



CHOICES

A STARSHIP EXCELSIOR FAN PRODUCTION



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Cast of Characters

Captain Alcar Dovan – USS Excelsior Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Asuka Yubari – USS Excelsior Tactical Officer

Doctor Melissa Sharp – USS Excelsior Chief Medical Officer

Kestra J'naya – USS Excelsior Chief Engineer

The Stranger – An unknown and unseen entity that plagues the crew. He speaks with a deep growl like voice, that sounds as if someone was talking to you from underwater

Gowra – Commander of the KNS Indra. She speaks with a soft but authoritative Scottish accent

Kaizor – Emperor of the Kromulings. His voice is somewhat mysterious, some people have said he sounds like Wil Wheaton, other just tell Wesley to shut up (Wil Wheaton is an optional consideration for the voice, especially if James Spader is unavailable)

SCENE 1 – USS EXCELSIOR BRIDGE – DAY**(FX: CAPTAINS LOG SOUND)**

1. DOVAN Captain's Log, Stardate.....Tuesday.
It's been 4 days since the crew last got any sleep.
2. DOVAN We've been plagued by some entity that tries to kill the crew in their dreams.
3. DOVAN We've sadly lost 2 marines and a member of the engineering crew. All we've been able to discern is that the entity's name is Freddy something.
4. SHARP Captain I have good news!
5. DOVAN Computer pause log recording, what is it Melissa?
6. SHARP The entity that has kept us awake these past few days
7. DOVAN Freddy
8. YUBARI Yes, Freddy. Well he's gone
9. DOVAN How do you know? I don't want to risk anymore of the crew trying to find out
10. SHARP Well myself and the other medical staff have had a full eight hours sleep. We're still alive
11. DOVAN Really! Nothing bad has happened?
12. SHARP Nope, we're all good
- (FX: INTERCOM WHISTLE)**
13. DOVAN Dovan to Excelsior, all hands prepare for sleep. I repeat all hands prepare for sleep.
14. DOVAN Melissa keep an eye on the Excelsior, I'm going for a nap

SCENE 2 – USS EXCELSIOR BRIDGE – THE FOLLOWING DAY

15. DOVAN Computer begin recording log
(FX: COMPUTER BEEP)
16. DOVAN Captain's Log Stardate Wednesday. The crew is now well rested and functioning well. The ship is performing unusually well, J'naya seems concerned over the current performance stats.
17. DOVAN We're about to commence a scientific survey of an area of the Delta Quadrant known only as the Netflix Expanse. Apparently, it seems to cause some issues when ships pass through the expanse.
18. DOVAN End log
(FX: COMPUTER BEEP)
18. DOVAN Helm set course for the Netflix Expanse, warp 5
19. YUBARI Captain, we're getting an audio only hail.
20. DOVAN Ok Yubari, let's hear it
21. YUBARI The hail sir, it's for your ears only. It's from an unknown source
22. DOVAN Alright Yubari, I'll take it in my ready room. Yubari you have the bridge

- (FX: DOOR SWOOSH)**
 23. DOVAN Let's talk to our unknown friend
- (FX: COMPUTER BEEP)**
 24. STRANGER Captain Dovan. I have come to you with a proposition
 25. DOVAN May I ask who you are?
 26. STRANGER No, you may not. Your kind does not need to concern itself with details you aren't entitled to know.
 27. DOVAN Then why should I entertain this conversation?
 28. STRANGER Because if you don't then your world will collapse as I destroy all that your Federation holds dear
 29. DOVAN Pray tell how you'll destroy everything the Federation holds dear
 30. STRANGER To begin with I'll crush San Francisco. I'll drown the west coast of that continent with unforgiving floods.
 31. DOVAN The Federation is bigger than San Francisco
 32. STRANGER Don't worry, I haven't forgotten about the Federation's little paradise. Once I have wiped out Starfleet Headquarters, I will drive the rest of your planet Earth mad
 33. DOVAN How will you do that?
 34. STRANGER I have my ways Dovan, do not concern with my methods. You are merely an insect I my presence.
 35. DOVAN So, if I don't help you earth gets destroyed? Sorry if you'll forgive my ignorance, but I don't believe you
 36. STRANGER My powers are beyond your imagination mortal! Let me show you
(FX: A STRANGE SOUND IS PLAYED AS THE STRANGER ATTACKS DOVAN WITH A PSIONIC ATTACK)
 37. DOVAN Aaaaarrrrrrgggghhhhhhh!!!!
 38. STRANGER Now you see Dovan. Nowhere are you safe from my influence.
(FX: DOVAN PANTING)
 39. STRANGER Now Dovan, can we get to business?
 40. DOVAN What do I have to do?
 41. STRANGER Excellent!

SCENE 3 – USS EXCELSIOR BRIEFING ROOM – AFTERNOON

42. YUBARI What!!! This is clearly a joke, right?
 43. DOVAN I'm afraid not Yubari. The Stranger clearly isn't joking. Doctor Sharp checked me over
 44. SHARP Yes, I did, and your results clearly show that you suffered from severe Delta Wave damage to the frontal lobe and hippocampus
 45. DOVAN And my head is still splitting from the encounter
 46. SHARP That'll pass in a day or two

47. YUBARI So, what does this Stranger want?
48. DOVAN He wants us to destroy the Kromulings
49. YUBARI Kromulings? What are they?
50. SHARP Some many years ago Romulans and Klingons both tried to colonize a planet in the Delta Quadrant in a bid to expand their empires.
51. SHARP After decades of war they eventually agreed to settle the planet together
52. SHARP One thing led to another and Mr Klingon married Mrs Romulan and vice versa. The combination of both of them became Kromulings.
53. SHARP The Kromulings expanded across they planet they eventually called Kromunos
54. YUBARI And you know this how?
55. SHARP Hey, I'm a fan of the Fun Facts with Data series on the Federation's Documentary Network
56. DOVAN That aside folks, we have a choice to make. We can either wipe Kromunos off the star charts, or watch Earth and the Federation suffer
57. YUBARI Did the Stranger say why he wanted us to kill the Kromulings?
58. DOVAN He said he's doing it out of boredom. He wants us to entertain him
59. YUBARI Yes, because Exo-Genocide is an entertaining thing to watch
60. DOVAN I still can't get over who we're supposed to wipe out. The Kromulings, really?
61. DOVAN It actually sounds like somewhat made that up just to mess with us. I mean I get the feeling that there is someone is clearly sitting at a computer right now writing about the Kromulings
62. SHARP I understand how you feel, it does sound made up by I can show you the episode in which Data talks about them
63. YUBARI Are we actually going to do it?
64. DOVAN We may not have a choice. Give me other options
65. YUBARI Why don't we go to Kromunos and speak to the Kromulings?
66. DOVAN Doesn't sound any more real when you keep saying it. Still sounds like a fictional race in some cheesy Sci-Fi tv show
67. YUBARI Save it for your Buck Rogers fan club, we need to find a better solution
68. DOVAN Agreed, lets head for Kromunos and have a chat with the Kromulings, jeez they might as well ask us to fight the Cylons

69. YUBARI Hey, you aren't supposed to know about the Cylons.
70. DOVAN Yubari if we survive this, you and I have to talk

SCENE 4 – USS EXCELSIOR BRIDGE – MORNING

71. YUBARI Captain we're now in orbit of Kromunos
72. DOVAN On screen
(FX: COMPUTER BEEPS)
73. SHARP Looks a lot like Earth
74. YUBARI Sir, we're being hailed by the Kromulings
75. DOVAN On screen!
(FX: COMPUTER BEEPS)
76. GOWRA I am Commander Gowra. Captain of the Kromuling
Naval Ship Indra. Who are you and state your
business?
77. DOVAN I am Commander Alcar Dovan of the Federation
Starship Excelsior. I'm here because we need to speak
with your leaders on an urgent matter
78. GOWRA If it's that urgent why not tell me? We are wary of
outsiders
79. DOVAN We've been sent by a mysterious entity known as the
Stranger to destroy you for their amusement.
80. GOWRA What!!!!!! Arm the Mazer Cannons and prepare to fire
on my command!
81. YUBARI Captain, I suggest going to red alert?
82. DOVAN Let's not be too hasty Yubari. We don't want to start a
war.
83. YUBARI Aye sir, but if they fire first, I'm firing back
84. DOVAN Understood Yubari. Let's try talking to the nice people
first.
85. GOWRA Tell me the real reason you are here! Or I will blast you
with my ship's Mazer Cannons
(FX: DOVAN TALKING UNDER HIS BREATH)
86. DOVAN Mazer Cannons really? Sounds like something from
Bucky O'Hare. Next they'll be asking Willy DeWitt to fix
their Photon Accelerator
87. GOWRA What did you say?
88. DOVAN I said I'm not here to start a fight, I just want to talk to
your leaders about why we were sent here
89. GOWRA Very well, beam aboard our ship and we'll take you to
our leaders
90. DOVAN If that's the best way forward then I will, Yubari, Doctor
Sharp you're with me.
(FX: DOOR SWOOSH)

SCENE 5 – KROMUNUS CAPITAL CITY – MID AFTERNOON

(FX: TRANSPORTER NOISE)

91. DOVAN I don't see why you just didn't ask us to beam down ere ourselves
92. GOWRA I had to make sure you were not armed
93. DOVAN Believe it or not Gowra I am here to prevent a fight breaking out, not to start one.
94. GOWRA We will see D 'oh Van
(FX: FOOTSTEPS AS THE GROUP WALK THROUGH THE CAPITAL TOWARDS THE LEADER'S CHAMBERS)
95. SHARP What a beautiful city, it reminds me of Rome
96. GOWRA Kromuling architecture is the best in the galaxy
97. DOVAN I'm sure the Cardassians would have something to say about that
98. GOWRA Who are these Cardassians? They sound inferior
99. DOVAN Think Iberian Dictators in Space
100. GOWRA Still doesn't sound like a threat to the Kromulings
(FX: DOORS OPENING AS THE GROUP WALK INTO THE EMPEROR'S CHAMBERS)
101. GOWRA Ave Kaizor
(FX: SOUND OF GOWRA THUMPING HER HAND ON HER CHEST AS SHE SALUTES KAIZOR)
102. KAIZOR Ave Commander. Why may I ask have you brought outsiders into my chambers.
103. GOWRA My humble apologies my emperor, they tell me they were sent here to destroy us. But the blue one speaks of peace
104. KAIZOR I'm sure they have names Gowra, please let them speak
105. DOVAN I am Commander Alcar Dovan of the Federation Starship Excelsior. This is my Chief of Security Lieutenant Asuka Yubari and my Chief Medical Officer Doctor Melissa Sharp
106. KAIZOR Welcome my new friends. Welcome to Kromunos
107. DOVAN Thank you, your excellency, but we have important matters to discuss
108. KAIZOR Yes, yes Commander but first let us eat and drink. We can discuss these issues over food. Commander Gowra please join us
109. GOWRA As you command my emperor

SCENE 6 – KAIZOR'S DINING PAVILLION – EARLY EVENING

110. KAIZOR Please do tell me Commander, why have you been sent here?
111. DOVAN Initially we were about to survey an area of this quadrant called the Netflix Expanse when we received a hail from an unknown source

(FX: SIPPING NOISES AS KAIZOR DRINKS FROM HIS GOBLET)

112. DOVAN This unknown entity we call the Stranger wants us to destroy your planet for no other reason than to amuse him
113. KAIZOR Sounds like a man I know, calls himself Q
114. DOVAN Don't even get me started on Q.
115. KAIZOR Please go on Commander
116. DOVAN If we don't destroy your planet, we risk destroying the Federation. I believe the Stranger has the means to do so
117. SHARP Here is a copy of the scan I did on the Captain's brain after the stranger used some kind of psionic attack
- (FX: PADD BEEPS AS KAIZOR CHECKS THEM OUT)**
118. KAIZOR Interesting. I wonder if Q knows anything about this. It's the sort of thing his people do for fun
119. DOVAN Please your excellency, this is a serious matter. We don't want to destroy your world or your people, nor do we want the Federation to suffer. There has to be another way.
- (FX: TRANSPORTER NOISES)**
120. J'NAYA Captain there you are!
121. DOVAN J'naya why are you here?
122. J'NAYA The ship sir, it was consumed by this dark fog. Apparently, this stranger is not pleased we have not destroyed this planet yet. I moved the ship to the far side of the planet which seem to make the fog disappear.
123. DOVAN Sounds like an idea that is too simple to work.
124. J'NAYA I agree, I think the stranger is toying with us. I have the ship in moving at full impulse in orbit sir, but I don't know how long it will buy us
125. KAIZOR Captain may I ask who this ravishing beauty is?
126. J'NAYA Kestra J'naya, Chief Engineer of the USS Excelsior
127. KAIZOR Nice to meet you Miss J'naya. Now Commander what are we going to do?
128. YUBARI What if we find a way to cloak the planet? I'm assuming that the Kromulings have cloaking devices
129. KAIZOR We do indeed have cloaking devices Ms Yubari. In fact, our cloaking devices are so good you haven't spotted my Praetorian Guards the whole time you've been here.
130. YUBARI What!!

131. KAIZOR Don't worry, they won't hurt you unless I tell them to. Alas I'm afraid I don't think we could cloak an entire planet. It would take every cloaking device we have, and the power required would be too great. We've already tried that one I'm afraid
132. DOVAN It seems a little crazy, and maybe like something from an episode of Doctor Who, but what if we could somehow make you disappear without making you actually disappear
132. KAIZOR I'm listening Commander, please do tell me what you're thinking of
133. DOVAN What if we could use your cloaking devices and the quantum engines in your ships to somehow move you say a couple of seconds into the future?
134. KAIZOR Sounds preposterous, I like it. But is it feasible?
135. J'NAYA It is feasible, but it's a one-shot deal. It would render your cloaking devices and starships useless for some time.
135. KAIZOR A sacrifice we could make to save our world
136. DOVAN That's exactly right you'd be safe. You would exist ahead of time so no one would ever find you. The only downside is that you'd never be able to leave your planet.
137. KAIZOR How so?
138. DOVAN Anyone who left Kromunos or any Kromulings currently off world would exist in real time. As you'd be a few seconds ahead in time they'd never be able to return home. You'd be safe but isolated from the galaxy
139. KAIZOR Hmm, that's quite the conundrum. We'd never get the chance to visit our progenitor worlds. Or spy on other races.
140. GOWRA There are only a handful of Kromulings that live off world, mainly as spies. They are only to come home if there is imminent threat
141. DOVAN Then this may be our only option
142. KAIZOR I can live with the knowledge that we'll be safe Commander. After all that's one of my jobs is to ensure my people are safe from extra-terrestrial threats. Can you live with the knowledge that you are signing the metaphorical death warrant of an entire civilisation?
143. DOVAN Your excellency I would lock myself in a room with an amorous Silverback Gorilla if it meant I could save our two worlds
144. KAIZOR That's not what I asked Alcar

145. DOVAN Yes, it's not a case of can I live with the knowledge. It's will I live with the knowledge. I am willing to take full responsibility for what is done here to save our worlds
146. KAIZOR Very well Commander, you may proceed

SCENE 7 – USS EXCELSIOR BRIDGE – TWO DAYS LATER

147. J'NAYA We're ready Captain. All the cloaking devices and quantum engines have been set up according to our plans
148. DOVAN Understood Kestra. Yubari get me Emperor Kaizor on the screen
149. YUBARI Aye aye skipper
(FX: COMPUTER BEEPS)
150. DOVAN Your excellency, we are ready to rock and roll
151. KAIZOR I'm glad to hear it. We are ready when you are
152. DOVAN J'naya get ready to push the button on my mark
153. KAIZOR Before we go Commander, just let me say that I am glad that we met. I would've like to have spent more time getting to know you and your crew.
154. DOVAN Likewise, your excellency. It would be nice to have some friends in this part of the galaxy
155. KAIZOR Ave Doan!
156. DOVAN Ave Kaizor!
(FX: CHEST BUMPS AS THE TWO SALUTE EACH OTHER)
157. DOVAN J'naya engage.
(FX: CLAOKING DEVICE SOUNDS AS THE PLANET KROMUNOS DISAPPEARS)
158. SHARP Well there they go, good journey Kromulings.
159. YUBARI The sensors aren't reading anything Captain, it worked
Melissa you have the bridge, if anyone wants me, I'll be in my ready room thinking about how I'm going to tell Starfleet about how I made a planet disappear from time
160. DOVAN
(FX: DOOR SWOOSH)
161. DOVAN Computer begin recording
(FX: COMPUTER BEEPS)
162. DOVAN Captain's log
(FX: COMPUTER BEEPS WITH AN INCOMING HAIL SOUND)
163. DOVAN Computer stop recording and open hail
164. STRANGER You disappoint me Doan, I thought you were capable of destroying the Kromulings
165. DOVAN I made them disappear, just like you asked

166.
STRANGER I wanted their world destroyed, not merely moved through time. I can still see them Dovan. I can still destroy their world and you will be powerless to stop me, not that you were a threat to me beforehand
167. DOVAN What do you mean? How can you know where they are?
168.
STRANGER My powers are beyond your comprehension Dovan. I am older than the cosmos. I shall spare Earth for now, but I will have my fun with Kromunos now that no one will be able to stop me
169. DOVAN Q?
170.
STRANGER Do not insult me by comparing me to that pathetic race of court jesters. Omnipotent and powerful, hah. Like ants beneath my feet.
171. DOVAN Then who are you?
172.
STRANGER I am the Sleeping God, the Great Dreamer. I am the Hunter of the Shadows. I am the Bringer of Madness, here my call
173. DOVAN Tell me! Who are you?
174.
STRANGER I am.....Cthulhu