then if he'd like to go to New Sydney to meet his family. O'Brien agrees, and inquires more about the Starfleet officer. Bilby says Raimus met him on Risa a year prior, and that he worked at the weather control station. The Syndicate offered him a substantial amount of money, and he revealed the names of the undercover operatives in the Orion Syndicate. Bilby receives a message from Krole, saying Raimus wants to see him, so they go to Graife's Bar.

Raimus and his guards beam in, and shows him that their new client is a Vorta, Gelnon, and that their working for the Dominion.

Raimus asks who O'Brien is, and Bilby witnesses for him, saying he's trustworthy. Gelnon says he wants them to do something else for them, and that he'll contact him when it's time, and they transport out. Bilby explains to O'Brien that anything he does wrong, he's accountable for.

O'Brien meets with Chadwick in the dark alley, and tells him who the informer is. He also says that a Vorta was meeting with the Syndicate, which Chadwick immediately frowns upon,

and leaves to tell his superiors.

Chadwick extends O'Brien's assignment, as his superiors want to uncover why the Dominion is involving itself with the Syndicate.

Quickly becoming a valuable member of their team, O'Brien assists his new associates in an attempt to rob the Bank of Bolias. Using the dataport, Krole and Miles are quickly able to navigate around the banks three-tier security protocol, and the isolation matrix protecting the data.

Soon after this, having spent time with Bilby, O'Brien realizes that he is beginning to worry about him, and what will become of him after his assignment ends. O'Brien expresses this during his next meeting with Chadwick. His response is that Bilby will be safest in a Federation prison, as long as they can get to him before the Syndicate.

This does little to help O'Brien, still troubled by what may lay ahead for Bilby, but even more by the fact that he will have to betray a man he now considers his friend.

It soon becomes clear what the Dominion want from the Syndicate. Ramius and the Vorta instruct Bilby and his team to execute the Klingon ambassador to Farius using the disruptors that O'Brien repaired in order to imply that the ambassador was killed in a dispute with his fellow countrymen. It is the hope of the Dominion that this will lead to a diplomatic breakdown between Klingons and Federation, ending their alliance.

O'Brien passes the information on to his handler. Chadwick leaves to inform the ambassador, but as he does so, O'Brien realizes that he has committed Bilby and his men to death at the hands of the Klingons. He rushes off to Bilby's apartment to try and stop them.

Bilby greets O'Brien on his door step and lets him in. Trying to talk Bilby out of the mission, O'Brien reveals that he is working for Starfleet. At first Bilby refuses to believe this, but O'Brien reasserts himself, and Bilby realizes the truth. However, he is still going to carry out the mission, as he knows that it is the only way to protect his wife and children from the Syndicate's retribution.

Knowing that he will be killed, Bilby makes a final request of O'Brien — to care for Chester once he is gone, before leaving for his doomed mission.

O'Brien returns to Deep Space 9, troubled with the outcome of the mission and his part in the death of his friend.

Change of Heart

Season 6

Episode Number: 140

Season Episode: 16

Originally aired:	Tuesday March 4, 1998
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	David Livingston
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Guest Stars:	Todd Waring (Lasarian)
Production Code:	40510-540
Summary:	Worf is forced to choose between the life of his wife Jadzia, and the success of the mission when they must rendezvous with Cardassian defector who seeks their help.



On Deep Space Nine, tongo has recently been going well for Quark. He has won two hundred and six straight games in the last month.

Even Dax can't keep up with him and she makes Worf lose a bet against Miles O'Brien, even if the Klingon claims that he would rather lose betting on his wife than win betting on Quark.

In the middle of the following night, Kira calls for Worf and Dax regarding an emergency transmission from a Cardassian starfleet operative. Since most of the

runabouts and the USS Defiant are off on exercises with the Ninth Fleet, the couple must embark on a trip into the badlands (where they will be able to contact the cardassian) aboard the USS Shenandoah.

On their way to the badlands, the two discuss plans about their honeymoon. Worf easily concedes for Casperia Prime. After that, the conversation orients itself on a discussion about Worf's sense of humor and various habits and tolerance to change of the two of them. Nothing very deep, but the scene is a good development on the bond between the two of them.

Back on the station, Bashir arrives at O'Brien's quarters for another of their holosuite adventures, but the chief has set his mind to a new challenge: to end Quark's Tongo streak. When he realizes that he won't be able to change O'Brien's mind, the doctor accepts to help his friend.

Soon after they arrive at the coordinates in the badlands, Worf and Dax receive a transmission from the Cardassian operative, Lasaran. The spy informs them that he is not secure anymore and wants out immediately. He sends them a rendezvous point near a Dominion base on Soukara. It seems like one of his last chances to get out and the trip is a one way, effectively forcing Worf and Dax into an urgent secret mission. The two are then on to a trip in Soukara's jungle, thanks to transporter scramblers, to recover the informant.

Back on the station, the doctor and O'Brien are finally ready to challenge Quark. Even if the Ferengis are reluctant to admit humans to their table at first, they eventually accept. Eventually, there is only Bashir and Quark left at the tongo table, the bartender congratulating the doctor on his fast learning. Nevertheless, Quark has another card in his sleeve and soon begins a

conversation about Bashir's past feelings for Dax and is able to distract the doctor long enough to drag him into a ruining confrontation against what finally reveals to be a total monopoly.

On Soukara, Dax and Worf are slowly progressing, but are eventually taken almost by surprise by a patrol of 3 Jem'Hadar. They are able to kill all 3 Jem'Hadar, but Jadzia is hurt by a disruptor burst that left an anti-coagulant in her system. In the following course, Jadzia becomes more and more weak and Worf is eventually forced to leave her behind to continue the mission. Even if their officer training is able to make them accept the fact that another patrol could find Dax before Worf is back, the Klingon eventually finds himself totally unable to continue his mission while knowing his Par'Makai is in danger. He finally decides to pull back.

Back on DS9, Jadzia gets the health care she needs. However, things do not go as well for her husband: since his actions lead to Lasaran's death, the commander will have a permanent note in his service record, even if the secrecy of the operation will save him the court-martial, and Benjamin Sisko extrapolates that Worf will probably never have a command of his own after this incident. The captain ends the conversation saying he can still understand what Worf did, even if he must officially disapprove.

Wrongs Darker than Death or Night

Season 6

Episode Number: 141

Season Episode: 17

Originally aired: Tuesday April 1, 1998
Writer: Ira Steven Behr
Director: Jonathan West
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Leslie Hope (Meru), David Bowe (Basso), Wayne Grace (Legate), Tim de Zarn (Halb), Thomas Kopache (Taban), John Marzilli (unnamed)
Production Code: 40510-541
Summary: When Gul Dukat reveals to Major Kira that her mother was a comfort woman for him during the Occupation, Kira uses the Bajoran Orb of Time to travel to the past and find the truth.



In Quark's, Dax unsuccessfully tries to convince Worf to let her throw a party in their quarters. Quark saves them from an awkward silence by informing Worf that the holosuite is ready; once the Klingon is gone, he asks about the party. Dismayed at Dax's answer, Quark goes about his business and delivers a bouquet of Bajoran lilacs to a nearby Kira. This immediately catches Dax's interest, so she follows Kira out of the bar and onto the promenade.

Kira has ordered the flowers for herself, despite the fact that she doesn't like getting flowers, to commemorate her late mother's 60th birthday. While she never knew her mother, she knows Bajoran

lilacs were her mother's favorite. Later that night, Kira receives an encoded transmission from Dukat, who claims to have known Kira's mother. Rather than what Kira believes – that her mother died at the Singha refugee camp on Bajor – Dukat claims that her father told her that because he couldn't bear to tell his children that their mother left him for Dukat.

While Kira doesn't want to believe Dukat, too many things he claimed to know about her mother were true, and there is now significant doubt in her mind. She asks Sisko for permission to use the Orb of Time to find out for herself, because she knows the Vedek Assembly will allow her access to the Orb if the Emissary asks them. He is ambivalent about Kira's idea due to Starfleet's temporal displacement policy, but Kira firmly believes the Prophets will protect her, and for whatever reason, Sisko goes along with it.

Using the Orb, Kira finds herself at the refugee camp where she believes her mother died during the Occupation of Bajor. She finds her father, Kira Taban, and her mother Meru, along with herself and her brothers. A couple of Bajoran men try to force Kira's father to give them food, but Kira intervenes and is introduced to herself after she stops the men. Pressed for a

name, she claims her name is Luma Rahl. Shortly thereafter, a Basso Tromac, a collaborator, and two Cardassian soldiers come and collect various women, including Meru and Kira, to be "comfort women." Kira, Meru and the others are taken to Terok Nor, where they are given fine dresses and told to clean up. In their quarters they find fresh moba, katterpod beans, hasperat and more. Meru eagerly begins to eat but Kira wants no part of it and reminds her that she has a family back on Bajor. Kira wants to try to contact the Bajoran Resistance, which likely has a cell somewhere on the station. Meru begins to cry, as she misses her family, and Kira comforts her. It is then that Kira notices the scar on Meru's cheek from where she failed to show a Cardassian officer proper respect.

Later, Dukat welcomes the women and seems quite compassionate. When he sees Meru's scar, rather than have her thrown out he orders Basso to retrieve a dermal regenerator and fixes the scar, calling it a sign of the gulf between their peoples. The women are then taken to what will later become the wardroom, where a middle-aged Cardassian man has Kira sit on his lap and seems drunkenly amused by her visible hatred toward his kind. The other women are treated similarly. When Dukat enters, he finds a younger officer forcing himself on Meru and intervenes, apologizing profusely and having Meru sent back to her quarters. Despite the apparent compassion, the officer with Kira has seen the act before and is able to predict precisely what Dukat says to Meru, who he says is now "off limits" to the other Cardassians.

Meru is gone when Kira returns to their quarters, but Basso and two guards are there retrieving her belongings. Kira demands to see Meru and gets into a fistfight, which she inevitably loses. They take her to the fenced-off area of Terok Nor's promenade, which is reserved for Bajoran slave laborers.

Two weeks later Kira is getting her soup from the server, who has heard word of Meru's whereabouts. He follows her to a table and claims Meru has been with Dukat on various trips. To the man, Meru is nothing but a collaborator and Kira has no reason to care for her, but Kira insists otherwise. He tries to get her to join the Resistance, but as she could affect the course of history, she does her best to stay out of such things. Their conversation is interrupted when Basso and a pair of guards arrive to take Kira away.

They take Kira through a security scanner and to Dukat and Meru's quarters, where Meru is waiting for her. Meru is the one who sent for Kira, as Kira is her only friend and she is lonely. She insists that Dukat is not a monster, making up excuses and repeating ones he has given her about the occupation. As disgusted as Kira is when Meru talks about Dukat's kindness, Meru insists that things are not so simple and that Kira does not know what she has been through. But Kira is disgusted and leaves.

Back in the ghetto area, Kira talks with the Resistance member again and gets a Bajoran earring with an explosive built into it. It has a 30-second fuse and cannot be disarmed once it has been activated. She then goes to the guards and tells them that she has decided which side of the fence she wants to be on, so they take her back to Meru.

Kira finds her with Dukat, who has a recording for Meru. As Dukat goes to an adjacent room and Meru prepares to watch the message, Kira casually slips the bomb into a flower vase. The message turns out to be from Kira's father, who talks about how well they have been treated since Meru was taken from them and how much he misses her and so on and so forth. As he talks, Meru begins to cry, and Kira realizes that her mother is not the collaborator she thought she was. Kira yells for Dukat and takes him and Meru out into the corridor, where they narrowly escape being killed by the bomb.

Suddenly, the orb experience ends and Kira finds herself back in normal time. She goes to Sisko's office, where she realizes that the line between a collaborator and a good person is not as clear-cut as she thought. In any case, her mother is a collaborator, not for sharing Dukat's bed but for enjoying it; however, she is still Kira's mother, and Kira loves her no matter what.

Inquisition

Season 6
Episode Number: 142
Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Tuesday April 8, 1998
Writer: Bradley Thompson, David Weddle
Director: Michael Dorn
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: William Sadler (Sloan), Samantha Mudd (Chandler), Benjamin Brown (Kagan)
Production Code: 40510-542
Summary: Bashir falls under suspicion of unknowingly supplying information to the Dominion, however, all is not as it may seem.



Doctor Bashir is preparing to attend a medical conference as Odo teases him about the fact that such conferences are always held at sunny beachside resorts. As they talk, Chief O'Brien enters the Infirmary, having dislocated his shoulder kayaking in the holosuite yet again. Bashir fixes O'Brien's arm but warns him not to go kayaking for a while.

The next day, the computer awakens Bashir at 0700, but he is extremely tired. He manages to drag himself out of bed, only to have Captain Sisko's voice come over the intercom, telling all senior officers to report to Ops. There Bashir finds that Deputy Director Sloan has arrived from Internal Affairs and is discussing

something grim with Sisko. When Sloan and Sisko emerge from the Commander's office, they announce that the crew will be confined to quarters until Sloan can investigate reports of a traitor passing information to the Dominion.

Now in his quarters, Bashir orders breakfast from the replicator, but finds it out of order. The door chime rings, and one of Sloan's officers informs Bashir that Sloan wants to ask him some questions. However, things do not seem right as she escorts him to the wardroom; a pair of officers carrying phaser rifles run past them in the corridor, but Bashir is told not to worry about it.

Sloan comes across as surprisingly charming when he meets with Bashir, casually asking about Bashir's experiences with the Dominion.

They go over Bashir's imprisonment and encounter with a group of rogue Jem'Hadar, among other things. Before long, Sloan dismisses Bashir and promises to get the doctor his breakfast, as the replicators were taken offline as a security precaution.

Upon returning to his quarters, Bashir begins to suspect that someone has been there since he left, as things do not seem to be quite the way he left them. He receives a message from

O'Brien, who says Sloan grilled the chief for over two hours – and every question was about Bashir. Once the transmission cuts out, one of Sloan's deputies enters and escorts him back to the wardroom, where he is accused of being a Dominion spy.

In Sloan's version of events, the Dominion "broke" the doctor during his time in an internment camp. The allegation is that Bashir was coerced into spying for the Dominion but his memories are repressed; as such, even if Bashir is spying, he hypothetically would not know it. When Sloan realizes he will not get anywhere with an interrogation, he has the guards escort Bashir – handcuffed – across the Promenade for all to see.

Later, Sisko intervenes and uses his power as commanding officer of DS9 to restrict Sloan's power over Bashir, but by this time even Sisko has begun to wonder if Sloan is correct. He believes his friend and colleague is telling the truth; however, he is unsure what to believe and reminds Julian he's made some very poor judgement calls recently. Sloan meanwhile has invoked an order from Starfleet Command telling him to "neutralize threats" to security, and he plans to put Bashir in prison until the war is over. However, as he speaks, Bashir is transported off the station by a Dominion-style transporter beam.

Bashir now finds himself aboard a Dominion warship, where Weyoun tries to convince him that he is in fact a Dominion spy. According to the Vorta, Bashir has gone through the same debriefing process a number of times, and the fact that the doctor does not believe his story does not surprise him. But rather than believing himself to be a spy, Bashir comes to believe Sloan is in fact the traitor. His conversation with Weyoun is interrupted as the ship comes under attack and Bashir is beamed aboard the Defiant.

This time, the crew all believe Bashir is a spy, and he is at a loss for words for why he was beamed aboard the Cardassian ship. His story about Sloan only sounds even more incredulous. As Bashir turns to O'Brien for support, the chief pushes him away, but Bashir realizes something is amiss. The chief's shoulder was dislocated previously, which leads Bashir to realize that none of the people around him are who they say they are.

Suddenly, the Defiant's bridge disappears and Bashir finds himself in a holosuite aboard a Federation starship, surrounded by men in black uniforms. Among them is Sloan, who reveals that Bashir was beamed off of DS9 in his sleep so that no one would notice his absence. This explains a number of things, among them why Bashir was so tired at the start of his day. Sloan reveals that he is part of a covert organization known as Section 31, which he claims was part of the original Starfleet charter but answers to no one.

Although Sloan tries to recruit the doctor into the organization, Bashir refuses.

When he returns to DS9, Bashir of course finds that there is no record of anyone called Director Sloan, but Sisko's investigation with Starfleet Headquarters on the matter turns up some odd results. Sisko receives neither confirmation nor denial of Section 31's existence, only promises to look into the matter. Whatever the true nature of Section 31 may be, it is clear that we have not heard the last of Sloan.

In the Pale Moonlight

Season 6
Episode Number: 143
Season Episode: 19

Originally aired: Tuesday April 15, 1998
Writer: Michael Taylor
Director: Victor Lobl
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Casey Biggs (Damar)
Guest Stars: Howard Shangraw (Tolar), Stephen McHattie (Vreenak)
Production Code: 40510-543
Summary: Sisko and Garak lure the Romulans into the Dominion war in order to get them to join the Federation/Klingon Alliance. Without them, the Federation and Klingon Empire would eventually lose the war and fall under Dominion rule.



Captain Benjamin Sisko is recording a log entry and begins by discussing his dreaded weekly posting of the Federation casualty report, listing the dead, wounded, and missing for that week. This particular week, Lieutenant Commander Jadzia Dax discovers that a long-time friend, Leslie Wong, was lost with all hands on board the USS Cairo. The Cairo was ambushed by a Dominion patrol that passed through Romulan space, a common occurrence, because the Romulans have a non-aggression pact with the Dominion. At this point, Sisko decides he is going to bring the Romulans into the war.

Initially, this objective seems unattainable, as it's clearly in the Romulans' best

interests to stay neutral. When Dax plays the Romulan devil's advocate in a mock debate, Sisko determines how to get them into the war on their side. It becomes evident that Sisko needs "solid proof" to convince the Romulans that the Dominion is planning on conquering them after they are done with the Federation Alliance.

Sisko makes the deal with Garak. Sisko contacts Elim Garak because of his "skills" at retrieving highly secret and guarded information (namely, "secret war plans" that Sisko could use). Garak reluctantly agrees, after noting that it would involve him calling in all of his favors, and that the outing may end up being a rather "messy" business. However, Sisko is not shaken and is prepared to do anything to accomplish the goal, as noted in his log.

That night, Sisko learns that the Dominion has conquered Betazed in a matter of ten hours, placing the Dominion in a strategic position to hit several key worlds (including Earth, Andor and Vulcan). This makes Sisko even more determined, and after three days, he asks Garak about his progress. Garak had spoken to several Cardassians who were willing to help, but they were all

dead within a day. Garak proposes that they manufacture the evidence they need instead. Sisko is at first appalled at the thought but, as he indicates in his log, he went along because he "knew it was right".

Garak proposes that Sisko invite Senator Vreenak to Deep Space 9, since he will be passing by in a few days. Vreenak negotiated the Romulan non-aggression pact with the Dominion and is an outspoken supporter of it, and has quite a low opinion of the Federation.

The idea is that if Sisko can convince him to join the war, the whole Romulan Senate will follow. They formulate a plan to show him a fabricated recording of a secret, high-level Dominion meeting in which the Dominion discusses the plan to conquer the Romulans. In order to ensure that Vreenak believes it, they will use a genuine Cardassian optolythic data rod, as well as a good cover story about how Starfleet obtained it. Starfleet approves the plan.

The first thing that Sisko needs to do is to get Grathon Tolar, who is an expert in holographic forgery, released from a Klingon prison. Gowron pardons him, and Sisko tells Tolar that the conditions of his release are to create a holographic program for him.

Tolar realizes the nature of what he has to do when he learns that Garak is involved. Tolar agrees, as the alternative is to face execution by the Klingons.

Later, a glitch tests Sisko's will to go through with the plan. Tolar gets drunk at Quark's and, in the ensuing bar fight, stabs Quark. Odo cannot release Tolar unless Quark decides not to press charges. Sisko bribes Quark into not pressing charges. Sisko agrees to compensate Quark's for his lost profits and damaged clothes as well as to let some illegal merchandise pass security.

Quark loves the idea, not just because of his economic gain, but that Sisko reaffirms Quark's faith in the 98th Rule of Acquisition: "Every man has his price." As Sisko says in his log, he begins to second guess the endeavor, until he receives another casualty report.

The next step in the plan is to obtain a genuine Cardassian data rod. Garak, by some "minor miracle", finds a seller of one; unfortunately, the price is quite high — 200 liters of bio-mimetic gel, a very dangerous and controlled substance. Sisko at first rejects the idea, but Garak tells him that finding another will be impossible, so Sisko reluctantly agrees to the trade, and they negotiate the quantity down to 85 liters. Doctor Bashir is appalled at the thought of having to prepare the gel, and only does so after demanding written orders, endorsed by Starfleet, and even then over his explicit objection and protest.

The "team" of Sisko, Garak, and Tolar obtain the rod and begin preparing a convincing recording in which Weyoun and Damar plan the invasion of Romulus, making sure to have the two squabble with each other and appear as "real" as possible. The program is recorded onto the rod, and the forgery is complete. In order to ensure that the fake will pass, Sisko threatens Tolar with an unpleasant execution at the hands of Gowron if the forgery is flawed.

Sisko shows Vreenak the program. Sisko at this point is getting very nervous, as Senator Vreenak comes to the station in a cloaked Romulan shuttle and egotistically dresses down Sisko when the two meet. Meanwhile, Garak plans to inspect the Senator's ship (for anything "useful"), and to stop by Tolar's quarters (to say "hello"). Sisko and Vreenak discuss the fate of their respective worlds over a bottle of kali-fal, at which point Sisko tells Vreenak that he has learned that the Dominion are planning a surprise attack on the Romulans. Vreenak, naturally, demands proof, at which time Sisko presents his forgery. Vreenak demands to inspect the data rod.

Vreenak, in typical Romulan fashion, takes his time inspecting the rod, during which time Sisko, as he indicates in his log, is very anxious. The fate of the entire Alpha Quadrant hangs on whether or not his forgery passes Romulan scrutiny. Sisko attempts, in vain, to calm his worries, until Vreenak finally calls Sisko to pronounce his judgment.

"It's a faaaake!" Vreenak furiously confronts Sisko, declaring the rod to be an absolute fake, and promises to expose Starfleet's treachery and deception to the Romulan Senate, which could easily drive the Romulans to the Dominion's side, dooming the Federation for good.

Fortunately for Sisko and the Federation, two days later Sisko learns that Vreenak's shuttle has conveniently exploded, killing him.

Sisko quickly realizes that Garak was behind this, and he confronts Garak in his shop, with a fist to the face. Garak demands a chance to explain and outlines the actual plan...

Realizing that the forgery may well not pass Vreenak's inspection, Garak had planted a bomb on the Romulan shuttle, and he had made its destruction look like Dominion sabotage. To the Tal Shiar it will appear that the Dominion destroyed the shuttle. And in the wreckage they will

find a badly-damaged data rod containing damning evidence that the Dominion was going to betray the Romulans, the damage to the rod masking the imperfections in the forgery. It will appear that Vreenak was on his way to expose the Dominion before being blown up. As for Tolar, the forger, Garak describes him as a "casualty of war". In other words, he eliminated him.

Sisko is quite furious, and beats Garak, before realizing the real plan, although distasteful in nature, was a very good and necessary one. In fact, it succeeds. The Romulans declare war on the Dominion the next day, and all Sisko has to do now is to wrestle with his conscience. He soon justifies his actions, stating that the lives of a few innocent men, and his own self-respect, are a tiny price to pay for essentially saving the Federation, along with potentially billions of lives. After coming to terms with his actions, Sisko erases the whole log.

His Way

Season 6
Episode Number: 144
Season Episode: 20

Originally aired: Tuesday April 22, 1998
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: James Darren (Vic Fontane), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Debi A. Monahan (Melissa), Cyndi Pass (Ginger)
Production Code: 40510-544
Summary: Odo uses Bashir's holosuite character of Vic Fontaine to bring himself and Kira closer together.



Odo, Kira, Bashir, O'Brien, Dax and Worf are in a holosuite, enjoying the songs of Vic Fontaine, the doctor's latest hologram.

The self-aware hologram is a very insightful one, as he is able to tell that O'Brien misses his wife. He is also able to tell that Worf and Dax have not been married for a long time but he stops before saying anything about Kira and Odo, understanding that it is best to not talk about it for the moment.

Following that introduction and after advice from Quark, the constable returns to the holosuite the next day to talk to Vic about his situation with Major Kira. A long learning process then begins for

Odo. Before doing anything about Kira, Vic suggests they work on the constable's personality. Because Vic is a very good teacher, the constable become less shy and more socially at ease every day. Captain Sisko is even suprised when he first hears his chief of security humming a song, a change he is happy to see.

When Kira decides to lengthen her stay on Bajor with Shakaar, Dax and Bashir grow curious about the state of her relationship with the first minister. In the same scene, we see that Dax saw through the nature of the relationship between the constable and the major, a fact that Bashir seems to ignore.

During another lesson in the holosuite, Odo has a little confrontation with Vic about an holographic copy of Kira (Lola Chrystal), saying that he will never be able act normally, knowing she is not the real Kira. Vic promises Odo that he will work on the hologram's personality. Later, without Odo's knowledge, Vic invites the real Kira to a date in the holosuite on the constable's behalf.

During following dinner, Odo is really at ease with the major, daring to show her his real personality, without knowing to whom he is really talking. In the end, we understand that the major has genuine feelings for the Odo, but the evening is spoiled when the truth is uncovered,

ending with Odo storming out of the holosuite, part because he was lied to and part because he couldn't explain himself to Kira.

On the next day, Kira is talking with Dax and, after some thought (about moments of true clarity), decides to go talk to Odo about the dinner. She has to deal with Odo, more distant and cold than ever, but eventually the major is able to reach to him and they have a clumsy first kiss right on the promenade, to Dax's surprise. Following this incident, Odo goes back in the holosuite to thank Vic about all the things he has done, even if some looked like mistakes at first.

The Reckoning

Season 6

Episode Number: 145

Season Episode: 21

Originally aired: Tuesday April 29, 1998
Writer: David Weddle, Bradley Thompson
Director: Jesus Salvador Trevino
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)
Recurring Role: Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: James Greener (Koral)
Production Code: 40510-545
Summary: A mysterious tablet is found in the ruins of B'hala, foretelling that "The Reckoning" will soon begin. As Sisko tries to translate the texts on the tablet, Kai Winn pays a visit to Deep Space Nine, demanding that the tablet should be given back to Bajor. Sisko, getting an impulse from the Prophets, smashes the tablet, releasing strange energy-beings. Subsequently, a Prophet saying that she must defeat the 'Evil One,' which will then usher in Bajor's Golden Age, possesses Kira. Sisko does not intervene, even when the 'Evil One' inhabits the body of his son, Jake.



At their regular staff meeting, the crew of Deep Space 9 review the state of the Dominion War. It is a time of great uncertainty as the threat of a Dominion attack on Vulcan looms overhead, and while the Romulans have retaken Benzar (home to the Benzites), there is no way to be certain they will relinquish control after the war. For now, Sisko, Kira and Jake are taking a trip to Bajor to visit a new discovery in the remains of B'hala. Although Dax observes how trivial such things seem in the midst of a war, but the archaeologists have specifically requested Sisko's presence.

Ranjen Koral leads the trio through the ruins, where numerous tunnels have been dug and excavations have taken place since Sisko's last visit. Jake seems bored but puts up with it for his father's sake. The monk leads them to a pedestal with some "interesting" writing in Ancient Bajoran; part of the text reads, "Welcome Emissary". As he touches it, he is thrown across the room. He loses consciousness as the Prophets send him a vision in which they mention the end and the beginning and claim that "the reckoning" is at hand. As usual, they do not state their intentions directly, but something important is about to happen.

Sisko takes the tablet back to DS9, where he and Dax study it in a science lab to confirm what Dax suspected from the beginning; it is a slab of stone with nothing unusual about it. Though she is less than enthusiastic about the task, he asks her to translate the words on the tablet.

In the meantime, he greets Kai Winn at the airlock. She is visibly troubled by the removal of the tablet from Bajor. In her usual, subtle manner, she compares his actions to the plundering the Cardassians did during the Occupation. The Emissary's belief that the Prophets wanted him to bring the tablet to DS9 nonetheless seems to satisfy her for the moment.

Shortly thereafter, Sisko learns that nothing could be further from the truth. Winn lodges a formal complaint with Starfleet Command, and Admiral Ross tells Sisko to stop meddling in Bajoran affairs. Despite this, Sisko remains convinced that the tablet is the key to something important. Unfortunately, when Dax discovers the meaning of the words, she finds the tablet says that, among other things, the Prophets will weep and the gateway to the Celestial Temple — DS9 — will burn.

We now find Dr. Bashir, Odo, and Worf sitting idly on the second level of Quark's, considering the repercussions. As Quark himself walks by, he complains about how bad business has been because of talk about the "reckoning," but their conversation is cut short as the station is rocked by a shift from the nearby wormhole shifts again. Meanwhile, Sisko and Winn have met in his office, where she informs him of flooding, earthquakes and the like taking place on Bajor as they speak. She believes he has angered the Prophets by taking the tablet, and she has a request from First Minister Shakaar stating as much. With no other choice, Sisko agrees to return the tablet in the morning.

Although Dax has made progress in her translation of the tablet, she is unsure of what exactly it is foretelling; she thinks it says the Bajoran people will either eat fruit or suffer horribly. Kira is suspicious of Winn's motives as usual, but more than anything Jake is worried about his father, particularly the vision of Opaka. After nearly losing his father during a period of similar visions, Jake is scared.

That night, Sisko is unable to sleep and finally heads for the science lab. He mulls over the tablet for a while before becoming frustrated with the obscure nature of the Prophets' warnings and smashing it. As he looks down at its shattered remains, some form of red-and-blue energy discharge comes from it and seems to disappear through the ceiling. Dax and Odo find no signs of such a discharge, although there is an unexplained energy drain. What's more, Winn believes Sisko smashed the tablet just to spite her. As he tries to reassure her that the Prophets have a plan and wanted him to smash the tablet, he is called to the promenade.

Sisko finds Kira standing in the doorway to the Bajoran temple with electricity or some other phenomenon emanating from her hands.

Her body has been inhabited by one of the Prophets, so he tells the security personnel to lower their weapons. Although they are worried for Kira's safety, Odo reassures Sisko that Kira would have been willing to surrender herself to the Prophets no matter what the consequences, even if it meant her death. The Prophet approaches Sisko to announce that "the reckoning", which will be either the end or the beginning, has begun and she awaits the Evil One, Kosst Amojan. Winn recognizes the Prophet's words, as the beginning to which she referred is the prophesied 1,000-year Golden Age of Bajor. She offers herself to the Prophet as its humble servant but is ignored; the Prophet simply informs Sisko that his task is complete.

Knowing something disastrous may happen to the station, Sisko begins an evacuation. However, Dax and Worf are not sure it is necessary to do so. She suggests that they slowly but gradually flood the promenade with chroniton particles, which are fatal to the Prophets, which would force it to leave. Given what the Prophets have done for him and Bajor, Sisko refuses. Even the Federation owes the Prophets enough to let it play out after that destroyed a fleet of Dominion ships to save DS9.

Worf and Odo find one another near the airlock as they oversee the evacuation of the civilian population. Worf admires Odo's devotion after what Odo said about Kira letting the Prophet take her, and he is unsure that he could have done the same if it had been Jadzia. With Kira on their side, Odo assures Worf the Prophets will be victorious.

Meanwhile a group of Bajorans, led by Winn, refuses to leave the promenade as they pray for the Prophets' victory. Sisko confronts Winn and threatens to personally order the people to leave as their Emissary. She has her "children" leave and it is obvious she is jealous of Sisko's role. Their conversation is interrupted when the Prophet announces that Kosst Amojan has chosen his vessel; Jake Sisko emerges on the second level and claims it is time for the reckoning to begin. Despite Sisko's protests and pleas to take him instead, the pah-wraith waves its hand, throwing Sisko across the room.

Kira and Jake face off and energy beams of some sort, red from Jake and blue from Kira, come out of their chests and meet at the center. The spectacle continues as sparks fly and the energy buildup reaches critical levels. As the buildup could trigger an explosion at any second, Dax and Winn in an unusual state of agreement urge Sisko to leave the station; however, he is determined to stay and see the reckoning through. The others decide they must evacuate the station, leaving it abandoned save for Sisko, Winn, Jake, and Kira. While Dax hurries to ensure that everyone is evacuated, Winn sneaks away and heads to Ops, where she reluctantly approaches a computer console. With tears in her eyes, she triggers the chroniton increase. "May the Prophets forgive me," she whispers.

The veins on Jake's face have popped out in the meantime as the Prophet appears to be winning the celestial battle. When the chroniton levels begin to rise, the Prophet screams out in protest, but both spirits are forced to leave the station, causing both Kira and Jake to collapse.

Sisko visits his son in the infirmary, where Jake is still weak but will recover eventually. He tries but does not know what to say to his son to explain the incident, but no explanation is necessary. Jake was able to feel the Pah-wraith's hatred and knew it had to be destroyed, even if it meant his death.

As Odo and Kira walk together on the promenade, she thanks him for his confidence in her and willingness to let her go if the Prophet's victory meant her death. His ability to let her die for her faith is flattering, although he reassures her that he still would have been happier if the Prophets had chosen someone else. Kira then escorts Kai Winn to the airlock, where Winn claims Sisko should be grateful for her actions. Kira knows Winn's true motive was not the good of Bajor but her jealousy of Sisko, and thanks to Winn, the evil of Kosst Amojan still exists. Because of her, the future of Bajor, DS9, and everything else is uncertain.

Valiant

Season 6

Episode Number: 146

Season Episode: 22

Originally aired:	Tuesday May 6, 1998
Writer:	Ronald D. Moore
Director:	Mike Vejar
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)
Recurring Role:	Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Majel Barrett (Federation Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Paul Popowich (Watters), Courtney Peldon (Farris), David Drew Gallagher (Shephard), Ashley Brianne McDonough (Collins)
Production Code:	40510-546
Summary:	Nog and Jake are rescued by the U.S.S. Valiant when their ship is attacked by the Dominion while on their way to Ferenginar. The crew of the Valiant consists of the Starfleet Cadet corps known as 'Red Squad,' an elite band of cadets, after the main crew were killed when the Dominion War broke out. They decide to complete their mission, which Jake sees as suicide.



Nog and Jake are on a trip to Ferenginar to deliver an official diplomatic message from the Federation Council to the Grand Nagus.

Even if the ensign won't say anything about its content, his reporter friend suspects it's about something big, maybe even an alliance. Their discussion is cut short when they encounter a wing of four Jem'Hadar fighters. Even if they weren't the original objective, one fighter breaks the formation and attacks the Shenandoah. They are miraculously saved by a ship they first believe to be the Defiant, but which turns out to be the USS Valiant.

After the Valiant destroys the enemy fighter, the two friends are taken to the bridge to see the captain and are informed of the Valiant's unique situation. The Valiant's original purpose was to take seven officers and 35 cadets on a three month training mission to circumnavigate the Federation. However, they were behind enemy lines when the war with the Dominion broke out, eight months ago. In a battle with a Cardassian warship, in which all the senior officers were killed or mortally wounded, Captain Ramirez promoted cadet Tim Watters to the rank of captain and gave him command of the Valiant. Along with the command of the Valiant came its orders to collect technical data on a new Dominion battleship. Since they were ordered to maintain radio silence, the ship had been cut from the rest of Starfleet since the outbreak of the war. Undaunted, the young captain is determined to carry on the Valiant's mission, and is more than happy to welcome a competent engineer aboard his undermanned ship.

With Nog's help, the Valiant is soon able to go to warp 4 and continue on with the mission. Between an over-zealous crew and an almost inhuman dynamic, the mission finally comes to a successful end. However, since their scans seem to indicate a major flaw in the design of the Jem'Hadar cruiser, Captain Watters proposes to destroy the battlecruiser and return home as heroes. Jake Sisko attempts to appeal to the common sense of the crew and convince them to leave the area with the new information; however, the reward outweighs the risk and Red Squad gladly follows its leader.

In the ensuing battle, the Valiant suffers heavy damages but they are able to launch two modified torpedoes at the battlecruiser's perceived weak spot, the primary support braces for the battleship's antimatter storage system. Karen Farris, acting first officer, manually guides two modified torpedoes that were designed to destroy the support braces, and is successful in hitting the target.

The weapons prove to be ineffective because, despite a huge explosion which seems to signal the deathknell of the battle ship, the torpedoes fail to destroy their objective. The members of the young crew are shaken, and soon find themselves hopelessly outmatched.

The battle's conclusion is fatal to the Valiant, and the surviving crew must head to the escape pods.

Only three survivors are rescued by the Defiant: Nog, Jake and Chief Dorian Collins. Jake is asked by Nog if he plans to write about the incident; Jake responds in the affirmative, and Nog asks that his friend write the Valiant had a good crew, but they followed Captain Watters blindly. Dorian's opinion is that it was the crew that ultimately failed the captain. Nog asks that Jake include both versions of the events so that people will be able to decide for themselves.

Profit and Lace

Season 6

Episode Number: 147

Season Episode: 23

Originally aired:	Tuesday May 13, 1998
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director:	Alexander Siddig
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir)
Recurring Role:	Tiny Ron (Maihar'du), Wallace Shawn (Zek), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Henry Gibson (Nilva), Cecily Adams (Ishka), Sylvain Cecil (Uri'Lash), Symba Smith (Aluura)
Production Code:	40510-547
Summary:	Thanks to his relationship with Quark and Rom's mother Ishka, Grand Nagus Zek announces that he will allow equal rights for women on Ferenginar. When Ishka has a heart attack, Quark poses as a convincing female in order to let the law pass.



Quark is in business negotiations with Aluura, one of his Dabo-girls, when Rom makes him aware that Ferenginar cannot be contacted in any way; the two begin to believe that the Dominion invaded their home planet. Shortly afterward, the shuttle of Grand Nagus Zek requests permission to dock at Deep Space Nine. The Nagus and Ishka, his beloved and the mother of Quark and Rom, had to flee Ferenginar because Zek was deposed by the FCA Commissioners for granting females the right to wear clothes with an amendment to the Ferengi Bill of Opportunities. Zek is to be replaced by Brunt, who has taken over the government as Acting Grand Nagus after financial chaos

shook the entire Ferengi Alliance.

Zek declares Quark's quarters as "the headquarters of the sole legitimate government of Ferenginar"; their plan is for Ishka to convince the Commissioners that Ferengi females are, indeed, intelligent. Quark, Rom and Nog agree to help Zek by sending messages to all FCA Commissioners, requesting a conference for Ishka's demonstration. All the Commissioners decline — save Nilva, chairman of Slug-o-Cola, who is a conservative man with a lot of influence.

After Acting Nagus Brunt appears on the station, the plan to convince Nilva is in jeopardy, especially since Ishka has a heart attack after arguing with Quark. As a female is required for their plan, Quark agrees to have his gender and appearance altered by Doctor Bashir. But Nilva arrives early on the station while Zek and the others are busy teaching Lumba, as Quark is now called, female behaviour.

During dinner with "Lumba," Nilva is convinced of the opportunities that Zek's feminist approach presents. The main argument of this approach being that clothing includes pockets, and females will thus want to make more money in order to have something to put in those pockets. His change of heart is no doubt because Nilva fell in love with Quark. Nilva becomes willing to support Zek's suffragist Bill of Opportunities amendment.

Time's Orphan

Season 6

Episode Number: 148

Season Episode: 24

Originally aired: Tuesday May 20, 1998
Writer: Bradley Thompson, David Weddle
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien)
Guest Stars: Shaun Bieniek (Deputy), Randy James (Security)
Production Code: 40510-548
Summary: While on a nearby planet, the O'Brien family picnic is interrupted when Molly wanders off and falls into a vortex that sends her 300 years into the past. When they re-open the vortex, they try to retrieve her, but a miscalculation causes an 18- year-old Molly to appear. It is up to the crew of Deep Space Nine to try to re-educate her, while trying to find the original.



For the first time since the beginning of the Dominion War, the O'Brien family is reunited and they go on a picnic on Golana to enjoy their time together. There, Miles O'Brien is living a moment of true happiness and makes the promise that they will never be apart again. He will put in for a transfer should the war heat up again. Their picnic is cut short when they hear Molly screaming, not far away. When Miles arrives in the cavern she was playing in, it is only to find his daughter hanging from a cliff over a mysterious mist. He is not able to get her up and the little girl falls into the phenomenon.

It is discovered later that the phenomenon was caused by an old device,

thought to be a time portal. A science team from Deep Space Nine tries to figure the device out and even if the functioning is not clear, they are finally able to reopen it and beam Molly back, based on her DNA signature. To everyone's surprise, it is a 10-years-older version of Molly that materializes in front of them.

The eighteen-year-old girl is brought back to the station with her parents. Even if she is wary and totally unable to communicate at first, she eventually recognizes her parents and grows less suspicious. She however misses her "home" and Miles and Keiko decide to bring her into a holosuite to cheer her up. The idea proves to be a good one but Molly refuses to come out after a while. When her "home" suddenly vanishes as the hologram ends, she falls back into the savage part of herself and makes quite a trouble in Quark's.

Following the incident, the O'Briens decide that it is best for their daughter if they get her home. They take her back to Golana to send her back into the past through the portal with the

intent of destroying the gate when she will be through. But, because of the erratic functioning of the gate, Molly is sent back in time around the same moment the young Molly was originally sent. The 18- year-old Molly understands that the little girl is what the O'Briens were looking for and indicate her the way to the portal. As the little Molly crosses into the present, the older version of herself vanishes, having never existed.

The Sound of Her Voice

Season 6

Episode Number: 149

Season Episode: 25

Originally aired: Tuesday June 10, 1998
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role: Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Debra Wilson (Lisa Cusak)
Production Code: 40510-549
Summary: The Defiant attempts to rescue Captain Lisa Cusak who has crashed on a planet with high amounts of carbon dioxide, with a limited supply of triox to keep her alive. Although the Defiant crew establishes around the clock contact with her to keep her company, their conversations end up helping the crew more than anticipated. Meanwhile on the station, Quark attempts to keep Odo distracted while planning an illegal transaction.



The USS Defiant has successfully escorted the PQ-1 convoy to the Vegan system and is on its way home when they pick up a distress call in the Rutharian sector. Since there is no ship nearer, they lengthen their mission and go try to rescue a starfleet officer crashed on a L-class planet.

On Deep Space 9, the dynamic between Odo and Quark is unbalanced a little by the new relationship between the constable and the major, an opportunity the barman is decided to turn to his advantage. Under the neutral eye of Jake Sisko, Quark gets his mind on scheduling a lucrative deal on the one month anniversary of Odo and Kira's first date.

On the Defiant, O'Brien is finally able to establish a two-way communication with the starfleet officer, whose name is Lisa, and inform her that rescue is on its way. After some medical advice from the doctor (in order to be able to survive until the Defiant's arrival), it is decided that one of the officers will be on the com channel with Lisa at all times to give her someone to talk to.

The captain takes the first turn and Bashir and O'Brien eventually get into some interesting conversations with Lisa.

Back on Deep Space 9, Quark's plan is about to fail since he had no way to contact the buyer of his "allegedly" stolen Denevan crystals when Odo moved his date from the one month anniversary of their first date to the first kiss anniversary. Nevertheless, as everything seems to indicate that the Ferengi will end up behind bars, the constable changes his date time again, a nice and unique move from the constable.

On the rescue mission side, things get a lot darker when Lisa and Bashir realize that one of the vials of triox (which her life is depending on) was damaged in the crash. This shortens her life expectancy from 3 days to 2 while the Defiant is expecting to be there in 3 days, so Sisko orders O'Brien to do everything possible to speed things up, including draining the phaser reserves, to the great annoyance of Commander Worf. In spite of all these efforts, Lisa Cusak eventually goes through the CO2 poisoning stages and loses consciousness. Shortly after, an away team lands on the planet, only to find that Lisa Cusak has been dead for three years and two months. They were talking to her through a time shifting anomaly and actually never really had a chance to rescue her.

It is decided that she still should have a decent funeral and her body is brought back to DS9 on the Defiant. On the occasion, Bashir gives a toast to Lisa and the things she made him realize, even if he sometimes looks more absorbed by his work than his social life, he cares a lot for his friends. O'Brien goes to the same lengths to tell that Lisa made him understand that even if people can go away at any time, we shouldn't be afraid of making strong relationships with others and that he has a desire to strengthen his friendships to what they were before the war. Ending the episode, O'Brien says that the day would come when one of their number would be gone.

Tears of the Prophets (1)

Season 6

Episode Number: 150

Season Episode: 26

Originally aired:	Tuesday June 17, 1998
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director:	Allan Kroeker
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Terry Farrell (Lt./Lt. Commander Jadzia Dax), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien)
Recurring Role:	James Darren (Vic Fontane), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), J.G. Hertzler (Martok)
Guest Stars:	David Birney (Letant), Michelle Horn (Saghi), Bob Kirsh (Glinn)
Production Code:	40510-550
Summary:	Sisko is ordered to launch attacks against Cardassia and the Dominion. In his absence, Dax is left in command of the station. Gul Dukat is possessed by a Pah-wraith in an attempt to destroy the Bajoran Wormhole and the Prophets. Dukat manages to destroy one of the Bajoran Orbs, and kills Jadzia in the process, although the Dax symbiont is saved. The Bajoran Wormhole implodes, all the Orbs go dark, and Sisko is forced to take time out while the war continues.



On Deep Space 9, the Bajorans are celebrating the Gratitude Festival. Kira Nerys approaches Benjamin Sisko and thanks the Emissary for holding the festival on Deep Space 9, despite the fact the Dominion War is raging.

On a more military side, Captain Sisko is awarded the Christopher Pike Medal of Valor in recognition of his remarkable leadership and meritorious conduct against the enemy, and in particular for acts of personal bravery displayed during the battle to retake Deep Space 9. The ceremony is followed by a briefing by Admiral Ross. Starfleet has decided to go on an offensive war and they have chosen Captain Sisko to plan the invasion of

Cardassia.

Sisko then invites Miles O'Brien, Elim Garak and Worf to join him, Ross and General Martok in planning a first move against the Dominion. They finally settle for the Chin'toka system as it seems to be the weakest spot on the Dominion defense line. It seems that the only difficult part will be to convince the Romulans to agree to the attack plan.

At about the same time, Quark, Julian Bashir and Odo are all despairing at Quark's. Odo had his first argument with Kira and the poor Constable is sure it is the end of their relation. Quark and Bashir, on the other hand, had just seen all their remaining hopes to Dax's heart

vanish when they learn that Worf and Dax were thinking about having children, confirming the marriage for good. The two decide to go in a holosuite to seek counsel from the wise Vic Fontaine.

On Cardassia, Weyoun and Damar discuss the weak defense of the Chin'toka system. While Weyoun is worried, Damar is confident due to the construction of orbital weapon platform, which as well as being fully automated, also have highly effective weapons and defenses. However the discussion is interrupted when Gul Dukat arrives in Cardassian Central Command requesting a Bajoran artifact that was stolen during the Occupation, as well as swearing vengeance on Captain Sisko.

A little after, Benjamin Sisko is having dinner with his son and since the Captain "did not overcook the rice", Jake understood that something big is preparing, and asks his father if he can come along. After the Captain realizes he won't be able to keep his son away from the action, he suggests Jake to start packing. As soon as Jake leaves, the Prophets contact Sisko to advise against the Emissary leaving the station.

Dukat releases the pah-wraith. On Cardassia, Dukat gets the artifact, and tells Weyoun and Damar that the way to destroy the Bajorans is to take away their gods. He then recites an incantation and breaks the artifact, releasing a Pah-wraith that possesses the Cardassian.

On the station, Captain Sisko has received information regarding the Orbital Weapon Platforms and decides the attack will happen the next day. After a briefing, Sisko tells Admiral Ross about the vision warning him not to go on the mission, to which Ross gives the Captain short shrift and reminds him that Starfleet are unhappy with a Starfleet Captain being a religious icon and tells him to choose between the two. Captain Sisko decides his loyalties lie with Starfleet and agrees to lead the invasion. The next morning, the Senior Officers (as well as Garak and Jake) leave and Captain Sisko leaves Dax in charge of the station. Dax and Worf, after discussing the difficulties they could face in having children, share a loving embrace.

The combined fleet arrive at Chin'toka, and the Jem'Hadar inflict heavy losses on the Klingons with suicide runs on their ships.

Despite this, Martok orders the fleet to fire on the weapon platforms. However only a few are taken out before they become active.

Garak discovers that none of the platforms has a power generator, meaning they must all have a central source. Captain Sisko orders it found.

Aboard DS9, Doctor Bashir informs Dax that his efforts to enable Dax and Worf to have children has worked better than expected, and Dax should have no problems getting pregnant. Dax decides to go to the Bajoran Shrine, as Kira earlier asked the Prophets to help Dax and Worf have children. She goes and kneels before the Orb of Contemplation and as she realises that her belief that the Prophets are nothing more than wormhole aliens is being questioned, Dukat suddenly beams aboard the station. As Dax reaches for her phaser, Dukat suddenly picks her up with fiery energy and then drops her lifeless body on the ground. He then effortlessly reaches through the forcefield and opens the Orb casing, upon which the Pah-wraith leaves his body into the Orb, causing it to turn black.

Outside the station, the wormhole opens and then seals itself.

On the Defiant, Captain Sisko feels that something is very wrong, and Jake is forced to help his father to his quarters. The power source is found on a nearby asteroid, but it is well protected by powerful shields. Chief O'Brien causes the Weapon Platforms to fire on the source by printing a fake Federation warp signature on the asteroid. With the platforms powerless, the Alliance is able to take the system, but the joy quickly evaporates when the Defiant receives a message from DS9...

On Cardassia, Weyoun is furious that not only has the Chin'toka system been overrun, but also the wormhole has vanished along with any hope of bringing reinforcements from the Gamma Quadrant. Dukat reminds them that both Sisko and the Bajorans have lost contact with the Prophets, and assures Damar that this will help the Dominion.

Aboard DS9, Sisko is asked by a little girl to get the Prophets back. With many Bajorans watching, Sisko promises to try. Heading into the Infirmary, Bashir informs everyone that while the Dax symbiont could be saved and must be immediately returned to Trill, there was nothing he could do for Jadzia.

As Sisko watches on, Worf and Jadzia share their final words, and Dax regrets that the two will now never have children. Jadzia dies, and as Worf howls to let the spirits know that Jadzia is on her way to Sto-vo-kor, a devastated Captain Sisko can do nothing but watch.

Later, Captain Sisko speaks to Jadzia as she lies in her coffin. He tells her how good a friend she has been to him, and is then upset as he tells her the full extent of the decision he made earlier. He has realised he should have listened to the Prophets and not gone on the mission, but instead he went and now it seems the Prophets have abandoned the Bajorans. He knows he has to get his head together and work out how to contact the Prophets, but he also knows he needs to get away from the station.

Captain Sisko applies for and is granted a leave of absence. When asked by Doctor Bashir when he plans to return, he replies that he doesn't know. He thanks all of his friends for everything, and he and Jake leave the station.

Entering Sisko's office, Kira notices that the Captain has taken his cherished baseball with him. In other words, he doesn't know if he'll ever return to the station...

On Earth, Sisko scrubs clams at his father's restaurant, deep in thought about the future...

Season Seven

Image in the Sand (2)

Season 7
Episode Number: 151
Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Tuesday September 30, 1998
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Casey Biggs (Damar), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), James Darren (Vic Fontane), Deborah Lacey (Image In The Sand)
Guest Stars: Megan Cole (Cretak), Johnny Moran (Bajoran Man)
Production Code: 40510-551
Summary: Three months after the wormhole was sealed and the Bajoran Orbs became useless, Sisko receives a vision from the Prophets of a woman's face buried in the sand. When this woman is revealed to be Sisko's real mother, an old necklace of hers leads Sisko to look for the Bajoran Orb of the Emissary. He believes that this Orb can re-open the wormhole and reactivate the other Orbs. Kira, now in command of Deep Space Nine until Sisko returns, is informed that the Romulans wish to set up a station office and a hospital on a Bajoran moon. Bashir and O'Brien attempt to console Worf, who is still mourning for Jadzia. Just before leaving to search for the Orb, Sisko encounters a young Trill woman who reveals herself as the new host of the Dax symbiont, Ezri.



Three months have passed since Captain Sisko left DS9. On the Promenade, Colonel Kira and Odo worry that he won't be coming back as they observe members of the cult of the Pah-wraiths, identified by red armbands. The cult has become very influential since the Prophets became disconnected from Bajor by the locking of the wormhole entrance. On the Defiant, just back from convoy duty, Worf is frustrated over not being in battle and angrily leaves the bridge. Bashir admits to O'Brien that some combat might help him get over Jadzia's death.

On Earth, at Joseph Sisko's New Orleans restaurant/home, Jake watches his father play piano and tells his grandfa-

ther that he is worried because Sisko has been doing nothing and going nowhere. Joseph is concerned but suggests that they leave him alone.

Suddenly, the baseball sitting on top of the piano (the one Sisko took from his desk on DS9), rolls off and lands on the floor.

Benjamin has a vision of the desert planet Tyree, where he digs in the sand to uncover a woman's face.

Admiral Ross informs Kira that the Romulans will be setting up an office on DS9. She is concerned, but finds Senator Cretak, the Romulan official in charge, to be cordial. Later, Cretak continues to fascinate Kira with her congeniality, something not stereotypical of Romulans, and asks for permission to build a hospital for Romulan forces on Derna, an uninhabited Bajoran moon.

Kira agrees to ask her government.

In his quarters Worf finds himself unable to sleep, his mind is full of thoughts of Jadzia. After looking at a photo from their wedding, he gets up and goes to the holosuite and activates the Vic Fontaine program asking the singer to perform *All the Way*. Vic attempts to refuse, but Worf orders him to sing. As Vic reluctantly sings the sad song, Worf's face is a mixture of fury and indescribable sadness. Halfway through, he slowly stands and then, with a roar of anger, begins to trash the lounge.

Sisko recreates the woman's face on a computer, and Jake recognizes it from a photo he found while cleaning a storage space. They show the photo to Joseph, who angrily refuses to say who she is. Later, Sisko asks again, shocking his old father by grabbing and shaking him. Joseph sadly reveals that the woman is Sisko's real mother Sarah, who married him after only three weeks of courtship, bore Sisko, then left soon after. Sisko wants to find her, but Joseph explains that he discovered that she had died.

O'Brien, armed with bloodwine, approaches a reluctant Worf in his quarters for some conversation. Later, he informs Bashir and Quark that Worf is upset that Jadzia will not enter Sto-vokor because she was murdered instead of dying in combat. In order to get her there, Worf must win a great battle in her name. They decide to ask General Martok for help. Martok stealthily enters a holosuite where Worf is practicing bat'leth form and attacks him. He asks Worf to be his first officer on a dangerous combat mission. At Quark's, O'Brien tells Quark and Bashir that Martok's lone ship will try to destroy a Dominion shipyard. Bashir declares he will accompany Worf to honor Jadzia's memory, and O'Brien decides to go for Bashir's protection. Quark thinks both of them are crazy.

Sisko is washing clams behind the restaurant when Joseph gives him a necklace that belonged to Sarah, which has ancient Bajoran writing on it. He is able to translate the necklace's writing as the words "Orb of the Emissary." There is no such orb mentioned in Bajoran religious texts, but he guesses that it exists, and is buried on Tyree and that it may not have gone dark along with all the others. Later, again in the dark alley behind the restaurant, Sisko is approached by a young Bajoran man wearing a red hood who praises him and mentions the orb. Sisko is polite and turns away before the man pulls a knife and stabs him, claiming he will never find it. Jake drops the attacker with a heavy sack. After being treated, Sisko explains that the man was member of the Pah-wraith cult and declares his intention to go to Tyree and find the orb.

Odo informs Kira that a Starfleet ship was turned away from the new Romulan hospital. Kira thinks it is because most of the wounded were Vulcans (historical enemies of the Romulans) before Odo shows her a scan indicating high trilitium levels. She barges in on Ross and Cretak with proof that the Romulans have armed the hospital with plasma torpedoes. Cretak claims it is for defense, but the Bajoran government will not allow the Romulans to have weapons on its moon.

The morning he is about to leave for Tyree, Sisko finds the restaurant closed and Joseph and Jake packed and ready to go. He agrees to let them accompany him when there is a knock at the door. A young female Trill Starfleet ensign enters and happily greets Sisko, who does not recognize her. She introduces herself as Dax.

Shadows and Symbols (3)

Season 7
Episode Number: 152
Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Tuesday October 7, 1998
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Deborah Lacey (Sarah Alien), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Casey Biggs (Damar), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Brock Peters (Joseph Sisko), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)
Guest Stars: Megan Cole (Cretak), Lori Lively (Siana)
Production Code: 40510-552
Summary: Worf attempts to win a battle by destroying a Dominion shipyard to guarantee Jadzia's spirit a place in Sto-vo- kor, the Klingon afterlife. Ezri wishes to join Ben, Joseph and Jake Sisko on their hunt for the Bajoran Orb of the Emissary. After discovering the Orb, and opening the case, the Wormhole is re-opened and the Orbs are reactivated. Sisko learns that a Prophet, to ensure his birth and guarantee his destiny, possessed his mother. Kira must find a way of preventing the Romulans from building weapons on the Bajoran moon where they claim they are building a hospital.



After a brief introduction to the new Dax host, the three Siskos and Ezri are on their way to Tyree. At the same time on Deep Space Nine, Worf, Martok, Bashir, O'Brien and Quark are having a little Klingon ceremony before their departure on the dangerous mission that will ensure Jadzia's place in Sto-vo-kor. On the Romulan hospital case, Kira is inflexible as ever, and makes it clear to Admiral Ross that she has no intentions of letting the Romulans establish a military presence on Derna. She orders a blockade around the Bajoran moon as long as the Romulans don't remove their plasma torpedoes. On the Klingon bird of prey the plan is simple, yet dangerous. They will

go within tractor beam range of the Monac star to trigger a solar plasma ejection that will destroy everything within a hundred million kilometers. Ironically, at about the same moment, Weyoun asks Damar to increase the production of the Monac shipyards to supply the retaking of the Chin'toka system. On Tyree, Sisko finally finds the Orb of the Emissary by digging at the same place he did in his vision (with the difference that, in reality, it is Dax who throws the ball). But as soon as he reaches for the orb, he has a vision about Benny Russell. In the vision, a

Damar-like doctor Wykoff is trying to convince Benny to stop writing stories about Deep Space Nine. Benny is writing events that are happening at the same moment (the captain finding the orb) and Wykoff wants to stop him from writing the stories that are driving him mad. Around Derna, the tension raises when several Romulan ships menace to run the blockade. While the Bajoran impulse ships are no match for the Romulan Warbirds, the dramatic consequences it would have for the Federation Alliance play into Kira's favor. However, Senator Cretak has no intention of standing down. Back with Captain Sisko, Benny almost gives up to doctor Wykoff and, as a result, the captain began to bury the orb back in the sand.

Fortunately, Dax is able to reason with the captain by remembering the promise he made on Jadzia's coffin. The captain finally opens the orb, releasing a bright-blue energy burst. The burst quickly makes it to Bajor and enters the wormhole. A short while after, a red light is expelled and dissolves into space. Interpreting the event as a sign from the Prophets, Kira decides to stand against the Romulans, a decision that eventually forces Admiral Ross to take side in Kira's favor. In the Mornac system, the first attempt with the electromagnetic pulse does not work and has the only result of revealing their presence and sending three Jem'Hadar ships after them. Fortunately, O'Brien is able to recalibrate the deflector on time and the following plasma ejection destroys the 3 ships as well as the entire shipyard, letting the bird of prey just enough time to escape. On Tyree, Sisko has one last vision. He is told that Wykoff was a false vision sent by the Kosst Amojan. He also learns that Sarah Sisko "shared" the existence of a prophet when she gave birth to him, revealing the captain to be far more involved than he ever thought.

Afterimage

Season 7
Episode Number: 153
Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Tuesday October 14, 1998
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Les Landau
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-553
Summary: On Deep Space Nine, Ezri must deal with the different reactions of the crew to her presence: Kira tries to be friendly, Quark flirts with her, Worf wants nothing to do with her, and Sisko is happy to see her. Ezri makes plans to leave the station due to Worf's discomfort around her presence, and the painful memories she provokes. When Garak collapses with terrifying bouts of claustrophobia, Sisko invites Ezri to stay aboard Deep Space Nine as the station's new counsellor.



Everyone is slowly adjusting to the new Dax pretty well, except for Worf who is totally avoiding Ezri. Thanks to Jadzia's memories, she can read him like a book, but she also knows that the thing he needs most at the moment is his vital space. The only Starfleet officer she feels totally comfortable with is Benjamin Sisko.

In a totally different area, Garak is having a hard time controlling his claustrophobia. This comes at a time he is more needed, and solicited, than ever from Starfleet Intelligence. Since Ezri is an assistant counselor, she is the one most fit to help him.

Unfortunately, Garak is very reluctant

to open himself to a person he barely knows.

Even if certain people, Quark and Bashir in particular, are more than happy to "have a second chance" with Dax, Worf doesn't make things easy for his former wife when he tells her that he doesn't want to have anything to do with her (anymore). On the bright side, Ezri is able to make some progress with Garak by helping him to regain some serenity after a particularly acute attack.

Unfortunately, the tailor soon falls back into his very private habits and says harsh things to the still confused and fragile Trill.

But Ezri is not the only one having trouble sorting her feelings out. Worf is also getting his part of confusion. The Klingon in him surfaces when he assaults the doctor and menaces Quark

to keep them away from Dax. Nevertheless, Miles O'Brien is able to make him understand that Ezri has much of the answers he is searching for.

Things unfold for the better for Garak when Dax and him are finally able to uncover the cause behind his attacks. The war against the Dominion unfolded in such a way that Garak became the traitor he always claimed he wasn't and he found it difficult to swallow.

He is finally able to rationalize the choice he made and live with it, even thanking Ezri for helping him to sort things out.

In the end, even Worf comes to apologize and explains to Ezri that she doesn't have to take decisions against her will because of him. Ezri then decides to stay at Deep Space Nine as the resident counselor and she looks much happier in the final ceremony, held to celebrate her promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

Take Me Out to the Hologuite

Season 7

Episode Number: 154

Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Tuesday October 21, 1998
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Chip Chalmers
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Gregory Wagrowski (Solok)
Production Code: 40510-554
Summary: Sisko is challenged by Captain Solok, an old Vulcan rival from Starfleet Academy, to a game of baseball in the hologuite, and is given only two weeks to turn his senior staff into a team.



A Vulcan ship docks at Deep Space Nine, and Sisko takes a meeting with its captain. In the meeting, Captain Solok makes several racist comments about Humans, unnecessarily mentions some of Sisko's recent failures, and seems to delight (as much as a Vulcan can) in Sisko's uncomfortable reaction. Sisko reveals to Kasidy that Solok's antagonism toward humans in general and Sisko in particular goes back all the way to when Solok used to routinely humiliate Sisko during their days at Starfleet Academy. Now that the Vulcans are experimenting with baseball in the hologuite, Sisko considers it a matter of pride to put Solok in his place by beating him in a game of

baseball, despite the Vulcans' intellectual and physical superiority.

Sisko recruits Odo to serve as umpire and the rest of the DS9 crew as his make-shift team, the Niners — despite the fact that none of them have any experience with baseball; they don't even know the most basic rules and terms.

Sisko swears Kasidy to secrecy involving his motivation to defeat Solok, but she tells the crew anyway. They become determined to beat the Vulcans, but suffer from serious blows to morale when they don't take to the game, and again when Sisko cuts the incompetent Rom from the team.

Despite such setbacks, the Niners start the game with enthusiasm, but that enthusiasm soon wanes as the Vulcans proceed to trounce the DS9 crew. When Odo (who seems to be immensely enjoying the role of umpire) declares Worf to be struck out, Sisko confronts him and is thrown out of the game.

Eventually, the Niners (who are still losing miserably) make a lucky play, which inspires Sisko (now on the sidelines) to send in Rom. As incompetent as ever, Rom fails to understand the signal to bunt, but accidentally bunts anyway — the first time he has managed to hit the ball. The Niners thrill at this very small victory, and when Solok objects to their premature victory, Odo has him thrown out of the game on a technicality.

Back at the station, the crew celebrates what they see as a victory despite the fact that they lost the game. Solok points out that their celebration is inappropriate in light of their loss, but the crew doesn't care, because the real victory they're celebrating is that even though they were losing, they still managed to enjoy the game more than the Vulcans did. The crew points out to Solok that his actions and motivations reek of the very emotions he disdains in Humans. Though he refuses to admit it, for once Solok is the one who has been humiliated instead of Sisko, and he leaves the DS9 crew to continue to celebrate their victorious loss.

Chrysalis

Season 7
Episode Number: 155
Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Tuesday October 28, 1998
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Jonathan West
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: Tim Ransom (Jack), Faith Salie (Sarina), Hilary Shepard Turner (Lauren), Michael Keenan (Patrick), Randy James (Officer)
Production Code: 40510-555
Summary: Dr. Bashir performs an innovative surgery to help cure Sarina, a woman who has been in a cataleptic state since her childhood genetic reshuffling. However, when the procedure is a success, matters are complicated when Bashir develops romantic feelings toward her.



Julian Bashir is awakened in the middle of the night when a certain Admiral Patrick asks for him. The admiral turns out to be one of the augments introduced in the episode "Statistical Probabilities". Jack, Lauren and he have disguised themselves as Starfleet officers in order to bring Sarina to the station after learning of Julian's plans to treat her disorder.

Bashir had been working on a way to cure Sarina's catalepsy, a side-effect of the genetic modification to which she was subjected as a child. The genetic therapy succeeded in increasing the neuronal activity in Sarina's cerebral cortex but the number of synaptic pathways connecting

her cortex to the visual and auditory nerve centers was unaffected, leaving her unable to process the information collected by her senses and incapable of focusing on her environment. The surprise arrival of the augments at the station forces Bashir to rush ahead of schedule in modifying the experimental surgical equipment he planned to use to stimulate the growth of new synapses in her thalamus.

In addition to this, Bashir must persuade Captain Sisko to allow the augments to remain on the station; as Bashir explains, though they have come to the station masquerading as an admiral and his staff, they meant well, and to send them away would be detrimental to her recovery, as Sarina's friends from the Institute are the only familiar faces she has known for fifteen years. Sisko arranges for them to be quartered in one of the station's cargo bays.

Later, in the Infirmary, Bashir and O'Brien contemplate the enhancement of the neurocortical probe he plans to use in the operation.

To effect the growth of new synapses in Sarina's thalamus, Doctor Bashir will need to manipulate her neural proteins at the subatomic level. O'Brien explains that the probe is inadequate for

this, as though the probe is the most advanced model available, quantum fluctuations prohibit the desired accuracy at such a level of resolution.

In the cargo bay, Bashir finds Jack, Patrick, and Lauren disassembling the neurocortical probe and tinkering with its components, trying to find a way to bend the laws of physics. After many hours, Bashir awakens to find that the augments' have succeeded in recalibrating the imaging diodes of the device, making it more than accurate enough to, in Jack's words "clip the wings of an angel dancing on the head of a pin, if you wanted to." Later in the operating room, Bashir performs the surgery as the augments await any news.

Unfortunately, there are no immediate signs that the surgery has been successful; Sarina's condition does not improve as expected, and Bashir is sorely disheartened by his failure to help her until five days later, when she appears on the Promenade outside Quark's, reveling in the bustle of the station. When Sarina realizes that Bashir and Ezri are able to hear her speech, she smiles for the first time; amazed that she can interact with the world again.

In the infirmary, Doctor Bashir scans Sarina with a tricorder, noting that her norepinephrine levels are elevated, which Sarina quickly explains is due to limbic overcompensation for the new thalamic connections. Bashir quickly realizes that she is absolutely right, and Sarina thanks him for having cured her.

Later in the cargo bay, Sarina is reintroduced to her fellow mutants, and after fawning over her, they lead her into singing scales to help her regain a normal speaking voice, which Sarina does quickly. Looking on from a corner, Doctor Bashir marvels at the rapid transformation she has made from an uninteractive mute to a fully functional genetically enhanced woman, as he later recounts to Miles at Quark's "Yesterday, she was silent as a stone. Today, she's laughing and singing".

Returning to his quarters, Julian finds Sarina waiting inside on his couch; having broken his six-digit access code, she is reviewing a diagram of a virus he has been researching for months. Sarina explains that she is unable to sleep as she fears awakening in her former cataleptic state. Julian assures her that this will not happen, that her life is different and now full of possibilities. Her fears put to rest, Sarina has drifted off to sleep with her head on Julian's shoulder. Not wishing to disturb her, Bashir accepts this and he too ends up resting on the couch.

When he awakens in the morning, Julian finds Sarina has already woken up. She is once again going over the PADD he had been working on and as she notices his waking, she explains to Julian that the key to understanding the mutation of this virus lies in targeting the L-II codon of its RNA transcript. Bashir is again stunned by her perception, and the two of them exchange thanks as Sarina brings him breakfast.

When Bashir is suddenly called away to the Infirmary, Sarina puts aside his suggestion that she tour the station with Ezri in favor of returning to the cargo bay, where she finds her friends formulating a plan to alter the cosmological constant with a large number of subspace generators so that the 70 trillion year hence implosion of the Universe may be averted. Jack chastises Sarina's assertion of the implausibility of this plan "You know something, Sarina? We're trying to save existence as we know it, and all you can do is criticize." This causes Sarina to reevaluate attempting to fit in with her old friends; their iron determination forcing her back to the role of a mute observer.

When Doctor Bashir later returns to the cargo bay, he finds Sarina sitting blank-faced in a corner; to his dismay, she explains that Jack and the others are accustomed to her silence. Countering this, Julian invites her to join him and his friends in Quark's that night, to which Sarina joyfully accedes. The other mutants finding themselves uninvited, Lauren resolves to prepare Sarina for her night out. She returns in the appearance of an entirely new person, wearing new, less subdued, clothing and a new hairstyle.

Accompanied by Julian that night at Quark's, Sarina is introduced to Miles, Kira, Odo, and Ezri, all of whom are charmed by her demeanor and social ability. Afterward, Sarina fascinates Julian with her appraisals of him and his friends. Much more comfortable in their company than the unpredictable augments, Sarina laments their inability to function within society; and upon learning that she will not be returning to the Institute with them, Sarina ponders where she will go and what she will do with herself apart from the only family she has ever known. Julian responds that she needn't go anywhere, tenderly kissing Sarina and nearly overwhelming her.

The next morning in the Replimat, Julian explains to Miles that he has never before met anyone like her, reflecting on his luck in finally finding a woman with whom he can share attempting

to fit into an ordinary life as a genetically enhanced person. Though he is happy for Julian, Miles cautions him that he may be moving along too fast for Sarina, and reminds him that she is his patient.

Julian responds that he has put her in the care of Doctor Girani, though this does little to relieve Miles of his apprehension toward Julian's rush forward.

Later that day, Bashir explains to Jack and the others that Sarina will not be returning to the Institute with them, but will be staying in her own quarters on the station. Patrick implores Doctor Bashir to help the three of them the way he has helped Sarina, but Lauren and Jack quickly bring him to the realization that they are beyond help and that their already small group has now been further diminished. Dejected, they return to their efforts to save the universe. Learning of this, Sarina wishes to commiserate with her friends before their departure. However, Julian persuades her that there will be time for that the next morning, that the augments need time to grow accustomed to her absence, and that she should come with him to have some fun.

At Quark's, Bashir shows Sarina off to the crowd of Dabo players, eliciting her impressive computational skills to run the table, but the attention of the crowd and the boisterous and noisy atmosphere of Quark's begins to wear on her enjoyment of the experience; and after Julian puts off Quark's suggestion that they sit down to a bottle of springwine, Ezri notices that she's had enough for one night, and as they leave the table, Julian nearly ignores Sarina when a disruptive accident in the bar causes her to seize up in panic. Walking her back to her quarters, Julian suggests that the next night she join him for a quiet dinner in his quarters, and that she later join him on a week's leave to Risa, which causes Sarina some consternation; though confused, she agrees, not wishing to be ungrateful for his attention.

The next night, Julian waits in his quarters for her, but Sarina doesn't come to the romantic dinner he has arranged. After learning from the computer that Sarina is still in her quarters. Having to override the security lock on her door when he arrives, he finds her unresponsive, in a state disturbingly similar to that before she received the treatment.

In the Infirmary, Doctor Girani's scans indicate that the thalamic pathways Bashir repaired are functioning, but lack any neural activity. Taking her from the Infirmary back to her quarters, Bashir unsuccessfully attempts to get a response from her at the place they first kissed days before. Bashir spends the night at Sarina's bedside before taking her, in the morning, back to the cargo bay, for whatever help the mutants can give him in bringing Sarina out of her shell. After Bashir returns to his quarters, saddened, Lauren and the others pursue him with their appraisal of Sarina's torpor.

They explain to Bashir that Sarina has not reverted to being imprisoned in her mind, rather, she is simply confused and afraid of all of the new things happening around her, paramount of which is the romantic attention Julian has been showering upon her.

Returning to the cargo bay alone, Julian reaches out to Sarina, trying to make her understand that he can put right whatever is wrong with her. After Julian has professed his love for her, Sarina begins to cry, choking on the unfamiliar emotions he has provoked. Expressing her confusion to Julian, she wants him to tell her what she should feel, that she owes him everything, and laments that she doesn't know how to act as the woman that he wants her to be. Julian holds her closely and tries to comfort her.

The next morning, Bashir meets O'Brien in the Replimat and the two of them discuss Sarina's fate. Julian has arranged an internship for her at the Corgal Research Center, where she will work and live with a scientist and his family as she tries to make some sense of her new life. Bashir reflects on his infatuation over the past few days, beating himself up over his carelessly smothering Sarina, nearly driving her back into catatonia, as Miles tries to cheer him up with an invitation to dinner with Keiko. Bashir shrugs it off as O'Brien returns to work, while he makes his way to the airlock where Sarina's transport is boarding.

At the airlock, Julian and Sarina tearfully say goodbye to each other, Julian pledging to Sarina that he will never forget her...

Treachery, Faith and the Great River

Season 7
Episode Number: 156
Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Tuesday November 4, 1998
Writer: David Weddle, Bradley Thompson
Director: Steve Posey
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Casey Biggs (Damar), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter)
Guest Stars:
Production Code: 40510-556
Summary: Odo must get a cloned Weyoun, who wishes to defect, back to Deep Space Nine without their runabout being destroyed by Jem'Hadar troops. Odo also learns that a virus is slowly wiping out the changeling Founders. Back on the station, Chief O'Brien is trying to repair the Defiant's gravity net in less than three days. When Nog volunteers to help, things take a turn for the worst.



Odo is skeptical when he receives a message from Gul Russol, who used to be one of his most reliable informants. Russol was executed when Cardassia joined the Dominion, or so Odo thought. At the rendezvous point on a barren moon, Odo instead finds Weyoun, who announces that he wants to defect Back on DS9, Miles O'Brien is in dire straits. Captain Sisko has ordered him to get the Defiant's gravity net up and running in three days even though the station already needs far too many repairs. And the needed graviton stabilizer won't be available for three weeks! Nog offers the Chief his help, but O'Brien thinks that Nog will only get him in deeper trouble.

Nog explains to Miles O'Brien how the world works. After Nog talks the Chief into giving him his authorization code, the Ferengi begins wheeling and dealing for the stabilizer in the Chief's name. Not long after, the captain's desk turns up missing. Nog explains that it's on loan to Al Lorenzo, Chief of Operations on Decos Prime, who wants a holophoto of himself sitting behind it.

(He collects such photos.) Nog has set up a chain of deals: in exchange for the loan of the desk, Lorenzo will give O'Brien an induction modulator, which O'Brien can then trade to the USS *Musashi* for a phaser emitter. The phaser emitter will then go to the USS *Sentinel* which has the graviton stabilizer that O'Brien needs. As O'Brien panics, seeing disaster ahead, Nog tells the Chief to have faith in the Great Material Continuum, which Ferengi believe flows through the universe like a river, bringing people the things they need from those that have, and back again.

Meanwhile, on the barren moon, Weyoun's offer to trade valuable intelligence about the Dominion in exchange for asylum in the Federation seems too good an offer to pass up. Odo agrees to take Weyoun back to DS9 on the runabout *Rio Grande*, but before they get very far they receive a transmission from Cardassia. Odo is surprised to see that the transmission is from Damar and Weyoun! It turns out that the Weyoun with Odo is clone number six, who is apparently defective as he has a lack of faith in the Founders.

The Weyoun clone 7, the one with Damar, orders clone 6 to activate his termination implant, a device all Vorta clones have inside their brains. When 6 refuses, Damar vows that the runabout will never return to DS9.

Soon a Jem'Hadar fighter appears and tries to shoot down and destroy the runabout. Weyoun 6 gives details to Odo about the weakness of the fighter which allows Odo to destroy it with a sustained twin-Phaser blast..

Cold pursuit: The Jem'Hadar chase the *Rio Grande* through an ice field as they continue their journey back to the station, Weyoun 6 tells Odo the story of how the Vorta came to be in the service of the Founders. The Vorta were nothing more than timid, ape-like forest dwellers when one day they saw a shapeshifter for the first time. It was fleeing a group of solids. A family of Vorta hid the changeling from its pursuers and the grateful changeling promised that one day they would transform the Vorta into a powerful people. After Odo expresses satisfaction that his people are capable of kindness, Weyoun makes a startling revelation: the Founders are dying. The entire Great Link is suffering from a strange disease (a morphogenic virus). Only Odo, it seems, is not infected.

More Jem'Hadar ships show up, so Odo takes the runabout into an ice field and hides it in a large chunk of ice and powers down. But within hours the Jem'Hadar flush them out.

Knowing that the situation is hopeless, and to save Odo's life so that at least one Founder survives, Weyoun 6 contacts Weyoun 7 and asks him to call off the attack. Weyoun 7 watches as Weyoun 6 activates his termination device. Satisfied, Weyoun 7 orders the Jem'Hadar ships to stop attacking. Meanwhile, Weyoun 6 asks Odo for his blessing before he dies. Although Odo despises the idea that the Vorta see the Founders as gods, he grants Weyoun 6 his wish.

Back on DS9, the Great Material Continuum comes through. Sisko's desk is back, looking spiffier than ever, the stabilizer is on hand, and the captain is happy.

Once More Unto the Breach

Season 7

Episode Number: 157

Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Tuesday November 11, 1998
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Allan Kroeker
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars: John Colicos (Kor), Neil Vipond (Darok), Nancy Youngblut (Kolana), Blake Lindsley (Synon)
Production Code: 40510-557
Summary: Worf grants Kor a place on his ship as they launch an attack against the Dominion. Tensions rise when Martok encounters Kor, who denied him officer status many years ago because Martok was descended from a common house.



Kor is getting old and there is no place in the Empire where his services are needed anymore. He comes to Worf, begging him for an assignment in the fleet, to be able to end his life as he lived it. General Martok, however, has a strong resentment against the Dahar Master. When Martok was still young, his officer candidature was refused by Kor, preventing him to serve even as a soldier in the Klingon fleet, until the humble originated Klingon gained a battlefield commission. With the memories of the humiliation still vivid, Martok has difficulties accepting a member of his own house helping his old enemy. He finally let Worf do as he pleases, but makes it clear that he would take no

responsibilities in the matter.

Worf then offers Kor to serve as third officer on the lead ship in a raid on Trelka V. This has the side effect of greatly irritating Martok while everyone of his officers are thrilled to have the living legend on board. Only to make things worse, Martok's attack plan bears many similarities to the one used at Caleb IV, a famous raid executed by Kor and Kang against the Federation. When the raid effectively takes place, Martok and Worf get wounded and the command falls to Kor. In the following moments, the old Klingon confuses the reality with his memories and almost gets everyone killed before Worf is able to knock him out.

When the battle is over, Martok comes to the mess hall, where Kor already is, to gloat about the recent events. The general doesn't take all the satisfaction he thought he would, as the Dahar Master looks much more like a glimpse into what awaits every long-living Klingon than like a threat anymore.

Soon after, ten Jem'Hadar ships show on sensors, tracking the Martok's squadron even if they are now cloaked. As they are slowly gaining on them, a plan is devised to make the whole squadron drop out of warp for a short amount of time to let the remaining Birds-of-Prey make it to the rendez-vous with the USS Defiant. Worf volunteers for the mission but Kor takes his place, stunning him with a hypospray, at the last minute. The Dahar Master is finally able to engage the whole Jem'Hadar squadron (with a minimal crew of six), effectively saving the remaining Klingon ships and ending his days (it seems, as the sensor contact is lost before the battle is over) as a true warrior.

A subplot of the episode happens at Deep Space 9. From an incomplete conversation he eavesdropped, Quark understands that Ezri Dax wants to engage in another relationship with Worf and he decides, with the not-so-wise advice of apprentice-barman Jake, to declare himself. In the following conversation with Ezri, she rectifies the truth, but she is still charmed by the kind, dear and embarrassing declaration the Ferengi just made to her.

The Siege of AR-558

Season 7
Episode Number: 158
Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Tuesday November 18, 1998
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Max Grodenchik (Rom), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), James Darren (Vic Fontane)
Guest Stars: Patrick Kilpatrick (Reese), Raymond Cruz (Vargas), Bill Mumy (Kellin), Annette Helde (Lt. Nadia Larkin)
Production Code: 40510-558
Summary: Sisko plans an attack that will allow them to tap in to the Dominion's communication array in the Alpha Quadrant on the planet AR- 558. He must also find a way of revealing the 'Houdinis'; mines which hide themselves in subspace and explode without warning.



In Vic's lounge, Rom auditions for a "gig", singing "The Lady is a Tramp" — and not very well. Vic tries to let him down easy, reminding Rom that a singer would be a poor opening act for another singer. Dr. Bashir enters the lounge, and retrieves a recording Vic has made for him to give to the Starfleet soldiers on AR-558.

Meanwhile, Odo finds Captain Sisko standing in the wardroom, where Sisko is looking over the ever-growing list of casualties from the Dominion War. He mentions to Odo that at the start of the war, he tried to memorize the names of the fallen, as if to pay tribute to them, but as the list grew, the names seemed to blur together. Odo tells the captain that that

is understandable. Colonel Kira interrupts them over the comm to inform Sisko that the USS Defiant is ready.

Quark mopes in the mess hall of the Defiant, wondering why Grand Nagus Zek would want him to go on a "fact-finding mission" to the front lines of the war. Ezri tries to comfort him, believing the Nagus wants a Ferengi perspective of the war. Unfortunately, her efforts to cheer him up are in vain, and even more so as the Defiant shakes from Dominion fire. Ezri rushes to the bridge, but Quark follows after her, not wanting to be alone. In the corridor, Quark runs into Worf, who tells him that the Dominion is pushing hard to reclaim the Chin'toka system from Federation control.

Quark nervously enters the bridge behind Worf, just as the Defiant succeeds in destroying a Jem'Hadar fighter with quantum torpedoes. Sisko tells Miles O'Brien to keep an eye out for more

enemy ships. Once the immediate threat is over, Quark's presence on the bridge becomes rather obvious, and he quickly excuses himself. Embarrassed, Ensign Nog assures Sisko that his uncle will not disrupt their work again.

When the *Defiant* reaches AR-558, Sisko relinquishes command to Worf and he, Ezri, Bashir, Quark, and Nog beam down to the planet's barren surface, armed with phaser rifles. Once there, they come under immediate phaser fire.

The phaser fire is Federation, and stops when the ranking Starfleet officer, Lieutenant Nadia Larkin, orders her men to hold their fire. One of them, Vargas, who believes they are all doomed, is a bit of a hothead and mistook Sisko's party for Jem'Hadar. Sisko is surprised at the state of the garrison: the troops have been stranded for five months (when regulations require forces to be rotated off the front line every ninety days), without reinforcements or supplies. Of the original one hundred fifty soldiers, only 43 are left. The other 107, including Captain Loomis and the First officer, Commander Parker, have been killed in action, leaving Larkin as the superior officer.

After seeing to the garrison's most serious injuries, Bashir treats Vargas for his fever and chest congestion. When he moves to treat Vargas' bandaged arm, the young officer grabs Bashir by the collar of his uniform and pulls a phaser on him, telling him he will not remove the bandage under any circumstance and asks Bashir if he understands. Letting go of the doctor after he says he does, Vargas tells Bashir about McGreevey, who applied the bandage to his arm. Vargas could not stand McGreevey, since he considered himself the foremost authority on everything and talked all the time. While applying the bandage, McGreevey kept talking until he was killed in front of Vargas, shot in the chest. Starting to sob, Vargas tells Bashir that it was so great... McGreevey had finally stopped talking.

After his confrontation with Vargas, Bashir pulls Sisko aside and warns the captain that the soldiers' health, not to mention their morale, are both dangerously fragile. In the cave the Starfleet forces are defending, Larkin shows Sisko the object of all the fighting: a captured Dominion communication array which, if the engineers can figure out how it works, would allow the Federation to tap into enemy comm traffic all over the sector. As they talk, a muffled explosion is heard, and Larkin curses as another of her men is claimed by a "Houdini," Dominion anti-personnel mines that hide in subspace and appear at random. They have been trying to find a way to expose or eliminate them, without success. Reese, one of the most hardened soldiers, acerbically tells the others not to waste their breath explaining their situation to Sisko, who will be leaving the planet with his crew shortly.

When the *Defiant* is forced to leave while coming under attack by Jem'Hadar fighters, Sisko's conscience kicks in and he informs Worf that they intend to stay. As the commanding officer on the ground, Sisko now has only one order: hold.

Sisko orders Ezri to work with one of the few surviving engineers, Crewman Kellin, to find a way of unmasking the mines. Though she is no longer an engineer or science officer, Ezri has the benefit of her previous hosts' experience. She and Kellin quickly get to like each other.

Jem'Hadar soldiers later beam down and attack, but something is wrong; they do not fire, and they seem to walk into the line of enemy volleys, ignorant of their casualties. Sisko orders his men to hold as he realizes the Dominion trickery. Almost immediately, the attackers vanish. The soldiers weren't real; they were holograms intended to assess the enemy strength without firing a shot, and they have just succeeded. Between that and the Houdinis, things are looking grim. Sisko has his hands full trying to shore up the morale of the tired soldiers. Aside, Quark explains to Nog that, for all their civilized ways, Humans can become just as savage as bloodthirsty Klingons, if they go too long without food, sleep, or creature comforts.

Sisko decides it is imperative that they discover the location of the Jem'Hadar encampment and assess their strength. He orders Nog (with his superior Ferengi hearing) to accompany Larkin and Reese on the scouting mission, a decision Quark objects strongly to.

After the three officers leave, Sisko says that Nog is only doing his duty, and Quark retorts that Sisko wouldn't send his son Jake out there so casually. Sisko responds that his son is not a Starfleet officer, but this argument doesn't convince Quark.

Using his lobes, Nog successfully leads the scout team to the Jem'Hadar camp, where two columns of Jem'Hadar are preparing to attack. Hearing the sounds of a patrol, Nog signals for them to withdraw, but as they are returning to camp, they are ambushed by Jem'Hadar. Larkin is killed, and Nog's left leg takes a direct strike below the knee.

Meanwhile, Dax successfully modifies a tricorder to cut through the jamming signals, enough to scan the whole compound. Kellin excitedly takes it and states the next step: recalibrating it to find the mines in subspace. When Dax suggests to cross-link its optronic and isodyne relays, Kellin is further impressed and briefly asks about her experience with nine lifetimes of memories to sort through. Dax relates that she remembers battles from past hosts. He reassures her she'll be fine when the time comes.

Reese runs back to camp carrying the injured Nog, and Quark is stricken to see his nephew wounded. Reese gives credit to Nog for making it as far as they did. When Captain Sisko tries to check on Nog, Quark reveals that he is going to lose his leg.

Later, Doctor Bashir is able to successfully remove Nog's leg to prevent further injury, but whether it can be regenerated is unclear; he needs to visit a Starfleet Medical facility.

Quark takes out his fury on Sisko, accusing him of regarding Nog as expendable "cannon fodder." Sisko, equally furious and getting fed up with Quark, retaliates by saying that he cares deeply about the lives of every person under his command, including Nog. Sisko storms off and leaves Quark.

The captain goes to visit Nog in his hospital bed. Nog begins to apologize for falling into the ambush, but Sisko says he has accomplished his mission, and Sisko is very proud of him. He glances at Nog's wound, and Nog reassures him that strangely it doesn't hurt. Then, Nog's confident facade cracks a little bit, and asks Sisko to reassure him that the communications array, for which so many people have died, is really worth it. Sisko says he hopes to God it is.

There is some good news for the officers as Ezri and Kellin find a way to reveal the Houdinis' locations. Once it is put into effect, hundreds of the dreaded killers pop out throughout the defenders' positions. But instead of disarming them, Sisko says he plans to use them against the Jem'Hadar. Based on Reese and Nog's report, the Starfleet forces are hopelessly outnumbered, unless they find a way to even the odds. The irony of the situation is not lost on Ezri: a few hours earlier, the Houdinis were an inhuman weapon, the kind only the Dominion would use; now, with their position so desperate, "they seem a whole lot friendlier." Reese reports that the Jem'Hadar will need to approach the Federation camp through a narrow ravine, so that is where the mines are placed. Once this is done, Sisko and his crew take position behind the barricades, phasers ready. Trying to relieve some of the tension, Bashir plays Vic's recording of "I'll Be Seeing You" over the base's sound system. Quark, the only civilian, stays by Nog's side in the makeshift infirmary, doing his best to keep his nephew comfortable.

In the distance, they hear muffled explosions as the Jem'Hadar trip the mines — and then nothing. In the tense silence that follows, Vargas nervously wonders whether the Jem'Hadar have all been killed, or else decided to retreat. But then the Jem'Hadar come charging towards the barricades, yelling war cries. Sisko yells for the Starfleet forces to open fire.

Dozens of Jem'Hadar go down under phaser fire, but dozens more jump over the barricades and the battle becomes a desperate melee.

Reese is disarmed of his phaser rifle but kills the Jem'Hadar attacking him, then, without bothering to retrieve his rifle, draws his knife and charges at the attackers, roaring like an animal. Vargas is stabbed in the back by a Jem'Hadar and dies. Kellin is shot and killed after saving Ezri. Quark, alone in the infirmary, is the only person available to defend it, and he is forced to kill an enemy soldier with his phaser in defense of Nog. Sisko is knocked out. The last thing he sees is a Jem'Hadar soldier standing over him with a disruptor. When he awakens, Reese is standing over him, asking if he is alive. Sisko gets up and looks around. Many of the officers he knew are now dead, and there are few soldiers left, but as he puts it, "We held." The Defiant returns to AR-558 along with the USS Veracruz, which will pick up the survivors and transport the injured officers as well as Nog and Bashir to Starbase 371. Worf tells Sisko that they achieved a great victory, however Sisko can only think of what this victory cost. A fresh batch of officers start beaming down from the Veracruz. Reese notes that the newcomers are young, to which Sisko responds that they'll grow up fast.

Back aboard DS9, the next casualty list comes in. When Sisko asks how many, Kira replies the number is 1,730, including those lost on AR-558. Kira states that it's "a lot of names" but Sisko, feeling the weight of his recent experiences, tells her that behind every name is a person and it's important not to forget them or the sacrifice they've made.

Covenant

Season 7

Episode Number: 159

Season Episode: 9

Originally aired:	Tuesday November 25, 1998
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	John T. Kretchmer
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat)
Guest Stars:	Norman Parker (Vedek Fala), Jason Leland Adams (Benyan), Maureen Flannigan (Mika), Miriam Flynn (Midwife), Mark Piatelli (Brin)
Production Code:	40510-559
Summary:	Dukat tries to persuade Kira to join a cult that worships the Pah-wraiths when she is unexpectedly transported to Empok Nor.



Vedek Fala, one of Kira's teachers from during the Cardassian Occupation of Bajor, arrives on Deep Space 9 and she greets him warmly. However, there is more to the kind old man than meets the eye; he uses a homing transponder to transport her to the abandoned outpost Empok Nor.

There she finds a Cult of the Pah-wraiths who have chosen Dukat as their leader. He attempts to convince Kira to believe in the Pah-wraiths, telling her that they speak to him, and "opened his heart". She blatantly refuses to believe him, but he keeps her on the station anyway, still convinced she can be changed.

She also has another spiritual argu-

ment with Fala, who shows her the community they have built to show her she has nothing to fear.

She sees Mika, the first to get permission to have a baby with her husband, Benyan. Fala explains that it is part of their covenant with Dukat to take vows of abstinence. Kira is skeptical.

At a prayer meeting, as everyone has their eyes closed and chants, Kira grabs a weapon during a prayer, and threatens Dukat. Several cult members stand in the way, and one knocks her unconscious soon after. Dukat takes care of her, much to her surprise when she wakes up. After another argument with Dukat, she is determined to prove Dukat a fraud. She cannot believe his followers are willing and that he is as changed as he sounds.

Mika soon goes into labor, but when her child is born, it is half-Cardassian. Dukat explains that the Pah-wraiths have sent them a sign. Mika, however is obviously much more skeptical, despite the apparent willingness of the others to believe. Her husband is also having trouble believing it.

Kira immediately confronts Fala with this turn of events. Fala defends Dukat's words, arguing that a miracle is something she cannot rule it out. When Kira pushes him hard enough, he admits

to suspect her version of the truth, but doesn't want her interfering. Her further conversations with the father make it clear that he does not believe Dukat's story.

Dukat apologizes to Mika. When he gets her forgiveness and learns of her husband's disbelief, he flushes her out the nearest airlock. Kira, looking for Mika to ask her about the "miracle", saves her just in time. Dukat claims it was an accident, and everyone believes him – except Benyan. When Kira loudly objects, Dukat sends her to her quarters.

At a sudden prayer meeting, Dukat then makes a great announcement: the pah-wraiths have asked everyone to shed their corporeal existences. Everyone, including him, will commit suicide.

Kira, in her next confrontation with Dukat, does not believe he will die with them. He reassures her that all of their deaths will be painless, thanks to Promazine, a pill used by the Obsidian Order to commit suicide in event of capture and the bodies become dust in hours and so he does not fear it. He will be with the pah-wraiths, and that is his salvation.

As the ceremony begins, Kira manages to escape from her cell. She rushes into the hall, and knocks down Dukat as he holds his tablet, knocking over a pedestal containing dozens. He starts searching in vain for his particular tablet as she is restrained.

When one of his followers hands Dukat another tablet, he cannot accept it. When Kira calls him on his duplicity, and the crowd becomes restless, Dukat protests that he alone must live to show others the light of the pah-wraith. None believe him, and, order falls apart; Benyan even claims it was Dukat's child. As he loses control, Dukat shouts to them that the covenant is broken, transports out.

Fala, despite all this, ingests his tablet. When Kira demands why, his only answer is "faith." Kira is convinced Dukat does believe in the pah-wraiths, despite his continued despotic patterns. She also notes the possibility that Dukat really did receive the suicide order from the pah-wraiths. Either way, he is far more dangerous now than ever...

It's Only a Paper Moon

Season 7
Episode Number: 160
Season Episode: 10

Originally aired: Tuesday December 30, 1998
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Anson Williams
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: James Darren (Vic Fontane), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Patrick Kilpatrick (Reese), Annette Helde (Lt. Nadia Larkin), Tami-Adrian George (Kesha)
Production Code: 40510-560
Summary: Nog takes medical leave in the holosuite program of a 1962 Earth Las Vegas lounge after he lost his leg during a previous battle. Although his new leg is fully functional, he still uses a walking stick, a purely psychological situation, which one of the holo-characters, Vic Fontane, tries to help him overcome.



After losing his leg serving at AR-558, Nog returns home to Deep Space 9. He has undergone extensive counseling at Starbase 235. He is relieved of duty until further notice by Captain Sisko, a hero.

However, Nog finds the counseling with Ezri pointless. He uses a cane, and complains of pain, even though a tricorder scan does not show any nerves firing, leading doctors to conclude it's psychological. Nog, in his state, finds this ridiculous; the pain is real, he's not making it up. When walking through Deep Space 9, he has a sudden flashback on the death of Larkin and the injury of his own leg.

The only solace for Nog is in the Vic Fontaine recording that Doctor Bashir played during his time in triage on AR-558, I'll Be Seeing You. He now plays it constantly, enough to drive Jake Sisko crazy. Sick of listening to the same song constantly, he insists that Nog use a holosuite. Afterward Nog goes into one of Quark's holosuites having Vic sing every version he knows of I'll Be Seeing You. In fact, he feels safe enough that, he talks Vic into letting Nog live with him.

Ezri, concerned about Nog's condition, talks to Vic about Nog, but concludes this may be a good sign, since his counseling was going nowhere. Vic explains he has a trick or two up his sleeve to let him heal, so persuades Ezri to let Nog stay here.

Unfortunately, trouble occurs when Jake takes his friend Kesha on a date into the holosuite for one of Vic's performances. Nog is moody, and when the subject of his heroism comes up, Nog

becomes irritated. When Jake asks Nog what's wrong, the Ferengi becomes angry and starts a fight by throwing the table onto Jake. Vic has to kick Nog back to their room.

To give him something to do, Vic complains about his inability to do his accounting, and how his books are a mess. Nog helps him out, and concludes there is enough money in Vic's bank account he could expand the place. Nog soon finds solace in using his Ferengi business instincts to help make Vic's bar a success. He also soon gets his confidence back as he charms the holographic guests, especially lighting cigarettes for the ladies with a lion's head cane Vic gave him. Before long, he doesn't need it at all. That's when Vic starts to feel a bit exhausted, as the program hasn't been run for this long.

After a while, Ezri comes up to see how Nog is doing. Pleased at the progress report, she thinks Nog should return to the real world, and convinces Vic the same thing by tricking him into realizing he is just using Nog if he lets Nog stay. Vic tries to try and talk Nog out, but when he won't go Vic shuts down his program to force Nog to face the real world again.

Nog tries to force the computer to run the program, but to no avail. Even Chief O'Brien tells him that if Vic doesn't want to appear, he won't. Soon after, Vic causes himself to reappear, and Nog released what he was probably holding back from all the counseling sessions. He tells Vic when the war began, despite how many people he saw get wounded or killed, Nog thought he was going to be okay. Then he got injured at AR-558, and now the Ferengi is suffering from an overwhelming fear of his mortality caused by losing his leg. It was this, apparently, that he couldn't tell the counselors. Vic talks him out of it gingerly with a long speech, and Nog slowly but surely returns to reality.

Nog later thanks Vic for his help with good news: Quark will keep Vic's program running 26/7, effectively giving Vic a life of his own.

Prodigal Daughter

Season 7

Episode Number: 161

Season Episode: 11

Originally aired: Tuesday January 6, 1999
Writer: Bradley Thompson, David Weddle
Director: Victor Lobl
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Guest Stars: Kevin Rahm (Norvo), Mikael Salazar (Janel), John Paragon (Bokar), Clayton Landey (Fuchida), Leigh Taylor-Young (Yanas)
Production Code: 40510-561
Summary: Miles O'Brien disappears while on a secret trip to New Sydney, which is in a system where Ezri's mother owns a mining company. While trying to find him, Ezri is reunited with her estranged family.



Miles O'Brien is investigating the recent disappearance of Morica Bilby, the widow of the Orion Syndicate operative he got involved with in the episode Honor Among Thieves. He went on his investigation under a false pretense, but when Bashir realizes the chief is not coming back, he reveals the truth to captain Sisko. Angry but still pragmatic, the captain asks Dax to contact her mother since she is an influential business woman in the Sappora System, where O'Brien got missing. Ezri's mother, Yanas, uses the opportunity to force a visit from her daughter, to Ezri's annoyance.

On Sappora VII, Ezri's brothers, Norvo and Janel, are both happy to see her. Her mother, however, reveals to be a very authoritative figure and greets her daughter very coldly. As the conversations go, we understand that everyone is a little stressed due to the precarious financial state of the company.

Norvo is in a particularly bad phase as he also just got refused admission from the Andorian Academy. He is on the verge of abandoning a very promising art career to do the company's bookkeeping, following his mother's (strong) suggestion. Ezri's plea in her brother's favor has no effect on Yanas, her mother even goes on to accuse her of having a bad influence on Norvo. Their conversation is interrupted when a police officer arrives with O'Brien.

After the presentations, Yanas takes advantage of having a starfleet engineer in her house to ask him to have a look at a trans-sonic drill problem. The chief finds the problem to be a very strange one, even suggesting a sabotage. In the following conversation between Janel and a man named Thadial Bokar, we learn that the company is involved with the Orion Syndicate and that Janel knew Morica Bilby.

O'Brien and Ezri, on their side, find Morica's name in the company's financial records. The rest unfolds pretty quickly when they inform Yanas of the fact. Janel admits getting the company

involved with the Orion Syndicate to prevent them from going bankrupt a while ago. Bilby's "salary" from the company was a way to return the favor to the Syndicate. But, since she was always asking for more money, the favor became more and more difficult to repay. Because of that, Norvo took unto himself to solve the new problem, killing Morica.

Back at Deep Space Nine, Ezri and O'Brien have a conversation about the recent events, conversation in which Ezri admits feeling responsible for her brother's fate. She wishes she would have gone back earlier to help Norvo getting out of the influence of her mother for a while and giving him a chance to live his dreams.

The Emperor's New Cloak

Season 7
Episode Number: 162
Season Episode: 12

Originally aired: Tuesday February 3, 1999
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: LeVar Burton
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Tiny Ron (Maihar'du), Wallace Shawn (Zek), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt), Chase Masterson (Leeta), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), James Darren (Vic Fontane)
Guest Stars: Peter C. Antoniou (Helmsman)
Production Code: 40510-562
Summary: Grand Nagus Zek is kidnapped by the Regent from the mirror universe. The mirror universe's Ezri arrives on Deep Space Nine and offers an exchange: a cloaking device for Zek. Quark and Rom accompany the Mirror Ezri back to her universe where they are captured and held prisoner.



We find Odo and Quark conversing in Quark's bar as they observe Dr. Bashir and Ezri. It seems Quark is convinced that Ezri is in love with him, although Bashir — and Ezri as well, according to Odo — is not aware of it. Quark's obsession is interrupted when Rom runs in and anxiously informs him that Grand Nagus Zek has gone missing while on a business trip. However, Quark is not worried, assuring Rom the Nagus probably stopped on Risa. By the time he gets rid of Rom, Bashir and Dax have left together, much to Odo's delight.

Quark goes to his quarters to pray (and pay) to the Blessed Exchequer for Bashir to be sent off Deep Space 9 for a few months. He slips the latinum slips into the shrine's lobe in the hope that Ezri will fall for him. Shortly thereafter, the door chime rings; it is Ezri Tigan, dressed in black and not acting at all like Dax. She assertively forces her way into the room, but as Quark learns in a recorded message from Zek, this is not a Vulcan Love Slave role play but the mirror universe Ezri. In the message, Zek reveals that he is in the hands of the Klingon-Cardassian Alliance in the alternate universe. Apparently the Nagus is being held ransom, and Quark has three days to secure a cloaking device for the Alliance or Zek will die.

As Quark and Rom exit the airlock, they appear to be carrying something extremely heavy, although we see only faint occasional glimmer of light from the cloaked cloaking device they

have stolen from the Rotarran. They slowly approach the habitat ring when they hear someone coming and put the cloaking device down. Captain Sisko and General Martok walk by, but they do a double-take as they realize Quark and Rom are idly staring at a bulkhead. Although the Ferengi give no particular reason and Sisko is confused as to what they are doing, Martok grows impatient as they do not have time for such things. Once the soldiers are gone, Quark manages to find the invisible device but burns his finger on an induction coil.

They bring the cloaking device to Ezri in cargo bay 16, where she has apparently set up the interdimensional transporter needed to travel to the alternate universe. As she gets it ready, Rom observes the striking resemblance to the Ezri he knows. However, before she leaves, Quark decides that he and Rom need to go with her to ensure they get Zek back. Ezri does not think doing so is a good idea, but as Martok angrily enters the cargo bay and comes after them, the mirror universe looks a lot more appealing. The three of them transport across with the cloaking device.

Once in the alternate universe, Rom observes how normal the cargo bay on that side looks. The similarities soon end when the Vic Fontaine backs into the room, a phaser in each hand, followed closely by Bashir and a pair of Terrans. Fontaine, who does not know what a hologram is, is a renegade of some sort, and guns blazing, he is shot dead in front of Quark, Rom, and Ezri.

With Fontaine dead, the Terrans turn their attention to the newly-arrived trio and the hostile emotions make it clear that Bashir and Ezri know one another. However, contrary to Rom's expectations, the Terrans hold them in no higher regard. They take the Ferengi and the Trill to the brig.

Bashir and "Smiley" O'Brien visit them in their holding cell, and we learn that Ezri has sided with the Alliance against the Terran Rebellion, for money rather than out of loyalty. Bashir is eager to execute the Ferengi, but O'Brien observes that Quark and Rom's Sisko would not want them in the mirror universe and suggests sending them back where they came from (sans cloaking device). Quark is determined to get the Nagus back though, so they give him until morning to decide. Ezri suggests they take the offer and leave, but the Ferengi firmly refuse despite the hopeless odds.

Aboard the Alliance's Neg'Vhar-class flagship, Kira gently massages Zek's lobes, intent on securing her freedom. Zek has promised Quark and Rom will deliver the cloaking device, and so long as the Intendant believes him, she appears dedicated to pleasing the older Ferengi.

That night Brunt breaks into DS9's brig to rescue Ezri. Unlike the "normal" Brunt, he is incredibly kind and compassionate. He even offers to take Quark and Rom along, offering them food and water.

During the ride in Brunt's shuttle to meet the Alliance's Regent, Rom eagerly feasts on fried tube grubs, but becomes perplexed by the paradoxical logic of the mirror universe. He and Ezri head to bed, leaving Quark and Brunt alone. Brunt then confesses he hates the Alliance, but helps them because Ezri is his closest friend — although he hints that she is "very particular" about men, when Quark inquires about the nature of their relationship.

Regent Worf, meanwhile, has discovered the sinus-clearing wonder of beetle snuff and eagerly awaits the cloaking device. His pet Garak is eager to kill Intendant Kira, but Worf remains firm in making his own decisions. When Quark, Rom, Ezri and Brunt deliver the cloaking device, Kira comes out to seductively greet Ezri and the Regent reneges on his deal with the Ferengi before releasing the Intendant for coming up with the idea to acquire the cloaking device. Quark and Rom are then imprisoned.

As Zek reveals that he stole the interdimensional transporter schematics from Rom's PADD and came to the mirror universe to find new business opportunities, Brunt feels guilty about what he and Ezri have done to the innocent Ferengi. He attempts to convince Ezri to ask the Intendant to get them out of prison, but Kira enters as he is speaking and notes that she does not want to waste a favor from the regent on them. She proceeds to kill Brunt, claiming she felt he was going to betray her and holding Ezri close.

On the bridge, an officer announces that long-range sensors have detected the Defiant, so Regent Worf decides to test his new cloaking device. However, it is not yet operational, so he sends Ezri to fetch Rom. Quark claims they have no reason to help someone who has betrayed them, but Rom and Zek are eager to do whatever is necessary, as they believe Rom's help may allow them to survive.

Despite her prior treachery, Ezri's motives appear genuine.

Rom grows impatient with Garak's inability to serve as his assistant, growing defiant when Garak threatens him; he knows Garak needs him more than he needs Garak. Meanwhile, Kira gets on Worf's good side in order to re-gain control of Terok Nor rather than the Alliance ships destroying it. Once Rom installs the device and the ship cloaks successfully, the satisfied regent allows Garak to "get rid of" the Ferengi as he sees fit. Ever a sadist, Garak relishes the thought, intending to test out a deadly and painful virus on them.

As usual, Quark uses his Ferengi cunning to get him out of a tight spot; when Garak enters the brig with the virus, Quark and the others slyly try to convince him that they have valuable information he should want to know and negatively compare him to "their" Garak.

The Terrans meanwhile begin to suspect something is wrong, knowing they should have caught the Ferengi ship by now. Smiley wonders if the regent has the cloaking device already, but Bashir is sure that, even if he does, it could not be functional yet.

However, the regent's ship is right behind them, matching the clueless Humans' warp speed in anticipation.

Right when the regent's ship decloaks and tries to fire on the Defiant, its power grid shuts down, having been sabotaged by Rom. The Ferengi (and Zek's silent Hupyrian servant, Maihar'du) jump Garak when the force field shuts down. Though he manages to overpower them and is ready to inject Quark with the virus, Ezri steps in and injects Garak instead.

At the airlock, Ezri and company find Kira, and both Ezri and Kira are armed. Neither appears to trust the other, but they both lower their phasers slowly. However, Ezri decides not to go with Kira, having developed a conscience. She lets the Intendant go, as she owes her that much.

The Terrans return to Terok Nor triumphantly with the Regent in their custody and Ezri now on their side. After their recent ordeal, Quark offers to take Ezri back to our universe, but she decides to turn over a new leaf with the Terrans. Suddenly Leeta shows up, much to Rom's delight; however, it is the mirror Leeta, who has never seen him in her life and has been sent to "debrief" Ezri, as the two look seductively at one another. Rom suddenly wants to go home after seeing this, to which Quark and Zek agree wholeheartedly.

Field of Fire

Season 7

Episode Number: 163

Season Episode: 13

Originally aired:	Tuesday February 10, 1999
Writer:	Robert Hewitt Wolfe
Director:	Tony Dow
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Art Chudabala (Ilario), Marty Rackham (Chu'lak), Leigh J. McCloskey (Joran Belar)
Production Code:	40510-563
Summary:	Ezri is enlisted to help track down a serial killer that is loose on Deep Space Nine. In order to gain an insight into the killer's mind, she calls on the experiences of self-professed murder and a past host of Dax, Joran.



Several of the senior staff are gathered in Quark's Bar, toasting one young lieutenant Hector Ilario for his excellent performance at the Defiant's helm in a recent battle. Eventually, the party winds down, and the (drunk) young lieutenant is escorted to his quarters by Ezri. The next morning, he is discovered dead in his quarters, having been shot through the heart.

Perplexingly, there is no evidence of a forced entry, nor of any entry at all. Even more mysterious is the fact that he was killed, at close range, with a projectile weapon rather than a directed energy weapon such as a phaser or disruptor. The tritanium bullet is matched to a Fed-

eration prototype TR-116 rifle, which was never mass-produced, having been abandoned in favor of regenerative phasers. The rifle's replicator pattern, disturbingly, is only available to Starfleet officers. Drawing on his knowledge of 20th century crime novels, Odo notes that there are no powder burns on the body, suggesting that the shot was fired from a longer range.

Ezri is deeply disturbed by her memories of being Joran Dax, who murdered three people, and has a nightmare about the murdered lieutenant and Joran. Upon awakening, she is summoned to the site of another murder, this time of Greta Vanderweg, a science officer. Similarly to Ilario, she was killed by a tritanium bullet, apparently fired at close range, leaving no powder burns. Sisko assigns Ezri to assist Odo with her forensic psychology training.

O'Brien demonstrates the TR-116 on a melon. Later, at Quark's, O'Brien and Bashir are discussing the killer's odd choice of weapon.

Davy Crockett's attachment to a particular weapon comes up, and, as Bashir tells an old story about Davy Crockett using frying pans to perform a trick shot, the Chief has an epiphany about how the killer has fired from close range without leaving powder burns.

Quickly arranging a demonstration, O'Brien shows how a micro-transporter could be attached to the muzzle of a TR-116 rifle to beam the bullet close to the target, where it would exit with the same kinetic energy. An exographic targeting sensor could be used to scan through bulkheads, meaning the killer could be firing from anywhere on the station, at anyone. Unfortunately, the micro-transporter does not leave enough of a transporter trace to track.

Ezri summons Joran's memories. Ezri redoubles her efforts to find a connection between the two murder victims, but gets nowhere.

Hoping to draw on the memories of Joran, she performs the Trill Rite of Emergence to extract and personify him. Joran encourages her to think like a killer, disturbing her deeply. In Quark's, Ezri nearly stabs a man, thinking he's the murderer. It turns out the man (Ensign Bertram) was being pursued by security for accessing the TR-116 replicator pattern. However, he was on Bajor at the time of the first murder, ruling him out as a suspect. Sisko almost takes Ezri off the case, but gives her another chance. Ezri attempts to reverse the ritual and rebury Joran's memories, but is interrupted by news of another murder. Zim Brott, a Bolian petty officer, has been found dead, by the same method.

While searching the latest victim's quarters for clues, Ezri realizes the only commonality between the victims is pictures of laughing people in their quarters. She suspects a Vulcan is behind the murders, reasoning that a Vulcan, sufficiently traumatized, might see the pictures as an unbearable, frozen display of emotion. She comes up with a short list of suspects who fit what she has deduced.

Ezri aims the rifle at Chu'lak. On her way to review her list and shorten it further, she meets a Vulcan who seems to fit the killer's profile in a turbolift. Checking his personnel file, she discovers his name is Chu'lak, and he has indeed suffered a recent emotional trauma. Using the TR-116 and exographic scanner, she observes Chu'lak looking at her personnel file, then retrieving a TR-116 rifle and exographic scanner, and aiming at her. Although Joran encourages her to kill the Vulcan, she shoots him non-lethally, and rushes to his quarters, capturing him.

Finally, having solved the murders and come to terms with her memories of Joran, she successfully returns him to his normal place among her memories of Dax's previous hosts.

Chimera

Season 7

Episode Number: 164

Season Episode: 14

Originally aired: Tuesday February 17, 1999
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Steve Posey
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Guest Stars: J.G. Hertzler (Laas), Joel Goodness (Deputy), John Eric Bentley (Klingon)
Production Code: 40510-564
Summary: Odo meets another shapeshifter, whom he realizes is one of the 100 infants sent out to learn about other species and cultures. The changeling, Laas, dislikes and distrusts solids, and tries to convince Odo to feel the same way. Laas suggests that he and Odo search for the rest of their kind that were sent out, so as to start a new Great Link — an offer Odo finds difficult to refuse.



We find Chief O'Brien and Constable Odo re-entering the Bajor system in a runabout, having just attended a conference somewhere. Odo purchased a "nick-nack" for Kira, as well as Rigelian chocolates (her favorite), serving to remind O'Brien that he failed to get anything for Keiko. He half-seriously offers to buy the chocolates. As Odo apologetically refuses, an alarm goes off; something is gaining on the runabout from behind. It appears to be a creature of some sort, but as it overtakes the vessel, it seems to disappear.

Shortly thereafter, a Changeling oozes out of a vent in the cockpit. It seems the Changeling sensed Odo's presence and came to investigate. While Miles believes

the Changeling to be a Founder, Odo realizes he like Odo is one of "the 100", Changelings the Founders sent out to learn about the galaxy. Nonetheless, the Changeling (who does not trust "monoforms") allows himself to be taken into custody so long as Odo vouches for his safety.

They return to Deep Space 9, where Dr. Bashir confirms that the Changeling's morphogenic matrix is as stable as Odo's rather than infected with the morphogenic virus that has infected the Founders' Great Link. Perhaps against Captain Sisko's better judgement, the Changeling is released into Odo's custody.

As the Changeling, Laas, walks along the Promenade with Odo, he tells of how he was discovered over 200 years ago, alone, as was Odo at first. He too "grew up" around humanoids, but now he does not trust them. Although Odo and Laas agree that the Founders' war with the Federation is wrong, Laas simply wishes to avoid humanoids altogether. When they get to Odo's

quarters and Laas sees a picture of Kira, he tells of how he once had a Veralan mate, but having children was important to her and they ended their relationship.

Then Odo links with Laas, allowing the other Changeling to experience the sensation for the first time. However, during the link Odo betrays his true feelings; were he not in love with Kira, he would have returned to the Great Link and become a Founder.

The next day, Kira finds Odo in the security office and is excited to hear about the Changeling, but Odo is still troubled by Laas' revelation. He is awkward in discussing the matter but does reveal that he linked with Laas. In any case, Kira expresses interest in meeting Laas, so they decide to meet up in Quark's.

Kira now sits with Bashir, O'Brien, and Ezri as they await Odo and Laas' arrival. Unfortunately, Laas' seems to thwart attempts at starting friendly conversation; he seems to think himself somehow superior to "monoforms" and openly expresses his dislike for humanoids as he describes how Veralans are as disruptive to the balance of nature as any other civilization. A comment about not trusting monoforms hits a sour note with O'Brien, who does not trust Changelings beside Odo. In Laas' eyes, O'Brien only trusts Odo because he has convinced him that Odo is a monoform himself. After an awkward silence, Odo graciously leaves with Laas.

Back on the Promenade, Laas tries to get Odo to link with him in an attempt to prove how much Odo is embarrassed of his true nature.

In Laas' eyes, Odo's desire to shapeshift only in private is evidence of how intolerant the creatures around them are. He proposes that he and Odo search for others of "the hundred" and form a new link, away from the Founders and their war. The idea obviously appeals to Odo.

In Kira's quarters, Odo tells her about Laas' idea and she begins to worry about his happiness. After all, linking allows one to know a person much more intimately than talking. She fears Laas knows something she does not, but Odo reassures her that he loves her more than anything and has no desire to leave.

He returns to his quarters to find a fire — no, Laas — in the middle of the room. Laas promises to show Odo magnificent things, the likes of which he has never dreamed, but Odo intends to stay on DS9. Rather than leave, he believes Laas might like to stay as well, which Laas does "as a favor" to Odo.

The next day, Bashir and O'Brien arrive on the Promenade to discover a thick layer of fog is covering the ground which leads them to believe that the environmental controls are acting up. Before O'Brien can leave to check the controls, Odo reassures them that everything is fine; the fog is actually Laas, who is relaxing. When they express displeasure, Odo's attitude is markedly different from before as he sees nothing wrong with Laas actions. The other Changeling changes back to his normal state, but he has gained the attention of a pair of Klingon officers. One comes at Laas with a knife, but it goes through him and he uses his shapeshifting nature to create a long sword for himself. He proceeds to kill the other Klingon before the man can draw his own weapon.

Captain Sisko, Odo, and Worf meet in the captain's office to discuss the matter. In an unusual gesture, the Klingon Empire is pursuing diplomatic avenues to extradite Laas to their jurisdiction in order to prosecute him for killing one of their soldiers.

There appears to be no motive for doing so (it is normally not an honorable thing to do) other than Laas' status as a Changeling.

The matter is out of Sisko's hands until the magistrate can rule on it.

Badda-Bing, Badda-Bang

Season 7

Episode Number: 165

Season Episode: 15

Originally aired:	Tuesday February 24, 1999
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director:	Mike Vejar
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	James Darren (Vic Fontane), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Mike Starr (Tony Cicci), Robert Miano (Frankie Eyes), Robert O'Reilly (Countman), Christopher Mayer (Guard), Kelly Cooper (Dancer), Michelle Johnston (Dancer), Kelly Sheerin (Dancer), Leslie Hoffman (Casino Patron), Sam Micco (Croupier), Andrea C. Robinson (Blonde), James Wellington (Al), Michelle Rudy (Dancer), Jacqueline Case (Dancer), William Smith (I) (Stand In), Paige Brooks (Jenny), Stephen Pisani (Various Aliens), Marc Lawrence (Carl Zeemo)
Production Code:	40510-565
Summary:	A "jack-in-the-box" — a surprise twist — is discovered in Vic Fontaine's program, and his casino is bought by gangsters. Now, to save Vic's job, and possibly his life, the senior staff must rob the casino to run Vic's nemesis out of Vegas.



While in Vic Fontaine's holosuite club, Miles and Julian try to convince Vic to join them in their Alamo program. Vic declines, and instead offers to sing a tune to get them into a "Texas frame of mind." In the middle of Vic's Alamo rendition, however, he is suddenly booed off the stage, as a new, raunchy act emerges from behind the curtain, stealing Vic's show. Confused and in a state of disbelief, Vic gets shuffled by the crowd; when the crowd parts, he is confronted by Frankie Eyes, a gangster with an axe to grind against Vic. Frankie abruptly informs Vic that he has recently purchased the hotel, casino, and lounge. Vic, who is no longer welcome in the club, is being

replaced with a new act.

Miles requests that the computer remove the two new, offending characters from the program, but nothing happens. So he tries to freeze the entire holosuite program, again to no avail. Frankie is accompanied by a thug, Tony Cicci, who begins to get physical with Vic, as Frankie demands Vic leave the premises. To defuse the situation, Vic agrees to leave peacefully, while Frankie checks out his new casino. Julian and Miles discuss how to fix the errant program, but they

frighten Vic by suggesting they may have to wipe out part of his memory. They agree to find another, less destructive way to save their holographic friend.

Back in Ops, the crew members debate the true value of a holodeck "friend," with Worf arguing that Vic is merely a hologram, and should be treated as such, even if he is talented entertainer. Miles, Nog, and Kira all argue that Vic is "more than just a program." Julian soon learns that the new adversarial holosuite character has been implanted purposefully by Felix, the designer of the program, as a jack-in-the-box, a character buried very deeply within the program storyline, and not easy removed. Felix warns Julian that the jack-in-the-box is also period-specific, meaning that it must be beaten with 1962 means and methods, or else the integrity of the entire program, and Vic's existence, may be jeopardized. Captain Benjamin Sisko emerges from his office and asks what everyone is talking about. The crew explain what's happened to Vic, but are surprised when Benjamin isn't interested and orders them all back to work. Nog promises his help, since Vic saved Nog after he lost his leg. Kira promises her support, as well as Odo's, too.

Meanwhile, Benjamin and Kasidy are enjoying a quiet, romantic dinner, when Kasidy broaches the subject of Vic's dilemma. Benjamin is surprised to find Kasidy coming to Vic's defense, insisting that Vic is more friend than program. Back on the holosuite, Miles and Julian go to room 107, Vic's room in the hotel, only to find Vic beaten and bruised, and still shaky on his feet. With three bruised ribs and a sprained wrist, Vic explains how he was roughed up as a warning message to speed his departure. Frankie is a childhood rival from Vic's youth, whom Vic used to beat mercilessly in street stickball, playing as children. Miles and Julian promise Vic they will hatch a plan to end the jack-in-the-box threat.

Kira and Odo begin infiltrating the revamped casino and club, now crawling with gangster clientele; Vic's band has been replaced by a number of sultry, burlesque dancers and blues musicians. Odo, enchanted by the action on-stage, befriends Cicci and the other gangsters at the bar. Kira, meanwhile, is approached by Frankie, who takes an obvious interest in her. Kira accompanies Frankie to the roulette table to distract him, while Odo endears himself to Cicci by effortlessly stretching his changeling arm, in what appears to be the best bar trick ever concocted. In this way, Odo learns from the henchmen that Frankie is merely a pawn of Carl Zeemo, a big-time gangster who is behind the purchase of the hotel.

Back in Vic's hotel room, the gang (which now includes Kasidy and Ezri Dax) begins planning the fall of Frankie Eyes. Vic explains how Frankie's business works by him paying "skim" money to the big boss every month. The main stash of mob money is locked in a safe in the casino Countroom, guarded by Countmen and a Guard. Each person begins preparing his or her part of the plan.

Frankie shows Kira to the Countroom, where large amounts of cash are accumulated and stored in the safe. Kasidy, playing her part as a casino gambler, continually tries to strike up a conversation with the Countroom Guard, distracting him from his duties. Odo introduces Ezri as someone new in town, whereby Cicci immediately hires her as a cocktail waitress. Vic appears on the casino floor, pleading with Cicci to allow him to see Frankie. Frankie, accompanied by the cool-acting Kira, rebuffs Vic's advances rather insultingly, and leads Kira toward the poker table.

Benjamin expresses to Kasidy his reluctance about the majority of his senior staff involving themselves in the Vic Fontaine holosuite program. Kasidy defends their actions as friends helping out friends in need. When pressed, Sisko further explains that he feels uncomfortable with the setting (Las Vegas 1962), because of the racial strife of the era. Kasidy responds by explaining that Vic's program is not designed to contain any of the racial tensions of 1960s Earth. Rather than ignoring these issues, she believes, they can act out how things could have been, almost in a Utopian-type environment, where one's only limitations are "the ones we impose on ourselves." This has a noticable effect on the Captain.

In the hotel room, the characters realise that in order to pull off their plan, they need another person helping. With Worf and Quark most likely unwilling to help, the gang begin to worry until, to their surprise, Benjamin enters the room promising his support, having been swayed by Kasidy's argument.

Now the characters finalize their plans. Kira will begin their elaborate ruse by keeping Frankie preoccupied; while he is busy flirting with her, he will become oblivious to what happens on the casino floor. Vic and high-roller Benjamin will then attract a lot of attention at the gaming tables by throwing around a wad of cash. At precisely 11:45 p.m., Julian will slip a few drops of ipecac into a martini being delivered by Ezri to the Countman in the Countroom. On the casino floor,

Kasidy and Miles will create a disturbance as victim and pickpocket, respectively, to distract the Guard. When the Countman becomes physically ill from the tainted drink, he will rush out of the Countroom, leaving it vulnerable to Nog and Odo, who will disguise himself as Ezri's tray. Nog, using his superior Ferengi hearing, will pick the lock on the safe, while Odo will shapeshift part of his arm into a suitcase, with which to carry away the million dollars.

The entire caper should take, by Benjamin's estimate, eight minutes; Julian unabashedly predicts it will take only five. They will need to carry out their plan the following night, as Frankie's big boss Zeemo will arrive the night after to collect his skim money.

The following night, all decked out in 1960s period attire, the eight participants march through a half-empty Quark's Place into Vic's, turning many an eye in the joint. Quark, who has traditionally viewed Vic as competition, and has never gotten close, remarks, "I'm telling you, Morn.... Something's going on at Vic's that we don't know about." Sisko's crew walk towards the holosuite. Their plan underway, Kira enters to distract Frankie. Julian orders his vodka martini (stirred, not shaken) from Ezri. Vic encourages Benjamin to loosen up the purse-strings, so as to appear the part of high-roller; he reluctantly increases his wager from \$100 to \$2,000. Kira lures Frankie into a private table in the restaurant, away from the action.

When a rogue customer accidentally spills Ezri's drink tray, Julian saves the moment by grabbing another drink, tainting it, and handing it to Ezri for delivery. Their plans take another turn for the worse when the regular Countman is not there, replaced by an acerbic, insulting man. After a brief repartee, Ezri finally persuades the new Countman to gulp down the drink, while Benjamin and Vic do their thing at the tables. Kasidy and Miles easily distract the Guard (perhaps too easily, as Miles will soon discover), so Nog slips into the Countroom when the Countman scrambles to the restroom.

Nog, who was unprepared to find the safe employing an auto-relock tumbler, cannot crack the lock. In the meantime, all the other participants stretch out their parts, so as to give Nog longer to achieve his goal. With Kira slowly nursing her drink, Frankie is surprised to have a guest ... the big Mr. Zeemo himself, arriving in town a day early to collect his money — the very money Nog and Odo are trying desperately to get their hands onto in the Countroom! Kira, pausing for time, exclaims what an honor it is to meet him, to which Mr. Zeemo replies matter-of-factly, "I know." Nog, still struggling with the safe, is informed by Odo that they've expended their allotted eight minutes. Julian, discarding a winning full house hand, walks away from the poker tables to intercept the second Countman, re-routing him away from the Countroom. Vic causes a scene by insulting Mr. Zeemo's escort, a young blonde beauty, only to be escorted away himself by Cicci. As a last resort, Benjamin begins throwing money around — literally. He casts handfuls of cash into the air here and there, causing a sensation (and quite a disruption) on the casino floor.

In the Countroom, Nog finally unlocks the door to the safe. Odo begins putting the safe's million dollars into his "briefcase" of an arm, while outside Miles, carrying on the act for too long, gets arrested for stealing. Leading Miles away to a holding cell, the Guard is instructed to perform a stripsearch on the poor chief. Kasidy pretends to break down, to keep the Guard's head turned at the last minute, while Odo and Nog flee the Countroom, making their escape. Their flight takes them, with the money, past Mr. Zeemo, astounded at seeing all the money floating around the casino floor.

Sisko sings. It's a different story in the Countroom, however, as there is no money in the safe, much to the shock of Frankie. Not being able to produce the cash, and appearing to have squandered the money like confetti on the casino floor, Frankie is escorted out drearily, past the burlesque show, past the blues band, and right past the co-conspirators, neatly lined up at the bar: Julian, the drink-doctorer; Nog, the safecracker; Ezri, the cocktail waitress; Odo, the bag-man; Kira, the decoy; Benjamin, the high-roller; Kasidy, the victim; and, of course, Vic.

As Frankie is lead through the curtains, presumably to meet his doom, the ambiance in Vic's lounge immediately returns to how it was before the Jack-in-the-Box upset everything. Vic offers a glass of the bubbly to each of his co-conspirators (each of his friends) when suddenly Miles appears, putting his jacket (and, presumably, clothes) back on after his encounter with the Guards. Vic agrees to accompany Miles and Julian on their Alamo program any time they desire — "coonskin cap and all". Vic and Benjamin conclude the adventure by together crooning the duet *The Best is Yet to Come* to the delight of all.

Inter Arma Enim Silent Leges

Season 7
Episode Number: 166
Season Episode: 16

Originally aired: Tuesday March 3, 1999
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: David Livingston
Show Stars: Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross)
Guest Stars: Adrienne Barbeau (Cretak), John Fleck (Koval), Hal Landon Jr. (Neral), William Sadler (Sloan), Cynthia Graham (Wheeler), Joe Reynolds (Hickam)
Production Code: 40510-566
Summary: Dr. Bashir is about to leave for a convention on Romulus, when Sloan, his contact in Section 31, asks him to gather intelligence on the Romulan Government. After consulting with Captain Sisko and Admiral Ross, he reluctantly agrees. However, things are far more complicated than they seem.



In the replimat, knowing Dr. Bashir is preparing for a conference on Romulus, Elim Garak reminisces about his former Romulan assignment as a gardener of sorts in a Cardassian embassy and notes to Bashir how everything on Romulus is grey: the buildings, architecture, the people, even the Romulan heart. He expresses distaste at how dull and unimaginative they are. That night, Bashir wakes to find Section 31 operative Sloan in his quarters. Sloan tells him that he will be called upon to perform an intelligence assignment on Romulus, alluding to Bashir's affection for romanticized spy stories in a holosuite, but providing the dear doctor something real to take up this

time. He leaves and Bashir chases after him with a phaser, but only finds Ezri in the corridor. In Sisko's office, the captain explains that he and Vice admiral William Ross want Bashir to pretend to go along with Sloan's assignment.

Bashir boards the USS Bellerophon, an Intrepid-class ship that is transporting the conference delegates to Romulus. He makes conversation with Ross and Senator Cretak before Sloan appears, undercover as a civilian delegate. In private, Sloan shows Bashir a hologram of Koval, the head of the Tal Shiar intelligence agency and a candidate for a vacant seat on the Romulan Senate's powerful Continuing Committee. Koval is suspected in the death of Admiral Fujisaki of Starfleet Intelligence, and is opposed to the Federation-Romulan alliance. Sloan wants Bashir to observe Koval for confirmation of the rumor that he is afflicted with Tuvan Syndrome. Bashir discusses the matter with Ross, who would rather see Cretak fill the vacancy, but expresses reservations about the Federation appearing to meddle in Romulan politics.

At the conference, Koval approaches Bashir and asks him about the Dominion's Quickenings virus. Bashir invites him to the presentation on it he will give later. Cretak, who witnesses the encounter, jokes that Bashir should be recruited by Starfleet Intelligence, because Koval rarely speaks to anyone, especially her. She volunteers a few insights into Romulan life and how much the Tal Shiar has permeated their society.

Bashir gives his presentation about the Quickenings, and afterwards Koval asks him if he knows how it could be introduced into a population. Back on the Bellerophon, Bashir tells Sloan about the encounter, and that because of certain subtle symptoms, he believes Koval does have Tuvan syndrome. Sloan shows considerable interest in the illness, and asks how it could be accelerated.

Bashir explains to Ross his fear that Koval is about to be assassinated, and his suspicion that Sloan has a Romulan accomplice who will carry it out. Ross tells him that Sloan will be arrested. Later, Bashir overhears that Ross collapsed and is unconscious. He is unable to contact DS9, and cannot trust anyone on the Bellerophon, so he goes to Cretak. She is appalled by the assassination plot, but gives in to Bashir's request to access classified information that may reveal Sloan's accomplice and prevent the murder.

In an attempt to delay the assassination, Bashir tells Sloan that he may have been wrong about Koval's diagnosis because he has only studied the disease's effect on Vulcans, and needs a tissue sample to confirm it. Sloan has Bashir's hand treated with a microcellular adhesive that will collect the sample. Bashir approaches Koval and shakes his hand. Koval asks to speak to him in private, and Bashir follows but discovers that he has been brought to an interrogation room.

Koval uses a Romulan mind probe to find out what Bashir knows, but his genetic enhancements allow him to resist. He and Cretak are brought before Praetor Neral and the Continuing Committee. Bashir describes Section 31, Sloan, and the assassination plot. However, Koval brings in a physically abused Sloan and reveals what Bashir does not know: that Section 31 does not exist. Sloan was a Starfleet Intelligence agent and Admiral Fujisaki's protégé, and invented Section 31 so that Starfleet would not be blamed for his personal revenge on Koval. The committee finds Cretak guilty of treason and remands Sloan for further interrogation. Sloan grabs a guard's disruptor but Koval shoots first and vaporizes him.

On their way back home Bashir confronts a recovered Ross and insists that the admiral knows that Sloan is alive. Off the record Ross confirms that Sloan's death was a faked by beaming away before being hit. Section 31 does exist and Koval is a Starfleet agent who will soon be in a more powerful, and informative, position. Ross declares "inter arma enim silent leges." Bashir is disgusted by the comparison of the idealistic Federation with realist Rome. The admiral justifies his cooperation with Section 31 by citing the growing wartime casualties under his command.

Back on DS9, Bashir wakes to find Sloan again. Sloan explains that he chose Bashir for his conscience, which would cause him to try to stop the assassination, and play into the charade. He praises the doctor but explains that other people, who are less ethical, are necessary to protect the idealists. After he leaves, Bashir calls security but, realizing that there's no point, cancels the call.

Penumbra (1)

Season 7

Episode Number: 167

Season Episode: 17

Originally aired: Tuesday April 7, 1999
Writer: René Echevarria
Director: Steve Posey
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Deborah Lacey (Sarah), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Casey Biggs (Damar), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars: Terry Farrell (Jadzia Dax (voice)(uncredited)), Shannon Cochran (Sirella (voice)(uncredited)), Michelle Horn (Saghi)
Production Code: 40510-567
Summary: Sisko buys land on Bajor. Worf goes missing, and Ezri steals a run-about to find him. Sisko proposes to Kasidy, but he is soon warned by the Sarah prophet to break the engagement.



During a quiet evening in 2375, Benjamin Sisko reveals to Kasidy Yates that he has recently purchased twelve hecapates of land on Bajor, in the Kendra Province. He plans to build a home there, for his retirement years. They reminisce about the past, marveling at how much has changed in Sisko's seven years on DS9. They are a couple, very much in love.

Kira informs everyone that Worf is missing in combat, and is presumed dead. Worf had been in command of the Klingon vessel IKS Koraga, which was destroyed by a Dominion patrol near the Badlands. Although six of its escape pods were recovered, Worf wasn't aboard any of them. Searching the area for three

days, the Defiant can find no trace of him; back at the station, Quark tries to cheer up a demoralized Ezri Dax. Later that evening, the Defiant calls off the search in the face of a dozen approaching Dominion ships.

Instead of pursuing the Defiant, the Dominion ships are diverted by Weyoun to Devos II to protect the Son'a's ketracel-white facility. When Weyoun questions Damar's drinking of kanar, Damar turns the tables and questions the health of the Founders. Weyoun dismisses his queries, and orders the installation of a new subspace, secretly-encoded communication channel for the Founder on Cardassia.

Walking past Worf's now-empty quarters, Dax overrides the lock and enters. She sees the bat'leth given to Jadzia by Worf, and begins to reminisce about Jadzia's relationship and marriage

to Worf. She suddenly feels more than ever a part of the Dax symbiont, so she borrows the runabout USS Gander to search for Worf on her own. Sisko supplies her with their search logs from the Defiant to improve her chances. While studying the ship's logs, she discovers that the six recovered escape pods had all been launched from the starboard side of the ship. Assuming Worf made it to a port-side escape pod, Ezri calculates the pod's trajectory, and follows it in the runabout, even powering down her thrusters, to more closely simulate a drifting pod in the Badlands currents.

Her plan succeeds: she locates an escape pod, captures it with a tractor beam, and transports its sole occupant — a disoriented Worf — aboard safely to her runabout.

Sisko, who is constructing a scale model of his prospective house on Bajor, is discussing some of its design details with Kasidy, when suddenly he proposes marriage, even producing an engagement ring from a table in the model house. She accepts, and the joyous couple embrace. Later, Benjamin asks his son Jake to be the best man at his wedding; Jake eagerly accepts, noting that his duties also include planning the groom's bachelor party.

On Cardassia, the Founder finds the newly-installed communication system adequate. However, she seems more concerned with Weyoun's news regarding their search for a vaccine. The latest batch of vaccine failed to accomplish its goal of finding a cure for the sickness infecting the Great Link, so she tears off a piece of herself, giving it to Weyoun as a tissue sample for future experimentation by the next round of Vorta medical clones. She insists on keeping the sickness a secret from the Cardassians, whose suspicions have already been aroused.

On their way back to DS9, Worf and Ezri soon grow tense and stand-offish with one another, until Ezri tries to break the ice. She gets Worf to admit that he had been singing the Klingon opera Gav'ot toh'va before she rescued him. When her inquiries regarding Worf's son Alexander get too personal, they begin to argue, but their argument is interrupted by two incoming Jem'Hadar fighters.

Attempting to hide in the Goralis system, they emergency-transport to the surface of a planet, moments before the Gander burns up in the planet's atmosphere. They immediately discover that they are without their communications gear, and therefore have no way to contact home.

While planning their nuptials, Sisko and Yates are approached by a young Bajoran girl, who congratulates them, claiming the Emissary's wedding will be the biggest wedding ever seen on Bajor. Soon, they notice a crowd of Bajorans on the Promenade, all marveling at the engaged couple, who realize their relationship will be more difficult than most others.

On Cardassia, Dukat pays an unexpected visit to Damar, asking for a favor. He ends up contacting a plastic surgeon, and soon afterwards appears to Damar in his quarters, now seemingly Bajoran.

Still marooned on the planet, Worf and Dax quickly get on each other's nerves. Their arguments, about their current predicament as well as their past, lead then to nearly come to blows — only to wind up in one another's embrace. Later that night, still sleeping side-by-side, they are stunned by the Breen and taken prisoner.

Sisko experiences another vision from the Prophets, urging him to accept his destiny as the Emissary. The Prophet which embodied his mother, Sarah Sisko, reappears, hinting that he must fulfill his destiny alone, without even Kasidy. Despite Benjamin professing his love for Kasidy, the vision tells him to walk his road alone, and that his biggest trial is about to begin.

'Til Death Do Us Part (2)

Season 7

Episode Number: 168

Season Episode: 18

Originally aired: Tuesday April 14, 1999
Writer: David Weddle, Bradley Thompson
Director: Winrich Kolbe
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Deborah Lacey (Sarah), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Casey Biggs (Damar), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter)
Guest Stars: James Otis (Solbor)
Production Code: 40510-568
Summary: Dukat, surgically altered to look Bajoran, tries to gain Kai Winn's confidence. Sisko cancels his engagement with Kasidy, but shortly changes his mind and marries her despite further warning from the Sarah Prophet. The Breen join the Dominion/Cardassian Alliance.



As Benjamin tries to explain his vision from the prophets to son Jake, they are paid a surprise visit from Kai Winn Adami. She offers to officiate the Emissary's wedding ceremony. Benjamin decides to reveal part of his most recent vision, about his upcoming Great Trial, but he conceals from the Kai that the Prophets warned him not to wed. Going back to her quarters, the Kai seemingly receives her first (ever) vision from the Prophets, telling her she must accomplish "a Restoration" of the faltering Emissary via a "guide" who will soon appear to her.

Worf and Ezri Dax try to console themselves while being held prisoner aboard

the Breen ship. Still unsure why they have been taken prisoner, they are fed a diet of algae paste. Worf makes a romantic overture to Ezri, but she responds quite coldly.

On Cardassia, Weyoun wakes Legate Damar in his quarters after a night of drinking kanar and partying. Weyoun tells him to prepare to leave, to a destination unknown, in the afternoon. He informs Damar that his association with Gul Dukat has been found out, as well as Dukat's masquerading as a Bajoran. Damar meets with Dukat, and supplies him with forged travel and identity documents. Seeing the way Weyoun is controlling Damar, he tells Damar that he must be strong, as he is the leader of the Cardassian people. Dukat assures Damar that he is a changed man, serving the will of the Bajoran Pah-wraiths, who have shown him his new destiny. Taking a shuttle, Dukat arrives on Deep Space 9 anonymously.

Kasidy encourages Benjamin to ignore the warnings from the prophets, but she fails to persuade him away from the will of the prophets. Sadly, she removes her engagement ring, leaves it on the table, and exits. Kira tells Benjamin that he is doing the right thing, by heeding the prophets, but he isn't sure himself.

In the Breen ship, Ezri relates a strange dream she has had about them, where Julian turns out to be a Breen. While she psychoanalyzes her own dream, Worf grows jealous of her feelings toward Julian. The Breen arrive, shocking Worf and Ezri into submission, and dragging Worf away for a painful interrogation.

Dukat, claiming to be a Bajoran farmer, Anjohl Tennan from Relliketh, seeks an audience with the Kai. He convinces her that he is the "guide" sent by the prophets. She senses in him a strong pagh, falling for Dukat's deception. At first playing the part of a humble farmer seeking a prosperity blessing from the Kai, he gradually squirms his way into her life, questioning the rightful authority of the Emissary.

Weyoun, on his way to the mysterious rendezvous coordinates, is greeted on the bridge of the Jem'Hadar ship by the female Founder.

She appears very weak and frail, as if she is having a problem remaining in solid form. Weyoun promises to lower the temperature even further.

Back in the waiting cell with Ezri, Worf awakens violently from his interrogation by the Breen. He remembers them using a cortical implant to probe his memory, before losing consciousness. Suddenly the Breen reappear, this time taking Ezri to the interrogation chamber. When they bring her back, she calls out the name Julian while fading in and out of awareness, angering Worf.

Quark delivers Benjamin's wedding ring, made of Terellian diamonds. Given the nature of the Dominion War, he also conveniently mentions that the ring is non-refundable.

Dukat, still posing as Anjohl, intensifies his relationship with Winn, even learning that her given name is Adami; they romantically embrace. When Kasidy's freighter returns to DS9, Benjamin immediately confronts her. He professes his love for her, telling her that he wants to marry her, regardless of the prophets. She accepts, and they quickly throw together a ceremony (20 minutes, according to Quark, who catered). Jake walks Kasidy down the aisle to the service, presided over by Admiral William Ross representing the Federation.

However, just as it becomes his turn to state his marriage vow, Benjamin has another vision from the prophets appearing as his mother Sarah Sisko, warning him against the nuptials. Returning from his vision, though, Benjamin Sisko completes his vows, finalizing his marriage to Kasidy Yates.

Worf confronts Ezri about her feelings toward Julian, just as the Breen arrive. Together with half a dozen Breen warriors, Worf and Ezri are beamed aboard the Jem'Hadar ship carrying Weyoun and Damar, where they witness the birth of the alliance between the Dominion and the Breen.

Strange Bedfellows (3)

Season 7
Episode Number: 169
Season Episode: 19

Originally aired: Tuesday April 21, 1999
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Rene Auberjonois
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Casey Biggs (Damar), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun)
Guest Stars: James Otis (Solbor)
Production Code: 40510-569
Summary: Ezri and Worf are taken aboard a Jem'Hadar ship where the Dominion/Breen treaty is signed. Ezri and Worf soon discover that they are to be put to death. Kasidy has a hard time adjusting to her new role as wife of the Emissary. Damar provides an escape route for Worf and Ezri just as they are led to the execution chambers. Kai Winn decides to join Dukat in following the Pah-wraiths.



Formerly prisoners of the Breen, Worf and Ezri Dax are now prisoners of the Dominion, aboard a Jem'Hadar vessel. Also on board is Weyoun and the Female Changeling, forming an alliance with the Breen against the Federation. The Female Changeling has to concentrate hard in order to maintain her normal, smooth-skinned humanoid form. Legate Damar voices his displeasure at the new alliance, as he, as the Cardassian leader, was not informed and left out of the negotiations with the Breen before now. Also, the Cardassians must cede a few planets to the Breen seemingly without any return. Damar becomes even more angry, when he learns that Septimus III has fallen to

the enemy, even though Weyoun had promised to "deal" with the situation.

General Martok and Captain Sisko are discussing the war, and their conversation drifts toward marriage, and the resemblance of marriage to war.

Dukat, still posing as Bajoran farmer Anjohl Tennan, continues his manipulation of Kai Winn Adami. He continually points to her "prophecy", and how it warned her of the Emissary of the Prophets straying from course.

Kasidy finds it difficult being married to the Emissary and politely declines Benjamin's request that she perform a Bajoran fertility ceremony. Meanwhile, Worf and Ezri continue to plot their escape, now from the clutches of the Jem'Hadar. They soon turn to arguing, invoking the name of Jadzia, Dax's previous host who was married to Worf.

When Damar announced to them that they will be tried as war criminals and executed, Weyoun offers them a chance to escape death, by supplying him with information. When he insults Ezri by mentioning her "relationship" with Julian Bashir, Worf immediately snaps Weyoun's neck, killing him instantly. Damar laughs heartily, happy to see his tormentor dead, despite knowing that he would soon be replaced by the next clone.

The Dominion send a brand new Weyoun who allows the Breen to examine their military database, much to Damar's chagrin. Even worse, Damar is demoted, told by Weyoun that he now reports to the Breen. Having fashioned a club, Worf and Ezri break out of their cell, only to be chased down in the corridors, recaptured. Their absence on Deep Space 9 is noticed by everyone, especially Quark, who continues to pour (the absent) Ezri her usual drink at the same time every day. The mood is dreary in Quark's, but the moment seems to be especially poignant to Bashir.

Later, Kai Winn experiences her second vision from the "Prophets," who reveal to her that they are indeed the Pah-wraiths, not the celestial Prophets. She consults with the Orb of Prophecy, but the Prophets do not speak to her. Dukat reveals that he is a servant of the Pah-wraiths, and that he has been brought to the Kai for a purpose: to unite against the Emissary and the Prophets of the Celestial Temple. She meets with Kira, and bares her soul to her. Kira advises her to step down as Kai, because it was power that led Winn away from the Prophets. However, Winn is unwilling to give up the political power that her position has given her.

With the Breen suddenly replacing the Cardassians as the Dominion's best Alpha Quadrant ally, Damar feels like the Cardassians are being squeezed out of control. Therefore, he boldly shoots the Jem'Hadar guards accompanying Worf and Ezri, allowing their escape.

Worf and Ezri, who had come to a truce and agreed to remain friends, are given a message from Damar to the Federation: that he will be their sole ally on Cardassia.

Kai Winn, feeling that the Prophets have turned their back on her, pledges her allegiance to the Pah-wraiths. She and Dukat vow to destroy any who would stand in their way, including the Federation, the Prophets, and the Emissary.

The Changing Face of Evil (4)

Season 7
Episode Number: 170
Season Episode: 20

Originally aired: Tuesday April 28, 1999
Writer: Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director: Mike Vejar
Show Stars: Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Casey Biggs (Damar), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter)
Guest Stars: James Otis (Solbor), John Vickery (Gul Rusot)
Production Code: 40510-570
Summary: Worf and Ezri return safely to Deep Space Nine. The Breen launch an attack on Federation Headquarters, while Damar secretly forms plans to free Cardassia from Dominion rule. Sisko is informed that the Breen have launched an attack against the only foothold the Federation has in Dominion territory. Kai Winn and Gul Dukat try to find a way of releasing the Pah-wraiths from the Fire Caves on Bajor.



Worf and Ezri Dax return to Deep Space 9 after their imprisonment by the Breen and Dominion. They are greeted by Miles O'Brien and Julian Bashir, who express their happiness that Worf and Dax are safe. Captain Sisko arrives, and is willing to overlook Dax disobeying orders and losing a runabout as he'd like to know as much as possible about the Dominion's new alliance with the Breen, just as Kira notifies Sisko of a priority one message from Starfleet: the Breen have attacked Starfleet Headquarters in San Francisco, Earth.

The relationship between Damar and Weyoun is deteriorating, with Damar feeling that the Dominion is squeezing too

much out of the Cardassians. He warns the Breen that they may one day meet the same fate, once the Dominion has no further need of them. Damar has now realized that Cardassia is a conquered planet; he begins covertly plotting the rebellion against the Dominion with Gul Rusot.

Benjamin returns to his quarters to find his wife Kasidy trying (but failing) to cook dinner; she has ruined his prized bell peppers, which took Sisko three months to grow. With the war turning for the worse because of the Breen, Sisko asks Kasidy to cut back on her freighter-captaining duties; she declines. Later, an angry Yates confronts Sisko about him scheduling a paid vacation for her, against her wishes. Odo and Quark observe the two arguing, and Quark notes that soon it may be Odo's turn next for marriage, with Kira.

On Bajor, Kai Winn Adami withdraws from her regular schedule, cancelling an appearance before the Vedek assembly, and asking her aide Solbor to send condolences to the Vedeks. Dukat, still masquerading as Anjohl Tennan, continues to exert pressure on the Kai to release the Pah-wraiths from the Fire Caves. In order to do this, they consult the forbidden book, the Book of the Kosst Amojan, as well as other religious volumes.

While O'Brien and Bashir work on strategies for their Alamo holosuite program in Quark's, Worf and Dax look on from high above in the Promenade. Worf questions his newly-found friend Dax about her feelings, especially regarding Bashir.

Weyoun notices a change in Damar, namely that he has stopped his heavy drinking of kanar. Weyoun mistakenly believes Damar's sobriety is because of a resurgent optimism about the war; Damar plays along.

When Solbor delivers the Kosst Amojan to the Kai, he warns her about reading its forbidden passages, "He who studies evil is studied by evil." He also begins to openly question Dukat, mentioning his mysterious origins on Deep Space 9. The Kai rebukes Solbor, however, and he retreats — for the moment — to allow the Kai access to the book. The book, to the shock of Dukat and the Kai, appears totally empty, without writing of any kind on its pages.

Sisko apologizes to Yates and they reconcile, only to hear more bad news, this time from Admiral Ross, who says that the Breen have broken through the Federation lines at Chin'toka. Sisko, Kira, Worf, Dax, O'Brien, Bashir, and Nog all prepare the Defiant for battle, and head off to join a huge Starfleet strike-force. Aboard a Jem'Hadar attack ship, the Female Changeling and Weyoun streak toward the same battle.

Arriving at Chin'toka, the crew prepare to battle the Dominion and Breen ships. The Defiant is able to destroy a couple of Breen ships, but one fires an unusual weapon, which upon hitting the Defiant causes the entire ship to start crackling with blue energy.

Suddenly the Defiant starts losing all of its power very quickly. The Defiant then starts to be continually struck by enemy fire, and cannot return fire, raise shields or move causing serious damage. Chief O'Brien is unable to diagnose the trouble, and explosions pepper the bridge, injuring Kira. The air begins to become toxic, and hull breaches (which cannot be sealed by force fields due to the loss of power) are starting to litter the ship. Worf asks Captain Sisko what his orders are and, realizing that both the battle and the Defiant are lost, the captain orders the crew to abandon ship. Bashir carries an unconscious Kira to the escape pods, along with the rest of the crew. Captain Sisko stops at the door to look back at the burning bridge. Chief O'Brien returns, and Sisko comments "She's a fine ship"; the chief won't argue with that, but reminds the captain they have to leave. The escape pods flee the ship just before Defiant is destroyed by enemy fire. The Female Changeling orders that the escape pods not be destroyed, so the survivors will return to Federation space with a frightening, demoralizing outlook, spreading fear about the invincibility of the Dominion (with the Breen at their side).

When Solbor tries to remove the books back to the Archive, he is confronted and punched by Dukat, who takes the books back to the Kai. This prompts Solbor to check the background of "Tennan", only to learn that the real Tennan has been dead for nine years. When Solbor samples Dukat's DNA, he discovers Dukat's true identity. When he learns that the Kai is betraying the Prophets to the Pah-wraiths, he threatens to expose the Kai, who lunges toward him with a knife; Solbor is stabbed to death in the back.

Some of Solbor's blood (on the knife used by the Kai to kill him) drips onto the sacred pages of the Kosst Amojan; a flame briefly appears on the book, after which its text is now plainly visible. While the Kai prepares to continue down the path of serving the Pah-wraiths, Dukat arranges to remove Solbor's dead body.

As Sisko and Admiral Ross discuss the battle and their need to combat the Breen's energy-dissipating weapon, a message from Cardassian space is broadcast to the entire station. Legate Damar, citing a list of complaints against the Dominion, declares his plans for rebellion, calling on all Cardassians to rise up in rebellion. Although this will buy the Federation some time to develop a defense against the Breen, Sisko realizes that everyone's hopes lie in the Federation re-uniting with Damar and the Cardassians, to save the Alpha Quadrant from the Dominion.

When It Rains... (5)

Season 7

Episode Number: 171

Season Episode: 21

Originally aired:	Tuesday May 5, 1999
Writer:	René Echevarria
Director:	Michael Dorn
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron)
Guest Stars:	John Vickery (Gul Rusot), Scott Burkholder (Hilliard), Vaughn Armstrong (Seskal), Colby French (Ensign Weldon), Stephen Yoakam (Vela)
Production Code:	40510-571
Summary:	Sisko orders Kira to teach Damar and his troops resistance tactics. Bashir asks Odo for a sample of himself in order to create a synthetic organ fluid, when he discovers that Odo is the virus that is slowly killing the Founders. Gowron overthrows Martok's command of Klingon forces. Kai Winn continues to search for a way of revealing the text in the Kosst Amojan, a sacred text that contains the secret of releasing the Pah-wraiths, if the writing can be revealed. Bashir suspects Section 31 of creating and releasing the Founder's virus.



The year is 2375. Having just lost the Second Battle of Chin'toka, Starfleet's Miles O'Brien has determined that the only vessel immune to the Breen energy dampening weapon was the Klingon Bird-of-Prey Ki'tang. The chief engineer of the Ki'tang had adjusted the tritium intermix of the vessel's warp core, so the same adjustment is made to all Klingon vessels in the fleet to protect them from the Breen; unfortunately, this "fix" works on neither Federation nor Romulan ships. O'Brien forwards his findings to both Starfleet Engineering and the Romulan Ministry of Science for more in-depth analysis.

General Martok and Captain Sisko plan to use the Klingon fleet as a diversion, to occupy the attention of the Dominion and the Breen. In the meantime, Starfleet will continue searching for an answer to the Breen weapon, while hoping the Cardassian uprising, led by Legate Damar, grows in strength, to further sap Dominion resources. To help Damar in his new role as leader of an underground movement, Sisko and Admiral Ross agree to send Kira to his aid; with her years of experience in (ironically) the Bajoran Resistance, she has a lot to teach

Damar in how to wage a guerrilla campaign. Putting aside her personal feelings, she agrees, and will also bring along Garak, whose experience in the Obsidian Order promises to pay dividends, too.

On Bajor, Kai Winn feigns concern over the disappearance of Solbor, whom she recently murdered. Dukat, his true identity revealed to the Kai, continues to encourage the Kai on her path toward unleashing the Pah-wraith from the fire caves. As she continues reading the sacred Book of the Kosst Amojan, Dukat offers to help her, but she refuses, saying the book's words are for her eyes only. In the middle of the night, however, Dukat sneaks into the Kai's study, unlocking the book, and reading its secret text. Suddenly, a beam of red energy (resembling a Pah-wraith) leaps from the pages of the book into Dukat's eyes, blinding him.

In order to give Kira some sense of "authority" over her Cardassian comrades (and students), Sisko gives her a battlefield commission of Starfleet Commander. Later, after Kira dons her new Starfleet uniform, Odo morphs his attire to more closely resemble how he appeared as the Terok Nor's security chief (when DS9 was under Cardassian control). Garak continues to warn Kira that she, a Bajoran, should never trust the Cardassians she will be working with and training.

The crew of DS9 greet Klingon chancellor Gowron, visiting from Qo'noS in order to induct Martok into the Order of Kahless. Gowron, who puts the past to rest with Worf, arrives with a barrel of bloodwine to be shared by old friends. Doctor Bashir, while trying to speak personally with Ezri Dax, gets the wrong idea that she and Worf are a romantically-involved couple. As she tries to explain that they are only friends, Julian's attention is diverted to a disaster in his lab: he discovers that Odo is infected with the same virus killing the Changelings of the Great Link.

After Gowron awards Martok the Star of Kahless, Gowron informs everyone that he (Gowron) would be immediately taking command of the war effort; thus, a day of honor for Martok has become bittersweet, as he loses his command. Feeling betrayed, Martok nevertheless pledges his allegiance to the Empire, regardless of its current direction.

While Starfleet is stonewalling Dr. Bashir about Odo's Starfleet medical records, they begin to question his loyalties, since he is trying to cure a disease afflicting the Founders of Starfleet's greatest enemy, the Dominion. When he realizes later that he has been provided with phony data, rather than real medical data, regarding Odo, Julian begins to wonder if Section 31 is somehow involved in a cover-up.

Damar welcomes Kira to the headquarters of the Cardassian Liberation Front. While he is genuinely grateful for Kira's assistance, Gul Rusot still harbors long-standing ill will toward her, and makes no secret of it. Nevertheless, Kira and Garak begin educating Damar's group in the art of resistance. When Damar initially balks on supporting an attack plan against a Dominion base guarded by fellow Cardassians, Kira convinces him that those Cardassians are merely collaborators. Trying to provoke Kira, Rusot questions Odo about his past association with Cardassians on Terok Nor, insinuating that Odo was himself a collaborator. Kira jumps to Odo's defense, but the cooler heads of Garak and Odo prevail (for now). Odo, however, begins experiencing his first signs of the sickness, but keeps it a secret from everyone else, even Kira.

On Bajor, the Kai informs a blind Dukat that doctors can find nothing wrong with his eyes; his condition is obviously a punishment from the Pah-wraiths, who took away his vision for reading the sacred texts. By now, the Kai has discerned Dukat's true loyalties, which don't lie with her, so she summons a deputy to escort Dukat out into the street, helpless; she refers to it as a "lesson in humility for a blind beggar". Screaming as he is brusquely shown the door, Dukat is told by the Kai to return when he has recovered his vision (i.e., when he has once again found favor with the Pah-wraiths). Now alone with the sacred book, the Kai devotes her full attention to studying it.

Gowron astonishes Worf and Martok by suggesting an aggressive course of action against the Dominion, rather than just holding the line until the Federation and Romulan vessels are up to speed. Citing the element of surprise, and citing the glory to be had as saviors of the Alpha Quadrant, Gowron insists that his risky strategy is not up for debate, and will commence forthwith. Meanwhile, in sickbay, Quark brings some coffee to a weary Bashir and O'Brien, as his way of helping find a cure for Odo. While they discuss possible Starfleet cover-ups, Doctor Bashir finally discovers the actual conspiracy: that Odo was infected with the sickness by Starfleet, as a Section 31 plot of genocide against the Changeling race, including Odo.

Tacking Into the Wind (6)

Season 7
Episode Number: 172
Season Episode: 22

Originally aired: Tuesday May 12, 1999
Writer: Ronald D. Moore
Director: Mike Vejar
Show Stars: Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Casey Biggs (Damar), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter)
Guest Stars: John Vickery (Gul Rusot), Kitty Swink (Luaran), J. Paul Boehmer (Vornar)
Production Code: 40510-572
Summary: Bashir works around the clock to find a cure for the Founders' disease. Kira makes plans to steal Breen technology that would make the Federation ships immune to Breen/Dominion weaponry. Damar learns that his family was killed by the Dominion. Worf challenges Gowron's corrupt leadership of the Klingon Empire, which results in Gowron's death. Bashir and O'Brien plot to capture a member of Section 31 who may hold the cure for Odo's illness.



As Kira and Elim Garak continue to instruct Damar and the Cardassian Rebellion on the finer points of sabotage, tensions grow between Kira and Gul Rusot. When Odo returns from a successful mission to destroy a Dominion shipyard, he appears noticeably exhausted. Retiring to an empty bunkroom, Odo slouches down and loses his ability to hold a smooth shape; he appears to be decomposing at the cellular level. Garak enters the room suddenly and encounters an embarrassed Odo, who admits his sickness, and then swears the Cardassian to secrecy; Kira mustn't find out.

Back on Deep Space 9, Doctor Bashir has reached a dead end in trying to cure Odo's illness. Chief O'Brien reminds the doctor that their best option is to notify Captain Sisko of their suspicions regarding Section 31, but Bashir refuses, fearing that alerting Section 31 will only make them harder to beat.

Klingon chancellor Gowron is trying to blame General Martok for a recent defeat in battle. Yet Sisko sides with Martok, blaming Gowron for creating a poor battle strategy. Gowron backs down, agreeing not to yet punish the severely-wounded Martok.

The Female Changeling seeks to crush the Cardassian Rebellion as quickly as possible. She appears ragged and in a state of decomposition. She begins taking sides with Thot Pran of the

Breen, inquiring of poor Weyoun (a clone) when the cloning facilities will be fixed. She institutes strict new penalties on the citizens of Cardassia Prime, which are eerily similar to prior Cardassian policies toward Bajor during the occupation, and also orders them to intensify their efforts to find Damar's wife and children.

In the midst of her training sessions, Kira hatches a scheme to infiltrate a Cardassian repair facility in the Kelvas system; if they can successfully steal a Jem'Hadar ship outfitted with the Breen energy dampening weapon, it may improve Starfleet's chances of finding a countermeasure. Garak warns Kira privately to not bring along Odo, because of his deteriorating condition; she admits knowing about his illness, and asks Garak to keep this secret from Odo, to improve his morale.

Sisko and Worf discuss Gowron's treatment of Martok, who will recover from his wounds, and Worf suggests that Gowron's motivations are political, since he feels threatened by the popularity of Martok. Worf notes shrewdly that it would not be the first time that a Klingon chancellor put his own interests ahead of the greater good. Worf has a plan – a risky plan – to stop Gowron from squandering his fleet in an attempt to discredit and humiliate Martok. At this point, Sisko does not care how risky it is, he gives Worf his support to use it. At the moment, the Klingon forces are the only ships that can stand against the Breen's energy dampening weapons.

Tensions continue to escalate between Kira and Rusot, until he crosses the line by physically touching her. She strikes him repeatedly, and then puts him into a disabling head-lock. After the confrontation, a beaten Rusot vows to exact revenge after the war. When he exits, Garak emerges from the shadows, and warns Kira that Rusot will not wait until the end of the war, and she should not either. He suggests to Kira that she kill Rusot, before he kills her.

Worf asks a bedridden Martok to stand up to Gowron and challenge him for leadership of the Empire. Martok refuses to carry out a mutiny during a time of war, despite the chancellor's behavior.

Damar learns that his wife and son, in hiding since the rebellion began, have been found and killed by the Dominion. Weyoun and the Female Changeling both knew that Damar's family was not involved in the rebellion, but their deaths were ordered anyway. The grieving Damar wonders out loud how anyone could give an order to murder innocent people. Before she can stop herself, Kira asks him the same question (referencing the Cardassian occupation of Bajor), deepening Damar's anguish and causing him to leave the room in disgust. Kira immediately regrets her outburst, but Garak tells her that the pain Damar feels now will help him give up his "romanticism" about the past, which in turn will help him lead a new Cardassia after the war.

Worf tells Ezri Dax that she has been deemed (in lieu of Jadzia) a member of the House of Martok. He asks Ezri for her opinion, despite her warning that he won't like it. Ezri thinks that the Klingon Empire is dying, and should be allowed to die. She, unlike Jadzia and Curzon before her, does not possess a romantic view of the Empire, and says she finds it strange that an Empire that prides itself on honor is willing to accept corruption at the highest level. Worf doesn't like it, but knows she is correct.

Docking with the Jem'Hadar ship, Garak, Damar and Rusot pretend to hold Kira prisoner, seeking to present her to the Vorta commanding the ship. The Cardassian guards, who recognize Damar, allows them to pass, quietly pledging their support of the Rebellion. The shackles binding Kira's wrists suddenly morph into Odo, who promptly disappears beneath the ship's deck plates. The three Cardassians and their Bajoran "prisoner" march to the bridge and confront the commander, a female Vorta. Without warning, Odo appears on the bridge as the Female Changeling, surprising the Vorta as well as the Jem'Hadar. When the "Founder" asks to inspect a plasma rifle, Odo flips the weapon to Garak, who kills the Vorta and the Jem'Hadar warriors. Having thus secured the bridge of the enemy vessel, they nevertheless can not depart yet; the installation of the Breen weapon (in engineering) is incomplete.

Garak estimates they will need to wait precariously on the bridge for another 30 to 45 minutes. When they receive an incoming transmission for the Vorta Commander, Luaran, Kira disables the visual feed and successfully handles the routine call. They hunker down, hoping to not stir any suspicions.

O'Brien brings some crab rolls prepared by his wife Keiko to Bashir, who is slaving away working on a cure for Odo. O'Brien suggests that the doctor deviously report to Starfleet Medical that he has found a cure. This, O'Brien reasons, will lure someone from Section 31 to the station, a someone who may be able to point them in the right direction toward a real cure.

Gowron is conducting a meeting with several Klingon Generals, and announces that Martok is to attack Sarpedion V, headquarters for the Cardassian Twelfth Order much to the disdain and concern of everyone present. Martok argues against this plan, telling Gowron that the planet is one of the most heavily fortified and the attack will certainly fail. Gowron just uses the opportunity to insinuate that Martok is weak, and Martok is forced to agree to the attack. Worf is present and, reminded of his earlier conversation with Ezri, knows that enough is enough. He stands and tells Gowron that he is dishonorable, and that as well as wasting ships and lives he is also risking the safety of the Alpha Quadrant just so he can perform a petty act of vengeance. Gowron is incensed, and tells Worf that if he wasn't wearing a Starfleet Uniform, he would kill him where he stood. Worf responds by removing his combadge, as what he is doing is not as a Starfleet officer, but as a member of the House of Martok. Both grab bat'leths and prepare for a fight to the death. Martok tries to talk Worf out of it, but Worf won't be stopped. The outcome of the entire Dominion War could rest on what is about to happen. The fight begins, and both combatants are clearly matched. At a vital moment, Worf's bat'leth breaks, but he is able to recover and eventually Worf is able to stab Gowron with the pieces of the broken weapon. Gowron is dead, and Worf lets out the traditional death cry. The Chancellor's robe is immediately thrown around Worf by Martok, but as the Klingons start to chant Worf's name they are stopped. Worf explains that what he did was to help usher in a new era of honor and dignity for the Klingon Empire... but he is not the man to lead them into it. Worf feels that Martok is the one who will lead this new beginning for the Empire. Martok attempts to refuse, but Worf reminds him that Kahless said that "great men do not seek power, they have power thrust upon them". With this, and the other Klingons chanting his name, he finally accepts, and the Empire is now lead by Chancellor Martok, leader of destiny.

As a depleted Odo tries to hang on to his shape, Kira comforts him. However, Rusot challenges Kira, pointing his weapon at her. She is covered by Garak, who points his weapon at Rusot. Damar ends the standoff by shooting Rusot. Explaining himself, he says that even though Rusot was his friend, the blind hatred of Bajorans belonged to the old Cardassia, which is now dead. Kira and Garak are gratified — Damar is the right leader for a new Cardassia after all, just as they had hoped. They leave the station with the Breen weapon intact, Kira comforting a quickly-deteriorating Odo.

Extreme Measures (7)

Season 7

Episode Number: 173

Season Episode: 23

Originally aired: Tuesday May 19, 1999
Writer: Bradley Thompson, David Weddle
Director: Steve Posey
Show Stars: Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role: Andrew Robinson (Garak)
Guest Stars: William Sadler (Sloan), Jacqueline Schultz (Jessica Sloan), Kate Asner (Nurse Bandee), Tom Holleron (Operative)
Production Code: 40510-573
Summary: After luring Section 31's Sloan to Deep Space Nine, Bashir and O'Brien enter his consciousness to find a cure for Odo's illness.



Doctor Bashir treats Odo in the Deep Space 9 sickbay, still unable to make any significant progress in curing his sickness. He estimates Odo has one week, perhaps two, before dying. Odo persuades Kira to leave his bedside to accompany Damar on a mission with the Cardassian Resistance, for his sake as well as hers. Elim Garak reminds Kira that they need to leave quickly before the Dominion border patrols are changed. Odo appears to be in an advanced state of decomposition, yet this does nothing to dampen their love for one another. Starfleet now has the Breen energy-dampening weapon Kira and the others were able to procure, and a de-

fense is being worked on. Kira reluctantly leaves Odo's side. When Captain Sisko inquires of Odo's prognosis, Chief Miles O'Brien suggests that a medical cure is not the only option they have been pursuing, at which point Sisko demands to know the whole story. Doctor Bashir reluctantly discloses his belief that Odo's sickness is a virus created by Section 31 to wipe out all Changelings, leaving Sisko shocked that people who call themselves Federation citizens are attempting to commit genocide. Bashir also says that he has transmitted a report to Starfleet Medical, falsely claiming to have found a cure for Odo's sickness, in order to lure a Section 31 operative to the station; once captured, the agent would be scanned with Romulan mind probes, to help point Bashir in the right direction of finding a cure. Sisko then asks why they didn't tell him. Bashir answer that if they told him, then he'd alert Starfleet Command and Section 31 would cover up their tracks once they realize they were discovered. Despite that what they're doing is illegal and unethical, Sisko approves. Later that evening, O'Brien stumbles across Bashir throwing darts in Quark's; each man is restless and feeling down in the dumps. Bashir tells O'Brien that, after thinking over the conspiracy to infect the Founders with the disease, has concluded that at least seventy-three people must have been involved in the plot; a fact that leaves a

very bitter taste in his mouth. The two friends each view Section 31 as an evil that's crawled its way into the heart of the Federation, and that it must be destroyed. Afterward, Bashir awakens in his quarters to find Section 31 operative Luther Sloan sitting comfortably in a chair overlooking Bashir's bed, as he normally appears, saying he has another assignment; but this time, Bashir is ready for him. The doctor activates a containment field, trapping Sloan where he sits. Sloan is impressed, but indicates that turning him over to security won't do any good. Bashir tells Sloan that he needs the cure to the morphogenic virus; Sloan is confused, he thought Bashir had already had it but he soon realizes he doesn't. Bashir tells him he just been "had", then stuns Sloan unconscious with a phaser. Sloan awakens in sickbay, immobilized with a force field encompassing his body. Sloan asks O'Brien if he has a family, implying that if he dies, Section 31 will harm them. Yet Bashir doesn't believe him and tells Miles to not to listen to him. Bashir deduces that Sloan must have known the cure in order to find it in Julian's lab and destroy it. As Bashir and O'Brien prepare to use the Romulan mind probes on Sloan, Sloan activates a neuro-depolarizing device in his brain, killing himself. Bashir stabilizes Sloan's body, but the higher cortical functions in his brain will cease within the hour, so Bashir prepares a multitronic engrammatic interpreter to link minds with the dying Sloan; Miles insists on accompanying the Doctor on his travel through someone else's mind. Bashir explains to O'Brien that when they are ready to exit, he will use his genetically-enhanced nervous system to raise his blood pressure, thus sending a signal to the device to pull them out. When they activate the mind link, they find themselves in a turbolift, which is merely an abstraction in Sloan's mind. The turbolift doors opens to a recreation of DS9; a cooperative Sloan tries to tell the two the cure, which is a simple nucleotide sequence but the dominant Sloan personality is preventing him from telling the last part, so he leads the two mind-travelers to a reception, being held in Sloan's honor, where he delivers a farewell speech to his family and friends, apologizing for all the pain he has caused in his life. After he finishes, he prepares to give Bashir and O'Brien the cure on a PADD, but suddenly another Sloan appears, killing the first (cooperative) Sloan with a phaser, and running away down a corridor of Sloan's dying, yet still active, mind as cooperative Sloan's party disappears.

Bashir and O'Brien receive phaser wounds from a character "guarding" Sloan's mind. The wounds are causing them physical pain, meaning that Sloan is sending sensory stimuli to their brains, as well as thought patterns. When Bashir is unable to disengage the mental connection, the two men fear they will die (in reality) because their minds are linked to a dying mind; they ponder friendship, marriage, love. As O'Brien wishes he had written Keiko a goodbye letter, Bashir confides that he loves Ezri, but has never told her. They then see... the light at the end of the corridor. They resist the urge to quit; instead, they regain their bearing, and head off down the corridor. Suddenly, Bashir and O'Brien wake up with Sisko, Worf, and Ezri around them. Bashir tries furiously to save Sloan and the knowledge of the cure, but it is no good and he dies. Devastated, Bashir tells Odo that he has no hope of finding a cure. Later, Bashir tries to take his mind off the matter by reading *A Tale of Two Cities*, but finds that after turning the page, the book simply begins again from the start. Knowing the book can't be misprinted, Bashir realizes that he and O'Brien are still in Sloan's mind, and that is another trick being played by Sloan, who is trying to lure Bashir and O'Brien to their deaths. When they finally reach the "inner sanctum" of Sloan's decaying mind, he tempts them with information tablets about every aspect of Section 31. However, O'Brien realizes that it is one final ploy by Sloan, meant to distract them from finding what they are seeking: a cure for Odo. Miles finds the correct tablet, and persuades Bashir to reluctantly walk away from the information tablets which could lead to the downfall of Section 31. Bashir wakes up in sickbay with Sisko, Ezri, and an attending medical staff.

O'Brien awakens, and promises that will be the last mind link he is ever a part of. Sloan is dead, but Bashir has discovered the cure. Later, having synthesized the cure, Bashir injects it into Odo, who experiences a quick and complete recovery. Later that night, Bashir is playing darts again in Quark's, and O'Brien comes by to invite the doctor to dinner. O'Brien find a bottle of the 'good stuff' which is older than Bashir, and the two friends share a toast to 'aging gracefully and to Odo'. Bashir accepts the dinner invitation, and reminds him that Sloan had the perfect bait for Bashir with all the information on Section 31, however O'Brien was the one that saved him. The two drink a toast to friendship and leave for the dinner which Keiko has prepared.

The Dogs of War (8)

Season 7

Episode Number: 174

Season Episode: 24

Originally aired:	Tuesday May 26, 1999
Writer:	René Echevarria, Ronald D. Moore
Director:	Avery Brooks
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	Tiny Ron (Maihar'du), Wallace Shawn (Zek), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Casey Biggs (Damar), Chase Masterson (Leeta), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn), Majel Barrett (Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Cecily Adams (Ishka), Julianna McCarthy (Mila), Jeffrey Combs (Brunt), Vaughn Armstrong (Seskal), Mel Johnson Jr. (Legate Broca), Stephen Yoakam (Velal), David B. Levinson (Broik), Leroy D. Brazile (Lonar)
Production Code:	40510-574
Summary:	Sisko takes command of a new ship named in honor of the Defiant, while Kira, Garak and Damar barely survive a Dominion ambush on Cardassia Prime. Bashir and Ezri reveal their attractions for one another over coffee. Quark is appointed Zek's successor, and he is determined to overthrow new democratic changes that have just been implemented into Ferengi society. Garak, Damar and Kira successfully plant a bomb in Dominion barracks on Cardassia. In a shock turn of events, Zek appoints Rom as the new Grand Nagus of Ferenginar, despite Quark's earlier announcement.

Admiral Ross presents Captain Sisko with a new Defiant-class starship, the USS São Paulo. On the surface, the ship looks identical to the Defiant, recently destroyed in the Second Battle of Chin'toka. However, this new vessel is equipped with cutting-edge Starfleet technology to counteract the Breen energy dampening weapon. As the crew become acquainted with their new "friend," Ross also leaves Sisko special orders to rename the vessel Defiant, in honor of their recently lost ship. Aboard Damar's attack ship, Kira, Elim Garak and Damar approach Cardassia Prime.

Leaving the ship in Seskal's hands, they beam down to the planet to meet with Gul Revok and Legate Goris, both of whom have agreed to join Damar. However, the trio arrive at the beam-down coordinates on a cave ledge, overlooking a massacre: Cardassian resistance fighters are being shot dead by Jem'Hadar troops. Gul Revok has betrayed them.

In orbit, Seskal's vessel is destroyed by Breen warships, stranding Kira, Garak and Damar on Cardassia Prime. They decide to stealthily proceed to the Cardassian Capitol, to the house where Garak grew up. His father was the head of the Obsidian Order, who never publicly recognized Garak as his own son. Mila, the head of housekeeping, provides them a safe haven in the basement; they politely ask her for a communication device, and begin cleaning their new headquarters.



In the Infirmary on Deep Space 9, Doctor Bashir certifies Odo fit for duty, however he feels the need to inform him that that Section 31 infected him with the morphogenic virus that is plaguing his people, the Changelings, and that Odo had transmitted the virus to them, not the other way around. Odo expresses his disgust with the situation with which Julian is in complete agreement. Odo then asks what the Federation intend to do about it.

In his quarters, Captain Sisko tells Odo that after considering the issue, the Federation Council decided not to give the Founders the cure to their disease. Odo thinks that the Federation is simply

abetting genocide but Sisko reminds Odo that while Section 31 might have been responsible for the virus it was the Founders that started the war, and that giving them the cure would only strengthen their hand, something unacceptable given the millions of people are risking their lives fighting the Dominion. Sisko then asks Odo to promise him he won't cause problems. Odo gives the Captain his word, but before he leaves notes that while the Federation are officially condemning Section 31's ethics and tactics they are more than happy to turn a blind eye when they need dirty work doing. Sisko doesn't like the fact very much, but knows Odo is correct.

As Leeta and M'Pella, another Dabo girl, ask Quark for a pay raise, Quark retires into his office to answer an incoming call from Grand Nagus Zek on Ferenginar. The Nagus, over a shaky, tenuous communications channel, informs Quark that he is retiring to Risa with Ishka, Quark's mother. He then shocks Quark by apparently naming Quark his successor as the next Grand Nagus, in between static breakups of his transmission. Julian and Ezri Dax, who have been tiptoeing on eggshells around one another, finally get a chance to speak to one another openly; they express their common attraction to one another, but agree to remain just friends.

As Quark revels in fantasies of wealthy extravagances, Brunt appears-without his usual swagger-at Quark's. Quark confirms the rumor of him being the successor to the Nagus. Brunt, completely out of character, kneels and begins kissing Quark's hand, heaping praise upon his new Nagus. Meanwhile, on Cardassia Prime, Weyoun broadcasts to all the population the news of Damar's "death," even as Damar listens to the message from the basement cellar. Weyoun's report that the Dominion has destroyed all 18 Cardassian rebel bases is a bitter pill for the trio to swallow.

Also, the trio are unable to contact the Federation to be retrieved, as a signal strong enough to reach would be easily traced. The news devastates Damar; Kira, unwilling to spend the rest of the war in a cellar, tries to stir Damar to action, to no avail. Brunt, who is graciously giving Quark a pedicure, shocks Quark by informing him of recent social reforms on Ferenginar, including the introduction of taxes to finance welfare programs. Quark vows to enact sweeping changes, but is informed by Brunt that the position of Nagus is now on equal terms with a "Congress of Economic Advisors," which must ratify any legislation proposed by the Nagus.

Quark worries about the future challenges facing the next Nagus. Weyoun introduces Legate Broca, the new leader of the Cardassian people. He pledges his loyalty to the Founders and the Breen. The Female Changeling announces that Starfleet has developed a countermeasure against the Breen weapon, and thus a new strategy is required. She orders a fighting withdrawal, insisting to the Breen Thot Pran that it is not a surrender, just a chance to regroup and eventually redouble their shipbuilding and replenishment efforts.

On Cardassia Kira, Garak and Damar lament recent events to Mila when she brings them food. They consider themselves to have been stupid to have ever believed that they had a chance of toppling the Dominion and that everyone will be glad they're dead. Mila tells them that the citizens of the capital don't believe they're dead, and there are whispers going around of their survival. While Damar doesn't think this amounts to much, Kira realizes they still have a chance. The resistance might be gone, but they something far more powerful... a revolution! Kira and

Garak attempt to stir Damar to action. Quark spontaneously sells his Bar to Rom for 5,000 bars of latinum, without haggling over the price. When he realizes this fact, and the fact that he has been considering Leeta's request for a raise, Quark suddenly realizes his own leniency, and how soft he has become. He compares this to the reforms which have "come to ail" Ferenginar, pledging a return to the old, traditional ways once he gains power. Garak plants an explosive device in a Jem'Hadar barracks, but he is detained by Jem'Hadar guards while attempting to leave. With a three-minute fuse delay, Damar and Kira come to his rescue, killing one guard; Garak quickly slips a knife through the other Jem'Hadar guard's throat. The blast from the explosion draws a crowd, who quickly recognize Damar... the man the Dominion couldn't kill! He unites the throng with a speech, stirring them to join the rebellion against the Dominion. Julian and Ezri, still agreeing to remain friends, both board the turbolift for Ops; but by the time they reach Ops, they are locked in a passionate embrace, obviously disregarding their friends-only stance.

When Grand Nagus Zek and Ishka arrive at Quark's, they are befuddled by Quark's statements; disregarding him, they turn to Rom, and announce him as the next Nagus. (Zek, in the garbled transmission a few days earlier, had mistakenly thought he was speaking to Rom, not Quark.) Rom is to be the next Nagus-and Ishka takes the credit for the idea, reminding Quark how he has always underestimated his brother. It seems her influence over Zek has spread to more than just social reform. Quark is astounded at the sudden turn of events, even more so when Rom happily gives Quark the bar back for free. Quark realizes that Rom is the perfect leader for the new Ferengi society, and that his bar will stay exactly the same. The drinks will continue to be watered down, the dabo tables will still be rigged, the staff will continue to be underpaid and overworked. Quark's will be the last outpost of the old Ferenginar. Nevertheless, Quark cannot help but be delighted for his brother. While Quark returns to running the bar, the unassuming Rom begins his new tenure as Grand Nagus. His son Nog escorts the unabashed Brunt away from him, to stave off Brunt's corrupting influence.

As his loving wife Leeta embraces him and wishes him good luck, Rom is left pondering his uncertain future as he tries out the Cane of the Grand Nagus for the first time, offering only a soft-spoken "wow". In the DS9 briefing room, Sisko, Ross, Romulan Subcommander Velal, and Klingon Chancellor Martok discuss the Dominion's pullback and their new defensive perimeter.

While Velal believes that containment will weaken the Dominion, Martok counters that the Dominion now has less territory to defend, and retreating allows them to shorten supply lines, while the Allies would have to lengthen theirs. Sisko also argues that the Dominion can sit happily behind their borders, building vessels and cloning soldiers for the next few years, until they eventually launch a new offensive that would spell certain defeat for the Alliance. Starfleet and the Klingon Empire vote to attack, and Velal, in light of the argument, agrees despite the cost that a full-scale invasion will incur. After the briefing, Benjamin returns to his quarters to find his wife Kasidy still awake on the couch. She is pregnant, she announces. While happy, she is unsure of the future, given the Bajoran prophets' warning to Benjamin, the Emissary of the Prophets, to walk his path alone. The loving couple comforts one another, while on the horizon is the end of the Dominion War, and the release of the Pah-wraiths...

What You Leave Behind (1)

Season 7

Episode Number: 175

Season Episode: 25

Originally aired:	Tuesday June 2, 1999
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director:	Allan Kroeker
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	Deborah Lacey (Sarah), James Darren (Vic Fontane), Rosalind Chao (Keiko O'Brien), Hana Hatae (Molly O'Brien), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Judi Durand (Station Computer Voice)
Guest Stars:	Julianna McCarthy (Mila), Mel Johnson Jr. (Legate Broca), Greg Ellis (Ekoor), Cyndi Pass (Ginger)
Production Code:	40510-575
Summary:	Sisko launches the Federation/Klingon/Romulan attack against the Dominion on Cardassia. Kira, Damar and Garak destroy a power supply on Cardassia as the Cardassian population rises against the Dominion. Kai Winn asks Gul Dukat to join her in releasing the Pah-wraiths from the Fire Caves. Bashir and Ezri spend the night together on the eve of the war. The Founder Leader orders the execution of Damar, Garak and Kira after Jem'Hadar forces capture them; however, Cardassian forces free them. Meanwhile, on Bajor, Kai Winn recites from the Kosst Amojan in an attempt to release the Pah-wraiths.



In his quarters, Julian Bashir and Ezri Dax wake up having slept together for the first time the night before. The two are enjoying their new relationship, however Julian worries that now that they're together something might happen to them... for the two are due to set off that day for the long-awaited invasion of Cardassia. Ezri makes a pact for the two of them, they're both coming back alive. Miles and Keiko O'Brien continue to raise their two children, Molly and Kirayoshi. They are a family excited to be returning to Earth after the end of the Dominion War so Miles can teach at Starfleet Academy; Miles just hasn't yet found the time to inform his best buddy, Julian, nor

has he had the time to give him the model of the battle of the Alamo. Miles promises Keiko he'll

tell Julian about his departure when he thinks he's ready to hear it but it's clear he's not looking forward to breaking the news. In the Sisko quarters, Benjamin comforts a pregnant Kasidy, who is experiencing morning sickness. Jake drops by to walk his father to the new Defiant on what everyone hopes to be the final mission of the war. Odo and Worf walk to the Defiant. They both hope to find Kira alive and well when they reach Cardassia Prime; Kira, meanwhile, is still hiding in Mila's basement with Damar and Garak, planning the Cardassian Rebellion. On the bridge of the Defiant (formerly the USS São Paulo), while talking to Odo, Sisko has another vision from the prophet appearing as Sarah, his mother. She tells the Emissary that his task is nearing completion, and that, cryptically, his journey's end lies not before him, but behind him. At Dominion headquarters on Cardassia, Weyoun notes the Alliance's advance on their territory, and will pass the border in the morning. The Female Changeling is then talking with Thot Pran of the Breen, promising both Romulus and Earth as reward if they win the war. While Pran takes his leave, Weyoun asks the Founder why she was promising the Breen when she firmly stated he would have control of all Federation territories, including Earth, which he had been promised. She responds that she would promise the Breen the entire Alpha Quadrant to win the war at any cost. Just then, Legate Broca reports that Damar is still alive, and he is in the capital city. Yet he won't be for long. Damar and Garak are stopped on the streets of the Cardassian capital by two Jem'Hadar soldiers, recognizing Damar, who Garak claims that he is his cousin. The Jem'Hadar silence him, telling them Damar will be taken in for questioning, while Garak will be killed on the spot. Suddenly, a Breen comes, who the Jem'Hadar can't understand and who kills them on the spot. It was actually Kira, disguised as the Breen; they safely continue on their way to the resistance meeting, where they plan the following day's course of action: sabotaging Cardassian power plants and communication headquarters, thereby cutting off the Dominion fleet from communication with headquarters. On Bajor, Dukat enters the quarters of Kai Winn Adami, having regained his vision from the forgiving Pah-wraiths. The Kai has learned the secrets of the Book of the Kosst Amojan, and claims to have been waiting for Dukat. Together, they embark to the depths of the Fire Caves to release the Pah-wraiths, who they hope will gain control of the Celestial Temple and destroy the Prophets... and their Emissary, Winn adds. But Dukat announces that Sisko's fate will be left to him, however Winn points out that he may not survive the invasion of Cardassia. Dukat isn't worried, he's certain that Sisko will survive... and looks forward to dealing with him afterwards. Quark, meanwhile, is passing time by playing "Go Fish" with Vic Fontaine in the holosuite wishing he was playing Tongo instead, but unfortunately, the game is not programmed into Vic. Quark's is experiencing a noticeable lull in business, in light of the heightened war effort and Quark can't help but worry about Nog and the others and complains to Vic that people pass through his bar looking for a good time, never bothering to notice that he doesn't have a good time as he's too busy making sure everyone else does. Vic tells Quark that the life of a bartender is a lonely one. But, alas, even Vic has better plans than Quark — he departs with a beautiful date to see Jimmy Durante and Peter Lawford at the Sands. Quark reminds Vic that a bartender's life is a lonely one, but Vic reminds Quark that he isn't a bartender. As the Female Changeling orders the Breen to fight side-by-side with the Jem'Hadar, suddenly all power is lost on the station. As emergency power comes on, Broca announces that the power disruption was due to an act of sabotage by civilians. The Founder grabs him by the throat, suspending him in mid-air, furious that the general population is rebelling. Broca, gasping for air, assures her it is an isolated uprising, and agrees that the civilians be punished for acts of resistance. Their long-range communications (and ability to communicate with their fleet) are still not working. When power is restored to the Capitol, about half an hour later, Weyoun appears in a general broadcast message, announcing the complete destruction of Lakarian City in retaliation for Cardassian acts of sabotage; Lakarian City was home to two million souls. Klingon Chancellor Martok hails Captain Sisko and Admiral Ross, promising to drink a celebratory barrel of 2309 bloodwine with them on Cardassia Prime. Sisko, along with the entire Starfleet attack force, engages the Dominion Jem'Hadar fighters and Breen vessels in the Cardassian system. (The Dominion has been backed up to the Cardassian system in the Alpha Quadrant at this late stage of the war.) As the dogfights ensue, several Jem'Hadar fighters appear to ram Klingon Bird-of-Prey ships in apparent suicide runs. The Defiant (with her new name already stenciled onto her hull) is in the thick of the battle, charging into enemy lines. Miles suffers a shoulder wound from exploding bridge debris and, during the heat of the battle, finally gets up the nerve to tell Julian that he and Keiko will be leaving Deep Space 9 for Earth; Miles has accepted a

position teaching engineering at Starfleet Academy. Ross orders Sisko to take the *Defiant* to help bolster the Romulan line; the Romulans have just lost their flagship. Back on Cardassia Prime, Dominion headquarters still cannot communicate with their fleet; they have no idea how the battle is going for either side.

At Mila's house, a squad of Jem'Hadar and Cardassian soldiers knocks on her door as Kira, Garak and Damar hide in the basement.

Suddenly, Mila's corpse is dumped down the stairs to the basement, and the Jem'Hadar also throw down a stun grenade, easily subduing the trio. The Female Changeling orders Damar's immediate execution, but some of Damar's loyal Cardassian soldiers shoot the Jem'Hadar before they can execute them. In the midst of battle, the Cardassian fleet suddenly switches sides, and begins attacking the Breen and Jem'Hadar. When communications are brought back online, the Female Changeling, shocked of the Cardassian betrayal, orders the extermination of the entire Cardassian population. Legate Broca is escorted out the door by Jem'Hadar for execution. As the Cardassian Capitol is being reduced to rubble building by building, the resistance moves into action. Garak mourns for Mila, a major part of his life since he was a child growing up. When Kira tells Garak he can fight for a new Cardassia, he decides his new motivation for destroying the Dominion is revenge. Damar's resistance reaches Dominion Headquarters, and find the entrance protected by a neutronium door. Damar suggests pretending to give himself up, but Kira warns him he'll be shot on sight. But the door opens from within, as a pair of Jem'Hadar execute Legate Broca and two other Cardassians with bayonets and dispose of their bodies. The Cardassians kill the Jem'Hadar, and engages in a fire fight with several other Jem'Hadar. While the resistance succeeds in breaking into the compound, Damar is fatally wounded and dies in Garak's lap. Back on Bajor, Dukat and the Kai have reached their final destination in the fire caves. As the Kai begins reading from the sacred text of the Kosst Amojan, the vast underground cavern springs to life, engulfed with billows of red flame. She discards her Kai vestment, throwing it into the raging fire pit before them. She continues reading from the sacred text, invoking the spirit of the Pah-wraiths. The Federation Alliance has cornered the Dominion all the way back to Cardassia Prime and prepares to move in for the kill. Admiral Ross proposes a three-pronged attack: the Romulans and Cardassians will attack the Jem'Hadar; Chancellor Martok will lead the Klingons against the Breen; and the Federation will knock out the orbital weapon platforms. Aboard the *Defiant*, Captain Sisko expects a difficult fight ahead. The Cardassian rebellion breaks through into the heart of Dominion headquarters, capturing Weyoun and the Female Changeling. Weyoun asks where Damar was. Kira answered that he died for Cardassia. Garak shoots and kills the last-ever Weyoun clone for insulting Damar and gloating about the terrible destruction of Cardassia. Kira tells the Founder that the Dominion has lost the war, but the Founder refuses to surrender, promising a fight to the bitter end. With the Breen and Jem'Hadar fighting to the last man, the Alpha Quadrant would never threaten the Gamma Quadrant. In the fire caves, Winn pours a toast, offering it to Dukat (still appearing as a Bajoran).

He drinks from the cup; however, he soon bends over in pain. The ex-Kai admits to poisoning him, as a sacrifice for the Pah-wraiths, who better than Dukat? Dukat sprawls and dies. She then proceed to awaken the Wraiths.

What You Leave Behind (2)

Season 7

Episode Number: 176

Season Episode: 26

Originally aired:	Tuesday June 2, 1999
Writer:	Ira Steven Behr, Hans Beimler
Director:	Allan Kroeker
Show Stars:	Armin Shimerman (Quark), Michael Dorn (Lt. Commander Worf), Rene Auberjonois (Constable Odo), Nana Visitor (Major / Colonel/Commander Kira Nerys), Avery Brooks (Commander / Captain Benjamin Sisko), Alexander Siddig (Dr. Julian Bashir), Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko), Colm Meaney (Chief Miles O'Brien), Nicole de Boer (Ensign / Lt. Ezri Dax (Season 7))
Recurring Role:	Deborah Lacey (Sarah), James Darren (Vic Fontane), Marc Alaimo (Gul Dukat), Andrew Robinson (Garak), Casey Biggs (Damar), Penny Johnson Jerald (Kasidy Yates), Aron Eisenberg (Nog), J.G. Hertzler (Martok), Salome Jens (Female Shapeshifter), Louise Fletcher (Kai Winn), Barry Jenner (Admiral Ross), Jeffrey Combs (Weyoun), Mark Allen Shepherd (Morn)
Guest Stars:	Greg Ellis (Ekoor), Mel Johnson Jr. (Legate Broca), Robert O'Reilly (Gowron), Max Grodenchik (Rom), Lawrence Monoson (Horvath)
Production Code:	40510-576
Summary:	The Dominion War is entering its final stages, with many surprises. Meanwhile, in the Fire Caves, Kai Winn and Dukat continue their efforts to release the Pah-wraiths. Can they and the Dominion be stopped? Things look grim for the Federation and the crew of Deep Space Nine.



Odo beams down to talk with the captured Founder. He asks her to stand down her forces yet she retorts that she believe that the Federation Alliance would invade the Gamma Quadrant just as they previously reciprocated. Odo denies it as the Federation wouldn't sanction it nor would allow the Klingons or Romulans to do so. He suggests he can cure her and they link, against the better judgment of Garak. After joining briefly for only about ten seconds, the Female Changeling is cured; she can assume her normal, smooth-featured shape. She had also communicated to Odo, during their link, that she will order the surrender of all Jem'Hadar; moreover, she will stand

trial for her actions in the Alpha Quadrant. With the Female Changeling facing years (possibly a lifetime) of incarceration, Odo vows to be the one who delivers the cure to the Great Link, and tells Kira that he will be rejoining the Great Link for good. On the ruined surface of Cardassia Prime, Martok lustily drinks his bloodwine in victory but Sisko and Ross, devastated by the carnage they see, refuse to drink. At Dominion headquarters, Garak and Bashir reflect on how many Cardassians died in the genocide — over eight hundred million. Garak tells Bashir

he will be staying on Cardassia, and admits he'll be missing the lunchtime chats. The Female Changeling surrenders, ending the Dominion War. Aboard DS9, the Female Changeling signs the official instrument of surrender, officially ending hostilities between the Dominion and Federation Alliance. After the ceremony, Martok and Ross offer Worf the Federation ambassadorship to the Klingon Empire. Sisko agrees, although he will hate losing Worf on DS9. Martok, on the other hand, is grateful to have an ambassador he can go Targ hunting with on Qo'noS. Kira, who doesn't want to lose the love of her life, asks Odo to return after curing the Founders. He explains how painful it will be for him to leave her, but that the only way for the Founders to learn to trust solids will be for him to remain in the Link. The crew mingle in Vic's lounge for celebration and, in some cases, farewells. Among the groups, Jake is asking Miles if they already found a place to live to which Miles responds they have some locations in sight. He receives much help from the present staff, with Worf even suggesting Minsk.

Quark, who is getting to be a regular at Vic's, encourages everyone to stay put, citing his distaste for change. Sisko tells Quark to get used to it, as things are going to be very different from now on. As everyone gives the moment pause, Captain Sisko lifts his glass in a toast: "To the best crew any captain ever had. This may be the last time we're all together. But no matter what the future holds, no matter how far we travel, a part of us... a very important part, will always remain here, on Deep Space 9." Just then Vic starts to sing *The Way You Look Tonight* to the assembled crew, who came aboard Deep Space 9 distanced, suspicious and sometimes hostile towards each other, yet despite all this grew into close colleagues and friends. As the couples take to the dance floor, Benjamin suddenly has a strong sensation. As the Emissary, he now understands what his task is. Benjamin excuses himself abruptly from the party and heads to the shuttlebay. On Bajor, Dukat, is resurrected by the Pah-wraiths and regains his Cardassian visage, his eyes glowing red with their power. He taunts Winn, saying she wasn't good enough to be the Pah-wraiths' emissary. He reveals to her that the Pah-wraith plan to spread across Bajor, the Celestial Temple the Alpha Quadrant, even the entire galaxy. He then nonchalantly notes that Sisko has arrived. Sisko raises a weapon at Dukat but the Pah-wraiths' power is strong, however, and with a flick of his wrist, Dukat causes Sisko to drop the weapon and fall flat to the ground. He recovers and punches Dukat, to no avail. Dukat, controlling Sisko's movements, causes him to bow in front of him. Winn grabs the Book of the Kosst Amojan, intending to cast it into the fire pit, but it suddenly appears in Dukat's hands. Dukat summons the fire, which engulfs Winn Adami, vaporizing her. With Dukat concentrating on Winn and her death, he is momentarily distracted from the Emissary. Sisko summons all his courage and strength, and, with a shout of determination, lunges at Dukat, propelling both men (and the Book of the Kosst Amojan) into the fire pit. As they tumble through the flames, Dukat and the book disintegrate, but Sisko's consciousness lives on as the Emissary.

Still appearing as Benjamin Sisko, in his Starfleet uniform, he materializes in the celestial temple. Sarah, the prophet, gives him both good news and bad. The good news is that the Emissary succeeded in his mission by returning the Pah-wraiths to the Fire Caves, and by destroying both the book and Dukat he has trapped them there forever; the bad news is that, since his mission is now complete, the Emissary will never be able to return to his former, corporeal existence. On DS9, The others explain to Kasidy that they found Sisko's runabout but there was no sign of him. Just then, the Emissary comes to Kasidy in a vision. Relieved to see her beloved husband, she embraces and kisses him one last time. He informs her that he will not be coming back, and Kasidy now realizes the "sorrow" predicted by the prophets. Now speaking in non-linear riddles himself, he solemnly declares his role as Emissary, speaking of destiny, of having a great deal of things to do and learn. However, he promises Kasidy that he will return "in a year, or maybe... yesterday". They say their goodbyes, and then suddenly Kasidy is back on DS9, telling Jake she has spoken to his father.

Odo tries to depart the station quietly in the runabout, without having to say goodbye to anyone. Quark confronts him in the corridor, asking for some sort of goodbye, but Odo refuses. Regardless, Quark raises a toast to him and still believes that Odo "loves" him. Miles and Julian part company with a big hug and misty eyes, having become the best of friends after serving seven years together. Kira pilots Odo's runabout to the Changeling planet. Beaming down to the surface, they say their tearful farewells.

Odo morphs his uniform into his tuxedo, which was always Kira's favorite outfit, and slowly walks into the "ocean" of Changelings.

Odo's cure slowly spreads throughout his people, saving them all. Colonel Kira, comfortably situated in the commanding office on DS9, congratulates Lieutenant Nog on his promotion. She has left Sisko's baseball on the desk. She goes to crack the whip on Quark, who had been taking bets on the selection of the next Kai; her strict demeanor reminds him of a similar encounter with her seven years earlier. Kira joins Jake on the Promenade, and they look out the window at the Bajoran wormhole, which is finally open for travel again after two years of war. They look towards the Celestial Temple and the Gamma Quadrant, where Jake's father and Kira's beloved have both gone, remembering lost friends and loved ones, yet remaining eternally optimistic about their future as life goes on at Deep Space 9.

Actor Appearances

A

Cecily Adams	4
0520 (Ishka); 0610 (Ishka); 0623 (Ishka); 0724 (Ishka)	
Jason Leland Adams	1
0709 (Benyan)	
Mary Kay Adams	2
0303 (Grilka); 0503 (Grilka)	
Marc Alaimo	38
0101 (Gul Dukat); 0102 (Gul Dukat); 0119 (Gul Dukat); 0201 (Gul Dukat); 0205 (Gul Dukat); 0208 (Gul Dukat); 0220 (Gul Dukat); 0221 (Gul Dukat); 0307 (Gul Dukat); 0309 (Gul Dukat); 0322 (Gul Dukat); 0401 (Gul Dukat); 0402 (Gul Dukat); 0405 (Gul Dukat); 0414 (Gul Dukat); 0501 (Gul Dukat); 0508 (Gul Dukat); 0514 (Gul Dukat); 0515 (Gul Dukat); 0519 (Gul Dukat); 0526 (Gul Dukat); 0601 (Gul Dukat); 0603 (Gul Dukat); 0604 (Gul Dukat); 0605 (Gul Dukat); 0606 (Gul Dukat); 0611 (Gul Dukat); 0613 (Ryan / Gul Dukat); 0617 (Gul Dukat); 0626 (Gul Dukat); 0709 (Gul Dukat); 0717 (Gul Dukat); 0718 (Gul Dukat); 0719 (Gul Dukat); 0720 (Gul Dukat); 0721 (Gul Dukat); 0725 (Gul Dukat); 0726 (Gul Dukat)	
Edward Albert	1
0103 (Zayra)	
Elle Alexander	1
0504 (Female Guard)	
Dion Anderson	1
0205 (Zolan)	
Michael J. Anderson	1
0116 (Rumpelstiltskin)	
Benita Andre	1
0117 (Anara)	
Philip Anglim	8
0120 (Vedek Bareil); 0202 (Vedek Bareil); 0203 (Vedek Bareil); 0216 (Vedek Bareil); 0224 (Vedek Bareil); 0310 (Vedek Bareil); 0313 (Vedek Bareil); 0608 (Vedek Bareil)	
Michael Ansara	2
0219 (Kang); 0421 (Jeyal)	
Peter C. Antoniou	1
0712 (Helmsman)	
Lee Arenberg	1
0111 (Gral)	
Gene Armor	1
0101 (Bajoran Bureaucrat)	
Vaughn Armstrong	3
0104 (Gul Danar); 0721 (Seskal); 0724 (Seskal)	
Jeanetta Arnette	1
0609 (Dr. Loews)	
Daphne Ashbrook	1
0206 (Melora)	
Kate Asner	1
0723 (Nurse Bandee)	
Jeff Austin	1
0326 (Bolian Security Officer)	

Karen Austin	1
0504 (Dr. Kalandra)	
Erick Avari	1
0315 (Vedek Yarka)	

B

Mina Badie	1
0412 (Security Officer)	
Michael Bailous	1
0404 (Jem'Hadar #1)	
Brenan T. Baird	1
0508 (Cardassian Soldier)	
Jay Baker	1
0407 (Stevens)	
Scott Thompson Baker	1
0614 (First Kudak'Etan)	
Lisa Banes	1
0304 (Dr. Renhol)	
Jonathan Banks	1
0113 (Shel-La)	
Adrienne Barbeau	1
0716 (Cretak)	
Majel Barrett	21
0101 (Saratoga Computer Voice); 0112 (Computer Voice); 0113 (Computer Voice); 0117 (Lwaxana Troi); 0215 (Computer Voice); 0217 (Computer Voice); 0225 (Computer Voice); 0226 (Computer Voice); 0302 (Computer Voice); 0309 (Computer Voice); 0310 (Lwaxana Troi); 0314 (Computer Voice); 0325 (Computer Voice); 0326 (Computer Voice); 0403 (Computer Voice); 0421 (Lwaxana Troi); 0505 (Computer Voice); 0523 (Computer Voice); 0622 (Federation Computer Voice); 0717 (Computer Voice); 0724 (Computer Voice)	
Ivor Bartels	1
0501 (Young Klingon)	
Cyia Batten	2
0405 (Ziyal); 0414 (Ziyal)	
Susan Bay	2
0104 (Admiral Rollman); 0214 (Admiral Rollman)	
John Beck	1
0225 (Boone)	
Felecia M. Bell	1
0319 (Jennifer Sisko)	
Michael Bell	2
0201 (Borum); 0221 (Xepolite)	
Amy Benedict	1
0114 (Woman)	
John Lendale Bennett	2
0303 (Kozak); 0311 (Gabriel Bell)	
John Eric Bentley	1
0714 (Klingon)	
Steven Berkoff	1
0518 (Hagath)	
Victor Bevine	1
0508 (Belar)	
Leslie Bevis	3

0201 (Freighter Captain); 0306 (Boslic Captain);
0426 (Freighter Captain)

Richard Beymer 3
0201 (Li Nalas); 0202 (Li Nalas); 0203 (Li Nalas)

Shaun Bieniek 1
0624 (Deputy)

Casey Biggs 23
0414 (Damar); 0501 (Damar); 0526 (Damar); 0601
(Damar); 0603 (Damar); 0604 (Damar); 0605
(Damar); 0606 (Damar); 0609 (Damar); 0611
(Damar); 0619 (Damar); 0701 (Damar); 0702
(Damar); 0706 (Damar); 0717 (Damar); 0718
(Damar); 0719 (Damar); 0720 (Damar); 0721
(Damar); 0722 (Damar); 0724 (Damar); 0725
(Damar); 0726 (Damar)

David Birney 1
0626 (Letant)

James Black 1
0420 (Klingon Helmsman)

Brad Blaisdell 1
0615 (Yint)

Geoffrey Blake 1
0217 (Arjin)

Jack Blessing 1
0506 (Dulmer)

J. Paul Boehmer 1
0722 (Vornar)

Michael Bofshever 1
0115 (Toran)

Bill Bolender 1
0219 (The Albino)

Emilio Borelli 1
0416 (Frool)

Barbara Bosson 1
0211 (Roana)

David Bowe 1
0617 (Basso)

Leroy D. Brazile 1
0724 (Lonar)

Marci Brickhouse 1
0410 (Mona Luvsitt)

Charlie Brill 1
0506 (Arne Darvin)

Roy Brocksmith 1
0405 (Razka)

Joel Brooks 1
0110 (Falow)

Lee Brooks 1
0105 (Aphasia Victim)

Paige Brooks 1
0715 (Jenny)

Benjamin Brown 1
0618 (Kagan)

Jeb Brown 1
0504 (Ensign)

Julie Caitlin Brown 1
0109 (Ty Kajada)

Robert Curtis Brown 1
0210 (Vedek Sorad)

Clara Bryant 1
0110 (Chandra)

Robert Budaska 1
0501 (Husky Klingon)

Ray Buktenica 1
0515 (Deyos)

Billy Burke 1
0305 (Ari)

Michael Reilly Burke 1
0218 (Hogue)

Scott Burkholder 1
0721 (Hilliard)

Megan Butler 1
0101 (Enterprise Lieutenant)

Cassandra Byram 2
0101 (Saratoga Conn Officer); 0102 (Saratoga Conn
Officer)

C

Eric Cadora 1
0518 (Customer)

K Callan 1
0211 (Alsia)

Laura Cameron 1
0107 (Bajoran Woman)

Hamilton Camp 2
0520 (Leck); 0610 (Leck)

William Campbell 1
0219 (Koloth)

Ron Canada 1
0418 (Ch'Pok)

Amanda Carlin 2
0220 (Kobb); 0221 (Kobb)

Katrina Carlson 1
0203 (Bajoran Officer)

David Carpenter 1
0417 (Onara)

Darleen Carr 1
0213 (E'Tyshra)

Kevin Carr 1
0313 (Bajoran)

Carlos Carrasco 3
0303 (D'Ghor); 0420 (Klingon Officer); 0615 (Krole)

Christopher Carroll 1
0305 (Gul Benil)

Darwyn Carson 1
0320 (Romulan)

Mitch David Carter 1
0312 (Swat Leader)

Stephen James Carver 1
0103 (Ibudan)

Nicholas Cascone 1
0304 (Timor)

Jacqueline Case 1
0715 (Dancer)

Bernie Casey 2
0220 (Cal Hudson); 0221 (Lt. Commander Calvin
Hudson)

Martin Cassidy 1
0216 (Male Villager)

Sylvain Cecil 1
0623 (Uri'Lash)

Larry Cedar 1
0213 (Nydrom)

Dylan Chalfy 1
0411 (Head Officer)

Brian Evaret Chandler 1
0522 (Brotta)

Jeffrey Alan Chandler 1
0325 (The Guardian)

John Davis Chandler 1
0615 (Flith)

Rosalind Chao 19
0103 (Keiko O'Brien); 0116 (Keiko O'Brien); 0120
(Keiko O'Brien); 0203 (Keiko O'Brien); 0205
(Keiko O'Brien); 0211 (Keiko O'Brien); 0213
(Keiko O'Brien); 0214 (Keiko O'Brien); 0225
(Keiko O'Brien); 0303 (Keiko O'Brien); 0310
(Keiko O'Brien); 0417 (Keiko O'Brien); 0419
(Keiko O'Brien); 0425 (Keiko O'Brien); 0503
(Keiko O'Brien); 0505 (Keiko O'Brien); 0512

(Keiko O'Brien); **0624** (Keiko O'Brien); **0725** (Keiko O'Brien)

Lilyan Chauvin 1
0602 (Vedek Yassim)

Dennis Christopher 1
0302 (Borath)

Robin Christopher 2
0119 (Neela); **0120** (Neela)

Art Chudabala 1
0713 (Ilario)

Charles Chun 1
0506 (Engineer)

Diana Cignoni 2
0101 (Dabo Girl); **0103** (Dabo Girl)

Gordon Clapp 1
0112 (Hadron)

Shannon Cochran 3
0309 (Kalita); **0607** (Sirella); **0717** (Sirella (voice)(uncredited))

Megan Cole 2
0701 (Cretak); **0702** (Cretak)

John Colicos 3
0219 (Kor); **0409** (Kor); **0707** (Kor)

Christopher Collins 2
0109 (Durg); **0219** (Head Guard)

Paul Collins 1
0113 (Zlangco)

Jeffrey Combs 33
0308 (Tiron); **0323** (Brunt); **0416** (Brunt); **0423** (Weyoun); **0425** (Brunt); **0519** (Weyoun); **0520** (Brunt); **0525** (Weyoun); **0526** (Weyoun); **0601** (Weyoun); **0605** (Weyoun); **0606** (Weyoun); **0609** (Weyoun); **0610** (Brunt); **0611** (Weyoun); **0613** (Mulcahey / Weyoun); **0618** (Weyoun); **0619** (Weyoun); **0623** (Brunt); **0626** (Weyoun); **0701** (Weyoun); **0702** (Weyoun); **0706** (Weyoun); **0712** (Brunt); **0717** (Weyoun); **0718** (Weyoun); **0719** (Weyoun); **0720** (Weyoun); **0722** (Weyoun); **0724** (Weyoun); **0724** (Brunt); **0725** (Weyoun); **0726** (Weyoun)

Sharon Conley 1
0205 (Jomat Luson)

Christian R. Conrad 1
0511 (Lt. Brilgar)

Darin Cooper 1
0606 (Cardassian Officer)

Kelly Cooper 1
0715 (Dancer)

John Cothran Jr. 1
0223 (Telok)

Brant Cotton 1
0517 (Tauvid Rem)

Peter Crombie 1
0206 (Fallit Kot)

James Cromwell 1
0407 (Hanok)

Leland Croke 2
0614 (Gelon); **0615** (Vorta)

Mary Crosby 1
0218 (Natima Lang)

Emilia Crow 1
0207 (Zyree)

Raymond Cruz 1
0708 (Vargas)

Brett Cullen 1
0308 (Deral)

Joseph Culp 1
0615 (Paimus)

Patrick Cupo 1
0103 (Bajoran Man #2)

Charlie Curtis 1
0518 (Talura)

Kelly Curtis 1
0106 (Miss Sarda)

D

Bertila Damas 2
0220 (Sakonna); **0221** (Sakonna)

Christopher Darga 2
0401 (Kaybok); **0402** (Kaybok)

James Darren 9
0620 (Vic Fontane); **0626** (Vic Fontane); **0701** (Vic Fontane); **0708** (Vic Fontane); **0710** (Vic Fontane); **0712** (Vic Fontane); **0715** (Vic Fontane); **0725** (Vic Fontane); **0726** (Vic Fontane)

Stephen Davies 3
0101 (Saratoga Tactical Officer); **0102** (Saratoga Tactical Officer); **0404** (Arak'Taral)

Zora DeHorter 1
0507 (Risian Woman)

Cliff DeYoung 1
0112 (Croden)

Diaunte 1
0302 (Jem'Hadar Soldier)

Robert DoQui 1
0415 (Noggra)

John Doman 1
0324 (Lenaris Holem)

Juliana Donald 1
0316 (Emi)

Paul Dooley 4
0222 (Enabran Tain); **0320** (Enabran Tain); **0321** (Enabran Tain); **0514** (Enabran Tain)

Christopher Doyle 1
0302 (Jem'Hadar Officer)

Judi Durand 18
0101 (Station Computer Voice); **0102** (Station Computer Voice); **0103** (Station Computer Voice); **0106** (Station Computer Voice); **0108** (Station Computer Voice); **0110** (Station Computer Voice); **0402** (Station Computer Voice); **0505** (Station Computer Voice); **0508** (Station Computer Voice); **0511** (Station Computer Voice); **0512** (Station Computer Voice); **0515** (Station Computer Voice); **0606** (Station Computer Voice); **0618** (Station Computer Voice); **0621** (Station Computer Voice); **0710** (Station Computer Voice); **0717** (Station Computer Voice); **0725** (Station Computer Voice)

Judi M. Durand 1
0117 (Cardassian Computer Voice)

John Durbin 1
0517 (Traidy)

Michael Durrell 1
0210 (General Hazar)

E

Alan Echeverria 1
0424 (Patient)

Paul S. Eckstein 1
0602 (Limara'Son)

Patrick B. Egan 1
0505 (Jiyar)

Aron Eisenberg 48
0101 (Nog); **0103** (Nog); **0111** (Nog); **0114** (Nog); **0115** (Nog); **0203** (Nog); **0210** (Nog); **0226** (Nog); **0313** (Nog); **0314** (Nog); **0325** (Nog); **0403** (Nog); **0408** (Nog); **0411** (Nog); **0412** (Nog); **0420** (Nog); **0509** (Nog); **0511** (Nog); **0513** (Nog); **0521** (Nog); **0523** (Nog); **0524** (Nog); **0525** (Nog); **0526** (Nog); **0601** (Nog); **0602** (Nog); **0604** (Nog); **0605** (Nog);

0606 (Nog); 0607 (Nog); 0610 (Nog); 0613 (Vendor); 0614 (Nog); 0622 (Nog); 0623 (Nog); 0626 (Nog); 0701 (Nog); 0704 (Nog); 0705 (Nog); 0706 (Nog); 0708 (Nog); 0710 (Nog); 0715 (Nog); 0718 (Nog); 0720 (Nog); 0724 (Nog); 0725 (Nog); 0726 (Nog)

Greg Ellis 2
0725 (Ekoor); 0726 (Ekoor)

Michael Ensign 1
0117 (Ambassador Lojal)

Tony Epper 1
0501 (Drunken Klingon)

Van Epperson 1
0107 (Bajoran Clerk)

Mark Erickson 1
0209 (Lt. Piersall)

Terrence Evans 2
0115 (Baltrim); 0205 (Proka Migdal)

F

Michael Fairman 1
0120 (Vendor)

Matthew Faison 1
0105 (Surmak Ren)

Geraldine Farrell 1
0105 (Galis Blin)

Terry Farrell 1
0717 (Jadzia Dax (voice)(uncredited))

Todd Feder 1
0105 (Federation Male)

Doren Fein 1
0522 (Molly)

Lynnda Ferguson 1
0101 (Doran)

Don Fischer 1
0515 (Jem'Hadar Guard)

Fionnula Flanagan 1
0108 (Enina Tandro)

Maureen Flannigan 1
0709 (Mika)

John Fleck 3
0201 (Cardassian officer); 0301 (Ornithar); 0716 (Koval)

Louise Fletcher 15
0120 (Vedek Winn); 0202 (Vedek Winn); 0203 (Vedek Winn); 0224 (Vedek Winn); 0313 (Kai Winn); 0324 (Kai Winn); 0510 (Kai Winn); 0525 (Kai Winn); 0621 (Kai Winn); 0718 (Kai Winn); 0719 (Kai Winn); 0720 (Kai Winn); 0721 (Kai Winn); 0725 (Kai Winn); 0726 (Kai Winn)

Miriam Flynn 1
0709 (Midwife)

Nicole Forester 1
0318 (Dabo Girl)

Meg Foster 1
0421 (Onaya)

Robert Foxworth 2
0411 (Admiral Leyton); 0412 (Admiral Leyton)

Jonathan Frakes 1
0309 (Thomas Riker)

Gary Frank 1
0522 (Yedrin Dax)

William Frankfather 1
0302 (Male shapeshifter)

Colby French 1
0721 (Ensign Weldon)

Joseph Fuqua 1
0602 (Ensign Gordon)

David Drew Gallagher 2
0412 (Riley Shepard); 0622 (Shephard)

Megan Gallagher 2
0204 (Mareel); 0408 (Nurse Garland)

Roderick Garr 1
0404 (Shady Alien)

Kathleen Garrett 1
0112 (Vulcan Captain)

Mike Genovese 1
0202 (Zef No)

Brian George 1
0516 (Richard Bashir)

Tami-Adrian George 1
0710 (Kesha)

Gretchen German 1
0523 (Rebecca)

Susan Gibney 2
0411 (Cmdr. Benteen); 0412 (Captain Benteen)

Henry Gibson 1
0623 (Nilva)

Ann Gillespie 3
0105 (Nurse Jabara); 0222 (Jabara); 0318 (Nurse)

Ann H. Gillespie 1
0313 (Nurse)

John Glover 1
0204 (Verad)

Danny Goldring 2
0307 (Legate Kell); 0504 (Burke)

Joel Goodness 1
0714 (Deputy)

Barry Gordon 1
0111 (Nava)

Galyn Gorg 1
0403 (Korena)

April Grace 1
0101 (Ensign Maggie Hubbell)

Wayne Grace 1
0617 (Legate)

David Graf 1
0521 (Leskit)

Kathryn Graf 1
0103 (Bajoran Woman)

Cynthia Graham 1
0716 (Wheeler)

Gerrit Graham 1
0106 (The Hunter)

Bruce Gray 1
0202 (Admiral Chekote)

Mel Green 1
0323 (Secretary)

James Greener 1
0621 (Koral)

Brad Greenquist 1
0612 (Krit)

Max Grodenchik 34
0101 (Rom); 0103 (Rom); 0111 (Rom); 0112 (Rom); 0201 (Rom); 0207 (Rom); 0208 (Rom); 0303 (Rom); 0314 (Rom); 0316 (Rom); 0319 (Rom); 0325 (Rom); 0408 (Rom); 0410 (Rom); 0416 (Rom); 0425 (Rom); 0505 (Rom); 0509 (Rom); 0516 (Rom); 0520 (Rom); 0526 (Rom); 0604 (Rom); 0605 (Rom); 0606 (Rom); 0607 (Rom); 0610 (Rom); 0623 (Rom); 0704 (Rom); 0706 (Rom); 0708 (Rom); 0710 (Rom); 0712 (Rom); 0724 (Rom); 0726 (Rom)

Anthony Guidera 1
0202 (Cardassian)

Bennet Guillory 1
0316 (Medical Big Shot)

Fadwa El Guindi 1
0516 (Amsha Bashir)

G

H

Martha Hackett 2
0301 (Subcommander T'Rul); **0302** (Subcommander T'Rul)

Molly Hagan 1
0226 (Eris)

Dylan Haggerty 1
0424 (Epran)

Tim Halligan 1
0518 (Farrakk)

Anne Haney 1
0108 (Judge Renora)

Michael Harney 1
0615 (Chadwick)

James Harper 1
0109 (Rao Vantika)

Henry Hasashi 1
0311 (Male Guest)

Hana Hatae 10
0103 (Molly O'Brien); **0116** (Molly O'Brien); **0203** (Molly O'Brien); **0310** (Molly O'Brien); **0417** (Molly O'Brien); **0419** (Molly O'Brien); **0425** (Molly O'Brien); **0505** (Molly O'Brien); **0624** (Molly O'Brien); **0725** (Molly O'Brien)

Scott Haven 1
0423 (Virak'Kara)

Andrew Hawkes 1
0426 (Amat'igan)

Christine Healy 1
0308 (Seltin)

Annette Helde 3
0317 (Karina); **0708** (Lt. Nadia Larkin); **0710** (Lt. Nadia Larkin)

Albert Henderson 1
0211 (Cos)

Jessica Hendra 1
0315 (Dejar)

Karen Hensel 1
0205 (Deela)

J.G. Hertzler 28
0101 (Vulcan Captain); **0102** (Vulcan Captain); **0401** (Martok); **0402** (Martok); **0501** (Martok); **0514** (Martok); **0515** (Martok); **0521** (Martok); **0523** (Martok); **0526** (Martok); **0601** (Martok); **0603** (Martok); **0605** (Martok); **0606** (Martok); **0607** (Martok); **0613** (Roy); **0626** (Martok); **0701** (Martok); **0702** (Martok); **0706** (Martok); **0707** (Martok); **0712** (Martok); **0714** (Laas); **0721** (Martok); **0722** (Martok); **0724** (Martok); **0725** (Martok); **0726** (Martok)

Jennifer Hetrick 1
0107 (Vash)

Thomas Hobson 1
0101 (Young Jake)

Bari Hochwald 1
0322 (Dr. Elizabeth Lense)

Tom Hodges 1
0524 (Pechetti)

Leslie Hoffman 2
0420 (Rebel); **0715** (Casino Patron)

Marjean Holden 1
0524 (Stolzoff)

Tom Holleron 1
0723 (Operative)

Patty Holley 1
0311 (Female Guest)

Mark Holton 1
0504 (Bolian)

Leslie Hope 1
0617 (Meru)

Kaitlin Hopkins 1
0502 (Kilana)

James Horan 2
0514 (Ikat'ika); **0515** (Ikat'ika)

Michelle Horn 2
0626 (Saghi); **0717** (Saghi)

Donald Hotton 1
0101 (Bajoran Monk)

Clint Howard 1
0312 (Grady)

Sherman Howard 1
0324 (Syvar)

Mark Humphrey 1
0308 (II) (Lito)

William Dennis Hunt 2
0401 (Huraga); **0402** (Huraga)

Harry Hutchinson 1
0324 (Trooper)

I

Deirdre Imershein 1
0506 (Lt. Watley)

Gregory Itzin 2
0108 (Ilon Tandro); **0612** (Hain)

J

Michael Jace 1
0226 (First Officer)

Richard Lee Jackson 2
0311 (Danny); **0312** (Danny)

Jill Jacobson 1
0426 (Chalon Aroya)

Randy James 2
0624 (Security); **0705** (Officer)

James Jansen 1
0506 (Lucsly)

Jim Jansen 1
0114 (Faren)

Barry Jenner 13
0601 (Admiral Ross); **0604** (Admiral Ross); **0605** (Admiral Ross); **0626** (Admiral Ross); **0701** (Admiral Ross); **0702** (Admiral Ross); **0716** (Admiral Ross); **0718** (Admiral Ross); **0720** (Admiral Ross); **0721** (Admiral Ross); **0724** (Admiral Ross); **0725** (Admiral Ross); **0726** (Admiral Ross)

Salome Jens 16
0301 (Female Shapeshifter); **0302** (Female Shapeshifter); **0314** (Female Shapeshifter); **0426** (Female Shapeshifter); **0604** (Female Shapeshifter); **0605** (Female Shapeshifter); **0606** (Female Shapeshifter); **0706** (Female Shapeshifter); **0717** (Female Shapeshifter); **0718** (Female Shapeshifter); **0719** (Female Shapeshifter); **0720** (Female Shapeshifter); **0722** (Female Shapeshifter); **0724** (Female Shapeshifter); **0725** (Female Shapeshifter); **0726** (Female Shapeshifter)

Penny Johnson Jerald 17
0323 (Kasidy Yates); **0401** (Kasidy Yates); **0402** (Kasidy Yates); **0405** (Kasidy Yates); **0422** (Kasidy Yates); **0510** (Kasidy Yates); **0613** (Cassie); **0625** (Kasidy Yates); **0704** (Kasidy Yates); **0715** (Kasidy Yates); **0717** (Kasidy Yates); **0718** (Kasidy Yates); **0719** (Kasidy Yates); **0720** (Kasidy Yates); **0724** (Kasidy Yates); **0725** (Kasidy Yates); **0726** (Kasidy Yates)

Mel Johnson Jr. 3
0724 (Legate Broca); **0725** (Legate Broca); **0726** (Legate Broca)

Michelle Johnston 1
0715 (Dancer)

K

Cindy Katz.....	1
0305 (Yteppa)	
Andrew Kavovit.....	1
0504 (Kirby)	
Michael Keenan.....	2
0609 (Patrick); 0705 (Patrick)	
Jack Kehler.....	1
0105 (Jaheel)	
Brian Keith.....	1
0115 (Mullibok)	
Leslie Kendall.....	1
0112 (Yareth)	
Richard Kiley.....	1
0209 (Professor Gideon Seyetik)	
Patrick Kilpatrick.....	2
0708 (Reese); 0710 (Reese)	
Matthew Kimborough.....	1
0306 (Okalar)	
Bobby C. King.....	1
0412 (Security Chief)	
Jeffrey King.....	1
0524 (Amaro)	
Bob Kirsh.....	1
0626 (Glinn)	
Ericka Klein.....	1
0605 (Admiral Sitak)	
Tom Klunis.....	1
0103 (Lamonay Ess)	
Andrew Koenig.....	1
0210 (Tumak)	
Thomas Kopache.....	2
0519 (Taban); 0617 (Taban)	
Frank Kopyc.....	1
0507 (Bolian Aide)	
Michael Krawic.....	1
0220 (Samuels)	
Kay E. Kuter.....	1
0114 (The Sirah)	

L

Carlos Lacamara.....	1
0320 (Retaya)	
Deborah Lacey.....	6
0701 (Image In The Sand); 0702 (Sarah Alien); 0717 (Sarah); 0718 (Sarah); 0725 (Sarah); 0726 (Sarah)	
Caroline Lagerfelt.....	1
0225 (Makbar)	
John de Lancie.....	1
0107 (Q)	
Clayton Landey.....	1
0711 (Fuchida)	
Hal Landon Jr.....	1
0716 (Neral)	
Frank Langella.....	3
0201 (Minister Jaro Essa); 0202 (Minister Jaro Essa); 0203 (Minister Jaro Essa)	
Norman Large.....	1
0119 (Lissepian Captain)	
James Lashly.....	2
0109 (Lieutenant George Primmin); 0110 (Lieutenant George Primmin)	
Marc Lawrence.....	1
0715 (Carl Zeemo)	
Philip LeStrange.....	1
0214 (Coutu)	
Steven Vincent Leigh.....	1
0422 (Lt. Reese)	
Ken Lesco.....	1

0502 (T'Lor)	
Loren Lester.....	1
0424 (Attendant)	
Scott Leva.....	1
0521 (Ortakin)	
David B. Levinson.....	1
0724 (Broik)	
Richard Libertini.....	1
0417 (Akorem Laan)	
Tina Lifford.....	2
0311 (Lee); 0312 (Lee)	
Blake Lindsley.....	1
0707 (Synon)	
Richard Lineback.....	1
0108 (Selin Peers)	
Jesse Littlejohn.....	1
0522 (Gabriel)	
Sidney Liufau.....	1
0607 (Atoa)	
Lori Lively.....	1
0702 (Siana)	
Lisa Lord.....	1
0504 (Nurse)	
Eva Loseth.....	1
0313 (Riska)	
Louahn Lowe.....	1
0508 (Okala)	
William Lucking.....	3
0324 (Furel); 0511 (Furel); 0519 (Furel)	
Jordan Lund.....	1
0114 (Woban)	

M

James MacDonald.....	1
0408 (Captain Wainwright)	
Scott MacDonald.....	2
0106 (Tosk); 0404 (Goran'Agar)	
Sarah MacDonnell.....	1
0602 (Lt. Neeley)	
Stephen Macht.....	2
0202 (General Krim); 0203 (General Krim)	
Dennis Madalone.....	2
0317 (Atul); 0420 (Guard)	
Rosie Malek-Yonan.....	1
0505 (Tekoa)	
Robert Mandan.....	1
0205 (Kotran Pa'Dar)	
Barbara March.....	1
0104 (Lursa)	
Trula M. Marcus.....	1
0216 (Female Villager)	
Heide Margolis.....	1
0424 (Norva)	
Lily Mariye.....	2
0101 (Saratoga Ops Officer); 0102 (Saratoga Ops Officer)	
Monte Markham.....	1
0507 (Fullerton)	
Brian Markinson.....	1
0525 (Dr. Giger)	
Kenneth Mars.....	1
0216 (Colyus)	
Jason Marsden.....	1
0416 (Grimp)	
Ken Marshall.....	9
0301 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0302 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0321 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0326 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0406 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0410 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0422 (Lt. Cmdr.	

Michael Eddington) ; 0513 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington); 0523 (Lt. Cmdr. Michael Eddington)	
Andrea Martin.....	1
0323 (Ishka)	
John Marzilli.....	1
0617 (unnamed)	
Marybeth Massett.....	1
0522 (Parell)	
Chase Masterson.....	17
0322 (Leeta); 0325 (Leeta); 0416 (Leeta); 0507 (Leeta); 0516 (Leeta); 0520 (Leeta); 0525 (Leeta); 0526 (Leeta); 0605 (Leeta); 0606 (Leeta); 0607 (Leeta); 0610 (Leeta); 0623 (Leeta); 0704 (Leeta); 0710 (Leeta); 0712 (Leeta); 0724 (Leeta)	
Deborah May.....	1
0210 (Haneek)	
Christopher Mayer.....	1
0715 (Guard)	
Jeff Magnus McBride.....	1
0304 (Joran Belar)	
Bart McCarthy.....	1
0605 (Admiral Coburn)	
Julianna McCarthy.....	3
0320 (Mila); 0724 (Mila); 0725 (Mila)	
Tom McCleister.....	1
0107 (Kolos)	
Leigh J. McCloskey.....	1
0713 (Joran Belar)	
J. Patrick McCormack.....	1
0516 (Admiral Bennett)	
Kevin McDermott.....	1
0102 (Alien Batter)	
Ashley Brianne McDonough.....	1
0622 (Collins)	
Scott McElroy.....	1
0511 (Guard)	
Stephen McHattie.....	1
0619 (Vreenak)	
Matt McKenzie.....	1
0212 (Dr. Weld Ram)	
Jim Metzler.....	1
0311 (Chris Brynner)	
Robert Miano.....	1
0715 (Frankie Eyes)	
Sam Micco.....	1
0715 (Croupier)	
Christopher Michael.....	1
0418 (Helm Officer)	
Tracy Middendorf.....	1
0422 (Ziyal)	
Andy Milder.....	1
0524 (Boq'ta)	
Frank Military.....	2
0311 (B.C.); 0312 (B.C.)	
Dick Miller.....	2
0311 (Vin); 0312 (Vin)	
Bob Minor.....	1
0317 (Bo'rak)	
Katherine Moffat.....	1
0208 (Pallra)	
Debi A. Monahan.....	1
0620 (Melissa)	
Lisa Moncure.....	1
0424 (Latia)	
Bill Mondy.....	1
0213 (Jakin)	
Lawrence Monoson.....	2
0114 (Hovath); 0726 (Horvath)	
Johnny Moran.....	1
0701 (Bajoran Man)	

Tom Morga.....	2
0302 (Jem'Hadar Soldier); 0409 (Soro)	
Sara Mornell.....	1
0407 (Ensign Carson)	
Phil Morris.....	2
0503 (Thopok); 0602 (Remata'Klan)	
Samantha Mudd.....	1
0618 (Chandler)	
Randy Mulkey.....	1
0517 (Idanian #2)	
Bill Mummy.....	1
0708 (Kellin)	

N

Charles Napier.....	1
0408 (General Denning)	
Obi Ndefo.....	2
0401 (Drex); 0402 (Drex)	
Sandra Nelson.....	1
0521 (Tavana)	
Hassan Nicholas.....	1
0306 (Jem' Hadar Boy)	
Julia Nickson.....	1
0215 (Cassandra)	
James Noah.....	1
0406 (Hanor Pren)	
Jeffrey Nordling.....	1
0104 (Tahna Los)	
Chris Nelson Norris.....	1
0217 (Alien Man)	
Frank Novak.....	1
0105 (Businessman)	

O

Annie O'Donnell.....	1
0115 (Keena)	
Conor O'Farrell.....	1
0408 (Professor Jeffrey Carlson)	
Tricia O'Neil.....	1
0309 (Korinas)	
Cyril O'Reilly.....	1
0612 (Nashk)	
Robert O'Reilly.....	10
0303 (Gowron); 0401 (Gowron); 0402 (Gowron); 0426 (Gowron); 0501 (Gowron); 0515 (Gowron); 0715 (Countman); 0721 (Gowron); 0722 (Gowron); 0726 (Gowron)	
Randy Oglesby.....	2
0112 (Ah-Kel / Ro-Kel); 0511 (Silaran Prin)	
Alan Oppenheimer.....	1
0226 (Captain Keogh)	
Leland Orser.....	2
0210 (Gai); 0321 (Colonel Lovok)	
James Otis.....	3
0718 (Solbor); 0719 (Solbor); 0720 (Solbor)	

P

Josh Pais.....	2
0518 (Gaila); 0610 (Gaila)	
Jim Palladino.....	1
0514 (Jem'Hadar Guard)	
Andrew Palmer.....	1
0605 (Jem'Hadar Soldier)	
John Paragon.....	1
0711 (Bokar)	
Norman Parker.....	1
0709 (Vedek Fala)	

Charles Parks	1
0224 (Eblan)	
Stephen Parr	1
0118 (Valerian)	
Josh Pars	1
0610 (Gaila)	
Jennifer Parsons	1
0522 (Miranda O'Brien)	
Rick Pasqualone	1
0409 (Toral)	
Cyndi Pass	2
0620 (Ginger); 0725 (Ginger)	
Courtney Peldon	1
0622 (Farris)	
Ernest Perry Jr.	1
0510 (Admiral Whatley)	
Brock Peters	5
0411 (Joseph Sisko); 0601 (Joseph Sisko); 0613 (Joseph Sisko / Preacher); 0701 (Joseph Sisko); 0702 (Joseph Sisko)	
Vidal Peterson	1
0205 (Rugal)	
Randy Pflug	1
0118 (Guard)	
Gina Philips	1
0114 (Varis Sul)	
Mark Piatelli	1
0709 (Brin)	
Robert Picardo	1
0516 (Dr. Zimmerman)	
Eric Pierpoint	1
0513 (Captain Sanders)	
Stephen Pisani	1
0715 (Various Aliens)	
Tony Plana	2
0220 (Amaros); 0221 (Amaros)	
Richard Poe	3
0217 (Gul Evek); 0220 (Gul Evek); 0225 (Gul Evek)	
Iggy Pop	1
0610 (Yelgrun)	
Paul Popowich	1
0622 (Watters)	
William Powell-Blair	1
0101 (Cardassian Officer #2)	
Lawrence Pressman	3
0305 (Tekeny Ghemor); 0326 (Ambassador Krajensky); 0519 (Tekeny Ghemor)	
Andrew Prine	1
0313 (Legate Turrel)	
Thomas Prisco	1
0405 (Heler)	
John Prosky	1
0422 (Brathaw)	
Jeff Pruitt	1
0118 (Ensign)	

Q

Kevin Quigley	1
0614 (Glennon)	

R

Marty Rackham	1
0713 (Chu'lak)	
Kevin Rahm	1
0711 (Norvo)	
Steve Rankin	2
0102 (Cardassian Tactical Officer); 0204 (Yeto)	
Tim Ransom	2

0609 (Jack); 0705 (Jack)	
Duncan Regehr	2
0324 (Shakaar); 0512 (Shakaar)	
Duncan Reghr	1
0413 (Shakaar)	
Bert Remsen	1
0224 (Kubus Oak)	
Joe Reynolds	1
0716 (Hickam)	
Salli Richardson-Whitfield	1
0209 (Fenna / Nidell)	
F.J. Rio	3
0407 (Muniz); 0419 (Muniz); 0502 (Muniz)	
Daniel Riordan	1
0115 (First Guard)	
Victor Rivers	1
0318 (Altovar)	
Tony Rizzoli	1
0119 (Kainon)	
Jerry Roberts	1
0404 (Meso'Clan)	
Wendy Robie	1
0315 (Ulani)	
Andrea C. Robinson	1
0715 (Blonde)	
Andrew Robinson	38
0104 (Garak); 0205 (Garak); 0218 (Garak); 0222 (Garak); 0223 (Garak); 0302 (Garak); 0305 (Garak); 0307 (Garak); 0318 (Garak); 0320 (Garak); 0321 (Garak); 0402 (Garak); 0410 (Garak); 0420 (Garak); 0422 (Garak); 0425 (Garak); 0426 (Garak); 0508 (Garak); 0514 (Garak); 0515 (Garak); 0524 (Garak); 0526 (Garak); 0601 (Garak); 0602 (Garak); 0604 (Garak); 0605 (Garak); 0606 (Garak); 0619 (Garak); 0626 (Garak); 0703 (Garak); 0712 (Garak); 0716 (Garak); 0721 (Garak); 0722 (Garak); 0723 (Garak); 0724 (Garak); 0725 (Garak); 0726 (Garak)	
Andrew J. Robinson	1
0319 (Garak)	
Bumper Robinson	1
0306 (Teenage Jem' Hadar)	
Rachel Robinson	1
0403 (Melanie)	
Al Rodrigo	2
0311 (Bernardo); 0312 (Bernardo)	
Matt Roe	1
0511 (Latha Mabrin)	
Peggy Roeder	1
0512 (Y'Pora)	
Tiny Ron	7
0111 (Maihar'du); 0207 (Maihar'du); 0316 (Maihar'du); 0520 (Maihar'du); 0623 (Maihar'du); 0712 (Maihar'du); 0724 (Maihar'du)	
Margot Rose	1
0419 (Rinn)	
Stephen Rowe	1
0101 (Chanting Monk)	
Michelle Rudy	1
0715 (Dancer)	
Joseph Ruskin	3
0303 (Tumek); 0320 (Informant); 0503 (Tumek)	
Tim Russ	2
0204 (T'Kar); 0319 (Tuvok)	
Leon Russorn	1
0321 (Admiral Toddman)	
Tim Ryan	1
0406 (Bejal Otner)	
Richard Ryder	2
0104 (Bajoran Deputy); 0105 (Bajoran Deputy)	

S

<p>William Sadler 3 0618 (Sloan); 0716 (Sloan); 0723 (Sloan)</p> <p>Mikael Salazar 1 0711 (Janel)</p> <p>Faith Salie 2 0609 (Sarina); 0705 (Sarina)</p> <p>Diane Salinger 2 0324 (Lupaza); 0511 (Lupaza)</p> <p>Laura Jane Salvato 1 0417 (Gia)</p> <p>Chris Sarandon 1 0211 (Martus Mazur)</p> <p>Michael Sarrazin 1 0424 (Trevean)</p> <p>Jennifer Savidge 1 0511 (Trentin Fara)</p> <p>Camille Saviola 5 0101 (Kai Opaka); 0102 (Kai Opaka); 0113 (Kai Opaka); 0224 (Kai Opaka); 0417 (Kai Opaka)</p> <p>Jill Sayre 1 0306 (Mardah)</p> <p>Felecia Bell Schafer 3 0101 (Jennifer Sisko); 0102 (Jennifer Sisko); 0420 (Jennifer Sisko)</p> <p>William Schallert 1 0210 (Varani)</p> <p>Rick Schatz 1 0519 (Medic)</p> <p>Wendy Schenker 1 0321 (Romulan Pilot)</p> <p>John Schuck 1 0221 (Legate Parn)</p> <p>Jacqueline Schultz 1 0723 (Jessica Sloan)</p> <p>Tracy Scoggins 1 0315 (Gilora Rejal)</p> <p>Eric Server 1 0202 (Peace Officer)</p> <p>Nicholas Shaffer 1 0210 (Cowl)</p> <p>Howard Shangraw 1 0619 (Tolar)</p> <p>Wallace Shawn 6 0111 (Grand Nagus Zek); 0207 (Zek); 0316 (Zek); 0623 (Zek); 0712 (Zek); 0724 (Zek)</p> <p>Christopher Shea 2 0602 (Keevan); 0610 (Keevan)</p> <p>Jack Shearer 2 0117 (Ambassador Vadosia); 0317 (Ruwon)</p> <p>Kelly Sheerin 1 0715 (Dancer)</p> <p>Mark Allen Shepherd 69 0101 (Morn); 0102 (Morn); 0103 (Morn); 0104 (Morn); 0105 (Morn); 0106 (Morn); 0107 (Morn); 0108 (Morn); 0110 (Morn); 0111 (Morn); 0113 (Morn); 0114 (Morn); 0115 (Morn); 0116 (Morn); 0117 (Morn); 0118 (Morn); 0119 (Morn); 0120 (Morn); 0210 (Morn); 0211 (Morn); 0212 (Morn); 0217 (Morn); 0218 (Morn); 0226 (Morn); 0317 (Morn); 0325 (Morn); 0401 (Morn); 0407 (Morn); 0408 (Morn); 0417 (Morn); 0418 (Morn); 0425 (Morn); 0501 (Morn); 0503 (Morn); 0505 (Morn); 0506 (Morn); 0507 (Morn); 0509 (Morn); 0514 (Morn); 0516 (Morn); 0517 (Morn); 0520 (Morn); 0523 (Morn); 0524 (Morn); 0525 (Morn); 0526 (Morn); 0604 (Morn); 0605 (Morn); 0607 (Morn); 0610 (Morn); 0612 (Morn / Bar Patron Placed On Morn's Chair); 0614 (Morn); 0617 (Morn); 0620 (Morn); 0621 (Morn); 0622 (Morn); 0623 (Morn); 0625 (Morn); 0701 (Morn); 0703 (Morn); 0704 (Morn); 0705 (Morn); 0707 (Morn); 0712 (Morn);</p>	<p>0713 (Morn); 0715 (Morn); 0717 (Morn); 0724 (Morn); 0726 (Morn)</p> <p>John Kenton Shull 2 0324 (Security Officer); 0414 (K'Temang)</p> <p>Gregory Sierra 1 0305 (Entek)</p> <p>Michael B. Silver 1 0215 (Vinod)</p> <p>Jimmie F. Skaggs 1 0222 (Glenn Boheeka)</p> <p>James Sloyan 2 0212 (Dr. Mora Pol); 0512 (Dr. Mora Pol)</p> <p>Frank Owen Smith 1 0101 (Curzon Dax)</p> <p>Greg 'Christopher' Smith 1 0504 (Male Guard)</p> <p>Kurtwood Smith 1 0508 (Thrax)</p> <p>Melanie Smith 6 0514 (Ziyal); 0515 (Ziyal); 0526 (Ziyal); 0603 (Ziyal); 0605 (Ziyal); 0606 (Ziyal)</p> <p>Symba Smith 1 0623 (Aluura)</p> <p>William Smith (I) 1 0715 (Stand In)</p> <p>Bill Smitrovich 2 0311 (Webb); 0312 (Webb)</p> <p>Ted Sorel 1 0119 (Kaval)</p> <p>Herschel Sparber 2 0411 (Jaresh-Inyo); 0412 (Jaresh-Inyo)</p> <p>Fritz Sperberg 1 0614 (Second Ixtana'Rax)</p> <p>Don Stark 1 0206 (Ashrock)</p> <p>Mike Starr 1 0715 (Tony Cicci)</p> <p>Carrie Stauber 2 0514 (Romulan); 0515 (Romulan)</p> <p>Patrick Stewart 2 0101 (Captain Jean-Luc Picard / Locutus Of The Borg); 0102 (Captain Jean-Luc Picard)</p> <p>Deborah Strang 1 0418 (T'Lara)</p> <p>Gail Strickland 1 0215 (Alixus)</p> <p>Scott Strozier 1 0608 (Security Guard)</p> <p>Eric Stuart 1 0311 (Stairway Guard)</p> <p>Heidi Swedberg 1 0218 (Rekelen)</p> <p>Joel Swetow 1 0102 (Gul Jasad)</p> <p>Kitty Swink 2 0210 (Minister Rozahn); 0722 (Luaran)</p> <p>Robert Symonds 1 0417 (Vedek Porta)</p>
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<p>Patricia Tallman 3 0401 (Weapons Officer); 0402 (Weapons Officer); 0421 (Nurse Tagana)</p> <p>Nick Tate 1 0615 (Bilby)</p> <p>Leigh Taylor-Young 1 0711 (Yanas)</p> <p>Ron Taylor 2 0206 (Klingon Host); 0217 (Klingon Host)</p> <p>Marshall Teague 1</p>

0404 (Temo'Zuma)	
Charles Tentindo.....	1
0413 (Ensign Jimenez)	
Freyda Thomas.....	1
0305 (Alenis Grem)	
Brian Thompson.....	2
0207 (Inglatu); 0423 (Toman'torax)	
Susanna Thompson.....	1
0406 (Lenara Kahn)	
Noley Thornton.....	1
0216 (Taya)	
Lawrence Tierney.....	1
0518 (Regent Of Palamar)	
Kenneth Tobey.....	1
0216 (Rurigan)	
Tony Todd.....	2
0403 (Adult Jake Sisko); 0415 (Kurn)	
Constance Towers.....	1
0117 (Ambassador Taxco)	
John Towey.....	1
0608 (Vedek Ossan)	
Tom Towles.....	1
0118 (Klingon)	
Scott Trost.....	1
0103 (Bajoran Officer)	
Hilary Shepard Turner.....	3
0502 (Hoya); 0609 (Lauren); 0705 (Lauren)	

U

Helene Udy.....	1
0207 (Pel)	
Gabrielle Union.....	1
0603 (N'Garen)	

V

Deborah Van Valkenburgh.....	1
0312 (Detective Preston)	
Harvey Vernon.....	1
0304 (Yolad Belar)	
John Vickery.....	3
0720 (Gul Rusot); 0721 (Gul Rusot); 0722 (Gul Rusot)	
Tom Villard.....	1
0224 (Prylar Bek)	
Steve Vinovich.....	1
0215 (Joseph)	
Neil Vipond.....	1
0707 (Darok)	
Peter Vogt.....	1
0103 (Bajoran Man #1)	
Blair Volk.....	1
0507 (Risian Woman)	
Lark Voorhies.....	1
0313 (Leanne)	

W

Lou Wagner.....	1
0111 (Krax)	
Gregory Wagrowski.....	1
0704 (Solok)	
Gwynyth Walsh.....	1
0104 (B'Etor)	
Todd Warin.....	1
0214 (DeCurtis)	
Todd Waring.....	1
0616 (Lasarian)	
Craig Wasson.....	1

0419 (Ee'char)	
Fritz Weaver.....	1
0225 (Kovat)	
Steven Weber.....	1
0203 (Colonel Day)	
Eric Weiss.....	1
0215 (Stephan)	
James Wellington.....	1
0715 (Al)	
William Wellman Jr.....	1
0605 (Bajoran Officer)	
Ellen Wheeler.....	1
0424 (Ekorai)	
Bridget Ann White.....	1
0612 (Larell)	
Peter White.....	1
0213 (Sharat)	
Parker Whitman.....	1
0101 (Cardassian Officer #1)	
Barry Wiggins.....	1
0515 (Jem'Hadar Officer)	
Edward Wiley.....	1
0218 (Gul Toran)	
Clarence Williams III.....	1
0423 (Omet'iklan)	
Cress Williams.....	1
0226 (Talak'talan)	
David Williams.....	1
0522 (Lisa)	
Vanessa Williams.....	1
0507 (Arandis)	
Rudolph Willrich.....	1
0412 (Academy Commandant)	
Debra Wilson.....	1
0625 (Lisa Cusak)	
Kathleen Wirt.....	1
0105 (Aphasia Victim)	
Robert Hewitt Wolfe.....	1
0526 (Injured Starfleet Officer)	
Elliot Woods.....	1
0415 (Klingon Officer)	
Marc Worden.....	2
0603 (Alexander); 0607 (Alexander)	
Nicholas Worth.....	2
0115 (Alien Captain); 0517 (Sorm)	
Rick Worthy.....	1
0521 (Kornan)	
Bruce Wright.....	1
0413 (Sarish Rez)	

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Stephen Yoakam.....	2
0721 (Velal); 0724 (Velal)	
Dey Young.....	1
0517 (Arissa)	
Keone Young.....	1
0116 (Buck Bokai)	
Melissa Young.....	1
0410 (Caprice)	
Ray Young.....	1
0317 (Morka)	
Nancy Youngblut.....	1
0707 (Kolana)	
Dell Yount.....	1
0415 (Tilikia)	
Harris Yulin.....	1
0119 (Marritza)	

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Daniel Zacapa	1
0312 (Henry Garcia)	
Bob Zachar	1
0501 (Head Guard)	
Grace Zandarski	1
0417 (Latara)	
Tim de Zarn	1
0617 (Halb)	
Sam Zeller	1
0603 (Ch'Targh)	
Bo Zenga	1
0105 (Asoth)	
Jillian Ziesmer	1
0205 (Asha)	
Christian Zimmerman	1
0614 (Third Lumat'Ukan)	