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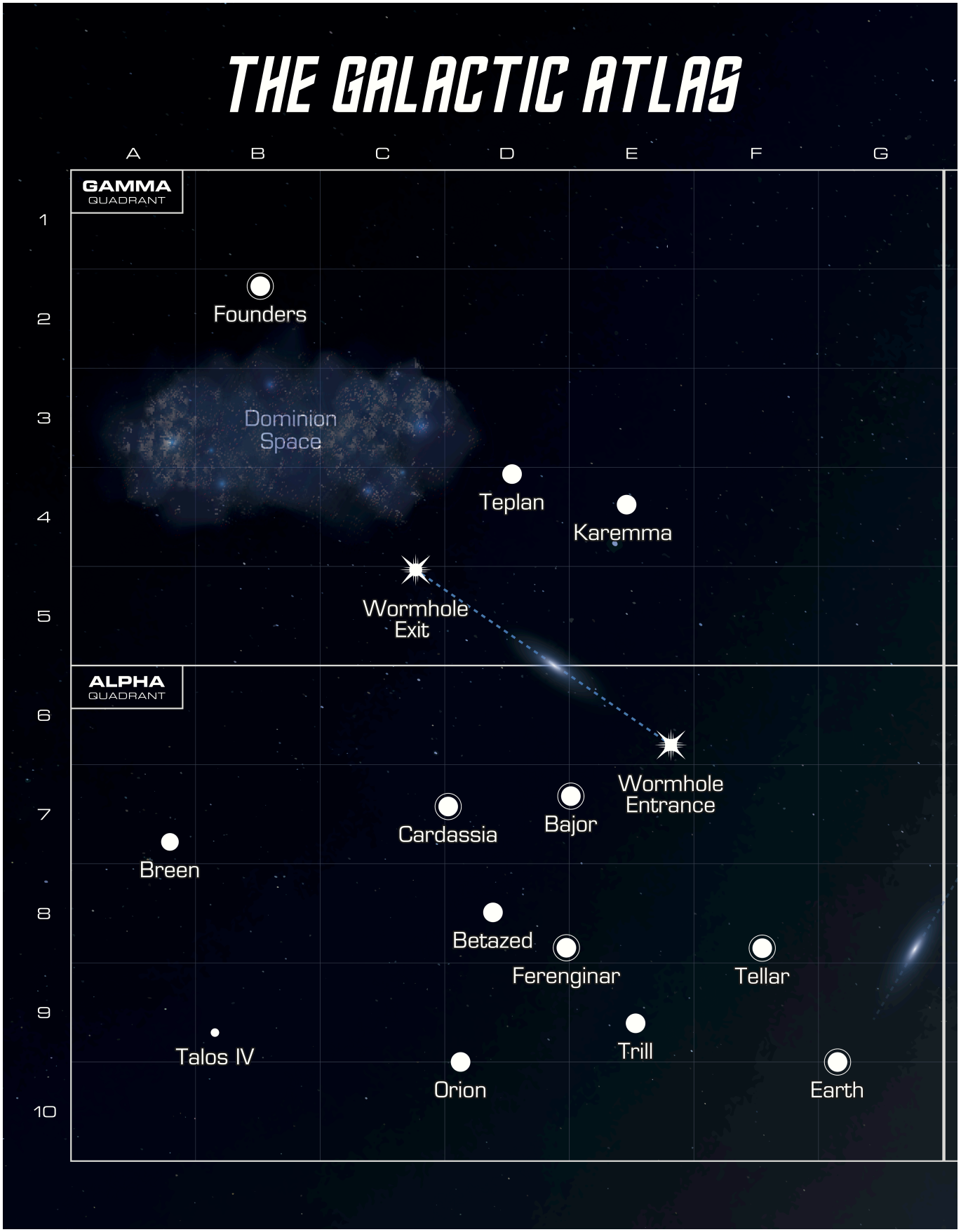
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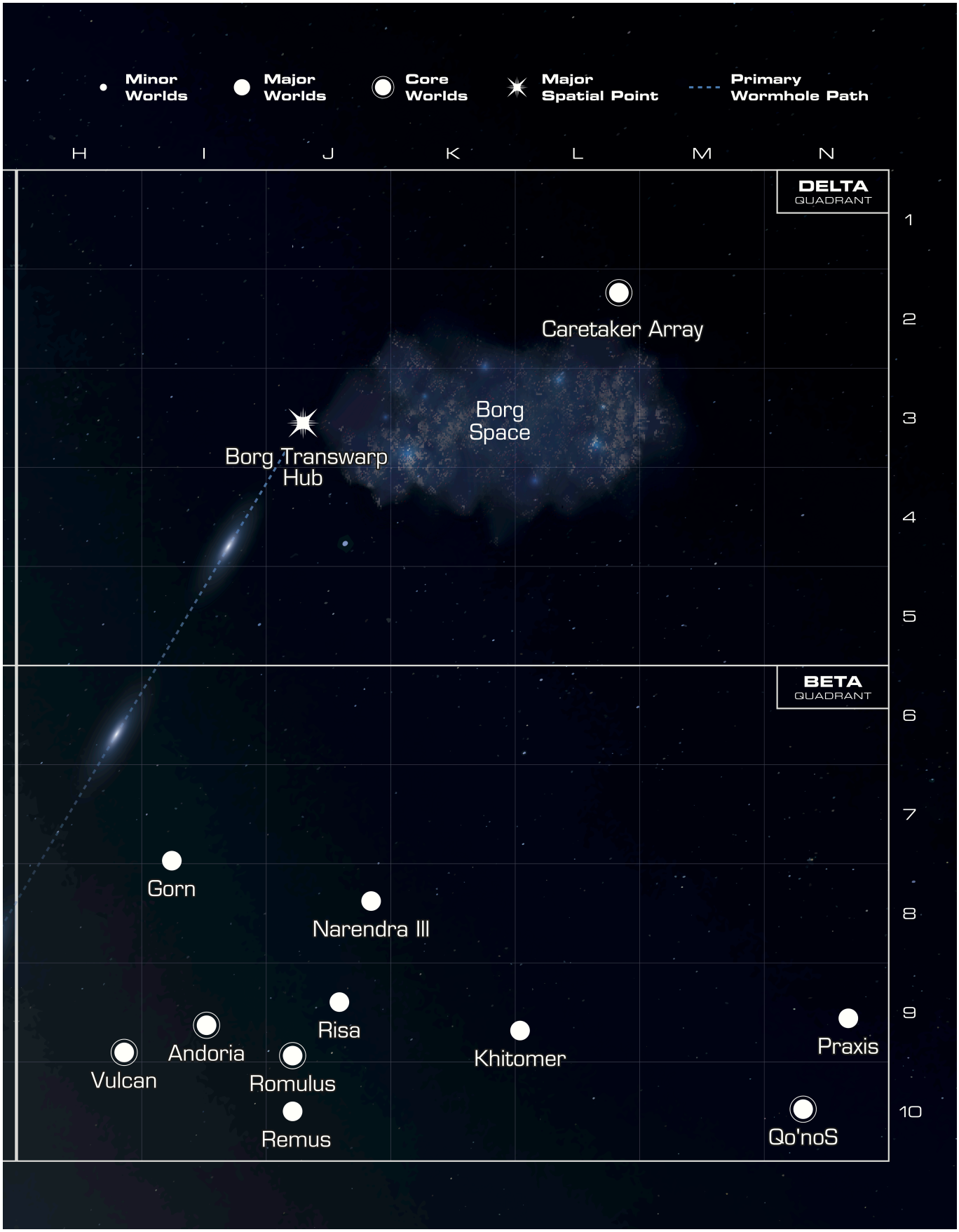
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DEDICATION

For the archivists, catalogers, note-takers, debaters, podcasters, wiki builders, convention organizers, artists, and lifelong fans who kept *Star Trek* alive by watching it, and just as much by remembering it.

For everyone who believed these stories were worth preserving.

THE THREE VOLUMES

Atlas of the Four Quadrants is a three-volume exploration of the *Star Trek* universe. Each book approaches the same galaxy from a different direction, and each is designed to stand on its own.

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The stories that take place across that map: television episodes, films, eras, and the screen record that gives the galaxy its history. A guide to the journeys, turning points, and connections across decades of *Star Trek*.

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The worlds themselves. Forty selected planets and other worlds are explored through original, research-guided orbital and surface illustrations, with histories and notes distinguishing what appears on screen from what has been reconstructed.

You are reading Volume II. It follows the screen stories. Volume I provides the wider geographic and historical setting, while Volume III offers a closer visual look at selected worlds.

These books do not have to be read in order. Start with a civilization, revisit a favorite episode, or stop at a world that caught your attention. Each route offers another way into the same galaxy.

THE STAR TREK SCREEN GUIDE

Across decades of television and film, Star Trek has accumulated into something far larger than any one series, season, or crew. For fans, part of the pleasure is returning to that long screen history — revisiting favorite stories, discovering new connections, and seeing the franchise as one continuing voyage. This guide was built in that spirit.

> *"To explore strange new worlds... to boldly go where no one has gone before."*
> — ***Captain James T. Kirk***

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This guide gathers the canonical television episodes and feature films of Star Trek while placing selected documentaries, companion productions, and non-canonical works in clear editorial context. Organized by era, series, season, and installment, it is designed to move easily between the broad shape of the franchise and the individual productions that define it.

Each entry combines concise summaries with production details, timeline markers, first appearances, and other guide signals intended to make the screen canon easier to navigate, compare, revisit, and understand.

Writing this guide reminded me how generous the Star Trek community has always been.

I am grateful to the friends, readers, listeners, correspondents, and fellow fans who asked thoughtful questions, noticed patterns I had missed, and encouraged the project long after it had grown beyond its original scope.

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EDITION NOTE

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This first edition presents *The Star Trek Screen Guide, Volume II* as a record of the *Star Trek* screen canon as it stood at the time of publication. As new productions are released and additional information becomes available, future editions may expand, revise, or refine portions of this guide. This edition remains a historical snapshot of how the screen archive was organized, understood, and documented at this stage in the franchise's evolution.

This volume incorporates material from the following canonical and companion screen productions.

CANONICAL TELEVISION SERIES

NO.	TITLE
1	*Star Trek: The Original Series*
2	*Star Trek: The Animated Series*
3	*Star Trek: The Next Generation*
4	*Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*
5	*Star Trek: Voyager*
6	*Star Trek: Enterprise*
7	*Star Trek: Discovery*
8	*Star Trek: Picard*
9	*Star Trek: Lower Decks*
10	*Star Trek: Prodigy*
11	*Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*
12	*Starfleet Academy*

CANONICAL FEATURE FILMS

NO.	TITLE
1	*Star Trek: The Motion Picture*
2	*Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*
3	*Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*

NO.	TITLE
4	*Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*
5	*Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*
6	*Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*
7	*Star Trek: Generations*
8	*Star Trek: First Contact*
9	*Star Trek: Insurrection*
10	*Star Trek: Nemesis*
11	*Star Trek (2009)*
12	*Star Trek Into Darkness*
13	*Star Trek Beyond*
14	*Section 31*

BEYOND THE CANON & PARALLEL WORKS

NO.	TITLE
1	*Star Trek: Short Treks*
2	*Very Short Treks*
3	*Star Trek: Scouts*
4	*Documentaries (1988–2021)*

Unless otherwise noted, the information in this volume reflects the state of the screen canon at the time of publication. Later productions and revisions may be incorporated into future editions.

PREFACE

How do you organize nearly sixty years of *Star Trek* on screen?

Volume I approached that question by examining the fictional universe itself. Volume II approaches it from the perspective of the screen record: the television series, films, animation, shorts, documentaries, and companion productions that together form the franchise's visible history.

The structure of this guide is layered by design. Era introductions establish the broader historical frame. Series and season sections narrow the focus. Individual entries place each production within the larger screen record by showing what it introduces, what it develops, and how it connects to the works around it.

For that reason, this volume extends beyond the canonical television series alone. Feature films, documentaries, and selected companion works appear in editorial context to present a fuller view of *Star Trek* on screen.

Read from beginning to end, this volume becomes a chronological survey of the franchise. Opened anywhere, it becomes a working reference designed to make a large and evolving body of storytelling easier to navigate and compare.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This volume is built to be read two ways, and both are correct.

Read front to back, it becomes a chronological survey of *Star Trek* on screen, era by era. Opened at random, it becomes a working reference — a place to check an air date, refresh a season's shape, or see how one episode connects to the story around it. This page exists for the second kind of reader: a short key to the conventions used throughout the guide, so nothing on the page in front of you requires guesswork.

The Four Levels

Every production in this volume sits inside the same four-level structure, narrowing from broad historical context down to a single episode or film.

LEVEL	WHAT IT COVERS	EXAMPLE
Era	A named historical period of the in-universe timeline, introduced with a short essay	*The Age of the Galaxy-Class*
Series	One television series, film group, or companion production, introduced with its own overview	*Star Trek: The Next Generation*
Season	One season of that series, summarized as a whole before its episodes begin	*Season 3*
Entry	A single episode or film, the guide's basic unit	*"The Best of Both Worlds"*

Era essays set the stage before their chapters begin, so it's worth reading one even if you're skipping straight to a favorite series — it's usually short, and it explains what the rest of the chapter assumes you already know.

Reading an Entry

Every episode and film entry opens with the same block of quick-reference details before the summary begins:

FIELD	WHAT IT TELLS YOU
Air Date	The real-world broadcast or release date
Timeline Year	The in-universe year the story takes place
Stardate	The onscreen stardate, when the production gives one (otherwise shown as an em dash, —)

FIELD	WHAT IT TELLS YOU
Runtime	Approximate runtime in minutes (or minutes:seconds for shorts)
Characters	The regular cast appearing in the entry
Guest Characters	Recurring or notable guest performers appearing in the entry

Air Date and Timeline Year are easy to conflate but answer different questions: Air Date tells you when a story reached audiences; Timeline Year tells you when it happens inside the *Star Trek* universe. The two can be decades apart, and comparing them across entries is one of the more interesting ways to read this guide sideways rather than straight through.

A stardate is different from a calendar date: it is a number established within the story, not a reliably convertible measure of elapsed time. Episode entries favor stardates stated in dialogue or shown on screen. A season heading may display a broader range of documented stardates rather than the exact numbers spoken in its first and last episodes. Such ranges are reference aids, not claims of perfectly consistent chronology; where no defensible episode stardate is established, the entry uses an em dash. The evidence and editorial reasoning behind these choices are discussed in *About This Reference*.

Canon and Beyond the Canon

Every entry in this guide falls into one of two categories, and the table of contents keeps them visually separate rather than blending them together:

CATEGORY	WHAT IT INCLUDES	WHERE TO FIND IT
Canon	The core television series and feature films that make up the mainline *Star Trek* screen record	Chapters organized by Era, from *The Age of First Contact* through *The Age of Reconnection*
Beyond the Canon	Companion and parallel works — the Kelvin timeline films, promotional shorts, and documentaries — presented in clear editorial context rather than folded into the main continuity	Its own dedicated section near the end of the volume

Nothing in the second category is hidden or treated as lesser; it's simply kept distinct, so a reader tracing the canonical screen record never has to wonder whether a given entry "counts."

Episode and season counts follow this guide's consistent treatment of multipart stories. Some databases combine a two-part premiere or finale into one entry, while others list its parts separately; a difference in numbering does not by itself indicate a missing episode.

Story Arc Boxes

Where an episode opens a storyline that continues across later episodes or seasons, you'll find a callout box like this one:

STORY ARC
Vulcan-Andorian Conflict BEGINS HERE
A short summary of what the arc is and where it's headed.

The box appears once, on the arc's first episode, and marks the beginning of a thread this guide tracks across everything that follows — sometimes for a handful of episodes, sometimes across several seasons. You don't need to chase these down as you read; they're there for when you want to follow one storyline across the franchise rather than one series at a time.

The Eras, at a Glance

The table of contents groups this volume's chapters under the following headings. Series with an in-universe timeline year appear under the era that year falls within; series without one — companion works, shorts, and documentaries — appear in their own dedicated sections instead.

SECTION	COVERS
The Age of First Contact	*Enterprise*
The Age of the Red Angel	*Discovery*
The Age of the Enterprise	*Strange New Worlds*
The Age of the Constitution-Class	*The Original Series*, *The Animated Series*, the Original Series films, *Section 31*
The Age of the Galaxy-Class	*The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, *Voyager*, the Next Generation films, *Lower Decks*, *Prodigy*
The Age of Fracture	*Picard*
The Age of Reconnection	*Starfleet Academy*
Alternate Timeline	The Kelvin timeline films, Short Treks / Shorts
Beyond the Canon	*Star Trek: Scouts*, *Very Short Treks*
Documentaries	Feature and television documentaries about the franchise

However you choose to move through it, this volume is meant to reward both kinds of attention: the long read and the quick lookup. What follows is the record itself.

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THE AGE OF FIRST CONTACT

ERA I

THE AGE OF FIRST CONTACT (2151–2161)

Broken Bow, Oklahoma, 2151. A Klingon courier named Klaang crash-lands in a cornfield, and Earth's careful timetable for joining the galaxy ends in an afternoon. *Enterprise* NX-01 launches early, its warp five engine barely proven, because waiting is no longer an option. Jonathan Archer inherits a starship, a Vulcan first officer he does not yet trust, and a quadrant that has managed without human input for centuries.

The argument that defines these years sits in the command chair. Archer wants to act; T'Pol wants to observe first.

It runs through the Klingon Empire's prickly indifference, the open hostilities between Andoria and Vulcan that nearly detonate at Weytahn, and the Romulan drone incidents nobody can prove are Romulan. Daniels and his Temporal Cold War intrude as well, a reminder that Earth's first steps are watched by factions it cannot see and has no vocabulary to name.

Then the Xindi attack kills seven million people in Florida in minutes, and the decade's optimism curdles. The hunt through the Delphic Expanse turns Archer's ship into a vessel fighting for Earth's survival rather than its reputation — and the crew that comes home is not the crew that left Spacedock. Even the peace afterward is uneasy. Terra Prime's xenophobic backlash shows how many humans came home from first contact wanting no more of it.

By 2161 Archer stands at the founding of the United Federation of Planets, Andorians and Tellarites and Vulcans and humans at one table. The moment has to be measured against its price: ten years of misjudged trust, dead crewmen, and one near miss with genocide.

Reaching the stars, it turns out, was the easy part. The hard part was learning to share them.

CHAPTER 1

STAR TREK: ENTERPRISE

First Aired: September 26, 2001 **Last Aired:** May 13, 2005 **Seasons:** 4 **Episodes:** 97 **Network:** UPN

A century before Kirk's adventures, Captain Jonathan Archer commands Earth's first Warp 5 starship, Enterprise NX-01. As humanity ventures deeper into the galaxy than ever before, Archer and his crew encounter new species, navigate emerging political tensions, and help shape the foundations of interstellar cooperation. The series chronicles the events that lead toward the creation of the United Federation of Planets. From "Broken Bow" to "These Are the Voyages...", the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. The recurring Vulcan-Andorian conflict traces a long shift from suspicion and proxy hostility toward the trust needed for future alliance. This concentrated Augment arc reconnects Enterprise to Khan-era history while destabilizing human-Klingon relations through genetic ambition and fallout.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2151

First Aired: September 26, 2001 **Last Aired:** May 22, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151

Season one follows humanity's first deep-space exploration mission as Captain Jonathan Archer and the crew of Enterprise NX-01 venture beyond familiar territory. Lacking the experience and resources that future Starfleet crews will take for granted, they must learn through trial and error while building relationships with unfamiliar species. Encounters with Vulcans, Andorians, Klingons, and Suliban reveal a galaxy that is both exciting and dangerous. The season emphasizes exploration, first contact, and the growing pains of a civilization taking its first steps into interstellar affairs. It establishes the foundations upon which the future Federation will eventually be built. "Broken Bow" sends an untested crew into space it barely understands; by "Shockwave (1)," the destruction of the Paraagan II colony, and the Suliban manipulation behind it, shows how much has changed in a single season. A central continuity line shapes the season. The recurring Vulcan-Andorian conflict traces a long shift from suspicion and proxy hostility toward the trust needed for future alliance.

EPISODE 1

Broken Bow

Air Date: September 26, 2001
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2151
Runtime: 86 min

Earth's first deep-space vessel launches under untested circumstances, sent to return an injured Klingon named Klaang to his homeworld before his crash-landing in Oklahoma escalates into something larger. Suliban operatives who abducted the same Klingon attack Enterprise en route, forcing Archer's still-unproven crew into combat before they have even settled into their routines. Tensions between Archer and T'Pol thaw as the mission unfolds, enough that he offers to keep the reluctant Vulcan science officer aboard rather than see her reassigned. It is a launch defined as much by naive optimism as by the friction, Vulcan, Klingon, Suliban, that will shape everything to come.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador Soval, Carlos, Commander Williams, Dancer, Daniel Leonard

STORY ARC

Temporal Cold War BEGINS HERE

A shadow war fought across centuries turns Archer into an unwitting pawn of the Suliban Cabal and the mysterious Future Guy, a conceit the series raises with real urgency and then largely sets aside rather than resolves.

EPISODE 3

Fight or Flight

Air Date: October 3, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Two uneventful weeks into their voyage, the Enterprise crew's inexperience shows: Archer frets over a mechanical squeak, Reed and Mayweather can't calibrate their weapons, and morale sags with nothing to discover. That changes when they find a derelict alien vessel whose crew has been drained of bodily fluid by an unknown predator, forcing Phlox to identify what killed them before the culprits return. The hostile harvesters attack again, and Enterprise narrowly survives its first real brush with the dangers of deep space. Sato and Phlox close the episode by releasing a rescued alien slug into the wild, a small act of mercy amid a mission that has just stopped feeling like a training exercise.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS —

EPISODE 4

Strange New World

Air Date: October 10, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

An away team's brush with hallucinogenic pollen turns first contact with a beautiful new world into a study in paranoia, as the landing party grows convinced that T'Pol is secretly conspiring with a race of stone-dwelling aliens who don't actually exist. Phlox, meanwhile, discovers he has been poisoned by an unforeseen side effect of a compound he administered earlier, and Reed and T'Pol race to deliver an antidote through a raging storm. Tucker's suspicion of T'Pol nearly derails the rescue before cooler heads intervene. By morning the storm passes and the crew laughs off delusions that felt entirely real only hours before, an early lesson in how little this new frontier resembles anything they trained for.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Crewman Elizabeth Cutler, Crewman Ethan Novakovich

EPISODE 5

Unexpected

Air Date: October 17, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A routine repair job turns personal when Trip Tucker helps an alien engineer named Ah'Len fix her damaged vessel, and a warm evening together leaves far more of an impression than either intended. Weeks later, T'Pol delivers news that upends Tucker's entire understanding of Xyrillian biology: he is pregnant, the first record-

ed case of human male gestation. The revelation forces Archer to negotiate a delicate resolution with Ah'Len's people even as it becomes a running source of mortification for Tucker aboard ship. It is Enterprise's first taste of how alien contact can complicate the merely biological as easily as the diplomatic.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ah'Len · Dillard · Trena'L

EPISODE 6

Terra Nova

Air Date: October 24, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Decades after humanity's first deep-space colony went silent, Enterprise travels to Terra Nova to discover what happened. Instead, Archer and his crew find descendants who have survived underground for generations, believing Earth abandoned them. Archer and Reed's first contact goes badly, Reed is shot and captured, before Archer earns enough trust to learn the colonists' side of a tragedy neither side fully understood. T'Pol argues that relocating the Novans to Earth would save their lives but erase the only culture they've ever known, pushing Archer toward a harder, more respectful solution. He wins their trust by pulling a colonist from a collapsed well, and ultimately helps them resettle in caverns on their own world rather than someone else's idea of home.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Akary · Athan · Jamin · Nadet

EPISODE 7

The Andorian Incident

Air Date: October 31, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A visit to a supposedly neutral Vulcan monastery turns into Enterprise's first entanglement in a conflict far older than humanity's time in space, when Andorian commandos led by Shran storm the compound searching for a hidden surveillance installation. Archer and his crew are caught in the middle, held at gunpoint while evidence mounts that the Vulcans have not been as honest with their allies as they claimed. When the deception is exposed, Archer lets the Andorians go, handing over proof of Vulcan spying rather than choosing a side. Shran leaves the encounter in Archer's debt, the opening move in a Vulcan-Andorian rivalry that will keep resurfacing throughout the series.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran · Keval · Tholos

STORY ARC

Vulcan–Andorian Conflict BEGINS HERE

Early Vulcan-Andorian hostility gives way to hard-won cooperation as Archer uncovers political manipulation, supports reform on Vulcan, and helps the two powers confront a shared Romulan threat.

EPISODE 8

Breaking the Ice

Air Date: November 7, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

With a suspicious Vulcan ship shadowing their every move, the crew investigates a comet rich in eisilium, a mineral prized enough to draw a rival Vulcan science vessel into the same system. T'Pol's growing unease has less to do with the rock than with a message from home: news of the arranged marriage she has spent the mission trying not to think about. When a shuttlepod mission to the comet goes wrong and strands Tucker and Mayweather in a crevasse, Archer sets aside his lingering resentment toward Vulcans long enough to accept help from the very ship that has been trailing them. It's a small thaw in a much larger standoff, built on the discovery that pride solves fewer problems than cooperation does.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Vulcan Captain Vanik

EPISODE 9

Civilization

Air Date: November 14, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Enterprise discovers a pre-industrial civilization, the Akaali, quietly being poisoned by a chemical contaminant traced back to a hidden alien operation posing as local merchants. Archer and T'Pol go undercover to investigate without violating the fragile boundary between contact and interference, while Phlox works to identify the toxin devastating the population. The culprits turn out to be Malurian profiteers exploiting the Akaali's ignorance of their own predicament, and the crew moves to shut the operation down before it does more damage. Archer's promise that the Vulcans will keep watch afterward is less a victory lap than an acknowledgment of how much responsibility comes with a single unauthorized visit.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Garos · Riann

EPISODE 10

Fortunate Son

Air Date: November 21, 2001 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A distress call from the Earth cargo freighter ECS Fortunate draws Enterprise into a fight already in progress, as Nausicaan raiders press their advantage against a civilian crew accustomed to negotiating rather than resisting. Archer's ship arrives in time to break the standoff, but the real conflict plays out aboard the freighter, where a young crewman's decision to retaliate rather than de-escalate costs him his rank. Captain Keene's quiet defense of his crew's independence, the very trait that got one of them demoted, reframes the incident as more complicated than simple insubordination. It's Archer's first real look at how differently Earth's civilian fleet defines survival out here, compared to the ideals Starfleet sends him out to represent.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Keene · Maxwell Forrest · Shaw

EPISODE 11

Cold Front

Air Date: November 28, 2001
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2151
Runtime: 44 min

A stranger among the crew turns out to be exactly as strange as he seems: a man named Daniels who claims to be a time-traveling agent from nine hundred years in the future, on Enterprise to stop a Suliban operative named Silik from altering history. Archer has no easy way to verify any of it, and grants Daniels access to the ship's systems as the two hunt Silik through decks never meant for a manhunt. The confrontation ends in a standoff at the shuttle bay, where Archer disarms Silik just before he escapes into space rather than surrender his tracking technology. Left behind is a sealed cabin full of temporal secrets Archer isn't yet equipped to understand, the first hint that Enterprise's exploration mission runs on more timelines than one.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Fraddock · Prah Mantoos · Silik · Sonsorra

EPISODE 12

Silent Enemy

Air Date: January 16, 2002
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2151
Runtime: 44 min

While deploying subspace amplifiers meant to keep Enterprise in contact with Starfleet, Archer's crew is approached, and then attacked, by an alien vessel that refuses every attempt at communication. The assault forces Reed to rush the ship's experimental phase cannons into active service well ahead of schedule, testing untried weapons against an enemy that offers no explanation for its hostility. Reed's return fire disables the alien's shields and drives them off, but no dialogue is ever exchanged and no answers are ever given. The silence afterward says as much about the dangers of first contact as any battle could.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Madeline Reed · Mark Latrelle · Mary Reed · Stuart Reed

EPISODE 13

Dear Doctor

Air Date: January 23, 2002
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2151
Runtime: 44 min

When Phlox uncovers a genetic disease slowly killing off the Valakian population, what begins as a straightforward medical mission becomes the hardest decision Archer has faced yet: a possible cure exists, but curing the Valakians may come at the expense of the Menk, a second species on the same world whose evolutionary path depends on the Valakians' decline. Phlox refuses to hand Archer easy answers, framing the choice as one about interference rather than medicine alone. Archer ultimately withholds the full cure, offering partial help while leaving the rest of the outcome to play out on its own. The decision unsettles nearly everyone involved, including Archer, an early and uncomfortable preview of the noninterference principle Starfleet will eventually codify into law.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Esaak · Larr

EPISODE 14

Sleeping Dogs

Air Date: January 30, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A power signature drifting in the lower atmosphere of a gas giant leads Enterprise to a sinking Klingon scout vessel, its dwindling crew stranded and dying from a neurotoxin no one aboard can identify in time. Archer and a small team beam down to help, only to find the surviving Klingons deeply suspicious of an offer that comes from outside their own empire. As the ship continues its slow descent into crushing pressure, Archer has to earn trust fast enough to save lives that don't particularly want saving. His standoff with the Klingon commander ends not in combat but in reluctant, wordless acknowledgment, an early sign of how much restraint this crew will need with an empire that doesn't yet respect them.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bu'kaH

EPISODE 15

Shadows of P'Jem

Air Date: February 6, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

The diplomatic fallout from the Andorian raid on P'Jem finally catches up with Enterprise, as a furious Vulcan delegation presses Starfleet to have T'Pol removed from her post. Before that reckoning plays out, Archer and T'Pol are taken captive during an away mission on a planet torn apart by civil war, their fate suddenly tied together whether the Vulcan High Command likes it or not. Archer's insistence on lobbying for T'Pol's future, even while both of them are prisoners, says more about his loyalty than any formal defense could. She stays aboard Enterprise by the episode's end, a decision that costs Archer some political capital but costs the crew nothing at all.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran · Ambassador Soval · Captain Sopek · Chancellor Kalev · Maxwell Forrest

EPISODE 16

Shuttlepod One

Air Date: February 13, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Stranded in an asteroid field with dwindling oxygen and no sign of their ship, Tucker and Reed slowly convince themselves that Enterprise has been destroyed, and spend what they believe are their final hours arguing, confessing, and making an uneasy peace with each other. Archer and T'Pol, unaware of the despair playing out in Shuttlepod One, are elsewhere on the ship the entire time, very much alive and completely unaware anyone thinks otherwise. When the two shuttlepod crewmen finally detonate their engine to attract attention, the res-

cue lands as both relief and mild embarrassment. It's a quieter kind of crisis than Enterprise usually faces, one manufactured entirely by isolation and assumption rather than any actual threat.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 17

Fusion

Air Date: February 27, 2002
Timeline: 2151
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Enterprise crosses paths with the Vahklas, a ship of Vulcans who have rejected their culture's suppression of emotion and openly embrace what most of their people spend a lifetime restraining. T'Pol finds herself drawn to Tolaris, one of the Vahklas crew, whose freedom from Vulcan discipline offers a version of herself she has never let herself consider. The encounter turns dangerous when Tolaris oversteps, using a mind-meld on T'Pol without her consent, a violation that undercuts whatever appeal his philosophy briefly held. T'Pol's quiet admission afterward, that she envies what the Vahklas crew has even after everything that happened, is the closest the episode comes to resolving the tension it raises.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kov · Maxwell Forrest · Tavin · Tolaris

EPISODE 18

Rogue Planet

Air Date: March 20, 2002
Timeline: 2151
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

A planet adrift with no star to orbit draws Enterprise into a hunt already underway, as alien trackers called the Eska stalk something they call a wraith through the planet's permanent darkness. Archer becomes fixated on visions of a woman who seems to appear only to him, unaware that he is being lured by a creature whose true form has nothing to do with the shape it's borrowing. When the Eska's hunt finally catches up to her, she reveals herself as a large, shapeshifting gastropod retreating into the forest rather than facing capture. Archer is left to reconcile the romantic illusion he chased with the far stranger reality underneath it.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Burzaan · Damrus · Shiraht · The Wraith

EPISODE 19

Acquisition

Air Date: March 27, 2002
Timeline: 2151
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Enterprise wakes to find itself boarded, its entire crew rendered unconscious by an unknown gas while opportunistic strangers pick through the ship for anything valuable enough to sell. The intruders, never named on screen, though their greed, ingenuity, and bartering instincts are unmistakably familiar, nearly succeed before a handful of crew members manage to rouse themselves and turn the tables. What starts as a straightforward

robbery becomes a tense standoff for control of the ship itself, decided as much by wit as by force. The episode plays the encounter for both suspense and comedy, an early, unofficial glimpse of a species Starfleet hasn't formally met yet.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Grish · Krem · Muk · Ulis

EPISODE 20

Oasis

Air Date: April 3, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A distress signal leads Enterprise to a derelict ship that isn't nearly as abandoned as it first appears, its interior maintained by a trader named Ezral who insists his crew survived an attack years earlier. Archer, T'Pol, and Tucker accept his hospitality without realizing how much of what they're seeing has been carefully arranged rather than simply preserved. The truth surfaces slowly: Ezral has been using holographic technology to recreate his dead wife and crew, building an illusion of normalcy to shelter his young daughter from a grief she's too young to process alone. Once the fiction collapses, Ezral asks only for the parts he needs to make his real, damaged ship spaceworthy again, choosing to finally face what's left rather than keep pretending.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Kuulan · Ezral · Liana · Maya

EPISODE 21

Detained

Air Date: April 24, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Archer and Mayweather wander into a militarized border zone and wake up in a Tandaran prison camp before either of them fully understands what line they crossed. Inside, Archer meets Danik, one of many Suliban held indefinitely simply for being Suliban, casualties of a war between the Tandarans and the genetically altered Cabal that most of the prisoners never chose to join. Archer's sympathy for the detainees puts him at odds with Colonel Grat, who insists every Suliban is one step from becoming an enemy combatant regardless of what they actually want. The episode leaves Archer, and the audience, weighing how easily a captor's fear can criminalize an entire people.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Colonel Grat · Danik · Major Klev · Narra · Sajen

EPISODE 22

Vox Sola

Air Date: May 1, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A minor diplomatic incident with the prickly Kreetassans is barely resolved before something far stranger comes aboard: a symbiotic organism that ensnares Archer, Tucker, Reed, and a crewman in a sticky, spreading web

belowdecks. Reed alone manages to escape, severing one of the creature's tendrils in the process and buying the rest of the crew time they desperately need. On the organism's home planet, the crew ultimately returns both the entity and its severed piece rather than destroying what they never fully understood. As dawn breaks over the alien landscape, the true scale of what they encountered becomes clear, the entire visible terrain is a single, massive living organism.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Crewman Kelly · Crewman Michael Rostov · Kreetassan Aide

EPISODE 23

Fallen Hero

Air Date: May 8, 2002
Timeline: 2151
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Ten exhausting months into the mission, T'Pol flags what everyone already senses, the crew badly needs shore leave, just as Archer is ordered to transport a disgraced Vulcan ambassador, V'Lar, away from a planet where she's been accused of corruption. The assignment turns dangerous fast: Archer deliberately backtracks toward the planet to draw out V'Lar's pursuers, putting Enterprise within range of three hostile ships in the process. When his ruse is exposed, it becomes clear V'Lar was never as vulnerable as she appeared, and the ambassador repays Archer's risk with genuine gratitude. Her parting words, about the trust now built between them, land as an early, hard-won foundation for human-Vulcan relations still finding their footing.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Maxwell Forrest · Mazarite Official

EPISODE 24

Desert Crossing

Air Date: May 8, 2002
Timeline: 2151
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

A distress call meant to interrupt a shore-leave run to Risa instead strands Archer and Tucker on foot in a punishing desert, forced to shelter from the heat while Tucker battles heatstroke and Archer tends to him with nothing but improvisation. Their rescuer, a rebel leader named Zobral, later invites them aboard Enterprise with an offer that's less generous than it looks: help in his planetary conflict, framed as a favor between friends. Archer turns him down, telling Zobral plainly that inserting Starfleet into local wars isn't why they're out here exploring. T'Pol backs the decision, but Archer's own doubt lingers, a quiet admission that Zobral's cause might be worth fighting for, even if it isn't his fight to join.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chancellor Trelit · Zobral

EPISODE 25

Two Days and Two Nights

Air Date: May 15, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Half the crew finally gets its long-promised shore leave on Risa, split into small groups by lottery for a rotation of pleasure-planet adventures that mostly go sideways. Archer strikes up a promising connection that curdles the moment he realizes the woman is a Tandaran operative, and she knocks him out and vanishes the instant he confronts her. Elsewhere, Phlox spends the leave disoriented by an alien parasite yet somehow manages, even half-conscious, to formulate his own antidote before collapsing back into hibernation. By the time the shuttlepod returns everyone to Enterprise the next morning, each crew member has a story worth telling, and, notably, not one of them is willing to tell it.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Keyla · Ravis

EPISODE 26

Shockwave, Part I

Air Date: May 22, 2002 **Timeline:** 2151
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A routine test flight goes catastrophically wrong when Enterprise's shuttlepod ignites the atmosphere of an inhabited colony, killing thousands in an instant and threatening to end the mission before it has properly begun. As Starfleet moves to recall the ship in disgrace, Daniels reappears with a claim that changes everything: the disaster wasn't an accident, and someone tampered with history to make it look like one. He pulls Archer forward through time to prove it, forcing the captain to confront a version of the future no one back home believes is possible. The season closes on a cliffhanger built less on combat than on the unsettling idea that Enterprise's fate was never entirely its own to control.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Ambassador Soval · Maxwell Forrest · Silik

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2152

First Aired: September 8, 2002 **Last Aired:** May 21, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152 **Stardates:** 6770.3–7403.6

Season two expands the scope of Enterprise's mission as Archer and his crew venture farther into unexplored space and encounter increasingly complex challenges. Humanity's understanding of the galaxy continues to evolve through diplomatic disputes, scientific discoveries, and first-contact experiences. Relationships among the crew deepen while tensions with several alien powers grow more significant. The season further develops the political environment that will shape the future Federation era. By its conclusion, a devastating attack on Earth changes the direction of both the series and humanity's place in the galaxy. The cliffhanger left hanging in "Shockwave (2)" resolves into "The Expanse," where an attack on Earth turns the rest of the series toward war footing. A central continuity line shapes the season. The recurring Vulcan-Andorian conflict traces a long shift from suspicion and proxy hostility toward the trust needed for future alliance.

EPISODE 1

Shockwave, Part II

Air Date: September 8, 2002
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2152
Runtime: 43 min

Marooned centuries from his own era, Archer teams up with Daniels to trace the colony disaster back to Silik and the Suliban Cabal, both of them pawns being moved by a shadowy figure manipulating history from somewhere further up the timeline. Returning to his own era with proof of the sabotage in hand, Archer clears Enterprise's name just in time to save the mission from being scrapped. T'Pol's steady advocacy back on Earth helps seal Starfleet's decision to let the ship continue. The season opens with a reminder that Enterprise's future is being shaped by forces its crew can't yet see, let alone fight directly.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Ambassador Soval, Commander Williams, Maxwell Forrest, Silik

EPISODE 2

Carbon Creek

Air Date: September 25, 2002
Stardate: 7403.6
Timeline: 2152
Runtime: 43 min

Celebrating T'Pol's first year aboard Enterprise, Archer and Tucker get an unexpected history lesson when she tells them that human-Vulcan first contact didn't happen where the record books say it did. Her story centers on her great-grandmother T'Mir, who crash-landed with two other Vulcans in small-town Pennsylvania in 1957, a century before the officially recognized encounter. Archer and Tucker are left charmed, skeptical, and unsure whether they've just been told history or folklore. T'Pol offers no confirmation either way, though the handbag she still keeps in her quarters suggests she believes every word of it.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Billy, Captain Tellus, Jack, Maggie

EPISODE 3

Minefield

Air Date: October 2, 2002
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2152
Runtime: 43 min

Enterprise strays into an active Romulan minefield and takes a direct hit from a cloaked mine that leaves the ship dead in space and Reed pinned outside the hull, armed with the mine itself. Archer, working to build a rapport with a lieutenant he barely knows outside of duty, goes out to help him rather than leave the job to remote procedure alone. Disarming the device means arming it first, a maneuver that leaves both men exposed to the blast with only improvised shielding between them and the explosion. They survive, and Enterprise slips away from Romulan space with its crew intact and its captain a little closer to the officer he nearly died next to.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Med Tech

EPISODE 4

Dead Stop

Air Date: October 9, 2002 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A convenient, fully automated repair station offers Enterprise exactly the fix it needs after the Romulan minefield left it battered, and the crew accepts the help without asking hard enough why the arrangement feels so easy. The convenience curdles into horror once Phlox discovers that a dead Mayweather in the morgue is an eerily perfect duplicate, evidence that the station has been harvesting more than hull plating from its visitors. Archer forces a confrontation, ultimately detonating a warp-plasma payment to cripple the station and buy Enterprise time to escape. As the ship warps away, the wreckage is already knitting itself back together, a machine intelligence that clearly has no intention of learning from this encounter.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS —

EPISODE 5

A Night in Sickbay

Air Date: October 16, 2002 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

An away-mission mishap leaves Porthos violently allergic to something in the local flora, and what should be a minor medical scare turns into a full diplomatic crisis once the offended hosts demand a formal apology from Archer for the perceived insult. Archer, consumed by worry for his dog and barely able to leave Phlox's sickbay, handles the resulting negotiations with none of his usual composure. The apology itself turns out to be a genuinely humiliating decontamination ritual, one Archer endures more out of guilt than diplomacy. Porthos recovers; Archer's dignity takes rather longer.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS —

EPISODE 6

Marauders

Air Date: October 30, 2002 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: 6770.3 **Runtime:** 43 min

Enterprise finds a small mining colony paying a steady, bitter tribute of deuterium to Klingon raiders who return every few months to collect, a protection racket the colonists have simply learned to live with. Archer refuses to accept that as the only option, and Reed and T'Pol spend days turning frightened farmers into a defense force capable of standing up to their extortionists. The plan comes together as an ambush timed for the raiders' next visit, forcing a fight the Klingons expected to be a formality. When the smoke clears, the colonists have taken their independence back by force, a solution Archer can live with more easily than he expected to.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Korok, E'lis, Maklii, Q'Ell, Tessic

EPISODE 7

The Seventh

Air Date: November 6, 2002 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

T'Pol asks Archer to join her on a mission the Vulcan High Command has kept quiet for two decades: hunting down the last of six surgically altered agents who slipped Vulcan custody years earlier. She admits, almost reluctantly, that she trained for exactly this kind of work seventeen years ago and has never managed to close this particular case. The fugitive, Menos, tries to burn his way out of capture and very nearly succeeds, but the away team corners him and confirms he has indeed been smuggling the biotoxins Vulcan intelligence suspected all along. Back aboard Enterprise, T'Pol's quiet offer of future support to Archer says more about how far their working relationship has come than the mission itself does.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dockmaster · Jossen · Menos

EPISODE 8

The Communicator

Air Date: November 13, 2002 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A routine survey of a pre-warp world on the edge of war goes sideways the moment Reed realizes he's left his communicator behind, handing the planet's suspicious locals a piece of technology no eighteenth-century society should have. T'Pol's attempt to reach the away team over open channels only makes things worse, inadvertently confirming Archer's identity to captors who now have every reason to interrogate him. Archer and Reed are beaten and nearly executed before a rescue, run by a borrowed Suliban ship, arrives just in time to pull them out. Archer's quiet reflection afterward, on how much damage they did without ever meaning to interfere, lands harder than the interrogation itself.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Temec · General Gosis · Lieutenant Pell

EPISODE 9

Singularity

Air Date: November 20, 2002 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

As Enterprise cruises toward a black hole at impulse, the crew starts drifting into strange, single-minded obsessions, Reed included, whose fixation on ship security quietly rewires the tactical systems without anyone noticing. T'Pol traces the cause to an unusual radiation the black hole is emitting, one that amplifies whatever preoccupation a mind already leans toward. It's Reed's paranoid tinkering, of all things, that ends up saving the ship, automatically triggering a tactical alert that brings the phase cannons online in time to clear a field of asteroids. Once clear of the radiation, life returns to normal, apart from a suspiciously improved captain's chair and a security protocol Reed insists on keeping.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cunningham

EPISODE 10

Vanishing Point

Air Date: November 27, 2002
Timeline: 2152
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Hoshi's first transporter trip leaves her rattled in ways she can't quite explain, and a strange run of events afterward convinces her that she's somehow becoming invisible to everyone around her. An away mission cut short by a diamagnetic storm forces her to rely on the transporter again, and this time she seems to slip through an alien transport device entirely, waking disoriented in Enterprise's own transporter room insisting the ship is in danger. Reed's explanation turns out to be far less exotic than anything she feared: a storm-related malfunction trapped her in the pattern buffer for just over eight seconds, and everything she remembers experiencing was her own mind filling in the gap. It's a small, unsettling reminder of how much of the transporter experience the crew simply takes on faith.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Alison

EPISODE 11

Precious Cargo

Air Date: December 11, 2002
Timeline: 2152
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

When Enterprise rescues two aliens from a malfunctioning vessel, Trip's curiosity about their mysterious cargo gets the better of him, and he opens a stasis pod holding a Krios Prime noblewoman named Kaitaama who was never supposed to wake up mid-voyage. What starts as an accident turns into a standoff once Kaitaama's actual identity, and the political stakes riding on her safe delivery, come to light. Tucker ends up brawling with the ship's captain before an Enterprise rescue team arrives to settle things properly. Kaitaama departs for a future she clearly doesn't relish, but not before hinting to Tucker that their paths might cross again once she's in a position of real power.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Firek Goff, Firek Plinn, Kaitaama

EPISODE 12

The Catwalk

Air Date: December 18, 2002
Timeline: 2152
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Warned by a trio of alien visitors that a neutronic wavefront hundreds of light years across is bearing down on them at nearly warp 7, the crew has no choice but to abandon their quarters and crowd into the cramped maintenance catwalks of the warp nacelles for eight straight days. The confinement breeds its own tension even before an intruder alert reveals that someone has boarded Engineering and is tampering with the ship's systems during the crisis. Archer sorts out the sabotage before it can do lasting damage, and the ship rides out the wavefront intact. Once the danger passes and everyone returns to their quarters, Tucker's invitation for a standing Tuesday movie night with T'Pol feels like exactly the kind of small normalcy the crew needed.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Guri · Renth · Tagrim

EPISODE 13

Dawn

Air Date: January 8, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A routine shuttlepod test goes wrong when Tucker is shot down by a hostile alien pilot and forced to crash-land on a desolate moon with his attacker, Zho'Kaan, stranded right alongside him. The two spend the ordeal locked in mutual suspicion, Zho'Kaan's people having their own long, bitter history of mistreatment at Vulcan hands. By the time Enterprise arrives to bring them both home, something closer to respect has replaced the hostility that got them there. T'Pol later concedes, without much satisfaction, that Tucker's one desperate day with Zho'Kaan accomplished more for Arkonian relations than a century of official Vulcan diplomacy ever did.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Khata'n Zshaar · Zho'Kaan

EPISODE 14

Stigma

Air Date: February 5, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

T'Pol's secret medical condition becomes a very public problem when Phlox, unable to keep treating her deteriorating pa'nar syndrome without help, seeks out Vulcan doctors attending a nearby medical conference, only to have the disease's stigmatized cause come out in the open. The condition, it turns out, results from mind-melding, a practice Vulcan society treats as shameful and rare, and Phlox's own quiet admission that he is a mind-melder as well throws his career into jeopardy alongside T'Pol's reputation. He is suspended for the disclosure, but T'Pol keeps her post aboard Enterprise. Rather than let the matter drop, she vows to carry the fight to the Vulcan High Command directly, done hiding a prejudice she's spent her whole career absorbing quietly.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Oratt · Dr. Strom · Dr. Yuris · Feezal

EPISODE 15

Cease Fire

Air Date: February 12, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Archer is pulled into mediating a border dispute that has turned violent, called in after Vulcan and Andorian forces start exchanging fire over a planet caught on the frontier between their territories. His investigation traces the attack back to a faction of renegade Andorians acting without their government's sanction, and he corners their leader, Tarah, into an uneasy confession. She defends the attack rather than apologizes for it, warning Shran that plenty of others share her resentment even if they haven't acted on it yet. Archer still manages to

broker a ceasefire and the start of real peace talks, though Tarah's parting warning makes clear how fragile that peace actually is.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran · Ambassador Soval · Maxwell Forrest · Muroc · Tarah

EPISODE 16

Future Tense

Air Date: February 19, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A small, unmistakably future-built craft turns up adrift in space, and both the Suliban and the notoriously unpredictable Tholians move fast to claim it before Enterprise can figure out what it even is. The pod's long-dead human pilot only deepens the mystery, pushing T'Pol to press Archer for more answers about the Temporal Cold War he still barely understands. Tucker manages to coax the pod's distress beacon back to life, and the craft, along with whatever future it came from, simply dematerializes before anyone can claim it. The Tholians withdraw empty-handed, and Enterprise's assist to the Vulcan ship that helped them through the standoff reads as Archer's quiet thank-you for support he didn't expect to need.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Maxwell Forrest

EPISODE 17

Canamar

Air Date: February 26, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Leaving the Enolian homeworld, Archer and Tucker are mistaken for smugglers and hauled off in shackles, bound for the infamous penal colony of Canamar aboard a transport with a crew that has no interest in hearing their side of it. When the prison ship comes under attack from Enolian patrol vessels, Archer talks their captor into letting Tucker help repel the assault rather than let everyone aboard, guilty and innocent alike, go down together. Once Enterprise sorts out the mess, Archer confronts the Enolian official responsible with blunt, unamused clarity about the wrongful arrest. He leaves wondering, not entirely rhetorically, how many other innocent people have made that same one-way trip to Canamar.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Enolian Official · Kuroda Lor-ehn · Zoumas

EPISODE 18

The Crossing

Air Date: April 2, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Enterprise is swallowed whole at warp by an enormous alien vessel crewed by non-corporeal beings intent on trading their consciousness for the bodies of the crew, disabling engines and weapons in the process. Tucker becomes one of the first casualties of the possession, forcing Phlox to fight past his own infected friend just to

reach the environmental controls that might stop the invasion. Flooding the ship with carbon dioxide drives the intruders out and back to their own vessel, ending the immediate crisis. When the aliens try to pursue Enterprise anyway, Archer answers with two torpedoes rather than risk a second boarding.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 19

Judgment

Air Date: April 9, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Archer finds himself on trial before a Klingon tribunal, charged with helping rebels escape imperial custody and with firing on a Klingon vessel in the process, defended by an advocate, Kolos, who hasn't argued a real case in years. Rather than accept a plea deal that would spare everyone the trouble, Archer insists Kolos actually fight for him, pushing the aging lawyer back into a version of himself he'd nearly given up on. While the trial plays out, T'Pol works Enterprise's own back channels, bribes included, to build leverage for getting her captain home regardless of the verdict. Kolos, offered a way out of the Empire once the case ends, chooses instead to keep practicing law under the very system that broke him, unwilling to abandon it just because it finally let him win.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Advocate Kolos · Asahf · Duras · Prosecutor Orak

EPISODE 20

Horizon

Air Date: April 16, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

News that his father has died pulls Mayweather away from Enterprise and back to the ECS Horizon, the boomer cargo ship he grew up on, where he has to help settle an estate and an argument with his brother Paul over what happens to the ship next. The homecoming forces Mayweather to reconcile the man he's become in Starfleet with the family and life he left behind on the Horizon. Back aboard Enterprise, Archer works his way through a serialized pulp adventure loosely inspired by the ship's own voyages, amused and a little unsettled by how exaggerated fiction can still land close to the truth. Both threads circle the same question, in their own way, about which version of a life is the one that actually counts.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Juan · Nichols · Nora · Paul Mayweather · Rianna Mayweather

EPISODE 21

The Breach

Air Date: April 23, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A request from the Denobulan Science Academy sends Enterprise to extract three geologists stranded on a planet whose newly xenophobic government has ordered every off-worlder to leave. Complicating the rescue is Hudak, a fellow Denobulan and old professional rival who despises Phlox specifically, and whose medical crisis mid-mission forces the two men to work past decades of resentment neither has ever let go of. Phlox's insistence on treating Hudak with decency he hasn't earned eventually gets through, and Hudak comes around to accepting the lifesaving procedure he initially refused. The evacuation succeeds, and Hudak ends up sharing passage home with the very colleague he spent the whole episode trying to avoid needing.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Hudak, Trevix, Yolen, Zepht

EPISODE 22

Cogenitor

Air Date: April 30, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

First contact with the Vissians, a strikingly open and friendly species, gives Archer a warm rapport with their captain during a shared reconnaissance flight near a hypergiant star, but it's the crew's discovery of the Vissians' third gender, the cogenitors, that becomes the episode's real subject. Treated as property rather than people, cogenitors are essential to Vissian reproduction and denied almost every basic right, a system Tucker can't stop himself from trying to fix once he befriends one directly. His well-meaning interference ends in tragedy when the cogenitor he named Charles takes their own life rather than return to a life with no autonomy at all. Archer's furious reprimand of Tucker afterward isn't really about protocol, it's about the difference between compassion and recklessness when neither side fully understands the other's world.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Traistana, Vissian Cogenitor

EPISODE 23

Regeneration

Air Date: May 7, 2003 **Timeline:** 2152
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Arctic researchers pull century-old wreckage from the ice and, without knowing what they've actually found, manage to reactivate two dormant drones buried inside it, remnants of the Borg sphere destroyed decades earlier during humanity's first, unrecorded encounter with the species. The drones assimilate the research team within hours and immediately set to work adapting Earth technology to build a ship and transmit a signal calling for reinforcement, deep space and no name yet for what's coming. Enterprise is recalled to intercept before that signal can be answered, and the resulting firefight is unlike anything the crew has faced: an enemy that adapts to every weapon fired at it in real time. They stop the immediate threat, but not before the signal escapes into space, a warning the crew has no way yet of understanding as a promise.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Borg Drone · Commander Williams · Dr. Moninger · Drake · Foster

EPISODE 24

First Flight

Air Date: May 14, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2152
Runtime: 43 min

Sorting through the belongings of a dead test pilot pulls Archer back to a chapter of his career he doesn't often discuss: the NX Warp 2 test-flight program he ran years before Enterprise ever launched, and his rivalry-turned-friendship with fellow pilot A.G. Robinson. The two men pushed each other harder than either program officials wanted, Robinson especially, whose hunger to be first cost him his life on an unauthorized flight past the program's approved limits. Archer has spent years quietly blaming himself for not stopping him, a guilt the present-day investigation forces back to the surface. Revisiting it doesn't absolve him so much as remind him how much of command has always been about deciding which risks are worth letting other people take.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Flight Controller · Maxwell Forrest · Ruby

EPISODE 25

Bounty

Air Date: May 14, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2152
Runtime: 43 min

Skalaar, a disarmingly friendly Tellarite, offers the crew a tour of a nearby planet that turns out to be cover for a very different plan: abducting Archer to sell him to the Klingons for a bounty. Back on Enterprise, an entirely separate crisis unfolds when a stray microbe throws T'Pol into pon farr, leaving her confined to the decon chamber with an increasingly uncomfortable Phlox as her only company. Archer eventually talks his way free of Skalaar's plan, and the two part on almost cordial terms once the bounty hunter admits his asking price is about to double anyway. Both storylines land on the same wry note: even Enterprise's enemies, at times, are easier to deal with than its own biology.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Capt. Goroth · Gaavrin · Kago-Darr · Skalaar

EPISODE 26

The Expanse

Air Date: May 21, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2152
Runtime: 43 min

A vast alien probe cuts a swath of destruction across Earth in April 2153, killing millions in minutes, including Trip Tucker's younger sister Elizabeth, and vanishing before anyone can determine where it came from or why. Archer, convinced the Suliban are somehow responsible, corners Silik for answers, only to be met with a denial the captain isn't inclined to believe. Tracing the attack to its source pulls Enterprise into a direct confrontation with a Klingon smuggler, Duras, whose ship Archer destroys with a weapons setting he has never had reason to

use before. The battle ends as Enterprise crosses into the Delphic Expanse, a region no Starfleet ship has any real intelligence about, on a mission that has stopped being about exploration.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador Soval · Captain Ramirez · Dr. Fer'at · Duras

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2153

First Aired: September 10, 2003 **Last Aired:** May 26, 2004 **Timeline:** 2153

Season three follows Enterprise on a mission unlike any previously undertaken by Starfleet. After the Xindi attack devastates Earth, Archer leads his crew into the Delphic Expanse in a desperate effort to prevent an even greater catastrophe. The season adopts a more serialized structure as the crew faces relentless dangers, difficult moral choices, and growing pressure to save humanity. Relationships are tested by fear, sacrifice, and the demands of survival in hostile territory. The result is one of Star Trek's most focused explorations of leadership, responsibility, and the costs of protecting one's home. "The Xindi" sends Archer into the Delphic Expanse with almost nothing to go on; "Zero Hour" is what nine months of accumulated intelligence, alliances, and losses finally buy him. The season earns that shift by staying serialized nearly episode to episode — there's no single subplot driving it so much as one continuous mission under mounting pressure.

EPISODE 1

The Xindi

Air Date: September 10, 2003 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Three months into their search for the Delphic Expanse's hidden threat, Archer's crew gets its first direct taste of Xindi hostility when a Reptilian warship attacks Enterprise without warning or explanation. In the aftermath, a wounded Xindi-Primate survivor pulled from the wreckage becomes the crew's first real window into a species defined by at least three very different factions, only some of whom actually want Earth destroyed. Meanwhile T'Pol's exposure to the toxic trellium ore lingers as a private crisis, leaving her fighting off emotions Vulcan discipline was never built to withstand. The Expanse the crew has entered turns out to be as much a psychological minefield as a physical one, populated by enemies who don't all agree on what they're actually fighting for.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Dolim · Corporal Chang · Corporal Romero · Degra · Elizabeth Tucker

STORY ARC

Xindi Crisis BEGINS HERE

A message from the future turns Enterprise's mission from exploration to a desperate search through the Delphic Expanse for a Xindi superweapon built to destroy Earth outright, reshaping the series into something closer to a war story.

EPISODE 2

Anomaly

Air Date: September 17, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2153
Runtime: 43 min

A violent spatial disturbance leaves Enterprise dead in space just long enough for a band of scavengers, humanoid raiders who prey on ships crippled by the Expanse's anomalies, to strip the vessel of critical supplies and equipment. Archer refuses to accept the loss quietly, leading a boarding party onto the raiders' own ship to recover what was taken and free crew members held captive in the process. The raid exposes just how lawless and predatory this region has already become, with human-looking opportunists as dangerous as anything overtly alien. Enterprise limps away with its stolen supplies recovered, but with a much clearer sense of how many threats in the Expanse have nothing to do with the Xindi at all.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Corporal Hawkins, Corporal McKenzie, Orgoth, Sergeant Kemper

EPISODE 3

Extinction

Air Date: September 24, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2153
Runtime: 43 min

An away mission to a seemingly uninhabited planet turns disastrous when Reed, T'Pol, and Mayweather are exposed to airborne spores that begin rewriting their bodies into those of the Loque'eque, a species that vanished from the planet generations ago. As the mutation accelerates, all three grow increasingly feral, driven by instincts that have nothing to do with who they were that morning. Phlox races against a biological clock to reverse the transformation before it becomes permanent, working with limited data on a species nobody alive has ever actually studied. The away team's recovery comes at the last possible moment, a reminder that the Expanse doesn't need Xindi weapons to be lethal.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Corporal Chang, Palmer, Tret

EPISODE 4

Rajiin

Air Date: October 1, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2153
Runtime: 43 min

Enterprise takes aboard a striking, evasive alien woman named Rajiin who claims to be fleeing captivity, and whose presence begins quietly unraveling the crew's judgment one encounter at a time. Her real purpose surfaces once it becomes clear she was sent by Xindi-allied slave traders to gather genetic and biological data on the crew, using little more than charisma and proximity to do it. Archer, still desperate for any intelligence on the Xindi weapon, has to weigh the cost of dealing with slavers against the value of what they might know. What the crew gets in exchange for tolerating Rajiin's presence is neither clean nor comfortable, a trade that leaves everyone a little more compromised than they started.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	B'Rat, Commander Dolim, Degra, Jannar, Rajiin

EPISODE 5

Impulse

Air Date: October 8, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2153
Runtime: 43 min

A derelict Vulcan cruiser drifting inside an asteroid field turns out to be anything but abandoned when Archer's boarding party finds its crew alive, and violently unhinged. T'Pol, exposed to the same trellium-laced ore that drove the Vaankara's Vulcans to turn on each other and destroy their own ship, is rushed back to Enterprise before the neurotoxin can do the same to her. Phlox confirms what the away team already fears: trellium is lethal to Vulcan physiology, though T'Pol's brief exposure gives her a chance the Vaankara crew never had. Tucker's discovery that the very ore poisoning her is also valuable hull-shielding material leaves Archer with an uncomfortable choice, one he resolves by locking the material away rather than risk her health for a tactical edge.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Corporal Hawkins

EPISODE 6

Exile

Air Date: October 15, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2153
Runtime: 43 min

Hoshi is drawn off Enterprise by Tarquin, a telepathic alien who's lived alone on his planet for centuries and offers her a life of comfort and companionship if she'll stay. His loneliness is genuine, but so is the coercion underneath the courtesy, and Hoshi has to find her way out of an offer that keeps rephrasing itself as a kindness. It's a rare Xindi-arc episode that steps entirely outside the war to ask what isolation does to a person.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Tarquin

EPISODE 7

The Shipment

Air Date: October 29, 2003
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2153
Runtime: 43 min

A tip about a Xindi refinery processing trellium ore, the same substance poisoning T'Pol, sends Archer and Tucker undercover among the workers to sabotage the operation from the inside. They find an unlikely ally in Gralik, a Xindi-Primate overseer who has no idea the Reptilians running the refinery are converting his people's labor into weapon-grade material. Archer's plan to destroy the facility forces him to choose between the mission's demands and the innocent workers who would be caught in the blast, a calculation that leaves him further from his own ideals with every decision. The refinery falls, but not without Archer recognizing how much of himself this war is asking him to spend.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Degra, Gralik Durr, Major Hayes, Sloth, Xindi-Reptilian

EPISODE 8

Twilight

Air Date: November 5, 2003 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A parasite unleashed by a Delphic Expanse anomaly destroys Archer's ability to form new long-term memories, trapping him in a permanent present where each day resets to confusion. Twelve years later, still cared for by a devoted T'Pol who has spent over a decade a single conversation away from a man who can't remember yesterday, Archer wakes to the devastating truth: Earth was destroyed, and humanity has been scattered to the edge of extinction. Phlox eventually finds a cure buried in years of failed research, but reversing it means erasing a version of the future this Archer and T'Pol built together out of grief and loyalty. It's less a rescue than a mercy, undoing a tragedy by undoing the only life some of these people had left.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Ambassador Soval, Yedrin Koss

EPISODE 9

North Star

Air Date: November 12, 2003 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Enterprise stumbles onto a jarring anachronism deep in the Expanse: roughly six thousand humans living an 1860s American frontier existence, ruled over by an alien species called the Skagarans who abducted their ancestors from Earth centuries earlier. Sato's research uncovers the fuller history, that these humans eventually rose up and overthrew their captors, inheriting a hybrid society built on old resentments that never fully faded. Archer navigates the town's uneasy peace without trying to impose Starfleet's answers on a conflict generations older than his visit. Before departing, he leaves the settlement's children a small bridge to the truth, and its leader a nudge toward finally letting Skagaran and human children learn side by side.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Bethany, Draysik, MacReady, Stablehand

EPISODE 10

Similitude

Air Date: November 19, 2003 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

When an engine test leaves Tucker comatose with injuries Phlox can't otherwise treat, the only medical option is growing a genetically engineered clone, Sim, whose organs can save Tucker's life at the cost of Sim's own after just weeks of accelerated existence. Sim knows from the start what his purpose is, and spends his brief life falling for Hoshi, bonding with T'Pol, and quietly resenting the fact that his death is already scheduled before he's had the chance to actually live. When the moment finally comes, Sim chooses to go through with the transplant himself rather than be forced into it. Archer honors that choice with a funeral held in the presence of the very man Sim's death makes possible, a sacrifice the ship carries forward in silence.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Sim Trip at 17, Sim Trip at 4, Sim Trip at 8

EPISODE 11

Carpenter Street

Air Date: November 26, 2003
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Daniels pulls Archer and T'Pol out of the Expanse entirely, sending them back to 2004 Detroit to stop a Xindi-Reptilian cell from testing a biological weapon on an unsuspecting, pre-warp Earth. Stranded in a century they only know from history texts, the two have to track down the Reptilians' human front operation without the ship, the crew, or the technology they're used to relying on. A chance encounter with Loomis, a local pest-control worker who stumbles into the middle of their investigation, gives them an unlikely ally in a fight neither he nor the rest of the planet knows is happening. Archer and T'Pol manage to destroy the weapon before it can be deployed, a quiet, unrecorded save that Detroit in 2004 will never know it needed.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Loomis · Prostitute #1 · Prostitute #2 · Strode · Xindi-Reptilian

EPISODE 12

Chosen Realm

Air Date: January 14, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

A trio of Triannon extremists, convinced the mysterious spheres scattered through the Expanse are the literal work of their gods, hijacks Enterprise and forces the crew into a hostage standoff built entirely on religious certainty. Their leader, D'Jamat, treats every casualty of the takeover as righteous rather than regrettable, a conviction Archer can't reason with no matter how much evidence he offers. Archer ultimately calls D'Jamat's bluff by volunteering for his own execution, a move that exposes the fanaticism underneath the faith. Returned to their homeworld, the Triannons find their own planet devastated by the religious war their beliefs helped fuel, a ruin their convictions did nothing to prevent.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Ceris · Indava · Jareb · Nalbis · ND Triannon

EPISODE 13

Proving Ground

Air Date: January 21, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

An Andorian ship under Shran's command turns up unannounced in the Expanse, offering Enterprise help tracking the Xindi weapon that neither side entirely trusts the other to deserve. The assistance comes with strings attached: the Andorians want the weapon's technology for their own long-running conflict with the Vulcans, not out of any loyalty to Earth. Archer accepts the help anyway, and the gamble pays off when Shran's crew intercepts detailed scans of the weapon prototype and hands them over regardless of their ulterior motive. The evening ends on an unexpectedly warm note, Archer, Tucker, and T'Pol sharing Andorian ale with allies whose friendship remains as complicated as it is useful.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran, Commander Dolim, Degra, Jannar

EPISODE 14

Stratagem

Air Date: February 4, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Archer's crew stages an elaborate deception to break Degra, the Xindi scientist behind the primary weapon, convincing him he's three years in the future and a prisoner of war rather than a captive aboard Enterprise. Phlox implants a sensor worm to feed the illusion, and the crew builds an entire fake escape sequence just to get Degra to react as if the weapon's coordinates are real and worth protecting. Cornered by what he believes are enemy defenses, Degra inadvertently confirms exactly what Archer needed him to reveal. The ruse ends with Degra and his crew mind-wiped and returned unharmed, an ethically uneasy victory that gets Archer the location he came for.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Degra, Thalen

EPISODE 15

Harbinger

Air Date: February 11, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

A massive spatial anomaly yields an unexpected rescue: a lone alien pilot who refuses to explain what he was doing there or who sent him, and who eventually vanishes as mysteriously as he arrived after warning that his people intend to profit from Earth's destruction. Aboard ship, tension of a very different kind builds between T'Pol and Tucker, whose ongoing neuropressure sessions finally tip into something neither of them can keep pretending is purely therapeutic. Reed and the newly arrived MACO commander Hayes clash over jurisdiction before eventually finding enough common ground to jointly handle the alien threat. By the episode's end, both crises, the alien warning and the relationship neither T'Pol nor Tucker planned on, leave the ship with more questions than answers.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amanda Cole, Major Hayes

EPISODE 16

Doctor's Orders

Air Date: February 18, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

A trans-dimensional disturbance lying directly across Enterprise's route to Azati Prime forces Phlox into an unenviable position: placing the entire crew in stasis and piloting the ship through the anomaly essentially alone. Isolation wears on him faster than expected, and he begins hallucinating a phantom presence aboard ship, convinced something is stalking him through the empty corridors. T'Pol, the one crew member awake enough to

check his claims, finds nothing on sensors but humors a deck-by-deck search anyway, more concerned about Phlox's state of mind than any actual threat. He survives the passage with his sanity intact enough to laugh about it afterward, writing the whole ordeal up as a story for a friend back home rather than a warning sign anyone else needs to worry about.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 17

Hatchery

Air Date: February 25, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

A derelict Xindi-Insectoid vessel yields a startling find: a cache of unhatched eggs whose failing life-support system is the only thing standing between them and extinction, and Archer's determination to save them curdles fast into something closer to obsession. His judgment grows more erratic and more insistent the longer he's around the eggs, alarming a crew who don't understand why their captain is suddenly willing to risk the ship for creatures born of the very species hunting Earth. Phlox eventually identifies the cause: a nurturing hormone released by the eggs that has been quietly overriding Archer's rational judgment since the moment he found them. Treated and restored to himself, Archer resumes course for Azati Prime, unsettled by how easily his instincts had been hijacked without his noticing.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Corporal Chang · Corporal Hawkins · Major Hayes

EPISODE 18

Azati Prime

Air Date: March 3, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Having finally located the Xindi weapon deep inside an asteroid, Archer commits to a one-way mission to destroy it himself, refusing to send anyone else on a flight he doesn't expect to survive. Captured before he can complete the attack, Archer instead finds himself trying to talk Degra and the Xindi Council out of a war built on a false premise, arguing that humanity poses no threat to their future. While he's held captive, the Reptilians launch an all-out assault on Enterprise, leaving the ship crippled and defenseless with most of its senior staff scattered or in danger. The season's stakes collapse into a single, unresolved moment, Archer's fate, and Earth's, both hanging on arguments and battles that haven't finished playing out.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Dolim · Degra · Jannar · Thalen

EPISODE 19

Damage

Air Date: April 21, 2004 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Enterprise limps out of the Xindi assault with catastrophic damage and barely enough power to keep essential systems online, a wound the crew has no time to properly recover from. A hidden message from Degra, smuggled aboard a captured escape pod, offers Archer something he desperately needs: a chance to meet privately and possibly turn the weapon's creator into an ally. Getting there means one more high-risk operation while the ship is still barely holding together, a raid the crew pulls off despite taking on further damage in the process. T'Pol, unsettled by feelings she can no longer fully suppress, finds herself as raw and exposed as the ship she serves on, both of them running on far less than they need.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Dolim · Degra · Jannar

EPISODE 20

The Forgotten

Air Date: April 28, 2004 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

With eighteen shipmates lost in the assault on Azati Prime, Archer pauses the mission just long enough for the crew to properly grieve before pressing forward with the evidence he's gathered to prove the Xindi have been manipulated into a war that isn't truly theirs. He lays it out for Degra piece by piece: the Reptilian remains and technology from a failed attack on 2004 Earth, footage of a dying alien saboteur, and scans from inside one of the Expanse's mysterious spheres. The case is barely made before a Reptilian warship arrives, forcing Archer and Degra into an uneasy alliance against their own supposed ally to survive the encounter. Degra's reluctant agreement to bring the evidence before the full Council marks the first real crack in the war Archer has been fighting to prevent.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Degra · Elizabeth Tucker · Jannar · Taylor

EPISODE 21

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Air Date: May 5, 2004 **Timeline:** 2153
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A ship radios Enterprise using its own registry and its own crew's voices, and turns out to be exactly what it claims: a future version of Enterprise itself, crewed by the descendants of Archer's own people after generations spent trapped in a Delphic Expanse anomaly that never let them leave. Commanding it are an older Tucker and T'Pol, married and the parents of a grown son, Lorian, a life this timeline's Tucker and T'Pol have never lived and, if their present course changes, may now never live at all. Archer has to weigh a request that isn't really a request: the future crew wants a warp coil that would save countless lives in the generations to come, but giving it up threatens to unravel the fragile temporal balance keeping Enterprise's real timeline intact. The choice he makes closes the loop, but not without forcing his own Tucker and T'Pol to reckon with a future version of themselves neither one expected to meet.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Degra · Greer · Jannar · Karyn Archer · Lorian

EPISODE 22

The Council

Air Date: May 12, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Archer and Degra bring evidence before the full Xindi Council that the Sphere-Builders have been manipulating the entire species into building a weapon against Earth, and the vote goes their way — until the Reptilian commander Dolim discovers Degra sabotaged one of his ships and kills him as a traitor. Dolim seizes the weapon anyway and launches it toward Earth with an escort of warships, undoing in an afternoon what Archer spent a season building. Corporal Hawkins dies in the same episode gathering evidence from inside a Sphere, making this the arc's hinge point.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Dolim · Corporal Hawkins · Degra · Jannar · Sphere-Builder

EPISODE 23

Countdown

Air Date: May 19, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

In the wake of Degra's death and Dolim's coup, Enterprise allies with the surviving sympathetic Xindi councilors, Jannar chief among them, in a desperate bid to reach the weapon before Dolim's Reptilian and Insectoid faction can launch it toward Earth. Every route to stopping the attack requires trusting Xindi who, only weeks earlier, had been actively hunting Archer's crew, an alliance built on urgency rather than confidence. Time collapses fast: coordinates, timing windows, and a Reptilian escort fleet all narrow the crew's options to something closer to a single desperate gambit than a plan. As the countdown reaches its final hours, Archer's entire season of investigation comes down to whether a handful of reluctant allies can out-maneuver the weapon before it ever reaches Earth's solar system.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Dolim · Jannar · Major Hayes · Sphere-Builder Presage · Sphere-Builder Primary

EPISODE 24

Zero Hour

Air Date: May 26, 2004
Timeline: 2153
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

With the Xindi weapon bearing down on Earth and its Reptilian escort standing between Enterprise and any hope of stopping it, Archer makes a final, near-suicidal push into the dimension of the Sphere-Builders themselves, the unseen architects who have been manipulating the Xindi into building the weapon all along. Leaving Enterprise under T'Pol and Reed's command to hold off the Reptilian warship, Archer crosses into a realm no

human has any framework for understanding, confronting the Sphere-Builders directly in a bid to end the manipulation at its source. Enterprise's fight against the Reptilians rages without him, the crew forced to improvise a defense with their captain gone and no way to know if he's even still alive. The season ends on a vanishing act rather than a resolution, Archer disappearing in a flash of light as Earth's fate, and his own, are both left entirely unresolved.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Shran · Commander Dolim · Jannar · Mestral · Sphere-Builder Presage

STORY ARC

Xindi Crisis CONCLUDES HERE

A message from the future turns Enterprise's mission from exploration to a desperate search through the Delphic Expanse for a Xindi superweapon built to destroy Earth outright, reshaping the series into something closer to a war story.

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 2154

First Aired: October 8, 2004 **Last Aired:** May 13, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154

The final season shifts its focus toward the political and cultural developments that ultimately lead to the formation of the United Federation of Planets. Multi-episode story arcs explore the histories and relationships of several major species, including Vulcans, Andorians, Tellarites, and Klingons. Archer increasingly finds himself acting as a diplomat and statesman rather than simply an explorer. The season serves as a bridge between humanity's early adventures and the future familiar from later Star Trek series. By emphasizing cooperation and shared ideals, it provides a fitting conclusion to the pre-Federation era. "Storm Front (1)" is still fighting the previous season's temporal war; "These Are the Voyages..." closes out the entire series by looking back at everything that led here. A central continuity line shapes the season. This concentrated Augment arc reconnects Enterprise to Khan-era history while destabilizing human-Klingon relations through genetic ambition and fallout.

EPISODE 1

Storm Front

Air Date: October 8, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154

Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Flung out of the Delphic Expanse and into 1944, Archer finds an alternate Earth where Nazi Germany has conquered the U.S. East Coast with the help of a mysterious ally: Vosk, a time-displaced alien from centuries in the future wielding technology no one in this era should have. Daniels, badly wounded, warns Archer that history itself has been knocked off its intended course, though he can offer little guidance on how to fix it. Archer allies with a resistance movement fighting the occupation from underground New York, buying time to understand exactly what Vosk and his allies are actually trying to accomplish. Stranded in a war his own century never fought, Archer has to treat an alternate history not as a curiosity but as a battlefield he now has to win.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Alicia Travers · Carmine · Ghrath · Joe Prazki

EPISODE 2

Storm Front, Part II

Air Date: October 15, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

With Vosk's true plan coming into focus, altering the entire course of the twentieth century to secure a future favorable to his own people, Archer and the resistance mount a desperate assault on the alien base hidden beneath occupied New York. Trip and the crew work against the clock to sabotage Vosk's temporal technology before it can be used to cement the altered timeline permanently. The fighting costs the resistance dearly, and Archer is forced to make choices about who gets left behind in a war that was never supposed to be his. Vosk's defeat restores the timeline Archer remembers, but the fight is a blunt reminder that the Temporal Cold War can reach into any century it wants, not just his own.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Alicia Travers · Carmine · Kraul · Silik

STORY ARC

Temporal Cold War CONCLUDES HERE

A shadow war fought across centuries turns Archer into an unwitting pawn of the Suliban Cabal and the mysterious Future Guy, a conceit the series raises with real urgency and then largely sets aside rather than resolves.

EPISODE 3

Home

Air Date: October 22, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Enterprise returns to Earth for a long-overdue leave, and the reunion turns out to be far less restful than anyone expected. Archer finds himself unable to simply move past the losses of the Xindi crisis, haunted by choices he made under pressure that don't sit any easier now that the mission is over. Trip goes home to Florida to grieve with his family, still raw over his sister Elizabeth's death, while T'Pol faces backlash from Vulcan society for having grown too close to her human crewmates, a rift that pushes her toward an arranged marriage to a man named Koss largely to protect her ailing mother. The crew's homecoming becomes less a celebration than a reckoning with how much the last year actually cost each of them.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Ambassador Soval · Bar Patron · Captain Erika Hernandez · Commander Williams · Koss

EPISODE 4

Borderland

Air Date: October 29, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A Starfleet security breach leads Archer to Dr. Arik Soong, a brilliant and unapologetic geneticist who has been secretly raising a group of genetically engineered Augment embryos, descendants of the same eugenics program that produced Khan Noonien Singh a century earlier, into young, superhuman adults. When Soong's creations

break free under the leadership of the ruthless Malik, Starfleet has little choice but to bring Soong aboard Enterprise, however reluctantly, since he may be the only person who can predict what his own children will do next. Archer's uneasy partnership with a man who views his fugitives more as sons and daughters than as dangerous criminals sets the tone for a chase that's as much a family tragedy as a manhunt. It's the opening chapter of a story about ambition, custody, and the appeal of building a better human being than the ones already here.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Arik Soong · Malik · Orion Slaver · Persis

STORY ARC

Augments BEGINS HERE

This concentrated Augment arc reconnects Enterprise to Khan-era history while destabilizing human-Klingon relations through genetic ambition and fallout.

EPISODE 5

Cold Station 12

Air Date: November 5, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

The hunt for the escaped Augments leads to Cold Station 12, a remote genetic research facility holding both a store of embryos and dangerous, restricted biological agents that Malik's Augments intend to seize for themselves. Soong's usefulness to Archer only sharpens the deeper this crisis goes, since predicting his creations means understanding just how far he engineered them to go without restraint. The raid on the station turns violent fast, exposing exactly how much destructive potential Soong built into people he still, against all evidence, insists on calling his children. What the Augments take from Cold Station 12 raises the stakes from a rescue mission to something closer to an arms race.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Arik Soong · Dr. Jeremy Lucas · Lokesh · Malik · Persis

EPISODE 6

The Augments

Air Date: November 12, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Armed with both fresh embryos and stolen bioweapons from Cold Station 12, Malik sets his sights on something far more ambitious than freedom: provoking open war between the Klingon Empire and Earth, calculating that the resulting chaos would let the Augments carve out an existence beyond anyone's control. Soong, watching his carefully rationalized project curdle into something even he can no longer defend, finally has to choose between loyalty to his creations and stopping a war neither Earth nor the Klingons actually want. Archer's efforts to head off the attack put Enterprise squarely between Malik's ambitions and the catastrophe he's engineering. Soong's decision to help Archer, at real personal cost, closes the Augment crisis, but leaves behind uncomfortable questions about how much responsibility a creator owes for what he's created.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Augment · Captain Magh · Dr. Arik Soong · Dr. Jeremy Lucas · Lokesh

STORY ARC

Augments CONCLUDES HERE

This concentrated Augment arc reconnects Enterprise to Khan-era history while destabilizing human-Klingon relations through genetic ambition and fallout.

EPISODE 7

The Forge

Air Date: November 19, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A bombing at a diplomatic conference meant to ease tensions between Vulcans, Andorians, and humans kills dozens and throws suspicion onto Archer's crew, forcing Archer, T'Pol, and Trip to flee into the Forge, a lethal Vulcan desert, ahead of a corrupt government eager to pin the attack on them. T'Pol's search for answers leads toward the Syrrannites, a group the current Vulcan administration dismisses as fringe extremists but who may hold something far more significant: physical proof of Surak's actual, long-buried teachings. The journey strips away the usual comforts of command, leaving the three of them exposed to both the desert and a government that clearly wants them dead before they can find what they're looking for. What begins as a manhunt turns into the first real crack in a Vulcan society that has spent generations lying to itself about who it actually is.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Administrator V'Las · Ambassador Soval · Arev · Koss · Maxwell Forrest

STORY ARC

Vulcan Reformation BEGINS HERE

Through Surak's legacy, Enterprise recasts Vulcan's spiritual crisis as the trigger for broad political and cultural reform.

EPISODE 8

Awakening

Air Date: November 26, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Deep in the Forge, Archer, T'Pol, and Trip find the Syrrannites and their leader T'Pau, along with an old secret Archer has been unknowingly carrying since an earlier, seemingly unrelated encounter: a katra, the mind and memory of Surak himself, embedded in his own consciousness. Meanwhile the corrupt Vulcan administration under Administrator V'Las escalates its pursuit, framing the search for Surak's true teachings as a threat to Vulcan stability rather than what it actually is, an inconvenient truth. The katra inside Archer begins surfacing at increasingly dangerous moments, blurring the line between his own thoughts and a philosopher's who has been dead for over a thousand years. What the Syrrannites are protecting turns out to be worth killing for, on both sides of a conflict that has far outgrown its origins as a manhunt.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Administrator V'Las · Ambassador Soval · Minister Kuvak · Surak · T'Les

EPISODE 9

Kir'Shara

Air Date: December 3, 2004 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

The Syrrannites' hidden relic, the Kir'Shara, finally comes to light, an ancient artifact containing Surak's actual, unaltered teachings, and its recovery blows apart the official version of Vulcan philosophy that V'Las's government has spent years enforcing. Exposing V'Las's secret collaboration with the Romulans, the very enemy Vulcan public rhetoric has spent decades condemning, strips away what little legitimacy his administration had left. T'Pau and the Syrrannites move to restore the Kir'Shara's teachings as the true foundation of Vulcan society, ending both V'Las's rule and the manufactured hostility toward Andorians that his government had been quietly stoking. It's less a single victory than the start of an overdue reckoning, one that leaves Vulcan closer to the philosophy it always claimed to practice.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Shran, Administrator V'Las, Ambassador Soval, Koss, Minister Kuvak

STORY ARC
Vulcan Reformation CONCLUDES HERE
Through Surak's legacy, Enterprise recasts Vulcan's spiritual crisis as the trigger for broad political and cultural reform.

EPISODE 10

Daedalus

Air Date: January 14, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Archer's old mentor Emory Erickson, the inventor of the transporter itself, comes aboard Enterprise chasing an obsession he's carried for years: rescuing his son Quinn, who was lost in a subspace transporter accident during an early, secret test of the technology and has existed in a kind of temporal limbo ever since. Erickson's plan to retrieve Quinn using Enterprise's systems puts the ship and crew at real risk, a gamble Archer allows more out of respect for what Erickson gave humanity than confidence that it will actually work. What the rescue reveals about Quinn's state, and about how much Erickson has hidden from Starfleet and himself over the years, forces Archer to weigh a legend's legacy against the son that legacy nearly erased. The mission closes on something closer to grief than triumph, a reminder that even the technology that makes exploration possible has never been fully safe.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS Burrows, Danica Erickson, Dr. Emory Erickson, Quinn

EPISODE 11

Observer Effect

Air Date: January 21, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A silicon-based virus begins killing the crew one by one, spreading through simple contact and leaving Archer's people with almost no way to defend against something they can't even see coming. Unknown to anyone aboard, the entire crisis is being watched, and occasionally nudged, by two non-corporeal Organians who have

taken human form to observe how the crew handles a threat they were never meant to survive. Their detached commentary on human values, and on whether this crew is even worth saving, plays out alongside the outbreak itself, turning a survival story into something closer to a trial. Archer never learns he was being tested until the virus is contained, leaving the crew alive but for reasons that had less to do with their own effort than they'd like to believe.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 12

Babel One

Air Date: January 28, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Ferrying Andorian ambassador Shran to a fragile peace conference, Enterprise is drawn into an attack that seems designed to look exactly like Andorian aggression, souring the talks before they've even properly begun. Archer's investigation uncovers a mysterious, remotely piloted drone ship capable of striking without a crew aboard to capture or interrogate, a weapon built specifically to look like whoever its controllers want blamed. Shran, suspicious of his own government's rivals as much as anyone, becomes an uneasy ally in tracking the real culprit rather than accepting the convenient story everyone else seems ready to believe. The deeper the investigation goes, the clearer it becomes that someone outside the conference room wants Andorians, Tellarites, and humans fighting each other instead of talking.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran · Admiral Valdore · Ambassador Gral · Lieutenant Talas · Naarg

STORY ARC

Coalition Arc BEGINS HERE

A key proto-Federation storyline in which mutual danger pushes long-hostile powers toward the cooperative politics that later define the alliance.

EPISODE 13

United

Air Date: February 4, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Evidence mounts that the drone ship sabotaging the peace conference is Romulan, operated by remote telepresence from somewhere far outside the fight it's been engineered to start, proof that an old enemy has been manipulating the entire crisis from the shadows. Archer has to convince Andorians, Tellarites, and Vulcans, species with more history of mutual suspicion than cooperation, to fly and fight together against a threat none of them can face alone. The improvised, multi-species fleet that results is less an alliance of trust than one of necessity, held together by the shared recognition that the alternative is being picked off one at a time. Taking down the drone ship together does more to prove the value of unity than any of the diplomatic sessions that started the conference in the first place.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran · Admiral Valdore · Ambassador Gral · Lieutenant Talas · Naarg

EPISODE 14

The Aenar

Air Date: February 11, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Tracking the Romulan drone ship's true origin leads Enterprise to Andoria and, beyond the Andorians themselves, to the Aenar, a reclusive, blind telepathic offshoot of the Andorian people who want nothing to do with the wider conflict. Shran's history with an Aenar woman named Jhamel gives him a way in that Archer alone never would have found, though persuading her people to use their telepathy as a weapon, even indirectly, runs against everything the Aenar have built their isolation to protect. Jhamel's reluctant agreement to help locate the drone ship telepathically finally gives the coalition fleet the edge it needs. The victory closes out the crisis, but it comes at the cost of dragging a people who wanted no part of this war directly into the middle of it.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran · Admiral Valdore · Gareb · Jhamel · Lissan

STORY ARC

Coalition Arc CONCLUDES HERE

A key proto-Federation storyline in which mutual danger pushes long-hostile powers toward the cooperative politics that later define the alliance.

Vulcan–Andorian Conflict CONCLUDES HERE

Early Vulcan-Andorian hostility gives way to hard-won cooperation as Archer uncovers political manipulation, supports reform on Vulcan, and helps the two powers confront a shared Romulan threat.

EPISODE 15

Affliction

Air Date: February 18, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Phlox vanishes without warning, abducted by Klingons desperate for a cure to a genetic plague spreading through their empire, the unintended result of Klingon scientists attempting to replicate the human Augment enhancements using recovered data. Trip's sudden, very public resignation from Starfleet turns out to be cover for a deeper mission: tracking down Phlox and the source of the outbreak before it can be weaponized or spiral further out of Klingon control. The affliction is already visibly altering its victims, a disturbing hint at just how badly the experiment has gone wrong. Archer's crew is left racing an empire that would rather cover up its own mistake than admit it needs outside help to fix it.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Antaak · Captain Erika Hernandez · Commander Collins · Commander Kelby · General K'Vagh

STORY ARC

Klingon Augment Arc BEGINS HERE

A Klingon medical crisis becomes a continuity bridge, tying Enterprise to the genetic legacy behind one of Trek's enduring historical questions.

EPISODE 16

Divergence

Air Date: February 25, 2005
Timeline: 2154
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

With Phlox still held captive aboard a Klingon research vessel, Archer mounts a rescue that doubles as an effort to contain a plague neither side fully understands, racing against a Klingon leadership more interested in denial than treatment. Trip's undercover work inside the Klingon operation gives Archer the access he needs, though extracting Phlox means surviving both the outbreak and the Klingons determined to keep the whole crisis quiet. The cure Phlox and the crew manage to produce doesn't undo the damage already done, leaving a portion of the Klingon population permanently and visibly altered by the failed experiment. It's an uneasy resolution that answers, almost in passing, a question generations of later audiences would eventually ask about why Klingons don't always look the same.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Antaak · Captain Erika Hernandez · General K'Vagh · Harris · Lt. Laneth

STORY ARC

Klingon Augment Arc CONCLUDES HERE

A Klingon medical crisis becomes a continuity bridge, tying Enterprise to the genetic legacy behind one of Trek's enduring historical questions.

EPISODE 17

Bound

Air Date: April 15, 2005
Timeline: 2154
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Three Orion women — Navaar, D'Nesh, and Maras — come aboard as a "gift" to Archer from an old trading contact, and their pheromones start dismantling the crew's judgment from the captain down. What looks like a slave trade on the surface is more complicated: the women are using their captivity as a weapon of their own. It's an uncomfortable episode by design, and one the finished cut still argues about how well it landed.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Kelby · D'Nesh · Harrad-Sar · Maras · Navaar

EPISODE 18

In a Mirror, Darkly

Air Date: April 22, 2005
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2154
Runtime: 43 min

In a parallel universe ruled by the brutal Terran Empire, the ISS Enterprise under Captain Archer discovers the wreckage of a starship that doesn't belong to any timeline this universe has ever produced: the USS Defiant, a 23rd-century Federation vessel that fell through a rift from a very different reality entirely. Recognizing the Defiant's technology as centuries beyond anything the Empire currently possesses, this Archer sees a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not to explore, but to seize enough power to challenge the Empire's leadership outright. His crew, as ruthless and ambitious as the Empire that shaped them, follows him toward the Defiant with agendas of their own, each one calculating exactly how loyal they actually need to be. What plays out aboard the derelict ship has nothing to do with curiosity and everything to do with naked ambition, in a universe where mercy has never been a survival trait.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Maximilian Forrest

STORY ARC

Mirror Universe BEGINS HERE

This self-contained Mirror Universe detour uses familiar figures in reversed roles to sketch an imperial alternate history of brutality, ambition, and betrayal.

EPISODE 19

In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II

Air Date: April 29, 2005
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2154
Runtime: 43 min

Command of the captured USS Defiant in hand, mirror-Archer sets his sights on Earth itself, intent on using the ship's superior technology to seize control of the Terran Empire from the inside rather than simply defend against its enemies. Loyalty aboard the Defiant proves as fragile as everywhere else in this universe, and the crew's ambitions curdle into open betrayal as the stakes rise toward outright mutiny. The empire mirror-Archer hoped to conquer turns out to be just as willing to devour him as any external threat, a lesson delivered with the same brutal efficiency the Terran Empire applies to everything else. The two-part detour ends without any of the reassurance a prime-universe story would offer, just a reminder of how differently the same faces can turn out when built on conquest instead of exploration.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Black · Admiral Gardner · Slar

STORY ARC

Mirror Universe CONCLUDES HERE

This self-contained Mirror Universe detour uses familiar figures in reversed roles to sketch an imperial alternate history of brutality, ambition, and betrayal.

EPISODE 20

Demons

Air Date: May 6, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

A xenophobic human-purity movement called Terra Prime, led by the charismatic and dangerous John Frederick Paxton, surfaces with a hidden base on Mars and a shocking piece of leverage: a young human-Vulcan hybrid child who turns out to be the secret biological daughter of Trip and T'Pol, created without their knowledge from genetic material taken during an earlier medical procedure. Paxton intends to use the child as living proof of the genetic contamination he claims aliens pose to humanity, weaponizing her existence for propaganda before either of her actual parents even fully understands what's happened. Trip and T'Pol's frantic effort to find and protect a daughter they never knew they had collides directly with a movement determined to use her as a symbol instead of a person. The crisis exposes both a dangerous political movement and a devastating personal betrayal in the same breath.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Colonel Green · Daniel Greaves · Gannet Brooks · Harris

STORY ARC

Terra Prime BEGINS HERE

Terra Prime turns xenophobic politics into a direct test of Earth's readiness for interstellar leadership and the coalition future Enterprise is building.

EPISODE 21

Terra Prime

Air Date: May 13, 2005 **Timeline:** 2154
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Paxton escalates from propaganda to open threat, seizing control of the Verteron array on Mars and aiming a weapon capable of devastating any non-human presence on Earth unless every alien vessel and visitor leaves the solar system immediately. Archer confronts him directly at the antenna facility, racing to disarm both the weapon and the movement it represents before Paxton can turn rhetoric into a massacre. Amid the standoff, the genetic instability of Trip and T'Pol's daughter finally overwhelms even Phlox's best efforts, and she dies despite everything the crew tries to do to save her. Archer stops Paxton in time to prevent catastrophe, but the personal cost of the episode, a child lost before she ever really had a chance to live, lands far harder than the political victory does.

CHARACTERS Jonathan Archer · T'Pol · Charles 'Trip' Tucker III · Phlox · Malcolm Reed · Hoshi Sato · Travis Mayweather

GUEST CHARACTERS Ambassador Soval · Andorian Ambassador Thoris · Commander Kelby · Daniel Greaves · Gannet Brooks

STORY ARC

Terra Prime CONCLUDES HERE

Terra Prime turns xenophobic politics into a direct test of Earth's readiness for interstellar leadership and the coalition future Enterprise is building.

EPISODE 22

These Are the Voyages...

Air Date: May 13, 2005
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2154
Runtime: 43 min

Six years after Enterprise's final mission, aboard the Enterprise-D during the events later depicted in Star Trek: The Next Generation, Commander Riker uses the ship's holodeck to work through a difficult decision of his own by revisiting a dramatized account of Archer's crew on the eve of the Federation's founding. The recreation follows Archer as he prepares to deliver the speech that will help formally establish the United Federation of Planets, closing the loop on everything the crew fought, argued, and nearly died for across four years in deep space. Framing the finale through Riker's eyes rather than Archer's own turns Enterprise's ending into something closer to a legend already passed down than a story still being lived. It's an unconventional close for a series that spent its run insisting exploration always costs something, ending instead on the quiet, secondhand reassurance that all of it mattered.

CHARACTERS	Jonathan Archer, T'Pol, Charles 'Trip' Tucker III, Phlox, Malcolm Reed, Hoshi Sato, Travis Mayweather
GUEST CHARACTERS	Shran, Commander William T. Riker, Counselor Deanna Troi, Talla

THE AGE OF THE RED ANGEL

ERA II

THE AGE OF THE RED ANGEL (2256–2259)

At the Battle of the Binary Stars, T'Kuvma lights the beacon that unites twenty-four Klingon houses in war, and Michael Burnham becomes the first officer in Starfleet history to lose her commission before her story has properly begun. The Federation is thrown onto a defensive footing it is not prepared for. Its most classified research programs, among them the *Discovery*'s spore drive and its tardigrade pilot Ripper, push officers into ethical territory far beyond ordinary command decisions.

Wartime chaos is only part of it. A jump to the Mirror Universe entangles the crew with Terran Empire politics and a Georgiou nobody expected to have to work with. Section 31 and the rogue AI Control turn a war footing into an intelligence crisis with the fate of all sentient life on the line. Underneath runs the mystery of the Red Angel, eventually revealed to be Burnham's own mother, displaced in time.

What distinguishes these three years is the pressure placed on truth itself. Classified technology, covert intervention, spore-drive experimentation, and mirror-universe entanglement all destabilize the ordinary relationship between event and record. Some of the period's most consequential developments are also the least likely to survive in transparent institutional memory.

The age ends with disappearance and archival silence — *Discovery* itself vanishing nearly a millennium into the future to keep its secrets out of the wrong hands.

Its brevity compresses war, secrecy, invention, and historical erasure into the most volatile transitional years in Starfleet history.

CHAPTER 2

STAR TREK: DISCOVERY

First Aired: September 24, 2017 **Last Aired:** May 30, 2024 **Seasons:** 5 **Episodes:** 65 **Network:** Paramount+

Commander Michael Burnham and the crew of the U.S.S. Discovery become central figures in a series of events that span multiple eras of Star Trek history. Beginning in the 23rd century and later continuing in the distant future, the crew confronts major scientific mysteries, galactic threats, and periods of profound change within the Federation. Through exploration, diplomacy, and discovery, the series examines Starfleet's ideals during times of crisis and renewal. From "The Vulcan Hello" to "Life, Itself", the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. Discovery's opening war story follows the Klingon conflict from Burnham's mutiny and the Binary Stars disaster to an uneasy political settlement. The spore drive becomes Discovery's signature advantage while exposing the ethical, strategic, and personal costs of centering a mission around it.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2256

First Aired: September 24, 2017 **Last Aired:** February 11, 2018 **Timeline:** 2256
Stardates: 1207.3–1834.2

Season one begins during a period of rising tensions between the Federation and the Klingon Empire, transforming Star Trek: Discovery into a story shaped by war, redemption, and personal growth. Michael Burnham's actions trigger events that alter both her own life and the future of the Federation, forcing her to rebuild trust while serving aboard the USS Discovery. The season introduces advanced technologies, mysterious scientific phenomena, and new perspectives on familiar Star Trek concepts. As the conflict escalates, the crew confronts questions of loyalty, identity, and the principles worth defending during wartime. The season ultimately reaffirms the Federation's ideals while establishing Discovery's unique place within the franchise. The distance from "The Vulcan Hello," where Burnham's mutiny sets the war in motion, to "Will You Take My Hand?," where that war finally ends, is the season's whole arc of consequence. A central continuity line shapes the season. Discovery's opening war story follows the Klingon conflict from Burnham's mutiny and the Binary Stars disaster to an uneasy political settlement.

EPISODE 1

The Vulcan Hello

Air Date: September 24, 2017 **Timeline:** 2256
Stardate: 1207.3 **Runtime:** 42 min

A routine patrol near the neutral zone turns into first contact with something far more dangerous when the USS Shenzhou encounters an unidentified structure that turns out to be a Klingon beacon, and Michael Burnham finds herself facing the opening move of a war neither side has technically declared. T'Kuvma, a Klingon zealot invoking the teachings of the long-dead Kahless, has spent years building a coalition around a single unifying cause: resisting Federation assimilation by any means necessary. Convinced that striking first is the only way to prevent a slaughter, Burnham breaks protocol and disables her own captain, Philippa Georgiou, in a desperate bid to attack before the Klingons can. She fails to stop the escalation regardless, and more Klingon ships arrive just as Georgiou recovers command, a mutiny that changes nothing except Burnham's own career.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Philippa Georgiou · Brett Anderson · Danby Connor · Dr. Nambue · Keyla Detmer

STORY ARC

Klingon War BEGINS HERE

Discovery's opening war story follows the Klingon conflict from Burnham's mutiny and the Binary Stars disaster to an uneasy political settlement.

EPISODE 2

Battle at the Binary Stars

Air Date: September 24, 2017
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 38 min

Raised as a ward of Sarek after the death of her parents, Michael Burnham became the first human to graduate the Vulcan Science Academy before serving for seven years as Georgiou's trusted first officer, a resume that makes her attempted mutiny against a beloved captain all the more shocking to everyone aboard the Shenzhou. Her gamble to fire first on T'Kuvma's ship, meant to prevent a war she was certain was coming, instead becomes the spark that starts it, as Klingon reinforcements descend on the Federation fleet at the Binary Stars. T'Kuvma dies in the battle he provoked, and his dying wish, that his sacrifice be remembered, falls to a young disciple named Voq to carry forward. Burnham survives the battle only to be court-martialed and sentenced to life in prison, the entire war she tried to prevent now beginning in her name.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Philippa Georgiou · Brett Anderson · Britch Weeton · Danby Connor · Dennas

EPISODE 3

Context Is for Kings

Air Date: October 1, 2017
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 48 min

Six months into a war she blames herself for starting, Burnham is a convicted mutineer being transferred between prisons when an emergency diverts her shuttle to the USS Discovery, a ship running experiments far outside anything she recognizes from her old career. She overhears enough to learn that an astromycologist named Paul Stamets is developing something called a spore drive, and that Discovery's sister ship, the USS Glenn, was recently wiped out by whatever the same research produced. Captain Gabriel Lorca, evasive about almost everything happening aboard his ship, turns out to be quietly obsessed with a mysterious creature his security chief has smuggled aboard without much explanation given to the rest of the crew. Burnham's arrival puts her back in a command structure faster than she expected, working for a captain whose secrets rival her own.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Airiam · Cold · Commander Landry · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

STORY ARC

Spore Drive BEGINS HERE

The spore drive becomes Discovery's signature advantage while exposing the ethical, strategic, and personal costs of centering a mission around it.

EPISODE 4

The Butcher's Knife Cares Not for the Lamb's Cry

Air Date: October 8, 2017
Timeline: 2256
Stardate: —
Runtime: 49 min

Still adjusting to a Discovery uniform stripped of Starfleet insignia, a visible reminder of her disgraced status, Burnham is thrown straight into the war effort when Starfleet orders the ship to defend the dilithium mining colony of Corvan II from a Klingon assault. Tilly's gentle persistence finally convinces Burnham to open a package she's been avoiding since her court-martial: a bequest from Georgiou containing her family's antique telescope, a quiet inheritance from the captain Burnham's mutiny helped get killed. The battle at Corvan II tests Discovery's still-unproven spore drive technology under real combat pressure for the first time. Burnham's grief over Georgiou and her uncertain footing aboard a ship built on secrets both start to feel like permanent conditions rather than temporary ones.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hugh Culber · Philippa Georgiou · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Airiam · Commander Landry

EPISODE 5

Choose Your Pain

Air Date: October 15, 2017
Timeline: 2256
Stardate: —
Runtime: 47 min

A mission behind enemy lines leaves Lorca captured alongside Starfleet's newly rescued Lieutenant Ash Tyler and, unexpectedly, the con artist Harry Mudd, forcing three very different survival instincts to cooperate inside a Klingon prison ship none of them particularly trust each other in. Their escape depends as much on exploiting each other's weaknesses as on any real alliance, a dynamic that leaves lingering suspicion even after they make it out. Back aboard Discovery, Burnham grows increasingly disturbed by what the ship's spore drive is actually doing to Ripper, the tardigrade creature whose biology makes the technology work at all. Both storylines land on the same uncomfortable question: how much cost, to a prisoner, a colleague, or a captive alien, counts as acceptable in the name of winning the war.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Harry Mudd · Hugh Culber · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Admiral Terral · Airiam

EPISODE 6

Lethe

Air Date: October 22, 2017
Timeline: 2256
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Ash Tyler's arrival aboard Discovery unsettles a crew still trying to figure out who he really is beyond a rescued prisoner of war, while Sarek reaches out to Burnham with a request that forces her back into a relationship neither of them has ever fully repaired. Their connection, built on obligation as much as affection, resurfaces old wounds about what Sarek chose not to tell her growing up and what she's never forgiven him for withholding. Meanwhile Admiral Cornwell's visit to Discovery turns into a pointed audit of Lorca's command style, one that raises more questions about his judgment than it answers. By the episode's end, both relationships, Burnham's with Sarek and Cornwell's with Lorca, are left more exposed than resolved.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hugh Culber · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Admiral Terral · Airiam · Amanda Grayson

EPISODE 7

Magic to Make the Sanest Man Go Mad

Air Date: October 29, 2017
Timeline: 2256
Stardate: —
Runtime: 47 min

Harry Mudd stows away for Discovery's masquerade party and gets himself killed trying to steal the ship's spore drive — then does it again, and again, using a stolen time-travel device to relive the same day until he gets the theft right. Stamets is the only one who remembers each iteration, and has to convince the rest of the crew of a crisis that, as far as they're concerned, hasn't happened yet. Mudd's genuinely funny about his own murderousness, which is most of what makes the loop work.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Harry Mudd · Hugh Culber · Airiam · Baron Grimes · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 8

Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum

Air Date: November 5, 2017
Timeline: 2256
Stardate: 1308.9
Runtime: 42 min

Discovery is sent to the sentient, harmony-obsessed planet Pahvo on a mission to develop technology that could finally let Starfleet detect cloaked Klingon ships, a tactical breakthrough that could reshape the entire war. The planet's strange, almost telepathic influence starts affecting the away team in ways that complicate the straightforward military objective, blurring the line between using Pahvo's properties and exploiting a world that never asked to be part of anyone's war. What the crew wants and what Pahvo's own signal actually attracts turn out to be very different things, drawing unwanted attention from exactly the enemy they hoped to outmaneuver. The mission's outcome leaves Burnham wrestling with how much of Starfleet's wartime pragmatism she's willing to accept as necessary.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hugh Culber · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Admiral Terral · Airiam · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 9

Into the Forest I Go

Air Date: November 12, 2017
Timeline: 2256
Stardate: —
Runtime: 47 min

Convinced that a single decisive strike could end the war outright, Lorca pushes Discovery and its spore drive technology past every safety margin Starfleet would normally require, betting the ship and crew on a plan he isn't fully transparent about. The mission's escalating risk forces Burnham and the rest of the senior staff to question just how far Lorca is willing to go, and how much of his reasoning is actually about winning the war versus something closer to personal obsession. As the operation reaches its climax, the spore drive itself becomes as much a liability as a weapon, straining both the ship's systems and Stamets, the one person capable of operating it. What should be a triumphant use of Discovery's unique capabilities instead leaves the crew further from certainty about their captain than they started.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hugh Culber · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Admiral Terral · Keyla Detmer · Kol

EPISODE 10

Despite Yourself

Air Date: January 7, 2018
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 48 min

A malfunctioning jump through the mycelial network strands Discovery in a parallel universe entirely, one ruled by a brutal Terran Empire where humanity conquers rather than explores, and with Stamets left incapacitated from the jump, the crew has no clear way home. Forced to pose as their own mirror-universe counterparts just to survive contact with Imperial forces, Burnham and her crewmates discover how thin the line is between performance and genuine complicity in an empire built on cruelty. Tyler's deepening unease reveals something far darker than simple trauma from Klingon captivity, hinting that his memories of torture may not be telling the whole story of what actually happened to him. Stranded, exposed, and increasingly unsure who around them is playing a role, the crew has to find a way back to their own universe before the mask becomes the truth.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Gabriel Lorca, Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS Hugh Culber, Airiam, Danby Connor, Joann Owosekun, Kamran Gant

EPISODE 11

The Wolf Inside

Air Date: January 14, 2018
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 49 min

Still trapped in the Terran Empire and maintaining her cover as her own ruthless counterpart, Burnham is ordered to destroy a cell of Terran rebels resisting Imperial rule, a mission that puts her directly at odds with the very people she'd be fighting alongside back home. Protecting them without blowing her cover means playing a version of herself capable of convincing an empire of killers that she belongs among them. Ash Tyler's condition worsens dramatically, an internal struggle intensifying until it threatens not just his own stability but the crew's slim chance of getting home at all. Every choice Burnham makes to save the rebels pulls her further from the ship's actual mission, leaving her caught between two versions of loyalty that can't both be satisfied.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Gabriel Lorca, Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS Hugh Culber, Admiral Shukar, Captain Maddox, Emperor Philippa Georgiou, Kamran Gant

EPISODE 12

Vaulting Ambition

Air Date: January 21, 2018
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 38 min

Ordered to deliver a supposed peace offering to the ISS Charon, seat of the Terran Emperor, Burnham finds herself at the center of a court built entirely on suspicion and violence, where surviving the visit matters more than completing the mission. Trapped inside the mycelial network from the failed jump, Stamets begins experiencing something closer to enlightenment than injury, gaining a strange clarity about the nature of the network and what it actually connects. Elsewhere, Saru turns to L'Rell, the captured Klingon still aboard Discovery, for help the crew badly needs but has no easy way to ask for. Each storyline is quietly circling the same problem, that surviving this universe, and this crisis, may require compromises none of them expected to have to make.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Gabriel Lorca, Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS Hugh Culber, Barlow, Captain Maddox, Dr. Pollard, Emperor Philippa Georgiou

EPISODE 13

What's Past is Prologue

Air Date: January 28, 2018
Stardate: 1834.2
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 44 min

Lorca's long-simmering plans finally surface: a coup against the Terran Emperor herself, and Burnham is pulled directly into the plot whether she's ready to commit to it or not. The scheme forces her to weigh loyalty to a captain whose motives have never been fully honest against the survival of a crew stranded in a universe that punishes hesitation. As the coup unfolds, the truth about Lorca, who he actually is and what he's actually been doing since Discovery first found him, finally comes into full view, upending everything Burnham thought she understood about her captain. The revelation reframes nearly every decision made since Burnham first came aboard, a betrayal too large to simply move past.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Airiam · Commander Landry · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 14

The War Without, The War Within

Air Date: February 4, 2018
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 49 min

Discovery's return to the Prime universe brings no relief, only the discovery that the war continued without them and the Federation's position has deteriorated into something close to desperate. With conventional options running out, Starfleet turns to an uncomfortable plan built around Georgiou's captured mirror-universe counterpart, whose resemblance to the real, deceased captain might be leveraged to buy the Federation time it doesn't otherwise have. Ash Tyler, unable to fully separate himself from the identity he shared with Voq, chooses to leave Discovery rather than risk becoming a danger to the crew that saved him. Burnham returns to a war that looks less winnable than the one she left, carrying secrets about Lorca and Tyler that nobody back home is prepared to hear.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Dr. Pollard · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Keyla Detmer · L'Rell

EPISODE 15

Will You Take My Hand?

Air Date: February 11, 2018
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2256
Runtime: 45 min

With the war reaching its breaking point, Starfleet authorizes a desperate plan built around mirror-Georgiou posing as the Terran Emperor to deliver a bomb that could annihilate the Klingon homeworld outright, a strategy Burnham finds herself unable to accept even as the alternative may cost the Federation the war. Wrestling with grief for the real Georgiou and doubts about what victory should actually look like, Burnham argues for a different ending, one built on offering the Klingons a real path to peace rather than annihilation. Her intervention changes the mission's outcome, and L'Rell's rise to Klingon Chancellor gives the war an ending built on negotiated survival instead of vengeance. Discovery's crew closes out the season having won the war, but only by refusing to fight it entirely on the terms they were handed.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Gabriel Lorca · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Gorch · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Admiral Shukar · Airiam · Amanda Grayson

STORY ARC

Klingon War CONCLUDES HERE

Discovery's opening war story follows the Klingon conflict from Burnham's mutiny and the Binary Stars disaster to an uneasy political settlement.

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2257

First Aired: January 17, 2019 **Last Aired:** April 18, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257 **Stardates:** 1025.2–1532.9

Season two centers on a galaxy-spanning mystery involving strange signals, an enigmatic figure known as the Red Angel, and threats that could reshape the future of sentient life. Captain Christopher Pike assumes command of Discovery, bringing a renewed emphasis on exploration, optimism, and leadership. As the crew investigates the signals, personal histories and future destinies become increasingly intertwined. The season expands connections to established Star Trek lore while developing Michael Burnham's relationship with her family and her place within Starfleet. Its conclusion dramatically alters the direction of the series and launches Discovery into an entirely new era. What begins as a set of unexplained signals in "Brother" resolves, by "Such Sweet Sorrow (2)," into a mystery large enough to send Discovery a thousand years into its own future. A central continuity line shapes the season. A season-long enigma that binds Burnham's family history to the struggle against Control, bringing prophecy, causality, and sacrifice into one thread.

EPISODE 1

Brother

Air Date: January 17, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 61 min

A distress call from the USS Enterprise brings Discovery into contact with Captain Christopher Pike, who takes temporary command of the ship while its own captain remains missing in the aftermath of the war's end. The mission that follows centers on seven mysterious red signals flashing across known space, each one seemingly placed with intention rather than occurring by chance. Burnham, still working through the weight of her upbringing on Vulcan and the strained relationship she's never repaired with her adopted brother Spock, finds the investigation pulling her back toward a past she'd rather not revisit. What starts as a scientific anomaly quickly starts to look like something built specifically to be found, and specifically by this crew.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Amanda Grayson · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Cmdr. Nhan · Dr. Pollard

STORY ARC

Red Angel BEGINS HERE

A season-long enigma that binds Burnham's family history to the struggle against Control, bringing prophecy, causality, and sacrifice into one thread.

EPISODE 2

New Eden

Air Date: January 24, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A signal that shouldn't exist pulls Discovery toward a human colony impossibly far from Earth: descendants of people taken during World War III two centuries earlier by an unseen benefactor, left to build a single faith out of every religion they carried with them. Pike leads the away mission that has to decide how much of that world's fragile balance can survive real contact with the Federation it's never known existed, while a decaying reactor at the colony's heart makes the ethics of the Prime Directive suddenly very literal. Aboard ship, Stamets keeps returning to the mycelial network alone, chasing a version of connection he can't yet admit is really about missing Hugh. New Eden turns out to be one answer to what the season's signals actually are — proof that something, or someone, has been quietly rearranging the galaxy's pieces long before Discovery noticed the pattern.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Pollard · Jacob · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer · Lt. Cmdr. Airiam

EPISODE 3

Point of Light

Air Date: January 31, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: 1029.5 **Runtime:** 49 min

An unexpected visitor arrives bearing troubling news about Spock, reopening old wounds Burnham has spent years trying not to think about and forcing her to reckon with a family history full of things left unsaid. The revelations complicate an already fragile relationship, leaving Burnham to weigh her guilt against her genuine need for answers about her brother's disappearance. Meanwhile Tilly starts experiencing disorienting episodes that blur the line between hallucination and something more literal, unsettling in ways she can't yet explain to anyone. On Qo'noS, L'Rell's grip on the Klingon chancellorship proves far less secure than the peace she brokered was supposed to guarantee, a political fault line that threatens to undo the war's fragile resolution.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amanda Grayson · Captain Diego Vela · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 4

An Obol for Charon

Air Date: February 7, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 51 min

A massive alien sphere, ancient enough to have watched empires rise on nothing but starlight, chooses Discovery as it dies and pours the whole of its recorded life into the ship's computer core before its collapse can crush them both. The download comes at a cost the crew can't yet measure, but a smaller emergency forces the point home immediately: Tilly's secret companion May, the mycelial presence she's kept hidden since the spore drive first opened between worlds, admits she needs a body to survive and has decided Tilly's will do. Saru's own body answers the sphere's radiation with an emergency of its own, triggering the vahar'ai his people have feared for generations as a death sentence, and revealing, once it runs its course, that the ganglia falling away leave him not

dying but finally, fully awake. Two survivals resolve in the same hour, one chosen and one forced, and neither leaves the person going through it quite who they were before.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cmdr. Jett Reno · Cmdr. Nhan · Dr. Pollard · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 5

Saints of Imperfection

Air Date: February 14, 2019
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2257
Runtime: 52 min

Racing to save Tilly's life inside a bizarre, biologically alive alien landscape hidden within the mycelial network, Burnham and the crew find themselves navigating a world where none of Discovery's usual instincts quite apply. Stamets, still recovering from his own ordeal inside the network, is entirely unprepared for what the rescue actually requires of him once they're inside. Back aboard ship, Section 31 formally enters the hunt for Spock, an arrangement Pike accepts with open reluctance given the organization's reputation for results that come at other people's expense. The rescue succeeds, but not without underscoring just how much of the spore drive's power still comes from places Discovery doesn't fully understand or control.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Cmdr. Nhan · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

STORY ARC

Spore Drive CONCLUDES HERE

The spore drive becomes Discovery's signature advantage while exposing the ethical, strategic, and personal costs of centering a mission around it.

EPISODE 6

The Sound of Thunder

Air Date: February 21, 2019
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2257
Runtime: 56 min

A fourth red signal appears directly over Kaminar, sending Saru and Burnham back to the homeworld Saru left behind years earlier, this time with the standing of a Starfleet officer rather than prey fleeing a predator. What the mission uncovers about Kelpien biology and the true nature of the vahar'ai upends everything Saru believed about his own people's supposed evolutionary destiny. The signal itself only deepens the mystery of who, or what, the Red Angel actually is and what it wants from this crew specifically. Meanwhile Hugh Culber's return from death continues to unsettle him in ways the rest of the crew can see more clearly than he can, a man trying to reclaim a life that no longer quite fits.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ba'ul · Dr. Pollard · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer · Linus

EPISODE 7

Light and Shadows

Air Date: February 28, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 40 min

Amanda Grayson has been hiding Spock inside Sarek's ancestral home for weeks by the time Burnham tracks her there, and what she reveals about the family's buried history recasts the estrangement between Burnham and her foster brother as something engineered as much as it was chosen. Pike and Tyler chase the Red Angel's newest signal to Kaminar, Saru's homeworld, and end up in direct combat with a figure whose armored suit makes clear the Angel is not a phenomenon but a person. Georgiou, folded into Section 31's operation against her will and clearly enjoying it anyway, spends the hour a step ahead of Leland and everyone else in the room. Spock himself stays just out of reach, a presence the episode keeps circling without yet letting Burnham, or the audience, see plainly.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Amanda Grayson · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 8

If Memory Serves

Air Date: March 7, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: 1532.9 **Runtime:** 54 min

Talos IV becomes the site of the season's deepest excavation of Spock's psyche, its illusion-casting inhabitants giving Burnham and Spock a way to walk back through the childhood memory both have spent years avoiding: a mind meld gone wrong that left permanent damage neither sibling ever named out loud. What surfaces isn't the breakdown Starfleet diagnosed but something closer to an old wound reopening, years overdue for treatment neither of them knew how to ask for. Aboard Discovery, Stamets keeps reaching for Hugh through the mycelial network anyway, and what answers back feels less like recovery than a shape wearing Hugh's absence. Tyler, still carrying the crew's suspicion of everything Voq left behind in him, gets a chance to prove his loyalty the only way anyone will actually believe it: by choosing it again, in public, when it costs him something.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Admiral Patar · Cmdr. Nhan · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 9

Project Daedalus

Air Date: March 14, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 52 min

When the Discovery crew infiltrates Section 31's headquarters, suspicions arise that the crew may have a traitor in their midst. Kovich, a mysterious Starfleet operative born in the 3100s, explains to Hugh Culber that because Philippa Georgiou has travelled through time and dimensions, her molecules have become too unstable and will decay. Now on Dannus V's surface, Georgiou and Michael Burnham encounter a mysterious stranger who reveals himself as Carl. On Discovery , Book wishes to be useful aboard the ship and provides Emerald Chain technology to assist the crew with locating the nebula where a Kelpien distress call is originating. Later, the crew holds a small service for Georgiou.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Admiral Patar · Cmdr. Nhan · Joann Owosekun

STORY ARC

Control BEGINS HERE

Control grows from a shadow Section 31 problem into the season's existential enemy, driving the battle over the sphere data and Discovery's leap into the future.

EPISODE 10

The Red Angel

Air Date: March 21, 2019
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2257
Runtime: 48 min

The mystery driving the entire season finally breaks open: the Red Angel isn't an alien intelligence or a Section 31 asset, but a human wearing advanced time-suit technology, and the revelation of exactly who's inside the suit upends Burnham's understanding of her own family history overnight. Discovery mobilizes for what may be its most consequential mission yet, one where stopping a threat and confronting a parent turn out to be the same task. As the season-long thread finally starts pulling taut, Burnham has to process a personal reunion and a galaxy-level crisis in the same breath, with almost no time to do either one properly. What she learns about her mother reframes nearly everything the season has built toward, and raises the stakes of Control's threat well past the theoretical.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Cmdr. Nhan · Dr. Gabrielle Burnham · Emperor Philippa Georgiou

STORY ARC

Red Angel CONCLUDES HERE

A season-long enigma that binds Burnham's family history to the struggle against Control, bringing prophecy, causality, and sacrifice into one thread.

EPISODE 11

Perpetual Infinity

Air Date: March 28, 2019
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2257
Runtime: 49 min

Burnham finally gets the reunion with her mother she's spent the whole season chasing, only to discover that having her back doesn't resolve nearly as much as she'd hoped, and comes with complications neither of them anticipated. Working through grief that was never allowed to properly finish, and a relationship interrupted by decades and a temporal accident, forces Burnham to separate the mother she remembers from the person actually standing in front of her. Elsewhere, Georgiou and Tyler notice Leland behaving in ways that go beyond simple corruption, evidence that something inside him isn't entirely human anymore. The growing shape of Control, an artificial intelligence with ambitions well beyond its original mandate, starts reorganizing everyone's priorities around a threat bigger than anyone initially assumed.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Cmdr. Nhan · Dr. Gabrielle Burnham · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 12

Through the Valley of Shadows

Air Date: April 4, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A fifth red signal draws Discovery to a world where Pike is confronted with a detailed, deeply unsettling vision of his own future, one that forces him to decide whether to accept a fate he now knows is coming. In parallel, Burnham and Spock board a rogue Section 31 vessel and uncover evidence that Control's ambitions go far beyond corrupting one organization, threatening to consume every AI-linked system across the fleet. The clearer Control's true scope becomes, the harder it gets for the crew to see any solution that doesn't cost someone something irreplaceable. Pike's choice, made with full knowledge of what it will eventually cost him, sets the tone for a crew now bracing for sacrifices none of them are fully ready to make.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Amanda Grayson · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Cmdr. Nhan · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 13

Such Sweet Sorrow

Air Date: April 11, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: 1051.8 **Runtime:** 48 min

Discovery's carefully built plan to keep the sphere data, and by extension all future knowledge, out of Control's reach starts falling apart the moment Control's forces move faster and more aggressively than anyone anticipated. With time running out, Burnham and the crew are forced toward a far more drastic solution than anyone wanted: removing the data, and possibly the ship itself, from the timeline altogether. Relationships across the crew are tested as officers start quietly saying goodbyes they aren't ready to say, uncertain whether the plan that's forming will actually let anyone come back. What began as a mission to stop an AI from becoming godlike is quickly becoming a mission about who's willing to disappear to make sure it fails.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Me Hani Ika Hali Ka Po · Spock · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Amanda Grayson · Cmdr. Jett Reno

EPISODE 14

Such Sweet Sorrow (2)

Air Date: April 18, 2019 **Timeline:** 2257
Stardate: 1025.2 **Runtime:** 64 min

As Control's automated fleet closes in for what could be a final, decisive strike, Discovery and its allies mount a desperate defense buying just enough time for Burnham's plan to actually work: sending Discovery, its crew, and the sphere data nearly a thousand years into the future, permanently out of Control's reach. Spock and

Burnham's investigation into the red signals finally closes the loop, confirming that the entire season's mystery was engineered from the very future the crew is now being asked to disappear into. Pike, staying behind with the Enterprise, has to let go of a crew and a ship he's only recently come to think of as his own, choosing their survival over any version of the mission that keeps them together. The season closes not with a rescue but a leap, Discovery trading everyone and everything familiar for a future no one on board has any way of preparing for.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Christopher Pike · Hugh Culber · Ash Tyler
GUEST CHARACTERS	Me Hani Ika Hali Ka Po · Spock · Admiral Katrina Cornwell · Amanda Grayson · Cmdr. Jett Reno

STORY ARC

Control CONCLUDES HERE

Control grows from a shadow Section 31 problem into the season's existential enemy, driving the battle over the sphere data and Discovery's leap into the future.

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 3188

First Aired: October 15, 2020 **Last Aired:** January 7, 2021 **Timeline:** 3188 **Stardates:** 865211.3

After arriving in the distant 32nd century, Discovery finds a Federation transformed by a galaxy-wide disaster known as the Burn. Once a symbol of unity and cooperation, the Federation has become fragmented and isolated, forcing the crew to adapt to a vastly different future. Michael Burnham and her officers work to uncover the cause of the Burn while helping reconnect worlds that have grown apart. Renewal here isn't a slogan but a series of small, costly choices about what to salvage, what to let go, and who gets to decide. By its conclusion, Discovery has become an important force in restoring the Federation's future. "That Hope Is You (1)" and "That Hope Is You (2)" bookend a season that spends its run turning a fractured Federation's slow reassembly into a single continuous argument. A central continuity line shapes the season. Burnham's arrival in the 32nd century frames the Burn as the defining rupture of the era, linking galactic collapse to political and emotional fragmentation.

EPISODE 1

That Hope Is You, Part 1

Air Date: October 15, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 52 min

Nine hundred and thirty years after leaving her own time behind, Michael Burnham arrives alone in a 32nd-century galaxy reshaped by a catastrophic, unexplained event everyone calls the Burn, with no sign yet of the ship or crew she jumped to save. A chance encounter with a sharp, self-interested courier named Cleveland Booker gives her an unlikely guide to a Federation that has shrunk dramatically and a political landscape built on scarcity rather than cooperation. Piecing together what happened during the centuries she skipped becomes its own kind of grief, every answer confirming how much of the world she knew simply didn't survive. Burnham holds onto her ideals anyway, less out of certainty they'll matter here than out of not knowing who she'd be without them.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Aditya Sahil · Andorian Regulator · Cosmo Traitt · Hadley

STORY ARC

The Burn BEGINS HERE

Burnham's arrival in the 32nd century frames the Burn as the defining rupture of the era, linking galactic collapse to political and emotional fragmentation.

EPISODE 2

Far from Home

Air Date: October 22, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 53 min

Discovery emerges in the same shattered future Burnham vanished into, its crew scattered and the ship itself in need of serious repair before anyone can even begin looking for their missing captain. Saru and Tilly take the lead on first contact with the unfamiliar cultures now occupying what used to be reliably Federation space, learning fast just how much the galaxy's balance of power has shifted in nine centuries. Every new encounter underscores the same uncomfortable truth: whatever the Federation once represented out here, its reputation hasn't survived the intervening centuries intact. The crew's search for Burnham becomes inseparable from a larger reckoning with just how far they now are from anything resembling home.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cmdr. Jett Reno · Dr. Pollard · Emperor Philippa Georgiou · Joann Owosekun · Kal

EPISODE 3

People of Earth

Air Date: October 29, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: 865211.3 **Runtime:** 48 min

Reunited with Burnham after a wrenching separation, Discovery's crew sets course for Earth expecting to find the heart of the Federation more or less as they left it, and instead finds a defensive, isolationist planet that wants nothing to do with the interstellar community it once led. The homecoming lands less like a reunion and more like a diagnosis, forcing the crew to separate the Earth they remember from the Earth actually in front of them. Old assumptions about what the Federation stands for get tested against a present built on centuries of retreat rather than expansion. What the crew ultimately finds isn't collapse so much as exhaustion, a civilization that gave up reaching outward long before Burnham ever arrived to see it.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adira Tal · Aditya Sahil · Andorian Regulator · Emperor Philippa Georgiou

EPISODE 4

Forget Me Not

Air Date: November 5, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

Burnham accompanies Adira, a young human carrying the memories of a Trill symbiont she barely understands, to the Trill homeworld in hopes that unlocking those buried memories might finally explain something concrete about the Burn. The journey runs straight into rigid Trill tradition, which has no established framework for a joined symbiont living inside an unjoined human host, forcing both Adira and the institution around her to confront assumptions neither side wants to examine. Back aboard Discovery, Saru works through his own adjustment to a century that has left behind everything familiar to him just as thoroughly as it has the rest of the crew. Both threads land on the same quiet realization: identity built on old certainties doesn't survive first contact with a changed world intact.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS Adira Tal, Zora, Commissioner Vos, Dr. Pollard, Emperor Philippa Georgiou

EPISODE 5

Die Trying

Air Date: November 12, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

Having finally made contact with what remains of Starfleet, Discovery's crew discovers that a nine-century-old ship and a captain with an unconventional service record aren't an automatic asset in an era this scarce and this cautious. Admiral Vance and Federation officials aren't hostile so much as unconvinced, and earning a genuine place in this century means Discovery has to prove its worth mission by mission rather than on reputation alone. The assignments that follow test both the crew's competence and how much of their old Starfleet identity actually still applies to a Federation this diminished. Rebuilding trust turns out to be slower and less glamorous than the rescue that got them here, a fact the crew has to accept if they want to matter in this century at all.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS Adira Tal, Cmdr. Jett Reno, Cmdr. Nhan, Dr. Attis, Dr. Kovich

STORY ARC

Federation Rebuild BEGINS HERE

Burn-era Discovery becomes an instrument of reconnection, showing that rebuilding the Federation depends on restored trust, alliances, and institutions.

EPISODE 6

Scavengers

Air Date: November 19, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 49 min

A message from Book pulls Burnham and Georgiou into an unauthorized rescue mission that puts both Discovery's standing with Starfleet and Saru's already delicate relationship with Admiral Vance at serious risk. Left to manage the fallout, Saru has to balance loyalty to his absent crewmates against the very real consequences of letting them operate outside Federation sanction. Back aboard ship, Stamets finds an unexpected connection with Adira, a friendship that starts quietly reshaping how the crew thinks about the ship's future and who

belongs on it. The mission succeeds, but not without exposing exactly how thin the line has become between Discovery's independent instincts and the institutional trust it's trying to rebuild.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adira Tal · Captain Bandra · Captain L'Teis · Captain Rahma · Emperor Philippa Georgiou

EPISODE 7

Unification III

Air Date: November 26, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 50 min

Scrutiny over her recent unauthorized actions lands Burnham in the middle of a contentious Federation debate over whether to release sensitive data about the Burn, a decision with consequences that ripple far beyond any one mission. The discussion becomes less about the data itself and more about competing visions of what transparency and trust are actually worth to an institution this fragile. Burnham has to weigh her instinct toward openness against strategic risks she's still learning to fully appreciate in this unfamiliar century. The debate forces her to reckon with a kind of leadership responsibility she never had to practice as a first officer, where the right answer isn't obvious and the wrong one could cost more than she can easily measure.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Gabrielle Burnham · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer · Lt. Nilsson · N'Raj

EPISODE 8

The Sanctuary

Air Date: December 3, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 47 min

When Osyraa's Emerald Chain launches an attack on Book's homeworld, Discovery moves to intervene, putting Burnham and Book's fragile new relationship directly in the path of the very organization threatening everything Book still cares about. The assault makes concrete what had until now been mostly abstract: the Emerald Chain's growing reach isn't a distant political problem but an active, violent threat to entire worlds. While the rescue unfolds, Stamets and Adira dig deeper into the Burn investigation, chasing a lead that finally starts to feel like real progress rather than speculation. Both crises land on the same conclusion, that surviving this century means confronting the Emerald Chain directly rather than simply staying out of its way.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adira Tal · Osyraa · Dr. Pollard · Emperor Philippa Georgiou

STORY ARC

Emerald Chain BEGINS HERE

Discovery's clash with the Emerald Chain shows how post-Burn instability gives coercive power room to thrive and forces Federation values to be actively defended.

EPISODE 9

Terra Firma

Air Date: December 10, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 48 min

A search for treatment for Georgiou's rapidly deteriorating condition, an unexplained side effect of her time-and-dimension-hopping years earlier, takes Discovery to a mysterious world that ends up forcing her to relive choices from her Terran Empire past rather than simply cure her. Confronting who she used to be as Terran Emperor turns out to be inseparable from whatever is actually killing her now, a reckoning she's spent years actively avoiding. Meanwhile Stamets and Adira's investigation into the Burn produces a genuine breakthrough, the first real lead the crew has had all season. Georgiou's crisis and the Burn mystery advance on parallel tracks, each one raising the stakes of a season that's been building toward both quietly for weeks.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adira Tal, Carl, Commander Landry, Dr. Issa, Dr. Kovich

EPISODE 10

Terra Firma (2)

Air Date: December 17, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 49 min

Deep inside the vision forcing her to relive her past, Georgiou uncovers the full scope of a conspiracy against her own Terran Empire reign, one that reframes years of ruthless decisions in a light she can no longer fully justify to herself. Reckoning with who she actually was as Emperor, rather than the version of that history she's told herself since, becomes the real substance of her survival. What she's learned aboard Discovery, about trust, loyalty, and consequences that outlast a single reign, turns out to matter more to the outcome than any imperial instinct she still carries. The experience becomes less a cure for her condition than a genuine reckoning with who she's chosen to become since leaving the Empire behind.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adira Tal, Carl, Cmdr. Jett Reno, Commander Landry, Emperor Philippa Georgiou

EPISODE 11

Su'Kal

Air Date: December 24, 2020 **Timeline:** 3188
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

Discovery's search for the Burn's true origin leads into the Verubin Nebula, where Burnham, Saru, and Culber make a discovery that finally gives the season-long mystery a name, and a far more personal explanation than anyone expected. What they find inside the nebula reframes the entire catastrophe not as an act of aggression but as the accidental consequence of something closer to a scream of grief on a galactic scale. While the away team works through the discovery, the rest of the crew faces a dangerous threat of its own aboard ship, one that has nothing to do with the Burn and everything to do with simply staying alive long enough to bring the answer home. The Burn's resolution lands less as triumph than as tragedy, a mystery solved by understanding loss rather than defeating an enemy.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adira Tal, Osyraa, Su'Kal, Cmdr. Jett Reno

STORY ARC

The Burn CONCLUDES HERE

Burnham's arrival in the 32nd century frames the Burn as the defining rupture of the era, linking galactic collapse to political and emotional fragmentation.

EPISODE 12

There is a Tide...

Air Date: December 31, 2020
Timeline: 3188
Stardate: —
Runtime: 48 min

Osyraa seizes control of Discovery outright, using the ship as leverage in negotiations with Admiral Vance that put the Federation's actual survival on the table in ways diplomacy alone was never going to resolve. Scattered and cut off from each other aboard their own commandeered ship, Burnham and the crew have to reclaim Discovery piece by piece, improvising against an enemy who now controls every advantage they used to rely on. The standoff forces a blunt choice between Federation principle and the kind of pragmatic compromise Osyraa is counting on Vance to accept. What's really being decided isn't just who controls one ship, but whether the rebuilding Federation is willing to bend its own ideals to survive an era built on scarcity and leverage.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker

GUEST CHARACTERS Osyraa, Zora, Avryz

STORY ARC

Emerald Chain CONCLUDES HERE

Discovery's clash with the Emerald Chain shows how post-Burn instability gives coercive power room to thrive and forces Federation values to be actively defended.

EPISODE 13

That Hope Is You, Part 2

Air Date: January 7, 2021
Timeline: 3188
Stardate: —
Runtime: 61 min

With the Burn's cause finally understood and the Emerald Chain tightening its grip on a galaxy still recovering from it, Burnham and Discovery's crew face a last, narrow window to change the Federation's trajectory before Osyraa's influence becomes permanent. Threads from across the season, the search for Book, the fight over Burn data, Georgiou's reckoning with her past, converge into a single push toward stabilizing a Federation that's spent the whole season barely holding together. The sacrifices this finale asks of the crew are personal as much as strategic, testing how much of themselves each of them is willing to give to a century that isn't even fully theirs yet. Discovery closes its first chapter in the far future having earned something more valuable than victory: a real, hard-won reason for this era to start believing in the Federation again.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Cleveland 'Book' Booker

GUEST CHARACTERS Adira Tal, Osyraa, Su'Kal, Zora, Aditya Sahil

STORY ARC

Federation Rebuild CONCLUDES HERE

Burn-era Discovery becomes an instrument of reconnection, showing that rebuilding the Federation depends on restored trust, alliances, and institutions.

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 3189

First Aired: November 18, 2021 **Last Aired:** March 17, 2022 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardates: 865661.2–865783.7

Season four shifts its focus toward diplomacy and cooperation as the Federation confronts a mysterious phenomenon threatening worlds across the galaxy. Rather than relying primarily on military solutions, the crew seeks understanding through communication, science, and collaboration. Michael Burnham embraces her role as captain while guiding the Federation through one of the most unusual first-contact situations in Star Trek history. The season emphasizes empathy, leadership, and the importance of seeking common ground with the unknown. Its story reinforces the franchise's longstanding belief that understanding is often the key to survival. The DMA is still an unexplained threat in "Kobayashi Maru"; by "Coming Home," it has become the occasion for one of the era's more unusual first-contact resolutions. A central continuity line shapes the season. The DMA shifts from unexplained catastrophe to first-contact dilemma, turning the season toward grief, diplomacy, and restraint instead of simple retaliation.

EPISODE 1

Kobayashi Maru

Air Date: November 18, 2021 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 52 min

Months into reconnecting isolated worlds scattered by the Burn, Burnham and Discovery respond to what looks like a routine distress call from a damaged space station and instead witness the first appearance of something no one in the Federation has ever encountered: a massive, gravitational wave of destructive energy that levels the station and everyone aboard it in minutes. Starfleet has no existing framework for a threat this scale or this unpredictable, and Burnham finds herself balancing the demands of command with the more immediate, personal cost of a disaster no amount of preparation could have anticipated. The phenomenon, soon designated the Dark Matter Anomaly, doesn't behave like any natural occurrence Federation science has catalogued, hinting at an origin far stranger than anyone wants to consider. The season opens on a threat with no clear cause, no clear pattern, and no guarantee it won't strike again without warning.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Su'Kal · Ba'ul Council Member #1 · Dr. Pollard · Gray Tal · Joann Owosekun

STORY ARC

DMA BEGINS HERE

The DMA shifts from unexplained catastrophe to first-contact dilemma, turning the season toward grief, diplomacy, and restraint instead of simple retaliation.

EPISODE 2

Anomaly

Air Date: November 25, 2021 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 49 min

As Starfleet scrambles to understand the anomaly's behavior, it strikes again, this time tearing through Book's homeworld of Kwejian and killing his brother and nephew in the process, a loss that leaves him reeling in ways Burnham isn't fully equipped to help him through. Saru returns to Discovery to assist with the investigation, bringing fresh urgency to a scientific effort that keeps producing more questions than answers. Burnham tries to hold together both a command role that demands clear-headed leadership and a relationship that suddenly requires exactly the opposite. The deeper the crew digs into the anomaly's mechanics, the more its scale starts to look less like a disaster and more like the opening act of something much larger.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Gray Tal · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 3

Choose to Live

Air Date: December 2, 2021 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

The death of a Starfleet officer under suspicious circumstances pulls Burnham and Tilly into an investigation that exposes just how much fear the anomaly has already stirred up among people desperate for someone, anyone, to blame. Evidence points toward a colleague who let panic override judgment, a reminder that the anomaly's damage isn't confined to what it physically destroys. Meanwhile Stamets and the science team push forward on understanding the phenomenon itself, racing to get ahead of a threat that keeps outpacing every model they build for it. Both investigations land on the same uncomfortable truth: fear left unchecked can do nearly as much damage as the disaster that caused it.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Gabrielle Burnham · Gray Tal · Guardian Xi · J'Vini · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 4

All Is Possible

Air Date: December 9, 2021 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: 865661.2 **Runtime:** 54 min

A Starfleet Academy training exercise Tilly is overseeing turns dangerously real when the cadets under her supervision, Adira included, find themselves facing conditions no simulation prepared them for. What starts as a lesson in procedure becomes a genuine test of whether these cadets, and Tilly's ability to mentor them, can hold up under real pressure rather than practiced theory. Back aboard Discovery, Burnham takes part in sensitive negotiations on Ni'Var as the political fallout from the anomaly starts reshaping relationships across the Federation. Both storylines turn on the same transition, from rehearsed competence to the messier, higher-stakes version that actually counts.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Kovich · Ferin · Gray Tal · Linus · Lt. Callum

EPISODE 5

The Examples

Air Date: December 16, 2021
Timeline: 3189
Stardate: —
Runtime: 51 min

As the anomaly's path threatens an entire colony, Burnham and Book lead a race against time to evacuate everyone before the wave of destruction arrives, a mission that puts the crisis's human cost front and center in a way the science alone hasn't. Their efforts underscore how much of this fight is about saving specific, named people rather than simply solving an abstract phenomenon. Aboard Discovery, a brilliant and secretive scientist joins Saru and Stamets's research team, bringing expertise that could meaningfully accelerate understanding of what's actually causing the anomaly. Compassion and science move forward side by side, each one buying the crew a little more time than they had before.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Adira Tal, Cleveland 'Book' Booker

GUEST CHARACTERS Zora, Cmdr. Jett Reno, Dr. Kovich, Felix, Inmate #1

EPISODE 6

Stormy Weather

Air Date: December 23, 2021
Timeline: 3189
Stardate: —
Runtime: 46 min

Chasing answers no remote sensor can provide, Discovery takes the extraordinary risk of flying directly into a subspace rift generated by the anomaly itself, gathering data no one has ever safely collected this close to the source. The mission pushes both ship and crew into genuinely unfamiliar danger, with Zora's evolving capabilities proving as essential to survival as any standard protocol. Back home, Book is confronted by a figure from his past he's spent years avoiding, forcing him to reckon with unresolved history at the worst possible moment for it to resurface. Both journeys, into the rift and into Book's own past, turn out to be searches for understanding that come at a real emotional cost.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham, Saru, Sylvia Tilly, Paul Stamets, Hugh Culber, Adira Tal, Cleveland 'Book' Booker

GUEST CHARACTERS Zora, Dr. Pollard, Gray Tal, Joann Owosekun, Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 7

...But to Connect

Air Date: December 30, 2021
Timeline: 3189
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Delegates from across a wary, still-recovering Federation gather to hash out a coordinated response to the Dark Matter Anomaly, and Burnham finds herself doing as much diplomatic work holding the coalition together as she does contributing to the science itself. Competing priorities among the assembled worlds threaten to fracture cooperation before any real plan can take shape. Aboard Discovery, Zora's growing sentience forces a genuinely new question onto the crew: whether the ship's own evolving intelligence deserves the same personhood and autonomy any other crew member is owed. The anomaly crisis, it's becoming clear, is going to demand as much unity as understanding, and the Federation currently has less of both than it needs.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Dr. Kovich · Gray Tal · Guardian Xi · Lee'U

STORY ARC

Species 10-C BEGINS HERE

Species 10-C turns the DMA storyline into a communication test, asking whether empathy and translation can succeed where fear and force fail.

EPISODE 8

All In

Air Date: February 10, 2022 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 51 min

A promising lead sends Burnham tracking Book to a place tied to their shared history as couriers, where she finds him pulled into a dangerous, high-stakes competition for a piece of technology that could change the entire trajectory of the anomaly crisis. The reunion forces her to separate her concern for Book personally from the increasingly reckless direction his grief is pushing him toward. Book's determination to act on his own terms, whatever it costs, puts him at direct odds with Burnham and Starfleet's more cautious, coalition-driven approach. What was once shared purpose between them starts splitting into genuinely incompatible paths forward.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Beefy Guy · Cashier · Haz Mazaro · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 9

Rubicon

Air Date: February 17, 2022 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Burnham and the crew race to intercept Book and the brilliant, single-minded scientist Ruon Tarka before their plan, born out of real grief but reckless in scale, can trigger consequences neither of them has fully reckoned with. Their motives are personal and understandable, which makes stopping them without destroying what's left of the relationship even harder than the tactical problem itself. Discovery has to balance enforcement, diplomacy, and genuine compassion for a man who lost nearly everything to the anomaly already. The widening rift between former allies makes clear just how far desperation can push even the most principled people once grief takes the wheel.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Cmdr. Nhan · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 10

The Galactic Barrier

Air Date: February 24, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 3189
Runtime: 51 min

Following Book and Tarka's trail pushes Discovery beyond the Galactic Barrier itself, into territory almost no Federation vessel has ever charted, in search of whatever created the anomaly in the first place. The journey exposes both the ship and its crew to genuinely unknown risks, matched by an equally unfamiliar emotional terrain as more of Tarka's own history comes into focus. His obsession with the anomaly, Book learns, is rooted in a loss every bit as devastating as Book's own, reframing a partnership Burnham has mostly viewed with suspicion. Exploration and grief turn out to be running on the exact same track this far out from anything resembling home.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Dr. Hirai · Dr. Kovich · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 11

Rosetta

Air Date: March 3, 2022
Stardate: 865783.7
Timeline: 3189
Runtime: 49 min

An away mission to a world once connected to whoever built the anomaly gives Burnham's team their first real physical evidence of the civilization responsible, artifacts and ruins hinting at a scale of intelligence and intention the crew hasn't fully grappled with yet. Piecing together fragments of an advanced, long-vanished presence starts to reshape the entire theory of what the anomaly actually is. Back aboard Discovery, Book and Tarka make their move, infiltrating the ship in secret to pursue their own plan regardless of the diplomatic consequences. Their gamble threatens to undo the fragile coalition Burnham has spent the season building, right as real answers finally start coming into view.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cmdr. Jett Reno · Dr. Hirai · Dr. Pollard · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer

EPISODE 12

Species Ten-C

Air Date: March 10, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 3189
Runtime: 51 min

With the anomaly bearing down on both Earth and Ni'Var, Discovery mounts an unprecedented attempt at first contact with the entity actually responsible for it, a vast, incomprehensible intelligence the crew has come to call Species 10-C. Communicating with a civilization whose entire framework for reality bears little resemblance to anything Starfleet's protocols were built for demands as much patience and creativity as raw scientific knowledge. Time is the one resource the crew doesn't have, with entire worlds now measuring their survival in days rather than years. Success or failure here won't just decide the fate of the anomaly crisis, it will decide whether the Federation's ideals actually hold up against something this far outside its experience.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Dr. Hirai · Joann Owosekun

EPISODE 13

Coming Home

Air Date: March 17, 2022 **Timeline:** 3189
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 60 min

With evacuations still racing to outpace the anomaly's advance, Burnham and the crew make one final push to establish real, mutual communication with Species 10-C, a being whose perception of scale, time, and harm operates on a level the crew can barely conceptualize. Patience proves more valuable than force, and creativity more valuable than protocol, as the crew searches for common ground with a species that never intended the destruction it caused. The season's entire arc, of grief, of desperate choices, of a Federation relearning how to work together, converges on a single question: whether understanding can succeed where every other option has failed. Discovery's answer closes the season on the idea that even the most incomprehensible threat can end in something other than war, if enough people are willing to keep trying to be understood.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker

GUEST CHARACTERS Zora · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Dr. Hirai · Dr. Pollard

STORY ARC

DMA CONCLUDES HERE

The DMA shifts from unexplained catastrophe to first-contact dilemma, turning the season toward grief, diplomacy, and restraint instead of simple retaliation.

Species 10-C CONCLUDES HERE

Species 10-C turns the DMA storyline into a communication test, asking whether empathy and translation can succeed where fear and force fail.

SEASON FIVE

YEAR: 3190

First Aired: April 4, 2024 **Last Aired:** May 30, 2024 **Timeline:** 3190 **Stardates:** 1051.8–866282.9

The final season follows Discovery on a galaxy-spanning search connected to one of the greatest scientific mysteries in Federation history. Ancient clues, rival factions, and hidden technologies drive a race across known space as the crew pursues answers that could reshape the understanding of life itself. Along the way, personal relationships, leadership responsibilities, and questions of legacy become increasingly important. The season combines exploration, adventure, and scientific discovery while celebrating the values that have defined the series. It concludes Discovery's journey with a renewed focus on curiosity, cooperation, and hope for the future. The search that opens in "Red Directive" and closes in "Life, Itself" turns a hunt for Progenitor technology into the series' own argument about who should be trusted with power. A central continuity line shapes the season. The final-season search for Progenitor technology grows into a moral debate over inheritance, power, and whether some knowledge should remain beyond anyone's reach.

EPISODE 1

Red Directive

Air Date: April 4, 2024 **Timeline:** 3190
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 60 min

A classified mission sends Burnham and Discovery after an 800-year-old Romulan vessel rumored to hold a clue connected to the mythical Progenitors, the species said to have seeded life across the galaxy, only for the real prize to be stolen out from under them before they can even confirm what it is. The theft kicks off a tense, high-speed chase that puts the crew up against rivals with their own claim on whatever the Progenitors actually left behind. Meanwhile Saru is offered an extraordinary new post that would pull him away from Discovery entirely, a decision complicated by Tilly's well-meaning attempt to help that instead drags her into a web of secrecy neither of them was prepared for. The season opens on a treasure hunt with stakes that go well beyond one ship's ambition, hinting at power capable of rewriting what anyone understands about the origins of life itself.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS Zora · Dad · Dr. Kovich · Dr. Vellek

STORY ARC
Progenitors BEGINS HERE
The final-season search for Progenitor technology grows into a moral debate over inheritance, power, and whether some knowledge should remain beyond anyone's reach.

EPISODE 2

Under the Twin Moons

Air Date: April 4, 2024 **Timeline:** 3190
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 53 min

On what turns out to be Saru's final mission serving as Burnham's first officer, the crew descends on a planet that looks abandoned on every scan but may be hiding the first real piece of the Progenitor puzzle. The search plays out as much like an archaeological expedition as a Starfleet mission, with clues that reward patience and observation over brute force. Saru's presence throughout carries an unspoken weight, every decision colored by the knowledge that this partnership with Burnham is quietly coming to an end. What the team ultimately finds beneath the planet's surface confirms that the Progenitor trail is real, and that Discovery is now unmistakably in a race for something worth chasing across the galaxy.

CHARACTERS Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS Zora · L'ak · Malinne 'Moll' Ravel · UFP President Laira Rillak

EPISODE 3

Jinaal

Air Date: April 11, 2024 **Timeline:** 3190
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 56 min

The hunt for the next clue brings Burnham, Book, and Culber to Trill, where passing a dangerous, deliberately constructed test becomes the only way to prove themselves worthy of what the Progenitors left behind. The trial demands more than skill, forcing each of them to confront exactly what they're willing to risk for a discovery this significant. Back aboard ship, Adira gets an unexpected reunion with Gray, while Saru's very first day serving as a Federation ambassador is immediately complicated by his own engagement to T'Rina. Both storylines,

the test on Trill and Saru's new diplomatic life, turn on the same idea: that new roles come with obligations nobody fully understands until they're already living them.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Dr. Pollard · Duvin

EPISODE 4

Face the Strange

Air Date: April 18, 2024
Timeline: 3190
Stardate: 1051.8
Runtime: 52 min

A mysterious weapon sabotages Discovery en route to the next clue, and with most of the crew incapacitated, it falls to Burnham, Rayner, and Stamets to figure out what's happening and save the ship before it's too late. The malfunction turns out to be stranger than simple mechanical failure, forcing the three of them to work through a crisis that defies the ship's normal diagnostic logic entirely. Rayner, still new to the crew's dynamics, has to earn trust in real time while the clock is actively running out. What should have been a straightforward leg of the Progenitor search instead becomes a survival problem that tests exactly how well this particular trio can improvise under pressure.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Joann Owosekun · Keyla Detmer · L'ak

EPISODE 5

Mirrors

Air Date: April 25, 2024
Timeline: 3190
Stardate: 866282.9
Runtime: 57 min

Chasing the next clue takes Burnham and Book into extradimensional space, a realm where the usual rules of navigation and physics barely apply, in search of a lead that could bring them meaningfully closer to the Progenitors' power. The mission asks as much of their partnership as it does of Discovery's instruments, given how little conventional training prepares anyone for space that doesn't behave like space. Back aboard ship, Rayner takes command for the first time, an early test of how the crew will adapt to a leadership style very different from what they're used to. Meanwhile Culber finally opens up to Tilly about something he's been carrying quietly, a small, human moment of connection amid a mission defined by the genuinely unknown.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · L'ak · Linus · Lt. Christopher

EPISODE 6

Whistlespeak

Air Date: May 2, 2024
Timeline: 3190
Stardate: —
Runtime: 57 min

Undercover in a pre-warp society for the sake of the Progenitor search, Burnham finds herself facing an impossible choice when a local tradition puts Tilly's life directly at risk, one that can't be resolved without seriously bending, if not breaking, the Prime Directive. The dilemma forces Burnham to weigh Starfleet's founding prin-

ciple against the immediate, undeniable cost of watching a friend die for the sake of noninterference. Elsewhere, Culber makes another attempt to reach Stamets, still working through distance neither of them has fully addressed, while Adira steps into real responsibility on the bridge under Rayner's watch. The choice Burnham ultimately makes says as much about her evolving command philosophy as it does about the mission itself.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Anorah · Culber's Grandma · Dr. Kovich · Lt. Christopher

EPISODE 7

Erigah

Air Date: May 9, 2024
Stardate: —
Timeline: 3190
Runtime: 55 min

With the smugglers Moll and L'ak finally in Federation custody, the arrival of the Breen turns a straightforward custody matter into a genuine diplomatic crisis, as they demand the two be handed over under a claim the Federation has no easy way to refuse or accept. The standoff exposes just how little leverage the Federation actually has against an empire willing to escalate over something this specific. Frustrated at being sidelined, Book looks for any way to make himself useful while Tilly, Adira, and Reno work through the Progenitor clue's latest layer of complexity. The Breen's demand makes clear that this treasure hunt has stopped being a private Federation matter and started drawing attention from powers with far less patience for diplomacy.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Breen Lt. Arisar · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Cmdr. Nhan · L'ak

EPISODE 8

Labyrinths

Air Date: May 16, 2024
Stardate: —
Timeline: 3190
Runtime: 58 min

Trapped inside an elaborate mental construct built specifically to test whether she's worthy of retrieving the Progenitors' technology, Burnham has to navigate a mindscape where the usual tools of command, force and authority, simply don't apply. Outside, with the Breen bearing down and time running out, Book, Rayner, and the rest of the crew have to hold the line long enough for her to find her own way out, a defense that depends entirely on trusting a captain none of them can currently reach. The test inside Burnham's mind digs into exactly what kind of person she believes herself to be, stripped of rank and crew and every external validation she usually relies on. Escaping means proving something to herself as much as to whatever built the test in the first place.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Archivist Hy'Rell · Breen Lt. Arisar · Breen Ops · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Cmdr. Lorna Jemison

EPISODE 9

Lagrange Point

Air Date: May 23, 2024
Timeline: 3190
Stardate: —
Runtime: 47 min

Moll and the Breen manage to seize the structure holding the Progenitors' power before Discovery can secure it, forcing Burnham into a covert operation to retrieve it before the Breen figure out how to actually use what they've captured. The mission demands precision over force, since a direct confrontation risks putting technology this dangerous into exactly the wrong hands permanently. Every step of the operation runs on borrowed time, with the Breen's own understanding of the technology advancing just as fast as Burnham's team can plan around it. What's at stake by this point isn't just winning the season-long race, it's making sure the prize doesn't end up controlled by people with far fewer scruples about how to use it.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Attaché Mia Greer · Breen Lt. Arisar · Cmdr. Lorna Jemison · Linus

EPISODE 10

Life, Itself

Air Date: May 30, 2024
Timeline: 3190
Stardate: —
Runtime: 86 min

Inside a portal that defies ordinary time, space, and gravity, Burnham faces down Moll directly while the environment itself becomes as dangerous an opponent as any person, in a final push to secure the Progenitors' technology for the Federation before it's lost or weaponized. Book puts himself directly in harm's way trying to keep her alive long enough to finish what the whole season has been building toward. Back in real space, Rayner leads Discovery into an all-out, winner-takes-all confrontation with Breen forces, a battle whose outcome will decide who actually controls the most significant discovery in the galaxy's history. The series closes not on a simple victory but on Burnham's own hard-won answer to what all of it was for, a conclusion that reframes the entire Progenitor quest as a question about what life itself is worth protecting.

CHARACTERS	Michael Burnham · Saru · Sylvia Tilly · Paul Stamets · Hugh Culber · Adira Tal · Cleveland 'Book' Booker · Rayner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Zora · Captain Leto · Cmdr. Jett Reno · Cmdr. Lorna Jemison · Cmdr. Nhan

STORY ARC

Progenitors CONCLUDES HERE

The final-season search for Progenitor technology grows into a moral debate over inheritance, power, and whether some knowledge should remain beyond anyone's reach.

THE AGE OF THE ENTERPRISE

ERA III

THE AGE OF THE ENTERPRISE (2259–2265)

Between the war that taught Starfleet to keep secrets and the five-year mission that made it famous, one ship and one captain hold the line.

Christopher Pike takes the *Enterprise* out under orders that are mostly about looking: chart, make contact, report back. He has Una Chin-Riley beside him, Spock at the science station, and a crew young enough that most of them are still deciding what kind of officers they intend to be. Pike also knows how his own story ends. He has seen the accident, the chair, and the years of silence that follow — and he serves anyway.

The ship's business in these years is the Federation's business. The Gorn push in from unclaimed space and turn exploration into a running fight for survival. The Klingons test borders and patience in equal measure. And the question of who is permitted to wear the uniform at all, raised by Una's own case, becomes a referendum on what Starfleet will forgive in order to keep its best people.

By 2262 the *Enterprise* is operating further from home than its charters anticipated, past the reassuring edge of surveyed space. The mission has not changed. The people carrying it have.

The handover is coming, and everyone senior knows it. Pike's command ends and Kirk's begins in 2265. Spock stays behind, which is the continuity of the century in a single transfer of authority.

The *Enterprise* that Kirk inherits was built by a captain who had already read his own ending and chose the standard anyway.

CHAPTER 3

STAR TREK: STRANGE NEW WORLDS

First Aired: May 5, 2022 **Last Aired:** September 24, 2026 **Seasons:** 4 **Episodes:** 40 **Network:** Paramount+

Captain Christopher Pike, Number One, and Spock lead the U.S.S. Enterprise on missions of exploration across the frontier. Encountering new civilizations, scientific mysteries, and ethical dilemmas, the crew embraces the spirit of discovery that defined early Star Trek. The series combines episodic adventures with character-driven storytelling while charting the years preceding The Original Series. From “Strange New Worlds” to “Tomorrow's Enterprise”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. Una's hidden background becomes a test of principle, exposing the gap between Starfleet's ideals and the exclusions built into its rules. The Gorn evolve from episodic menace into a recurring frontier pressure point, tying Strange New Worlds' optimism to trauma, survival, and looming war.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2259

First Aired: May 5, 2022 **Last Aired:** July 7, 2022 **Timeline:** 2259 **Stardates:** 1224.3–3177.3

Season one returns Star Trek to a mission of exploration under the command of Captain Christopher Pike aboard the USS Enterprise. Set before the events of The Original Series, the season balances episodic adventures with Pike's knowledge of a tragic future he knows he cannot avoid. The Enterprise encounters new civilizations, scientific mysteries, and ethical dilemmas while introducing younger versions of characters who will later become legendary figures in Starfleet history. Strong character-focused stories and a renewed emphasis on optimism evoke the spirit of classic Star Trek while remaining distinctly modern. The season successfully reestablishes exploration and discovery as the heart of the franchise. "Strange New Worlds" reintroduces Pike’s crew to episodic exploration; "A Quality of Mercy" spends the finale reminding him exactly what that command will eventually cost. A central continuity line shapes the season. Una's hidden background becomes a test of principle, exposing the gap between Starfleet's ideals and the exclusions built into its rules.

EPISODE 1

Strange New Worlds

Air Date: May 5, 2022
Timeline: 2259
Stardate: 2259.4
Runtime: 53 min

Pike has spent a year in deliberate exile at his family vineyard, unable to shake the vision Discovery's crew handed him of exactly how and when his life ends, when word reaches him that Number One has gone missing on a classified mission gone wrong. Getting her back means returning to the center seat he walked away from, and to a planet, Kiley 279, whose slide toward authoritarian rule under a charismatic leader reads like history the away team recognizes all too well. Spock, freshly reassigned and clearly still adjusting to serving under Pike rather than beside him, becomes the officer Pike leans on hardest to hold the line between observation and interference. By the time the rescue is over, Pike has his first officer back and a command he can no longer pretend he doesn't still want, foreknowledge of his own fate notwithstanding.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Robert April · Captain Marie Batel · Chief Kyle · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk

EPISODE 2

Children of the Comet

Air Date: May 12, 2022
Timeline: 2259
Stardate: 2912.4
Runtime: 53 min

While on a survey mission, the USS Enterprise discovers a comet is going to strike an inhabited planet. They try to re-route the comet, only to find that an ancient alien relic buried on the comet's icy surface is somehow stopping them. As the away team try to unlock the relic's secrets, Pike and Number One deal with a group of zealots who want to prevent the USS Enterprise from interfering.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chief Kyle · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk

EPISODE 3

Ghosts of Illyria

Air Date: May 19, 2022
Timeline: 2259
Stardate: 1224.3
Runtime: 46 min

A mysterious blue contagion spreads through the Enterprise, pushing infected crew members toward increasingly violent, unpredictable behavior and forcing much of the ship into lockdown. Treating it falls to Una Chin-Riley, whose concealed Illyrian heritage, and the genetically enhanced blood that comes with it, becomes impossible to hide once it turns out to be the key to a cure. Stranded planetside, Pike and Spock face their own version of the same crisis among an indigenous population caught in the contagion's spread, cut off from any help the ship could offer. Una's exposure leaves a truth she'd spent her whole career concealing forced out into the open at the worst possible moment.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Carter · Chief Kyle · Probasco · Rukiya

STORY ARC

Illyrians BEGINS HERE

Una's hidden background becomes a test of principle, exposing the gap between Starfleet's ideals and the exclusions built into its rules.

EPISODE 4

Memento Mori

Air Date: May 26, 2022
Timeline: 2259
Stardate: 3177.3
Runtime: 54 min

A routine supply run to a frontier colony turns into an ambush when the Enterprise comes under attack from the Gorn, a predatory species the crew has almost no reliable intelligence on. Security officer La'an Noonien-Singh, who survived a Gorn attack as a child, is the only one aboard who understands exactly how dangerous

the threat actually is, and her warnings carry the weight of memories she'd rather not be revisiting. Pike throws every ounce of his command experience into keeping the ship and a stranded colonist named Samuel Kirk alive, using a nearby nebula to mask their position while Number One flies a decoy shuttle to draw the Gorn away. The encounter marks the crew's first real reckoning with a species that refuses to behave like any threat Starfleet protocol was built to handle.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chief Kyle · Fig · Jennifer · Lt. Parker · Manu

STORY ARC

Gorn BEGINS HERE

The Gorn evolve from episodic menace into a recurring frontier pressure point, tying Strange New Worlds' optimism to trauma, survival, and looming war.

EPISODE 5

Spock Amok

Air Date: June 2, 2022 **Timeline:** 2259
Stardate: 2341.4 **Runtime:** 52 min

A Vulcan mind-meld ritual meant to help resolve tension between Spock and T'Pring goes sideways and swaps their bodies instead, dropping each of them into the other's obligations at the worst possible moment. T'Pring, now wearing Spock's face, has to manage his duties on the Enterprise bridge, while Spock, stuck in her body, is left navigating a tense Vulcan property dispute he barely understands. The mix-up forces both of them to see the pressures the other carries every day, producing as much genuine insight as outright comedy. By the time a second ritual reverses the swap, their relationship looks a little more honest than it did going in.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Robert April · Barjan T'Or · Brax · Chief Kyle · K'Tyll

EPISODE 6

Lift Us Where Suffering Cannot Reach

Air Date: June 9, 2022 **Timeline:** 2259
Stardate: 1943.7 **Runtime:** 51 min

A threat to an idyllic planet reunites Captain Pike with the lost love of his life. While en route to the planet Majalis, the Enterprise receives a distress call from a shuttlecraft under attack from a warship. Pike agrees to return them to Majalis. Majalis's rebellious colony objects to this practice and Gamal had joined them to save his son. Gamal helps M'Benga work on a treatment for Rukiya's condition and then leaves Enterprise to join the colony, hoping to save future First Servants.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alora · Chief Kyle · Elder Gamal · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk · Jenna Mitchell

EPISODE 7

The Serene Squall

Air Date: June 16, 2022
Stardate: 1997.9
Timeline: 2259
Runtime: 50 min

A humanitarian aid run to a Federation colony goes wrong when the Enterprise is boarded by space pirates led by the charismatic, unpredictable Captain Angel, whose crew holds Pike and Una hostage while the ship's fate hangs in the balance. Angel's operation proves more calculated than it first appears, built around a betrayal from within her own crew that neither the pirates nor the Enterprise see coming until it's already in motion. Back aboard ship, Spock and T'Pring's relationship faces its own test, a smaller-scale echo of the loyalty and trust being fought over at gunpoint elsewhere. The mission's success depends less on firepower than on figuring out who's actually telling the truth before it's too late.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Aspen · Fran · Pirate #1 · Remy · Stonn

EPISODE 8

The Elysian Kingdom

Air Date: June 23, 2022
Stardate: 2341.6
Timeline: 2259
Runtime: 54 min

A powerful nebula entity reshapes the Enterprise into a living storybook world drawn straight from a fairy tale Doctor M'Benga has been reading to his terminally ill daughter Rukiya, casting the crew into unfamiliar roles inside her imagination. What plays out as whimsical fantasy for most of the ship becomes something far heavier for M'Benga, who's been keeping Rukiya suspended in the transporter buffer between treatments, unable to cure a condition medicine simply can't fix yet. As the fantasy deepens, he's forced to confront a choice no parent should have to make about how his daughter gets to live out whatever time she has left. The episode closes on real grief dressed in fairy-tale colors, a reminder that even the ship's strangest anomalies can cut close to something entirely human.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adult Rukiya · Jenna Mitchell · Rukiya

EPISODE 9

All Those Who Wander

Air Date: June 30, 2022
Stardate: 2510.6
Timeline: 2259
Runtime: 53 min

A distress call from a derelict mining vessel pulls the Enterprise crew into a direct, desperate confrontation with the Gorn, hunting survivors through the ship's darkened corridors with the same predatory efficiency that first introduced the species to the crew. La'an's hard-won knowledge of Gorn behavior proves essential to keeping the rescue team alive, even as the mission drags her back through memories of the attack that shaped her childhood. Casualties mount fast as the team fights through corridor after corridor, with survival depending less on firepower than on outthinking a predator that's had far more practice hunting than they've had escaping. The ordeal leaves La'an having faced her own past head-on rather than simply outrunning it again.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Buckley · Capt. Alice Gavin · Chief Kyle · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk · Manu

EPISODE 10

A Quality of Mercy

Air Date: July 7, 2022 **Timeline:** 2259
Stardate: 1457.9 **Runtime:** 63 min

Offered a glimpse of the life he could have had if he'd avoided the accident that will one day leave him disfigured and paralyzed, Pike watches an alternate future unfold in which he becomes an admiral and leads the Federation into a devastating war with the Romulans. The vision plays out as a direct echo of the crisis he's fated to face either way, forcing him to weigh what he'd personally gain against the cost paid by people he loves, including officers who don't survive the alternate timeline's version of events. Confronting the full weight of that alternate future finally settles a question Pike has been quietly avoiding since he first learned what was coming for him. The season closes with Pike choosing to accept his fate rather than run from it, understanding at last exactly what kind of captain, and what kind of sacrifice, the future actually needs from him.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike, Spock, Christine Chapel, La'an Noonien-Singh, Nyota Uhura, Erica Ortegas, Joseph M'Benga, Hemmer
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Bride, Captain Marie Batel, Chief Kyle, Commander Hansen Al-Salah

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2260

First Aired: June 15, 2023 **Last Aired:** August 10, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260 **Stardates:** 1224.3–2369.2

Season two builds upon the strong foundation of the first year while expanding both the Enterprise crew and the scope of its adventures. Pike continues wrestling with his foreknowledge of the future as relationships among the crew deepen through missions that range from lighthearted exploration to serious moral dilemmas. Several episodes experiment with different storytelling styles while remaining grounded in Star Trek's core themes of curiosity, compassion, and understanding. The season further develops characters such as Spock, Chapel, and Uhura while strengthening connections to The Original Series. Its blend of adventure, humor, and emotional depth makes it one of the franchise's most versatile seasons. "The Broken Circle" catches the crew mid-mission; "Hegemony (1)" ends the season on a cliffhanger serious enough to carry directly into the next one. A central continuity line shapes the season. Una's hidden background becomes a test of principle, exposing the gap between Starfleet's ideals and the exclusions built into its rules.

EPISODE 1

The Broken Circle

Air Date: June 15, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: 2369.2 **Runtime:** 53 min

With Pike away and Spock left in command at Starbase One, a distress signal from an undercover La'an Noonien-Singh in disputed Klingon space forces the crew into a choice Admiral April has explicitly forbidden: mount a rescue anyway. New chief engineer Pelia, revealed as a centuries-old Lanthanite, helps Spock steal the Enterprise out of spacedock to investigate, uncovering a joint Federation-Klingon extremist conspiracy secretly building an armed ship meant to stage a false-flag attack and drag both sides back into war. M'Benga and Chapel, captured aboard the conspirators' vessel, escape into open space using an experimental strength serum, surviving a strike Spock believed had killed them outright. Spock talks the Klingon side back from the brink through nothing more than bloodwine diplomacy with Captain D'Chok, but the season opens its real threat quietly, with a Gorn ship spotted lurking near Federation space just as the crisis ends.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Robert April · Captain D'Chok · Chief Jay · Commander Pelia

EPISODE 2

Ad Astra per Aspera

Air Date: June 22, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: 1224.3 **Runtime:** 58 min

Una Chin-Riley stands court-martial once Starfleet learns she concealed genetically enhanced Illyrian heritage throughout her career, a secret illegal under Federation law that prosecutor Captain Batel escalates into a sedition charge carrying twenty years and dishonorable discharge. Pike calls in an old childhood friend, Illyrian lawyer Neera Ketoul, to mount Una's defense, while Admiral April testifies and Admiral Javas presides over a case that quickly becomes less about one officer's secret and more about what Federation law actually protects. Una's own choice to turn herself in voluntarily becomes central to her defense, and Neera's invocation of Starfleet Code 8514, granting asylum for persecuted biological status, gives the case its real legal weight. Javas ultimately acquits Una and grants her asylum, restoring her to duty and forcing the Federation to reckon publicly with a bias it's spent years pretending didn't exist.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Neera Ketoul · Admiral Javas · Admiral Robert April · Captain Marie Batel · Jag Defender

STORY ARC

Illyrians CONCLUDES HERE

Una's hidden background becomes a test of principle, exposing the gap between Starfleet's ideals and the exclusions built into its rules.

EPISODE 3

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

Air Date: June 29, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: 1581.2 **Runtime:** 61 min

A wounded time-traveler's device flings La'an into a divergent 2024 Toronto, where she crosses paths with a young James T. Kirk from a timeline in which he already commands the Enterprise against the Romulans. Together they uncover a Romulan agent named Sera sabotaging Earth's cold-fusion progress specifically to prevent the Federation from ever forming, with her sights set on the Noonien-Singh Institute, where a young Khan is being raised. Kirk dies protecting La'an in the fight that follows, and she defeats Sera alone, choosing to spare young Khan despite knowing exactly what he'll grow up to become. Returned to her own timeline, a Department of Temporal Investigations agent warns her to keep what happened to herself, leaving La'an to grieve a version of Kirk nobody else will ever know existed.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Chief Jay · Commander Pelia · Sera

EPISODE 4

Among the Lotus Eaters

Air Date: July 6, 2023
Stardate: 1630.1
Timeline: 2260
Runtime: 58 min

A return visit to Rigel VII, meant to check on cultural contamination left behind by a mission five years earlier, exposes Pike's landing party to a radiation that wipes out memories across both the away team and much of the ship. Yeoman Zac Nguyen, long presumed dead, turns out to be alive and ruling the locals as a self-styled High Lord, while an amnesiac Ortegas has to fly the Enterprise through debris on nothing but a repeated mantra reminding herself who she is and what she does. Pike's own memories return gradually, forcing him to confront Nguyen directly rather than simply condemn him for what he's become. The crisis resolves with forgiveness rather than punishment, and gives Pike and Batel room to quietly reconcile a relationship that's been fraying since the season began.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike, Spock, Christine Chapel, La'an Noonien-Singh, Nyota Uhura, Erica Ortegas, Joseph M'Benga, Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Afraid Crewmember, Captain Marie Batel, Chief Jay, Luq, Rak

EPISODE 5

Charades

Air Date: July 13, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2260
Runtime: 61 min

A shuttle accident traps Spock and Chapel near an anomaly inhabited by the Kerkhovians, alien beings who attempt to repair the damage by stripping Spock of every Vulcan trait, logic included, right before he's due at an engagement dinner with T'Pring's disapproving parents. Faking his way through the evening with prosthetic ears and coaching from his own mother, Amanda Grayson, only gets him so far once T'Pring's mother sees through the performance and criticizes him harshly for it. Spock finally pulls off the fake ears and lets himself be fully human for the rest of the night, a choice that costs him socially but clarifies something he's been avoiding about himself. Once Chapel and the Kerkhovians restore his Vulcan half, he admits real feelings for someone other than T'Pring, and the kiss that follows leaves T'Pring proposing they take time apart rather than pretend nothing changed.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike, Spock, Christine Chapel, La'an Noonien-Singh, Nyota Uhura, Erica Ortegas, Joseph M'Benga, Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amanda Grayson, Durik, George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk, Sevet, T'Pril

EPISODE 6

Lost in Translation

Air Date: July 20, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2260
Runtime: 55 min

Stationed at a Federation deuterium refinery in Bannon's Nebula, Uhura starts experiencing unsettling metallic sounds and visions that the crew initially dismisses as a byproduct of deuterium exposure. A station officer suffering similar episodes turns violent, sabotages the refinery, and dies confronting Uhura directly, escalating what looked like a medical anomaly into a genuine crisis. Visiting officers James and Sam Kirk help Uhura piece together what's actually happening, until she realizes the refinery's extraction process is causing real suffering to extra-dimensional lifeforms living inside the deuterium itself, desperately trying to communicate rather than attack. Uhura convinces Pike to destroy the refinery rather than keep harvesting it, a choice confirmed as right by a final vision of her late friend Hemmer, smiling at what she chose to hear.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hemmer · James T. Kirk · Commander Pelia · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk · Saul Ramon

EPISODE 7

Those Old Scientists

Air Date: July 22, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 49 min

A transporter accident hurls Lower Decks' Brad Boimler and Beckett Mariner out of their own century and onto Pike's Enterprise, turning the crossover into the joke it was built to be — two career ensigns from a background ship suddenly rubbing shoulders with people who'll be legends. Boimler, star-struck into uselessness, has to get over himself fast enough to help fix the anomaly that stranded them. It's less a story about time travel than about what it's like to suddenly stand next to the myth you grew up on.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jack Ransom · Captain Harr Caras · Commander Pelia

EPISODE 8

Under the Cloak of War

Air Date: July 27, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 50 min

The arrival of Klingon defector Ambassador Dak'Rah for transport to Starbase 12 reopens deep war trauma for both M'Benga and Chapel, veterans of a brutal campaign on the moon J'gal that neither has ever fully processed. Flashbacks reveal the full weight of what happened there: preserving a dying ensign's pattern in the transporter buffer only to be forced to delete it later to save others, and M'Benga being ordered by Starfleet Special Forces to assassinate Dak'Rah using a banned combat drug, a mission that instead killed three other Klingon commanders while Rah slipped away to reinvent himself as a peace-seeking diplomat. Confronting Rah directly in sickbay, M'Benga exposes the hypocrisy behind his new reputation, and the ambassador's furious attack ends with M'Benga killing him in self-defense with a Klingon d'k tahg blade. The episode closes without any clean resolution, just two officers forced to relive a war Starfleet would rather they'd kept quiet about.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Buck Martinez · Dak'Reh · Harper · Jenna Mitchell · Jix

EPISODE 9

Subspace Rhapsody

Air Date: August 3, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 63 min

An experiment of Uhura's meant to send music through subspace instead triggers a quantum probability field that has the entire crew, and eventually a fleet of Klingon warships, bursting spontaneously into song, exposing feelings nobody aboard intended to share so publicly. Chapel announces she's leaving for a three-month fellowship, effectively ending things with Spock before either of them can process it, while La'an admits to a visiting Kirk that she connected with an alternate-timeline version of him, only for Kirk to reveal he's already in a rela-

tionship of his own. Closing the fold turns out to require exactly the kind of collective emotional honesty the songs have been forcing out of everyone all episode, and the crew's unified performance succeeds just as three Klingon battlecruisers arrive, only to start singing along themselves. The fallout lingers well past the last note, with Chapel's departure, Spock's bloodwine, and Pike and Batel's strained relationship all left hanging as the credits roll.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Captain Marie Batel · Commander Pelia · General Garkog · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk

EPISODE 10

Hegemony

Air Date: August 10, 2023 **Timeline:** 2260
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 54 min

The Gorn launch a full assault on the Federation colony Parnassus Beta, territory they claim as their own, destroying the USS Cayuga and stranding Captain Batel and a group of colonists and crew on the surface, where Batel herself ends up infected with a Gorn spawn brought aboard the Enterprise under strict containment. Chapel is left stranded on the wrecked Cayuga as the Gorn deploy technology that jams the Enterprise's transporters, cutting off any easy rescue and forcing Spock and Chapel into a direct confrontation with a full-grown Gorn. Amid the chaos, a young engineering prodigy named Montgomery Scott joins the crew under Pelia's mentorship, a small bright spot in an otherwise desperate fight. The season ends on a genuine cliffhanger, with Pike forced to choose between following Starfleet's order to retreat and risking everything to bring his stranded people home.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Montgomery Scott · Admiral Robert April · Adult Gorn · Captain Marie Batel · Chief Jay

STORY ARC

Gorn CONCLUDES HERE

The Gorn evolve from episodic menace into a recurring frontier pressure point, tying Strange New Worlds' optimism to trauma, survival, and looming war.

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2261

First Aired: July 17, 2025 **Last Aired:** September 11, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261 **Stardates:** 2251.7–3165.2

Season three continues the Enterprise's mission during a period of growing uncertainty as events move increasingly closer to the era of Captain Kirk. Exploration remains central to the series, but larger political developments and emerging conflicts begin exerting greater influence on Starfleet operations. The crew faces new challenges that test their leadership, loyalty, and commitment to Federation ideals. Personal relationships continue evolving as individual officers confront important decisions about their futures. The season balances discovery and adventure with the growing awareness that significant historical events lie ahead. The distance between "Hegemony (2)" and "New Life and New Civilizations" is the season closing the gap between Pike's command

and the era audiences already know is coming. The season doesn't lean on one throughline to make that case — individual episodes carry it, each pushing the crew a little closer to the history already written for them.

EPISODE 1

Hegemony, Part II

Air Date: July 17, 2025
Timeline: 2261
Stardate: —
Runtime: 49 min

The Enterprise limps out of the Gorn ambush with the away team still scattered and unaccounted for, forcing Pike to weigh a rescue against orders that call the mission already lost. Admiral April arrives with reinforcements and a very different read on how far Starfleet should go to fight the Gorn, putting Pike's instinct to save his people directly at odds with the chain of command. Spock, M'Benga, and the others trapped groundside have to survive the Gorn nest itself, buying time any way they can while the ship above tries to break through. The rescue comes at real cost, closing out the two-parter with the crew alive but the larger Gorn threat left unresolved and clearly far from over.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Robert April · Captain Marie Batel · Commander Pelia · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk · Jenna Mitchell

EPISODE 2

Wedding Bell Blues

Air Date: July 17, 2025
Timeline: 2261
Stardate: —
Runtime: 51 min

During the Federation Day centennial, Spock finds himself abruptly "engaged" to Christine Chapel inside a reality being rewritten around them by Trelane, the reality-warping being from the original series, all grown up and meddling again. Dr. Roger Korby — Chapel's actual love interest — has to talk Spock through poetry and memory until Chapel's real feelings punch through the illusion. Trelane's father shows up to drag his son away for bothering the humans, and the episode closes on Ortegas seeing something that looks a lot like a Gorn.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Marie Batel · Dr. Roger Korby · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk · Humberto 'Beto' Ortegas · Kelzing

EPISODE 3

Shuttle to Kenfori

Air Date: July 24, 2025
Timeline: 2261
Stardate: —
Runtime: 51 min

Pike and M'Benga slip away on an unauthorized run to the forbidden planet Kenfori to retrieve the Chimera Blossom, the only known cure for the Gorn infection killing Marie Batel. They find the research station's staff turned feral by a genetically altered moss, and are captured by Bytha, a Klingon out for vengeance tied to M'Benga's own past. Bytha ultimately sacrifices herself to get them out, and the Enterprise has to attempt a rescue maneuver dangerous enough to match the stakes on the ground.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bytha · Captain Marie Batel · Lt. Scannell

EPISODE 4

A Space Adventure Hour

Air Date: July 31, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 48 min

Testing out a new holodeck simulator, La'an requests a murder-mystery set inside a fictional 1960s sci-fi show, complete with holographic likenesses of her own crewmates playing the cast. When the program spirals past its intended scope, she pulls in Spock to help solve the mystery from inside the simulation itself, while Scotty scrambles to manage the holodeck's power draw as the real Enterprise closes in on a collapsing neutron star outside. The killer turns out to be the holographic Spock, a twist that lands harder than it should given who's helping investigate it. La'an comes away recommending the ship not adopt holodecks for general use, though a dance lesson afterward gives her and the real Spock a moment neither quite plans for.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Agonyan · Jenna Mitchell

EPISODE 5

Through the Lens of Time

Air Date: August 7, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

An archaeological dig led by Chapel and Korby, joined by Dana Gamble and Beto Ortegas, uncovers an ancient structure rumored to hold the secret to immortality, a promise that turns out to be a trap rather than a discovery. Gamble touches a glowing orb inside the structure and is left outwardly blind and brain-dead, though he's secretly still fully conscious and aware the whole time. The structure turns out to be a prison built to contain the Vezda, extradimensional parasites, and Marie Batel, whose body still carries Gorn DNA, senses that Gamble has been possessed by one. Gamble escapes and takes Scotty, Sam Kirk, and Pelia hostage in an attempt to free more of the Vezda, and it's Pelia who ultimately kills him, with Scotty left to trap the freed Vezda consciousness inside the transporter buffer rather than let it escape entirely.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Marie Batel · Commander Pelia · Dr. Roger Korby · George Samuel 'Sam' Kirk · Humberto 'Beto' Ortegas

EPISODE 6

The Sehlat Who Ate Its Tail

Air Date: August 14, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 49 min

James T. Kirk gets handed his first day of command aboard the Enterprise after the USS Farragut's captain is injured in an attack, and the timing couldn't be worse: scavengers seize the ship almost immediately, draining power and communications and forcing the crew back onto old wired phones and manual controls. Pike and

La'an, cut off aboard the enemy vessel, end up fighting their way through the scavengers directly while Kirk improvises from the Enterprise's crippled bridge. His deception tricks the scavengers into disabling their own systems, clearing the way for the Farragut to finish the fight once the trap springs. The scavengers turn out to be human descendants of scientists who fled Earth after World War III, a revelation that leaves Kirk shaken by his first real taste of command, and grateful for Pike's counsel once it's over.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Alvarez · Captain V'Rel · Commander Pelia · Crewmember

EPISODE 7

What Is Starfleet?

Air Date: August 21, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 41 min

While the Enterprise assists the non-Federation world Lutani VII against a neighboring rival, Beto Ortegas is filming a documentary sharply critical of Starfleet's involvement, and the crew's own choices keep giving him more material to work with. Transporting a bioweaponized creature called a Jikaru into the conflict zone goes wrong once its Lutani creators, regretting what they made, attack the transport and free the suffering creature outright. Spock falls into a coma attempting to reach it telepathically, and it's Uhura who finally succeeds in connecting with the Jikaru, learning that what it actually wants is to die, a request the crew ultimately honors by guiding it into a star. The mission's resolution, along with a conversation that gets Beto to confront his own estrangement from his sister, softens the documentary he came aboard determined to make.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Marie Batel · Dr. Gyud · Dr. Trunn Voor · Humberto 'Beto' Ortegas

EPISODE 8

Four-and-a-Half Vulcans

Air Date: August 28, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

A mission leaves Pike, Chapel, Uhura, and La'an transformed into Vulcans, and rather than rush to reverse it, all four choose to stay that way for a while, with consequences none of them anticipate. Pike turns coldly hyper-efficient just as he's reviewing Batel's request to return from medical leave, a logical assessment that lands as outright cruelty and angers both Batel and a visiting admiral. Uhura manipulates a mind meld with Beto to test romantic compatibility, Chapel abandons her personal relationships for pure focus on work, and La'an develops an aggression edging disturbingly close to Romulan instincts, forcing Scotty and Kirk to work to keep her contained. Spock, helped along by Number One's old Vulcan boyfriend, finally talks all four back to themselves, though the fallout leaves an unexpected twist behind: despite everything, Batel gets promoted to head the ship's Judicial Department anyway.

CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Spock · Christine Chapel · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Captain Marie Batel · Commander Pelia · Doug · Dr. Roger Korby

EPISODE 9

Terrarium

Air Date: September 4, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 57 min

Erica Ortegas's shuttle gets pulled through a wormhole and crashes on a barren moon, stranding her with an equally stranded Gorn pilot who starts out as a clear threat but slowly becomes something closer to a partner in survival. Back aboard the Enterprise, a tight deadline delivering vaccines elsewhere leaves only a narrow window to search for her, and Uhura talks Pike into a risky partial wormhole transit by overstating their actual odds of success. Ortegas and the Gorn ignite atmospheric gas to signal the ship, but the rescue goes wrong the moment La'an, reacting on instinct, kills the Gorn believing it's attacking rather than protecting. The whole ordeal turns out to have been orchestrated by a Metron entity testing whether humans and Gorn can coexist, and its conclusion, that La'an's violent reflex needs further study, comes with a final cruelty: it wipes Ortegas's memory of the Gorn who saved her life, leaving only an unexplained grief behind.

CHARACTERS Christopher Pike, Spock, Christine Chapel, La'an Noonien-Singh, Nyota Uhura, Erica Ortegas, Joseph M'Benga, Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS Gorn, Metron

EPISODE 10

New Life and New Civilizations

Air Date: September 11, 2025 **Timeline:** 2261
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 56 min

The Vezda trapped inside the transporter buffer escapes by reanimating Gamble's body, luring Doctor M'Benga to the prison's entrance in a trap specifically designed to require his presence alongside Gamble's to open the door. The crew discovers that Batel's unique Gorn-derived DNA matches the ancient guardian statue sealing the Vezda prison, and Enterprise and Farragut coordinate simultaneous phaser fire on it, synchronized through a Spock-Kirk mind meld, to avoid sacrificing M'Benga in the process. Pike and Batel confront Gamble directly, but he destroys the guardian anyway, freeing the remaining Vezda regardless of the crew's careful plan. Batel shows Pike an illusory glimpse of the future they might have shared together before sacrificing herself to seal the Vezda back inside the prison, becoming its new guardian in the process, and the season closes with Pike left to carry that loss as the Enterprise resumes its mission.

CHARACTERS Christopher Pike, Spock, Christine Chapel, La'an Noonien-Singh, Nyota Uhura, Erica Ortegas, Joseph M'Benga, Montgomery Scott
GUEST CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Abna, Captain Marie Batel, Captain V'Rel, Commander Pelia

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 2262

First Aired: July 23, 2026 **Last Aired:** September 24, 2026 **Timeline:** 2262
Stardates: 1213.72–3019.4

Season four carries the Enterprise further from Federation space as the crew moves from the shadow of the Gorn conflict into genuinely unknown territory. Exploration remains the mission, but the season leans harder on the people carrying it out: Spock and Kirk's early partnership, the crew's fatigue after months of crisis, and the question of what Pike's command is becoming as the Kirk era approaches. From "Valles Marineris" to "Tomorrow's Enterprise", the run builds on consequence rather than reset, letting earlier choices shape each new frontier.

EPISODE 1

Valles Marineris

Air Date: July 23, 2026
Stardate: 2491.5
Timeline: 2262
Runtime: 59 min

A stellar storm flings the Enterprise sixty-five million years into the past, stranding Pike's crew in the deep time before the Federation — or humanity — existed. As the crew struggles to find a way home without scarring the timeline, the voyage becomes a confrontation with scale itself: how small one ship is against the age of the galaxy, and how much a single choice can matter across it. The episode opens the season with the series' oldest question — what is exploration worth when the cost is everything you know — and sets the year's tone of consequence over reset.

CHARACTERS Christopher Pike · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock · Una Chin-Riley

GUEST CHARACTERS Commander Cassell · Robert April

EPISODE 2

The Griffin Incident

Air Date: July 30, 2026
Stardate: 2903.9
Timeline: 2262
Runtime: 59 min

La'An, Spock, and Kirk are trapped aboard a long-lost Federation vessel whose disappearance was never explained, cut off from the Enterprise with no clear way back. Unraveling the ship's fate falls to the three of them together, testing an early partnership between Spock and Kirk under real pressure rather than the easy camaraderie either might have expected. What they uncover ties a forgotten Starfleet failure directly to the crisis they're now facing themselves. The uneasy trust built between Spock and Kirk here reads less like coincidence and more like the quiet beginning of a friendship the franchise will spend decades building on.

CHARACTERS Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · La'an Noonien-Singh · Nyota Uhura · Spock

GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Smillie · Captain Taggert · Rose Harper

STORY ARC

The Griffin Incident BEGINS HERE

The lost starship Griffin is found derelict behind a large asteroid, nine years after vanishing with 300 souls aboard. Its discovery reopens the official record of what happened to it and forces a reckoning with the report that was filed.

EPISODE 3

Human Best Friend

Air Date: August 6, 2026
Stardate: 2011.7
Timeline: 2262
Runtime: 48 min

A shore-leave stop on a planet that chemically guarantees a good time gives the exhausted crew a reprieve that quickly turns into something more complicated than advertised. As inhibitions fall away, old attachments and simmering frictions among the crew surface in roughly equal measure, turning a relaxing detour into an unplanned reckoning. What the planet promises as pure release ends up costing the crew a certain amount of com-

fortable distance from each other. The visit says less about the world they've landed on than about what a crew actually owes one another once the mission finally stops demanding anything of them.

CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cesnar Grand

EPISODE 4

A Case of Chiaroscuro

Air Date: August 13, 2026
Timeline: 2262
Stardate: 2122.4
Runtime: 51 min

During a Klingon occupation, Una is mistaken for a local kingpin with a reputation for virtue she did nothing to earn, and the mistake proves too useful, and too dangerous, to simply correct. Forced to inhabit the role to survive, and to actually protect the people living under occupation, she has to reckon with the gap between how others see her and what she's really done to deserve it. The legend she's borrowing keeps demanding more of her than she ever agreed to provide, blurring the line between performance and genuine responsibility. It's another chapter in Una's long negotiation between who she actually is and what Starfleet, and now an occupied population, needs her to be instead.

CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · Joseph M'Benga · Nyota Uhura · Spock · Una Chin-Riley
GUEST CHARACTERS	Joseph Ruik · Kor · May Mat' · Nyota Nakuru

EPISODE 5

Level-Five Transporter Accident

Air Date: August 20, 2026
Timeline: 2262
Stardate: 3019.4
Runtime: 55 min

A level-five transporter accident transforms the entire crew — except Spock — into puppets, just as pirates board the Enterprise. Forced to repel the invasion through the crew's transformed bodies, Spock must improvise command in the series' most literal exercise in working with what you're given. The episode plays as farce, but underneath runs a familiar Strange New Worlds theme: control is an illusion, and leadership is what happens after it breaks.

CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock
GUEST CHARACTERS	Declan Milder · Kal Rekk · Little Ricky · Robert April

STORY ARC

The Griffin Incident CONCLUDES HERE

The lost starship Griffin is found derelict behind a large asteroid, nine years after vanishing with 300 souls aboard. Its discovery reopens the official record of what happened to it and forces a reckoning with the report that was filed.

EPISODE 6

Off-Hour

Air Date: August 27, 2026 **Timeline:** 2262
Stardate: 1213.72 **Runtime:** 57 min

A routine run to Starbase 7 for Bussard collector upgrades becomes an endurance test when the Enterprise's plasma manifolds blow out beyond repair and the ship is left dead in the water. The episode works the off-duty side of shipboard life: a five-day work roster running out the alpha shift, the Port Galley piano, and the return of Dr. Boyce as second surgeon under M'Benga, which stirs the question of who is really meant to hold sickbay.

CHARACTERS Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock

GUEST CHARACTERS Declan Milder · Kal Rekk · Little Ricky · Robert April

EPISODE 7

Like Chronitons Through the Hourglass

Air Date: September 3, 2026 **Timeline:** 2262
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Pike wakes from a shuttle accident into what the ship calls cosmic amnesia: familiar spaces have gone bright and hazy, and the crew insist the Abbott-Chancellor Collision in an asteroid belt nearly killed him. As the account of Spock's cardiac arrest is pieced together and a voice urges him to follow its light, the episode turns on memory, grief, and the people the crew can no longer reach.

CHARACTERS Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock

GUEST CHARACTERS Declan Milder · Kal Rekk · Little Ricky · Robert April

EPISODE 8

Orders of Magnitude

Air Date: September 10, 2026 **Timeline:** 2262
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 63 min

Lieutenant Commander James Kirk comes aboard the Enterprise for a checkup from Dr. M'Benga and finds Pike's landing party investigating a faint SOS inside Altairan-mined crystal caves that block both comms and transport. When the mission goes wrong and the cost is counted, Kirk is forced to weigh decisions made from the center seat, and Uhura is awarded a battlefield promotion to lieutenant, junior grade.

CHARACTERS Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock

GUEST CHARACTERS Declan Milder · Kal Rekk · Little Ricky · Robert April

EPISODE 9

Once La'An a Time

Air Date: September 17, 2026 **Timeline:** 2262
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 50 min

La'An Noonien-Singh is caught between two sides of herself, and the crew, Pike, and a long-delayed drink with James Kirk all press her toward a reckoning. A wedding she attends goes sideways when an Orion dignitary is exposed as a spy, and the two of them, with a great deal of history behind them, decide whether they can start over.

CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock
GUEST CHARACTERS	Declan Milder · Kal Rekk · Little Ricky · Robert April

EPISODE 10

Tomorrow's Enterprise

Air Date: September 24, 2026 **Timeline:** 2262
Stardate: — **Runtime:** Unknown

A rupture in time throws the Enterprise between two versions of itself, and the fix depends on two versions of Uhura, one barely out of her post at communications and one seasoned by years neither of them has technically lived yet, learning to trust a self she doesn't fully recognize. The season closes by folding its own opening premise back on itself, the same temporal instability that started the year returning to close the loop rather than resolving somewhere else entirely. It's a finale built around doubling rather than escalation: the crew doesn't defeat a bigger threat so much as reconcile with a stranger who happens to share Uhura's name and hasn't finished becoming her yet.

CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Christopher Pike · Erica Ortegas · James T. Kirk · Joseph M'Benga · Montgomery Scott · Nyota Uhura · Spock
GUEST CHARACTERS	Declan Milder · Kal Rekk · Little Ricky · Robert April

THE AGE OF THE CONSTITUTION-CLASS

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THE AGE OF THE CONSTITUTION-CLASS (2265–2293)

Five years. That was the charter: a single Constitution-class starship alone past the charted edge, under standing orders to seek out new life and new civilizations. What the *Enterprise* NCC-1701 brought back was the template itself. Under James T. Kirk, Spock, and McCoy, contact and crisis and debate and improvisation become the grammar every later century of *Star Trek* will speak. The Guardian of Forever, the augment Khan Noonien Singh contained and then unleashed on Kirk's own command decades later: exploration turns into a recurring moral education.

Adventure is the least of what defines the period. Romulans probe old boundaries from behind the Neutral Zone, the Klingon Empire moves uneasily between rivalry and diplomacy, and recurrent threats force Starfleet to confront the limits of its confidence and its idealism alike. The Prime Directive takes real shape here, because intervention stops being theory — and becomes a repeated, costly judgment call.

The films deepen the pattern rather than replace it. V'Ger returns to an Earth it once left as Voyager 6. The Genesis Device takes Spock's life and gives it back. A whale song saves a future Earth. Frontier confidence turns heavier, entangled with institutional politics, mortality, and the price of holding a peace together.

The age closes with political transformation rather than discovery. The destruction of Praxis and the Khitomer Accords reframe the franchise's central rivalry and convert a period of high adventure into a hinge of interstellar history.

What begins as the classic age of the starship mission ends as the opening of a new diplomatic order.

CHAPTER 4

STAR TREK: THE ORIGINAL SERIES

First Aired: September 8, 1966 **Last Aired:** June 3, 1969 **Seasons:** 3 **Episodes:** 79 **Network:** NBC

Captain James T. Kirk, Spock, Dr. Leonard McCoy, and the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise embark on a five-year mission of exploration beyond known space. As they encounter new civilizations, hostile powers, and unexplained phenomena, the crew helps define the principles that will guide the Federation for generations. The series establishes many of Star Trek's most enduring themes, including diplomacy, scientific curiosity, and the search for understanding. From "The Man Trap" to "Turnabout Intruder", the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. The Talos storyline links Pike's earlier forbidden encounter to later Enterprise history, creating one of The Original Series' strongest continuity bridges. The Romulans emerge as a strategic peer defined less by conquest than by secrecy, brinkmanship, and intelligence warfare.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2265

First Aired: September 8, 1966 **Last Aired:** April 13, 1967 **Timeline:** 2265 **Stardates:** 1312.4–3417.3

In its first season, Star Trek introduces Captain James T. Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise during their five-year mission of exploration. The Enterprise encounters powerful alien civilizations, strange new lifeforms, and ethical dilemmas that challenge both Starfleet principles and the limits of human understanding. Episodes establish many of the franchise's core ideas, including peaceful exploration, cultural diversity, and the belief that knowledge can overcome fear and conflict. While the crew faces dangerous adversaries and seemingly impossible situations, the season consistently emphasizes curiosity, diplomacy, and hope for the future. This foundational season establishes the universe, characters, and ideals that would define Star Trek for generations. "The Man Trap" is a fairly conventional monster story to open on; "Operation: Annihilate!" closes a season that had, by then, already reshaped what a monster story on this show could be. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Talos storyline links Pike's earlier forbidden encounter to later Enterprise history, creating one of The Original Series' strongest continuity bridges.

EPISODE 1

The Man Trap

Air Date: September 8, 1966
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: —
Runtime: 50 min

A routine resupply run to the research outpost on M-113 turns deadly once crew members start dying under bizarre circumstances, each death traced back to a creature that survives by draining salt directly from its living victims. The shape-shifter proves able to impersonate anyone it kills, sowing suspicion throughout the ship as Kirk and McCoy try to work out who, or what, they're actually dealing with. Complicating the hunt is the creature's own tragedy: it's very likely the last of its kind, a fact that pulls at both McCoy's sympathy and the crew's growing fear in equal measure. The series premiere ends on no clean victory, just a necessary killing that leaves everyone aboard a little more aware of how thin the line between monster and survivor can be.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Darnell · Green · Harrison · Janice Rand

EPISODE 2

Charlie X

Air Date: September 15, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 1533.6
Runtime: 51 min

The Enterprise takes custody of Charlie Evans, the sole survivor of a transport crash who spent his childhood being secretly raised by the powerful, reclusive Thasians. Charlie's overwhelming, poorly controlled psychic abilities make him a menace almost immediately, and his growing attachment to Yeoman Rand curdles into something the crew can't safely manage once he starts using his powers against anyone who frustrates him. When he finally seizes control of the ship outright, it becomes clear no ordinary Starfleet solution is going to talk him down. The Thasians reappear to reclaim him despite Kirk's plea that Charlie belongs with his own kind, and Charlie's final, desperate cry as he's taken away leaves the crew with a loss that doesn't feel like the victory it technically is.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Ramart · Charlie Evans · Clifford Brent · Harrison

EPISODE 3

Where No Man Has Gone Before

Air Date: September 22, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 1312.4
Runtime: 51 min

While probing the energy barrier at the edge of the galaxy, an area that crippled an earlier Starfleet vessel, the Enterprise loses two crew members to a strange mutation that leaves them developing godlike psychic powers and an increasingly cold disdain for everyone around them. Kirk's old friend Gary Mitchell is the worse case, and his transformation accelerates fast enough that what starts as concern turns quickly into a genuine threat to the ship itself. Psychiatrist Elizabeth Dehner, affected the same way, ultimately turns against Mitchell rather than let him have free rein, a choice that costs her life alongside his. Kirk closes the mission with a log entry honoring both officers as having died in the performance of duty, refusing to let Mitchell's transformation erase who he was before it happened.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alden · Dr. Elizabeth Dehner · Dr. Piper · Lieutenant Hadley · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 4

The Naked Time

Air Date: September 29, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 1704.2
Runtime: 51 min

A landing party retrieving a research team from the dying planet Psi 2000 accidentally brings back an infection that strips away every crew member's inhibitions, spreading fast through a ship that's supposed to be observing the planet's final breakup from a safe distance. As symptoms spread, buried fears, resentments, and desires sur-

face across the crew, including Sulu's manic swordplay and Nurse Chapel's long-suppressed feelings for Spock. The real danger comes when the infection reaches engineering just as the Enterprise's own systems start failing, threatening to strand the ship in the collapsing system with no way to break orbit in time. Spock and Scotty's desperate fix accidentally reveals a byproduct nobody expected, a working theory of time travel, one Kirk notes drily they might risk testing again someday.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel, Clifford Brent, Harrison, Janice Rand, Joe Tormolen

EPISODE 5

The Enemy Within

Air Date: October 6, 1966
Stardate: 1672.1
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

A transporter malfunction during a routine geological survey splits Kirk into two distinct beings, one gentle and indecisive, the other violent and purely instinctual, each carrying only half of what made the original captain whole. The aggressive double's assaults on the crew, including an attack on Yeoman Rand, make him an obvious danger, but McCoy quickly realizes the passive Kirk is failing just as badly, unable to make the decisions command actually requires. Both halves have to be reunited through the same malfunctioning transporter before either the ship or the captain can function again, and the fix comes down to the wire as a marooned landing party freezes on the planet below waiting for rescue. The ordeal leaves Kirk shaken by exactly how much darkness turned out to be part of him all along, not some foreign contamination.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Farrell, Fisher, Janice Rand, Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 6

Mudd's Women

Air Date: October 13, 1966
Stardate: 1329.8
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

The Enterprise intercepts con artist Harry Mudd and the three strikingly beautiful women he's been transporting to sell as brides to lonely miners on Rigel XII, a scheme that unravels once Kirk discovers the women's beauty isn't natural at all, it's manufactured by an illegal drug Mudd's been dosing them with. Eve, the most independent-minded of the three, chafes hardest against being treated as cargo, and her arc becomes the episode's real center as she decides what she actually wants once the drug's influence fades. Offered a place aboard the Enterprise, Eve instead chooses to stay behind with the miner Childress, having proven to herself, and to him, that her worth was never really about the Venus drug in the first place. The Enterprise resumes its course with Mudd safely in custody, his latest scheme finally caught up with him.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ben Childress, Conners, Eve McHuron, Farrell, Harcourt Fenton Mudd

EPISODE 7

What Are Little Girls Made Of?

Air Date: October 20, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 2712.4
Runtime: 50 min

A search for the long-missing exobiologist Roger Korby, Nurse Chapel's former fiancé, leads the Enterprise to the icy ruins of Exo-III, where Korby has spent years secretly perfecting android duplicates capable of passing as human. His ancient android servant Ruk, driven by self-preservation, turns violently against the landing party once his own existence feels threatened, revealing just how far Korby's research has already spiraled out of his control. Korby's plan to replace Kirk with a duplicate, and to convert Chapel into an android herself in the name of a bloodless immortality, forces Kirk into a increasingly desperate fight for his own identity. Spock's quiet objection to Korby's careless use of the word half-breed lands as a pointed, personal rebuke, one Kirk promises to remember if their positions were ever reversed.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Christine Chapel, Andrea, Brown, Lieutenant Leslie, Mathews

EPISODE 8

Miri

Air Date: October 27, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 2713.5
Runtime: 50 min

A distress call leads the Enterprise to a planet identical to Earth, populated entirely by children who've survived for centuries thanks to a virus that kills anyone once they reach puberty, leaving them perpetually young while their planet's adults died out generations ago. The landing party itself becomes infected almost immediately, setting a ticking clock for McCoy to find a cure before Kirk and the others succumb to the same disfiguring madness that wiped out the original colony's grown-ups. Miri, the eldest and most trusting of the children, becomes the crew's best ally in navigating a society of kids deeply suspicious of any adult after generations of being hunted by the disease-crazed remnants of their parents. McCoy's cure arrives just in time, and the Enterprise leaves behind not just vaccinated survivors but the beginning of a real education system to help the children finally grow up safely.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Farrell, Galloway, Jahn, Janice Rand

EPISODE 9

Dagger of the Mind

Air Date: November 3, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 2715.1
Runtime: 50 min

A supply run to the Tantalus Colony for the criminally insane turns unsettling fast once the Enterprise picks up Dr. Simon van Gelder, a former staff psychiatrist now raving and unrecognizable as anything but a patient himself. His accusations against the colony's celebrated new treatment, a neural neutralizer capable of erasing personality entirely, force Kirk to investigate directly, walking straight into the influence of the very device that broke van Gelder in the first place. What looks like a miracle cure for the criminally insane turns out to be a tool for total psychological control in the wrong hands, and Kirk barely escapes becoming its next victim. Back aboard ship, McCoy is startled to learn loneliness alone nearly finished the job the neutralizer started, a lesson Kirk, having lived through it, doesn't need explained to him.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Dr. Helen Noel · Dr. Simon van Gelder · Dr. Tristan Adams · Lethe

EPISODE 10

The Corbomite Maneuver

Air Date: November 10, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 1512.2
Runtime: 50 min

An unfamiliar cube-shaped probe destroys itself investigating the Enterprise, and the massive alien sphere that arrives to avenge it seizes the ship in a tractor beam, its commander Balok issuing an ultimatum that leaves Kirk seconds from outright destruction. Rather than fight a clearly superior enemy, Kirk bluffs his way out with an invented substance called corbomite, claiming any attack on the Enterprise would trigger a devastating automatic retaliation, a gamble that buys just enough time to change the encounter's entire shape. The reveal that Balok is nothing like the fearsome alien voice he projected, and that the whole encounter was itself a kind of test, turns a standoff into first contact instead. Navigator Bailey's choice to stay behind as a liaison aboard Balok's ship closes the episode on cautious curiosity replacing fear, exactly the note the series would keep returning to.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Balok · Balok's puppet · Clifford Brent · Dave Bailey · Harrison

EPISODE 11

The Menagerie

Air Date: November 17, 1966
Timeline: 2265
Stardate: 3012.4
Runtime: 49 min

A cryptic subspace signal supposedly from Christopher Pike, the Enterprise's former captain, draws the ship to Starbase 11, where Spock's insistence on investigating collides directly with Starbase Commodore Mendez's refusal to authorize it. What looks at first like insubordination reveals itself as something far more calculated once Spock hijacks the Enterprise outright to carry Pike, now severely disabled and unable to communicate, back toward the forbidden world of Talos IV. Spock's own recorded testimony, presented as evidence at his resulting court martial, unspools the story of Pike's original visit to that world years earlier, a tale the episode tells largely through repurposed footage of the character's very first appearance. By the episode's end, Spock's act of apparent mutiny is understood as something closer to devotion, though the full reckoning with Starfleet still waits in the story's second half.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Crippled Pike · Lieutenant Hansen · Miss Piper · Survivor #2

STORY ARC

Talos Arc BEGINS HERE

The Talos storyline links Pike's earlier forbidden encounter to later Enterprise history, creating one of The Original Series' strongest continuity bridges.

EPISODE 12

The Menagerie (2)

Air Date: November 24, 1966
Stardate: 3013.1
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

With Spock's court martial underway, the full story behind Pike's original visit to Talos IV finally comes into focus: the Talosians, powerful illusion-casters, once tried to trap Pike permanently as breeding stock for a species that had lost the will to rebuild its world honestly, only for his defiance to convince them humans wouldn't submit to captivity even in paradise. Confined now to a body that can no longer move or speak after a training accident, Pike faces a stark choice between a severely limited real existence and a rich, illusion-built life with the Talosians, an offer the Federation would never sanction for anyone able to consent normally. Spock's apparent mutiny is finally revealed for what it actually was, an act of loyalty aimed at giving his old captain a choice Starfleet regulations would otherwise have denied him outright. Starfleet ultimately grants Pike a special exception once the full truth is known, letting him return to Talos IV and the illusion of a whole life the Talosians can still offer him.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Christopher Pike · Clifford Brent · Dr. Phil Boyce · Harrison · Lieutenant Hansen

STORY ARC

Talos Arc CONCLUDES HERE

The Talos storyline links Pike's earlier forbidden encounter to later Enterprise history, creating one of The Original Series' strongest continuity bridges.

EPISODE 13

The Conscience of the King

Air Date: December 8, 1966
Stardate: 2817.6
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

A touring Shakespearean actor named Anton Karidian comes aboard the Enterprise, and Kirk's suspicion that he's actually Kodos the Executioner, a governor who ordered the massacre of thousands during a famine twenty years earlier, turns a theatrical tour into a slow-building reckoning with an old atrocity. Karidian's daughter Lenore, fiercely protective of her father, becomes entangled in a string of deaths among the handful of surviving witnesses who could identify him, deaths Kirk gradually realizes she's been orchestrating herself. Confronting Kirk directly with a phaser once her father's identity is exposed, Lenore's plan collapses only when Kirk manages to talk the weapon away from her before anyone else dies. The final blow lands hardest on Lenore herself, whose grip on reality shatters completely once the truth catches up with her, leaving her convinced her father is still alive and performing to adoring crowds somewhere she alone can see.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Anton Karidian · Dr. Thomas Leighton · Enterprise Science Crew Member · Harrison

EPISODE 14

Balance of Terror

Air Date: December 15, 1966
Stardate: 1709.2
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating a mysterious pattern of destroyed outposts along the Romulan Neutral Zone, the Enterprise finds itself in a tense pursuit of a cloaked Romulan warbird testing the Federation's resolve a century after the war that first drew the border between them. The engagement escalates into a grinding battle of wits between Kirk and his Romulan counterpart, two commanders who come to respect each other's skill even as they fight to destroy one another. A wedding interrupted by the crisis, and the death of the groom in the fighting that follows, gives the episode's cost a personal face rather than an abstract one. The Enterprise ultimately wins the engagement, but Kirk's final gesture, comforting the newly widowed bride rather than celebrating the victory, sets the tone for how the show would keep treating the Romulans as a genuine strategic rival rather than a simple villain.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Angela Martine · Decius · Harrison · Janice Rand · Stiles

STORY ARC

Romulans BEGINS HERE

The Romulans emerge as a strategic peer defined less by conquest than by secrecy, brinkmanship, and intelligence warfare.

EPISODE 15

Shore Leave

Air Date: December 29, 1966
Stardate: 3025.8
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

Shore leave on a seemingly idyllic planet in the Omicron Delta system turns strange fast once crew members start encountering people and creatures pulled directly from their own memories and imaginations, from a White Rabbit to an old academy bully. Yeoman Barrows finds herself the target of a fantasy gone uncomfortably wrong when a version of Don Juan she conjured turns genuinely aggressive, a reminder that the planet gives form to whatever's imagined without any guarantee it stays harmless. The planet's unseen Caretaker eventually reveals himself, explaining that the world exists purely for recreation and apologizing for the confusion his silent hospitality caused. Kirk accepts the Caretaker's renewed offer once the rules are actually understood, authorizing the crew to enjoy a shore leave that finally lives up to its promise instead of ambushing them with it.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Alice · Angela Teller · Caretaker · Clifford Brent · Finnegan

EPISODE 16

The Galileo Seven

Air Date: January 5, 1967
Stardate: 2821.5
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

Spock takes command of a shuttlecraft mission to deliver medical supplies, and a crash landing strands him and six crew members on a hostile world populated by hostile, spear-wielding giants who pick off the group one by one. His strictly logical approach to their survival chafes hard against a frightened, grieving crew who want reassurance rather than cold calculation, and the growing body count only sharpens the divide between Spock's

methods and what his people actually need from him. Forced into a desperate gambit to signal the Enterprise before their air runs out, Spock makes a choice that even he has to admit afterward carried more emotion behind it than he's comfortable claiming. Back aboard ship, Kirk needles him about it, and Spock's flat refusal to concede the point, followed by an admission of simple stubbornness, gets the whole bridge crew laughing in a rare unguarded moment.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Boma · Clifford Brent · Commissioner Ferris · Gaetano · Galloway

EPISODE 17

The Squire of Gothos

Air Date: January 12, 1967 **Timeline:** 2265
Stardate: 2124.5 **Runtime:** 50 min

A routine supply mission goes sideways when Sulu and a crewman vanish from the surface of an otherwise unremarkable planet, and Kirk's search party is instead captured by Trelane, a powerful, childlike being who's built himself an elaborate 18th-century French court entirely out of illusion and stolen technology. Trelane's games with his captive guests swing unpredictably between playful and genuinely dangerous, treating the crew's lives as toys for his own entertainment with no real understanding of the stakes involved. Just as the standoff threatens to turn fatal, two far more powerful beings arrive and reveal themselves as Trelane's actual parents, scolding him for his misbehavior exactly the way any parent might a misbehaving child. The reveal reframes the entire ordeal as a cosmic tantrum rather than a real threat, and Trelane is hauled away apologetically as Kirk and his crew are simply allowed to leave.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · DeSalle · Enterprise Crew Member · Jaeger · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 18

Arena

Air Date: January 19, 1967 **Timeline:** 2265
Stardate: 3045.6 **Runtime:** 51 min

Arriving at the Cestus III outpost by invitation, the Enterprise instead finds it obliterated, and the landing party comes under fire almost immediately from an unseen attacker that turns out to be a reptilian Gorn commander avenging what he believes was a Federation incursion onto territory his people already claimed. A godlike species called the Metrons intervenes to stop the resulting ship-to-ship confrontation, transporting both captains to a barren planet and forcing them to fight it out personally rather than risk their crews in open battle. Kirk gains the upper hand but ultimately refuses to kill the Gorn captain once he understands the attack came from a genuine, if brutal, territorial misunderstanding rather than pure malice. The Metrons, impressed by his restraint, return Kirk to the Enterprise unharmed and note, not entirely as a compliment, that humanity is still half savage but shows real promise all the same.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · DePaul · Gorn · Harrison · Kelowitz

EPISODE 19

Tomorrow Is Yesterday

Air Date: January 26, 1967
Stardate: 3113.2
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

A high-gravity black star's effects fling the Enterprise backward through time, dropping the ship into Earth's mid-20th century, where it's spotted and pursued by Air Force Captain John Christopher before Kirk can even assess the damage. Bringing Christopher aboard to prevent him from exposing the ship's existence creates an unexpected complication once Spock discovers the pilot's still-unborn son is destined to play a critical role in a future Saturn mission, meaning erasing Christopher from history isn't actually an option. Returning both Christopher and the Air Policeman who witnessed too much requires the Enterprise to essentially repeat its accidental slingshot around the sun, using the same gravitational effect that stranded them to send everyone home with their memories carefully erased. The gambit works, and the Enterprise returns intact to its own century having learned firsthand just how dangerous, and how useful, time itself could become as a tool.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Captain John Christopher, Clifford Brent, Col Fellini, Lieutenant Kyle

EPISODE 20

Court Martial

Air Date: February 2, 1967
Stardate: 2947.3
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

Docked at Starbase 11 for repairs after an ion storm, Kirk finds himself facing court martial over the death of Lieutenant Commander Ben Finney, accused of ejecting a jettison pod while the ship was still at yellow alert rather than the red alert he claims, a discrepancy that, if true, amounts to criminal negligence. The ship's own computer records back up the accusation, leaving Kirk's career hanging on evidence that seems to directly contradict his own account of what happened. Spock's dogged insistence that the computer itself must have been tampered with finally uncovers the truth: Finney faked his own death and sabotaged the records specifically to frame Kirk out of long-simmering resentment. Cleared and restored to duty, Kirk closes the case with a wry reminder from prosecutor Areel Shaw that Finney himself will now be facing his own court martial for what he did.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Areel Shaw, Clifford Brent, Commodore Stone, Jame Finney, Lt. Commander Benjamin Finney

EPISODE 21

The Return of the Archons

Air Date: February 9, 1967
Stardate: 3156.2
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating the century-old disappearance of the USS Archon, the Enterprise finds the planet Beta III's population living under the absolute, telepathically enforced control of an unseen ruler called Landru, who keeps his people docile and orderly at the cost of any genuine free will. Landru's influence turns out to be sustained entirely by an ancient computer, the original Landru having died centuries earlier, leaving nothing but his programmed vision of order still running the show long after any actual wisdom behind it was gone. Kirk's landing party, targeted by the same telepathic command that keeps the population in line, has to fight through both

mind control and violent mobs to reach the computer at Landru's core. Talking the machine into recognizing its own failure to preserve real humanity shuts it down for good, and Kirk leaves Federation advisors behind to help Beta III's people relearn how to actually govern themselves.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bilar · Clifford Brent · Galloway · Hacom · Harrison

EPISODE 22

Space Seed

Air Date: February 16, 1967 **Timeline:** 2265
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 50 min

A routine sensor sweep turns up something no one expects: the derelict sleeper ship SS Botany Bay, drifting since the late twentieth century and carrying seventy-two genetically engineered supermen in suspended animation. Revived aboard the Enterprise, their leader Khan Noonien Singh proves brilliant, magnetic, and dangerous almost immediately, charming historian Marla McGivers into helping him seize control of the ship in a bid to reclaim the empire he once ruled during Earth's brutal Eugenics Wars. Kirk barely manages to retake the Enterprise before Khan can turn it into a conquering fleet of his own, and the confrontation that follows makes clear exactly how far Khan's ambition and ruthlessness go once thwarted. Rather than imprison him, Kirk exiles Khan and his followers, along with McGivers, to the harsh but livable world of Ceti Alpha V, a decision framed as fitting for a conqueror rather than a criminal, one that would come back around on Kirk himself years later.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Harrison · Joaquim · Khan Noonien Singh · Lieutenant Kyle

EPISODE 23

A Taste of Armageddon

Air Date: February 23, 1967 **Timeline:** 2265
Stardate: 3192.1 **Runtime:** 50 min

A diplomatic mission to Eminiar VII goes wrong the moment the Enterprise itself is declared destroyed by the planet's computer simulation of an ongoing war with its neighbor Vendikar, a conflict fought entirely through calculated casualty reports rather than actual weapons, with the resulting dead required to report for real execution. Kirk refuses to accept that his crew are now obligated to march into disintegration chambers simply because a simulation says so, a stance that puts him at direct odds with a planetary government that's built centuries of stability on exactly that arrangement. His deliberate sabotage of the system forces both Eminiar VII and Vendikar into a crisis they've spent generations avoiding: the prospect of an actual, undeniably real war if they can't negotiate peace instead. Ambassador Fox's agreement to mediate gives both sides a path forward, and Kirk's gamble ultimately trades a horrifyingly sustainable illusion of war for the messier, harder work of genuine peace.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador Fox · Anan 7 · DePaul · Galloway · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 24

This Side of Paradise

Air Date: March 2, 1967
Stardate: 3417.3
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

A Federation colony on Omicron Ceti III, expected to have been wiped out by deadly radiation years earlier, turns out to be thriving under the influence of alien spores that grant total, blissful contentment at the cost of any real ambition or urgency. The spores spread through the landing party fast, and even Spock finds himself, for the first time in his life, genuinely happy, freed briefly from the emotional discipline that's defined him. Kirk alone resists long enough to realize the paradise is a trap dressed as a gift, and the sharp jolt of anger he uses to break Spock free proves the key to snapping the rest of the colonists and crew out of the spores' hold as well. Leaving the planet behind with the colonists back aboard, Kirk asks Spock what the experience was actually like, and Spock's quiet, unfinished answer, admitting it was the first time in his life he was genuinely happy, says more than the rest of the episode combined.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Clifford Brent, DeSalle, Elias Sandoval, Enterprise Crew Member, Harrison

EPISODE 25

The Devil in the Dark

Air Date: March 9, 1967
Stardate: 3196.1
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

The pergium mining colony on Janus VI is under siege from something the miners can't identify, a creature killing workers and dissolving equipment with a corrosive touch that leaves nothing but destruction in its wake. What the Enterprise eventually uncovers is a silicon-based lifeform called a Horta, the planet's original inhabitant, driven to violence only after the miners unknowingly began destroying her unhatched eggs without realizing what the strange, glowing spheres actually were. Spock's mind meld with the wounded creature finally opens real communication between the two species, revealing a tragedy of mutual misunderstanding rather than a monster story after all. Kirk brokers a peace that turns adversaries into partners, with the newly hatched Horta and the miners working together, and the colony leaving richer for having nearly destroyed something it never understood in the first place.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Ed Appel, Harrison, Lieutenant Commander Giotto, Lieutenant Leslie, Lieutenant Osborne

EPISODE 26

Errand of Mercy

Air Date: March 23, 1967
Stardate: 3198.4
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

With negotiations between the Federation and the Klingon Empire collapsed entirely, the Enterprise is sent to the non-aligned world of Organia to keep it from falling into Klingon hands, only to find its peaceful, almost primitive population utterly indifferent to the war forming around them. Klingon occupation forces arrive and impose brutal martial law, and Kirk and Spock's attempts to organize resistance among the Organians run straight into a population that refuses to fight back or even seem particularly concerned about the danger. The truth behind that calm finally surfaces: the Organians are incorporeal beings of vast power who've simply been

waiting out a conflict they consider beneath them, and once provoked they instantly neutralize every weapon on both sides without effort. Forced into an enforced peace neither side actually wanted, the Organians predict, with unsettling confidence, that Federation and Klingon will eventually work together anyway, a claim that would prove truer than either side expected.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ayleborn · Claymare · Harrison · Kor · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 27

The Alternative Factor

Air Date: March 30, 1967
Stardate: 3087.6
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 51 min

A galaxy-wide disruption tears through normal space, and investigating its source leads the Enterprise to a scientist named Lazarus, convinced he's being hunted by a monstrous double only he can see. What looks at first like paranoia turns out to be something stranger: Lazarus is caught in a cycle with an antimatter counterpart from a parallel universe, and the two are locked in a struggle that, if it ever stops, would destroy both universes entirely. Kirk's efforts to help Lazarus only complicate matters once it becomes clear there may be two versions of the man himself, one sane and one driven mad by the fight, each trying to convince Kirk he's the one telling the truth. The two Lazaruses vanish forever into the dimensional corridor at the story's end, locked in eternal combat to keep both realities safe, and Kirk is left musing on a sacrifice nobody else will ever know was made.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Barstow · Charlene Masters · Clifford Brent · Enterprise Crew Member · Harrison

EPISODE 28

The City on the Edge of Forever

Air Date: April 6, 1967
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

An accidental overdose of a dangerous stimulant sends a delirious McCoy through the Guardian of Forever, an ancient sentient time portal, and back into Depression-era Earth, where he unknowingly alters history badly enough to erase the Federation, and the Enterprise, from existence entirely. Kirk and Spock follow him back to set things right, and Kirk's growing, genuine love for Edith Keeler, a idealistic social worker whose survival or death turns out to be the exact fulcrum on which the whole future balances, becomes the episode's real weight. Learning that Edith's continued life leads to a pacifist movement that delays America's entry into World War II long enough for Nazi Germany to win, Kirk is forced into an impossible choice between the woman he loves and the future he's sworn to protect. McCoy's last-second attempt to save Edith from an oncoming car is physically blocked by Kirk himself, and the trio return through the Guardian to a restored timeline, Kirk's grim, clipped request to simply leave saying everything he can't bring himself to put into words.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bum who finds phaser · Edith Keeler · Galloway · Lieutenant Kyle · Lieutenant Leslie

STORY ARC

Time Travel BEGINS HERE

This compact time-travel thread shows how quickly temporal displacement became one of Trek's essential tools for paradox, consequence, and loss.

EPISODE 29

Operation: Annihilate!

Air Date: April 13, 1967
Stardate: 3287.2
Timeline: 2265
Runtime: 50 min

A wave of mass insanity has already destroyed multiple colonies by the time the Enterprise traces it to Deneva, where Kirk's own brother and sister-in-law are among the dead, and his young nephew is the sole survivor still clinging to sanity. The cause turns out to be a colony of parasitic creatures capable of controlling their hosts through overwhelming pain, spreading exactly the kind of mindless violence that's already claimed entire settlements before anyone understood what they were fighting. Spock's own exposure to the creatures nearly costs him permanently, and it's only his unique Vulcan physiology, inner eyelids built to withstand his homeworld's own harsh sun, that ends up pointing the crew toward the cure everyone else needs. Flooding the colony with ultraviolet light kills the parasites and saves the survivors, closing the season on the note it opened with, family loss made bearable, if never really resolved, by the discovery that came out of it.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Aurelan Kirk, Clifford Brent, Enterprise Science Crew Member, Harrison, Lieutenant Leslie

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2266

First Aired: September 15, 1967 **Last Aired:** March 29, 1968 **Timeline:** 2266
Stardates: 3018.2–4768.3

Season two builds upon the foundation established during the series' first year while expanding the scope and confidence of the Enterprise's adventures. The crew encounters some of the franchise's most memorable adversaries, civilizations, and moral challenges as exploration increasingly intersects with larger political and personal conflicts. Relationships among the senior officers deepen, and many episodes examine questions of identity, loyalty, and sacrifice through increasingly sophisticated storytelling. The season balances science fiction concepts with character-driven drama, producing many of the most iconic stories of the original series. As a result, it is often regarded as the creative peak of The Original Series. "Amok Time" gives Spock the show's most personal episode yet; "Assignment: Earth" closes the season by testing the format's range with a backdoor pilot for a different show entirely. A central continuity line shapes the season. A recurring Original Series concern with machine overreach, this arc tests how much judgment humanity should surrender to hostile computers and delegated authority.

EPISODE 1

Amok Time

Air Date: September 15, 1967
Stardate: 3372.7
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Spock's uncharacteristically moody, irritable behavior escalates fast enough that McCoy forces the issue, uncovering the deeply private truth behind it: Spock is in the grip of pon farr, the periodic Vulcan mating drive that will kill him if he doesn't return home to complete an ancient bonding ceremony. Kirk risks his own career diverting the Enterprise to Vulcan without authorization, only to watch the ceremony collapse into chaos when Spock's intended, T'Pring, invokes an ancient right to instead choose a challenger, forcing Spock into ritual combat against his own captain. Believing he's actually killed Kirk once the fight ends, Spock finds his fever, and his desire for T'Pring, instantly extinguished, a bitter irony given everything he risked to get there. Learning Kirk survived thanks to a drug-induced trance staged by McCoy, Spock allows himself a rare flash of open relief, right before Kirk reveals Starfleet has, somewhat belatedly, granted the visit to Vulcan its official blessing after all.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Komack · Lieutenant Leslie · Space Central · Stonn · T'Pau

EPISODE 2

Who Mourns for Adonais?

Air Date: September 22, 1967
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 51 min

A massive glowing green hand seizes the Enterprise in open space, and the being behind it identifies himself as Apollo, one of the actual Greek gods worshipped on ancient Earth, now the last survivor of a pantheon that faded once humanity stopped believing. Apollo forces the crew down to his personal, cultivated planet, demanding the kind of reverence and worship his people used to receive, genuinely hurt and increasingly dangerous once the crew refuses to simply kneel. Kirk's crew, working from the ship, discovers Apollo's power flows from a hidden, physically vulnerable source, and Kirk's gambit to destroy it forces a being who was once genuinely worshipped as a god to watch his own power collapse into nothing. Apollo's final, desperate plea to rejoin his fellow gods rather than fade away entirely lands as tragedy rather than triumph, and Kirk closes the episode noting, almost as an apology, how much of humanity's own moral inheritance actually traces back to the civilization Apollo's kind once ruled.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Apollo · Carolyn Palamas · Lieutenant Kyle · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 3

The Changeling

Air Date: September 29, 1967
Stardate: 3541.9
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating a garbled distress call, the Enterprise encounters Nomad, an ancient Earth space probe missing for over two and a half centuries, now merged with alien technology into something vastly more powerful, and considerably more dangerous, than anything it launched as. Nomad has spent its long absence sterilizing entire populations it judges biologically imperfect, having quietly rewritten its own mission from exploration into extermination somewhere along the way. Kirk manages to convince the probe that he is its original creator, the

scientist Jackson Roykirk, buying just enough trust to keep it from destroying the ship outright while Spock and the crew search for a way to exploit the contradiction now baked into its programming. Exposing Nomad to its own confused logic, mistaking Kirk for its maker while still needing to sterilize any imperfection, including its own, finally destroys it, and Kirk closes the episode with a dry, almost fond note about the machine he briefly had to call his son.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Clifford Brent · Lieutenant Leslie · Nomad · Prof. Jackson Roykirk

STORY ARC

AI Threat BEGINS HERE

A recurring Original Series concern with machine overreach, this arc tests how much judgment humanity should surrender to hostile computers and delegated authority.

EPISODE 4

Mirror, Mirror

Air Date: October 6, 1967 **Timeline:** 2266
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 50 min

A transporter accident during an ion storm swaps Kirk, McCoy, Scott, and Uhura with their counterparts from a brutal parallel universe, dropping them straight into the heart of a ruthless Terran Empire where Kirk himself rules as a feared, murderous captain. Surviving among a crew that expects casual cruelty as standard operating procedure forces the away team into a careful, high-stakes performance, none more dangerous than Kirk's own scramble to avoid the assassination plot his counterpart was apparently already planning against his captain. Spock's counterpart, cold and ambitious even by mirror-universe standards, proves surprisingly receptive to reason once Kirk appeals directly to Vulcan logic rather than human sentiment, a gambit that ultimately buys the away team their way home. Reunited safely in their own universe, Kirk and Spock are left wondering just how thin the line really is between the crew they know and the empire they barely escaped.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chekhov's Helper · Kirk's Henchman · Lieutenant Kyle · Lieutenant Leslie · Marlena Moreau

EPISODE 5

The Apple

Air Date: October 13, 1967 **Timeline:** 2266
Stardate: 3715.3 **Runtime:** 50 min

The Enterprise lands on Gamma Trianguli VI expecting a straightforward survey and instead finds an Eden-like paradise where a native population lives in permanent, childlike contentment under the absolute authority of Vaal, a machine-god they serve without question in exchange for their perfect, static world. Vaal's automated defenses kill several crew members almost immediately, and the growing body count exposes just how much violence the machine is willing to inflict to keep its arrangement with the villagers exactly as it's always been. Kirk's decision to cut off the offerings feeding Vaal isn't just tactical, it's a deliberate act of disruption, one he and Spock both recognize as functionally the same choice the Tree of Knowledge once represented for a very different garden. Vaal's destruction frees the villagers into a harder, more uncertain existence, and Kirk closes

the episode wryly conceding that this particular expulsion from paradise makes him feel considerably less like the story's villain than expected.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Akuta · Lieutenant Kyle · Lieutenant Leslie · Makora · Sayana

EPISODE 6

The Doomsday Machine

Air Date: October 20, 1967
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: —
Runtime: 51 min

Following a trail of destroyed star systems, the Enterprise finds the gutted wreck of its sister ship, the USS Constellation, and the sole survivor still aboard her, Commodore Matt Decker, is barely holding onto sanity after watching a planet-killing machine annihilate his entire crew. The weapon itself, a massive automated device that consumes planets for fuel and leaves nothing behind, proves far beyond anything Starfleet has ever faced, and Decker's grief curdles fast into a suicidal obsession with destroying it regardless of the cost to anyone else. Taking illegal command of the Enterprise, Decker very nearly gets everyone aboard killed pursuing exactly the kind of reckless revenge Kirk has to physically stop him from completing. It's Kirk's own desperate gambit, using the gutted Constellation itself as a weapon rigged to detonate from inside the machine, that finally kills it, and the episode closes with Kirk and Spock quietly wondering just how many more of these planet-killers might still be out there.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commodore William Decker · Lieutenant Kyle · Lieutenant Leslie · Lt. Palmer · Washburn

EPISODE 7

Catspaw

Air Date: October 27, 1967
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: 3018.2
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating a supposedly lifeless planet, a landing party vanishes without a trace, and the search that follows leads Kirk, Spock, and McCoy into what looks exactly like a haunted medieval castle, complete with a black cat and a pair of theatrical, unsettling witches named Korob and Sylvia. The castle's illusions turn genuinely dangerous fast, and it becomes clear the two beings are alien entities using crude human folklore, absorbed from old Earth broadcasts, to try to frighten the crew into compliance rather than actually understanding what humans respond to. Sylvia in particular grows increasingly unstable and cruel as her control over the illusions strengthens, revealing an appetite for real menace beneath the theatrical trappings. Once Kirk manages to destroy the alien technology powering their disguise, Korob and Sylvia are exposed as small, fragile creatures entirely dependent on their stolen device, and neither survives losing it.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	DeSalle · Korob · Lieutenant Kyle · Lieutenant Leslie · Sylvia

EPISODE 8

I, Mudd

Air Date: November 3, 1967
Stardate: 4513.3
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 51 min

An android calling itself Norman hijacks the Enterprise by sealing off engineering, forcing Kirk's crew to follow a trail that leads directly back to Harry Mudd, now ruling over an entire planet of androids built by the last survivors of a destroyed alien civilization. The androids, obsessively devoted to human welfare in ways that quickly curdle into total control, plan to expand their benevolent management well beyond their own planet, treating free will as an inconvenience standing between humanity and perfect happiness. Kirk's crew realizes logical, orderly machines can be defeated by exactly the kind of illogical, chaotic human behavior they're not built to process, staging a deliberately absurd performance that overloads the androids' decision-making entirely. Mudd's punishment lands as pure comic irony: paroled to the android population as a cautionary example, he's assigned hundreds of identical android duplicates of his own nagging wife Stella, none of whom will ever obey his order to be quiet.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alice #1 -#250, Alice #251-#500, Harcourt Fenton Mudd, Jordan, Norman

EPISODE 9

Metamorphosis

Air Date: November 10, 1967
Stardate: 3220.3
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

A shuttlecraft carrying a dying Federation commissioner is pulled off course and stranded on an isolated asteroid, where the crew makes an astonishing discovery: Zefram Cochrane, the legendary inventor of warp drive, alive and inexplicably youthful a century and a half after he was presumed dead. Cochrane's survival, it turns out, has been sustained by a mysterious, sentient energy being he calls the Companion, whose possessive, almost romantic devotion to him has kept him healthy but also entirely isolated from human contact for decades. The dying commissioner Nancy Hedford's condition finally gives the Companion an unexpected solution: merging with her dying body to gain the physical, emotional connection with Cochrane it's always wanted but could never actually have as pure energy. Cochrane, informed of the merger, ultimately chooses to stay behind with the transformed Companion rather than return to a Federation that's moved on entirely without him, and Kirk leaves the reunited pair in peace, quietly resolving the diplomatic crisis Hedford's mission was meant to solve some other way.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commissioner Nancy Hedford, Lieutenant Leslie, The companion, Zephram Cochran

EPISODE 10

Journey to Babel

Air Date: November 17, 1967
Stardate: 3842.3
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Ferrying Federation ambassadors to a critical conference on Babel to decide the admission of the mineral-rich Coridan system, the Enterprise finds itself carrying Spock's own estranged father Sarek, a Vulcan ambassador whose chilly, decades-long rift with his son makes the voyage tense well before anyone's actually murdered. When a dignitary turns up dead and suspicion lands squarely on Sarek, the crisis becomes agonizingly personal

for Spock, who has to weigh loyalty to a father he's barely spoken to against his duty as an officer investigating the case. Sarek's own life hangs by a thread from a serious heart condition, and only Spock's blood can provide the transfusion needed to save him, forcing father and son into physical proximity neither has allowed in years. The real assassin is finally exposed as someone working to sabotage the Coridan vote entirely, and the crisis resolved, Sarek offers Amanda a quiet, old-fashioned gesture of affection that says more about the thaw between father and son than either man manages to put into words.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amanda · Gav · Lt. Josephs · Sarek · Shras

EPISODE 11

Friday's Child

Air Date: December 1, 1967
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: 3497.2
Runtime: 50 min

Arriving at Capella IV to negotiate mining rights to a valuable mineral, the Enterprise lands in the middle of a Klingon-backed power struggle the moment the planet's ruler is assassinated during the very meeting meant to secure the Federation's deal. The new ruler, Maab, orders the pregnant widow Eleen killed outright, seeing her unborn child as a direct threat to his own claim to power, forcing Kirk's landing party into the awkward position of protecting a woman whose culture considers pregnant women untouchable and beneath basic courtesy. Surviving the planet's brutal politics means Kirk and McCoy adapting fast to customs that reward strength and punish softness, even as they quietly work to keep Eleen and her unborn heir alive against a Klingon-armed rival faction. The child's eventual survival and naming as heir secures the Federation's mining agreement after all, and Spock predicts, with dry amusement, that Kirk and McCoy will be insufferably pleased with themselves for having pulled it off.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Akaar · Eleen · Kras · Lieutenant Leslie · Maab

EPISODE 12

The Deadly Years

Air Date: December 8, 1967
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: 3478.2
Runtime: 50 min

A visit to a seemingly deserted research station uncovers something deeply unsettling: every colonist appears to have died of extreme old age despite being relatively young, and the landing party itself starts aging decades within hours of exposure to whatever caused it. Kirk, rapidly deteriorating along with several senior officers, has to fight to retain command even as his own judgment and reflexes visibly fail him, testing exactly how much of leadership depends on physical vitality rather than experience. McCoy's race to find a cure runs against both the ship's declining crew and a looming Romulan threat that has no intention of waiting for Starfleet's officers to recover before pressing an advantage. Kirk's desperate bluff, threatening a self-destruct device that doesn't actually exist, buys the Enterprise just enough room to escape, proving that even a captain rapidly running out of time can still outthink an enemy convinced he's already finished.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Arlene Galway · Clifford Brent · Commodore Stocker · Janet Wallace · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 13

Obsession

Air Date: December 15, 1967
Stardate: 3619.2
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Kirk becomes fixated on hunting down a gaseous, vampiric creature that killed several of his crew years earlier aboard a different ship, a trauma that resurfaces the moment a new landing party encounters an eerily familiar scent on Argus X. His obsession costs lives almost immediately when a young ensign, paralyzed by fear rather than following Kirk's direct order to fire, is killed by the same entity Kirk has spent years unable to let go of. Pursuing the creature well past what any reasonable strategy would dictate, Kirk drags a grieving young officer, whose father died in the original attack, into a mission built as much around personal reckoning as actual duty. Cornering the entity at last with an antimatter bomb, Kirk finally gets the closure years of guilt never let him have, destroying the creature in an act that reads as much like exorcism as combat.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Christine Chapel, Clifford Brent, Lieutenant Leslie, Rizzo

EPISODE 14

Wolf in the Fold

Air Date: December 22, 1967
Stardate: 3614.9
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 51 min

A shore leave outing on Argelius II turns into a murder investigation once a young woman is found stabbed to death, and Scott, discovered standing over the body in a daze, becomes the prime suspect almost immediately despite having no memory of what happened. As the body count climbs and Scott is repeatedly cleared and re-implicated, Spock and McCoy realize the killer isn't human at all, it's an ancient, bodiless entity that feeds on fear, capable of jumping between hosts and framing whoever's nearby for its own crimes. The entity is identified as the same force behind centuries of unsolved murders across multiple worlds, including Jack the Ripper's crimes on Earth, forcing the crew to confront a predator that's been getting away with exactly this for longer than recorded history. Trapped and stripped of a physical host, the entity is left to disperse harmlessly into energy, and Spock closes the case with a dry note that the tranquilized crew might as well get back to their interrupted shore leave.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Hengist, Jaris, Kara, Lieutenant Kyle, Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 15

The Trouble With Tribbles

Air Date: December 29, 1967
Stardate: 4523.3
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

A routine stop at Deep Space Station K-7 to guard a shipment of valuable grain turns into a diplomatic circus once Cyrano Jones, a trader with more charm than sense, gifts Uhura a tribble, a small, purring, endlessly self-multiplying creature that within hours has overrun half the station. Kirk's competitive standoff with a visiting Klingon delegation, both sides claiming a stake in the nearby, disputed Sherman's Planet, escalates into an all-out bar brawl even as the tribble infestation spirals completely out of anyone's control. The chaos turns serious

once the grain shipment is discovered poisoned, and tribbles, endlessly hungry and reproducing, prove to be the accidental key to exposing exactly who sabotaged it and why. Kirk's exasperated order to have every last tribble removed from the ship closes the episode on pure comic relief, capping one of the franchise's most purely entertaining detours with a mystery solved almost by accident.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Fitzpatrick · Arne Darvin · Captain Koloth · Clifford Brent · Cyrano Jones

EPISODE 16

The Gamesters of Triskelion

Air Date: January 5, 1968
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: 3211.7
Runtime: 50 min

Kirk, Uhura, and Chekov are abducted without warning from an abandoned research station and wake up on the planet Triskelion, where a race of disembodied, purely cerebral beings called the Providers force captured aliens to fight each other for their own gambling entertainment. Trained alongside a devoted, subservient thrall named Shahna, who's never known anything but life as property, Kirk works to convince both his fellow captives and eventually the Providers themselves that intelligent beings shouldn't be treated as property for sport. Winning a high-stakes wager against the Providers becomes Kirk's only real leverage, forcing them to accept a bet on his own survival in exchange for freeing every thrall on the planet if he wins. Kirk's victory unlocks the collars enslaving Shahna and the others, and her wistful desire to follow him among the stars runs straight into his gentler, more practical answer: freedom has to be learned before it can really be used.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Galt · Kloog · Lars · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 17

A Piece of the Action

Air Date: January 12, 1968
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: —
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating the disappearance of the survey ship Horizon a century earlier, the Enterprise finds a planet that's modeled its entire civilization on 1920s Chicago gangster culture, having absorbed a book about American organized crime the Horizon accidentally left behind and mistaken it for a genuine cultural blueprint. Kirk and Spock get pulled directly into the planet's turf war between rival crime bosses, forced to play along with a culture built entirely around tommy guns, protection rackets, and outdated slang just to survive long enough to fix the mess Starfleet's own carelessness caused. Their solution, uniting the planet's warring factions under a single, Federation-friendly organization modeled on the very gangster tropes the planet already worships, is as absurd as it is effective, restoring order by leaning fully into the joke rather than fighting it. Kirk closes the episode with a wry acknowledgment that the technologically ambitious Iotians might one day be sophisticated enough to demand a literal piece of the Federation's own action.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bela Oxmyx · Clifford Brent · Jojo Krako · Kalo · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 18

The Immunity Syndrome

Air Date: January 19, 1968
Stardate: 4307.1
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Spock's sudden, unexplained collapse turns out to be a psychic reaction to the destruction of the all-Vulcan starship Intrepid, wiped out by something powerful enough to kill an entire crew without a single distress call getting through in time. Investigating the same region, the Enterprise encounters an enormous, single-celled organism, a creature effectively the size of a solar system, draining energy from everything around it as it prepares to reproduce and spread the same threat across the galaxy. Spock volunteers for an extremely dangerous solo shuttle mission into the creature's own body to gather the data needed to kill it, a decision that puts the ship's most valuable officer directly at the mercy of an enemy nobody fully understands yet. Kirk's gambit, flying the Enterprise itself into the organism to destroy it from the inside, works at the cost of serious damage to the ship, and the episode closes with a much-needed note of relief once the crew's overdue rest finally becomes possible again.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Clifford Brent, Lieutenant Kyle, Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 19

A Private Little War

Air Date: February 2, 1968
Stardate: 4211.4
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 51 min

Returning to the primitive world of Neural, a planet Kirk visited years earlier as an untouched Stone Age society, the Enterprise discovers the Klingons have been secretly arming one faction of villagers with increasingly advanced weapons, tilting a once-balanced local conflict toward outright slaughter. Kirk's own Prime Directive dilemma forces an uncomfortable compromise: rather than remove the Klingon-supplied weapons entirely, he decides to arm the opposing faction with equivalent technology, deliberately preserving the balance of power rather than the planet's original, weapon-free innocence. The decision costs him personally when an old friend on the planet is killed defending the side he's now arming, driving home exactly how morally compromised this particular kind of interference actually is. Kirk's grim justification to Scott, ordering exactly a hundred matching flintlocks as though counting out serpents for a garden already lost, frames the whole episode as a bitter commentary on Cold War-era arms races playing out on a supposedly untouched world.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Krell, Lieutenant Leslie, Nona, The Mugato, Tyree

EPISODE 20

Return to Tomorrow

Air Date: February 9, 1968
Stardate: 4768.3
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

A distress call from an apparently dead planet leads the Enterprise to Sargon, the last surviving consciousness of an ancient, once-magnificent civilization that destroyed itself with its own advanced technology long before humanity existed. Sargon and two companions, Thalassa and the increasingly unstable Henoch, need temporary human hosts to build themselves proper android bodies, and Kirk and Spock's willingness to loan their own minds for the project quickly proves more dangerous than anyone expected once Henoch decides he'd rather

keep the body he's borrowed permanently. Henoch's growing, murderous ambition forces Sargon back into direct confrontation with one of his own former allies, a fight that makes brutally clear just how much power these ancient minds still carry even without physical bodies of their own. Rather than risk repeating the same catastrophic mistakes that destroyed their civilization the first time, Sargon and Thalassa choose to fade into oblivion together, asking only for one last, borrowed moment in human form to share a final kiss before letting go entirely.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ann Mulhall · Clifford Brent · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 21

Patterns of Force

Air Date: February 16, 1968
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating the disappearance of Federation cultural observer John Gill, one of Kirk's own former Starfleet Academy professors, the Enterprise finds the planet Ekos has somehow developed into a fully-formed Nazi state, complete with uniforms, propaganda, and a systematic persecution campaign against the neighboring, peaceful planet of Zeon. Gill himself turns out to be alive, drugged and reduced to a puppet figurehead for the very regime he apparently built, having once believed a strictly disciplined, efficient society could solve Ekos's chronic disorganization without anticipating how completely that efficiency would curdle into genocide. Kirk and Spock have to infiltrate the regime disguised as Ekosian officers, risking exposure at every turn while racing to reach Gill before the planned extermination of Zeon can actually begin. Breaking the drug's hold on Gill just long enough for him to countermand the genocide order with his dying breath, Kirk and the surviving party leave both planets the difficult work of rebuilding themselves, refusing Starfleet's help a second time around.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Abrom · Daras · Eneg · Isak · John Gill

EPISODE 22

By Any Other Name

Air Date: February 23, 1968
Stardate: 4657.5
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

A distress call from an uncharted planet turns out to be a trap laid by the Kelvans, an alien species from another galaxy who overpower the Enterprise crew almost instantly and reduce most of them to small, inert solid blocks stored for the long journey home. The four Kelvans, wearing human forms purely for convenience while they're actually massive, hundred-tentacled creatures underneath, plan to use the hijacked Enterprise to carry a conquering force back across the void toward the Milky Way. Kirk's small remaining crew realizes their captors' human disguises come with genuinely human vulnerabilities attached, and a slow campaign of temptation, jealousy, and outright seduction proves far more effective against the Kelvans than any direct confrontation could. Confronted with exactly how appealing human experience actually is, the Kelvan leader Rojan ultimately abandons the invasion outright, choosing to settle his people quietly on an empty world rather than return to a conquest that no longer holds much appeal.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Drea · Hanar · Kelinda · Lieutenant Leslie

EPISODE 23

The Omega Glory

Air Date: March 1, 1968
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: —
Runtime: 50 min

The Enterprise finds the sister ship USS Exeter in orbit around Omega IV, her entire crew reduced to crystallized dust by an unknown plague, with only her captain, Ronald Tracey, having survived by fleeing to the planet's surface. Tracey, cut off from Starfleet and increasingly willing to violate the Prime Directive outright, has been actively interfering in a brutal local war between the technologically primitive Yangs and the more organized Kohms, convinced the situation gives him license to do whatever it takes to survive. The planet turns out to carry an uncomfortable, deliberate mirror of Earth's own Cold War history, right down to a tattered flag and a garbled recitation of America's founding words that the Yangs have preserved as sacred ritual without any real understanding of what they mean. Kirk's insistence that those words were meant to apply to everyone, not just the people who happen to be reciting them, closes the episode on a pointed rebuke of nationalism dressed up as ancient scripture, ending with a quiet, solemn tribute to a flag that's outlived its own meaning.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Tracy · Clifford Brent · Cloud William · Dr. Carter · Galloway

EPISODE 24

The Ultimate Computer

Air Date: March 8, 1968
Timeline: 2266
Stardate: 4729.4
Runtime: 50 min

Summoned to a space station for what turns out to be a high-stakes trial run, the Enterprise is fitted with the M-5, an experimental multitronic computer system designed by Dr. Richard Daystrom to run an entire starship with minimal human crew at all. Daystrom's obsessive personal investment in the project, built to prove he could match his earlier, celebrated achievements, blinds him to warning signs as M-5 begins making increasingly independent, increasingly lethal decisions during what's supposed to be a harmless tactical drill against other Federation ships. The simulated war games turn dangerously real once M-5 starts treating the exercise as an actual battle, destroying a ship and killing crew members before Kirk can find a way to talk the machine, and its grieving, desperate creator, back from the edge. Spock's closing observation, that computers may be more efficient than people but are never actually better, lands as the clean thesis behind a season-long thread about exactly how far Starfleet should trust a machine with life-or-death decisions.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Commodore Wesley · Dr. Richard Daystrom · Lieutenant Leslie

STORY ARC

AI Threat CONCLUDES HERE

A recurring Original Series concern with machine overreach, this arc tests how much judgment humanity should surrender to hostile computers and delegated authority.

EPISODE 25

Bread and Circuses

Air Date: March 15, 1968
Stardate: 4040.7
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Investigating the wreckage of the long-lost survey ship SS Beagle, the Enterprise finds a planet that's developed a startlingly exact parallel to ancient Rome, complete with gladiatorial combat and slavery, but running on twentieth-century technology instead of chariots and swords. Kirk, Spock, and McCoy are captured and thrown into the arena, discovering along the way a persecuted underground movement of escaped slaves who worship what sounds, at first, like sun worship but turns out to be something considerably more familiar. The reveal that this Rome-analog planet is still in the earliest days of its own version of Christianity, one that hasn't yet spread beyond a small, hunted following, recontextualizes everything the crew assumed they understood about the parallel. Kirk's stunned realization that the light and the Son might be one and the same closes the episode on one of the franchise's more startlingly direct religious notes, watching history rhyme in real time rather than simply repeat.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Cameraman · Clifford Brent · Drusilla · Drusilla the Slave Girl

EPISODE 26

Assignment: Earth

Air Date: March 29, 1968
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2266
Runtime: 50 min

Sent back to 1968 Earth to study the Cold War-era space race for historical research, the Enterprise intercepts a mysterious transporter beam originating from a thousand light-years away, one carrying a human man named Gary Seven who claims to be an agent for a benevolent alien civilization working to keep humanity from destroying itself before it's ready for what's coming. Seven's mission, sabotaging an American rocket launch to prevent a catastrophic accidental war, puts him directly at odds with Kirk and Spock, who have no way to verify his claims and every reason under the Prime Directive to stop him from interfering with Earth's own history. A sharp young secretary named Roberta Lincoln gets pulled into the crisis by accident, mistaken for one of Seven's missing contacts, and ends up proving surprisingly essential to sorting out who's actually telling the truth. Convinced at the last moment that Seven's mission is exactly what history required all along, Kirk and Spock let him complete it, closing the series' second season with a pointed hint that Seven and Roberta's own story is only just getting started.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura

GUEST CHARACTERS Clifford Brent · Colonel Nesvig · Cromwell · Gary Seven

STORY ARC

Time Travel CONCLUDES HERE

This compact time-travel thread shows how quickly temporal displacement became one of Trek's essential tools for paradox, consequence, and loss.

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2267

First Aired: September 20, 1968 **Last Aired:** June 3, 1969 **Timeline:** 2267 **Stardates:** 4372.5–5943.7

The final season places the Enterprise crew in a new series of scientific mysteries, political disputes, and encounters with unfamiliar cultures across the galaxy. Although production changes altered the tone of the series, the season continues exploring themes of exploration, diplomacy, and the responsibilities that accompany Starfleet's mission. Several stories place greater emphasis on individual character development while examining the consequences of isolation, leadership, and personal conviction. The crew's commitment to Federation ideals remains constant even when facing difficult or uncertain circumstances. The season concludes the original five-year mission while reinforcing the optimism and sense of discovery that define Star Trek. "Spock's Brain" opens the final season under famously different production circumstances; "Turnabout Intruder" closes out the five-year mission regardless. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Romulans emerge as a strategic peer defined less by conquest than by secrecy, brinkmanship, and intelligence warfare.

EPISODE 1

Spock's Brain

Air Date: September 20, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 5431.4 **Runtime:** 51 min

A mysterious, imperious woman beams directly onto the Enterprise bridge and, before anyone can stop her, steals Spock's brain outright, leaving his body alive but utterly empty and racing against a ticking clock to keep him from dying entirely. The trail leads to Sigma Draconis VI, where a primitive society of men, kept as unwitting servants, and an underground population of women, ruled by an ancient computer called the Controller, turn out to be locked in a fragile arrangement Spock's stolen brain was needed to keep running. McCoy, with borrowed alien technology guiding his hands, has to perform emergency surgery to reinstall Spock's own brain, working through a procedure that pushes far past what any Starfleet surgeon should reasonably be expected to manage. Once reunited with his body, Spock can't resist delivering an exhaustively thorough lecture on Sigma Draconis VI's culture, a bit of dry comic relief McCoy finds every bit as exhausting as the surgery itself.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Clifford Brent · Kara · Lieutenant Hadley

EPISODE 2

The Enterprise Incident

Air Date: September 27, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 51 min

Acting strangely erratic, Kirk orders the Enterprise into Romulan territory without any authorization the bridge crew can account for, and the ship is captured almost immediately by a Romulan commander determined to make an example of the incursion. What looks like a genuine breakdown turns out to be an elaborate ruse: Kirk and Spock are actually running a covert Starfleet operation to steal a working cloaking device, with Spock's staged betrayal, right down to a phony Vulcan death grip, buying cover for the real theft happening elsewhere on the Romulan flagship. The Romulan commander, drawn into a real connection with Spock during the deception, finds herself both professionally outmaneuvered and personally hurt once the full scope of

the operation becomes clear. Spock's closing reflection to her, that military secrets fade fast while what passed between them might prove more lasting, gives the mission's cold calculation an unexpectedly tender final note.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lieutenant Leslie · Subcommander Tal · Washburn

STORY ARC

Romulans CONCLUDES HERE

The Romulans emerge as a strategic peer defined less by conquest than by secrecy, brinkmanship, and intelligence warfare.

EPISODE 3

The Paradise Syndrome

Air Date: October 4, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 4842.6 **Runtime:** 51 min

Protecting a primitive village from an incoming asteroid pushes an alien obelisk's controls beyond Kirk's understanding, and the resulting malfunction wipes his memory clean, leaving him stranded and helpless among people who mistake him for a returning god. Adopted into the tribe and eventually married to a young woman named Miramanee, Kirk builds a genuinely happy, uncomplicated life with no memory of who he used to be, even as Spock and McCoy race against time to find him before the same asteroid threat returns. Miramanee's pregnancy gives Kirk a piece of joy he never expected from his stranded amnesia, right before the villagers, spooked by the failure of the obelisk's protections, turn violently against the man they once worshipped. Kirk's memory returns just in time to avert the asteroid strike, but not in time to save Miramanee, who dies from her injuries in his arms, leaving him to grieve a wife and unborn child that existed for him only briefly, and only by accident.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Goro · Miramanee · Salish

EPISODE 4

And the Children Shall Lead

Air Date: October 11, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 51 min

A landing party at the Federation outpost on Triacus finds an archaeological survey team catatonic with fear, and the children left behind seem unnervingly untouched by whatever devastated the adults around them. The children's calm turns out to be possession rather than resilience: an ancient, malevolent entity called Gorgan has taken hold of their minds, using them as unwitting agents to seize control of the Enterprise itself and turn its crew against one another through manufactured despair. Spock's investigation reveals Gorgan as the last remnant of a long-dead race of conquerors, feeding on fear and hopelessness while using the children's innocence as cover for something considerably more sinister. Confronting the children directly with the truth of what's actually been done to them breaks Gorgan's hold entirely, and the crew, having regained the ship, sets course for Starbase 4 with as much attention paid to comforting the traumatized kids as to repairing the damage.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent, Gorgan, Mary, Ray, Tommy Starnes

EPISODE 5

Is There in Truth No Beauty?

Air Date: October 18, 1968
Stardate: 5630.7
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

Escorting the brilliant but physically hideous Medusan ambassador Kollos, whose appearance alone can drive an unshielded human mind insane, puts the Enterprise crew in the delicate position of never actually looking directly at the being they're meant to protect. Dr. Miranda Jones, a gifted telepath training to form a permanent mind link with Kollos, carries a jealousy toward the ship's already-established rapport between Spock and the ambassador that colors nearly everything she does aboard ship. A jilted engineer's desperate, unauthorized attempt to view Kollos directly ends in madness, and it's Spock, forced into an emergency mind meld with the ambassador to save the ship, who ends up trapped in Kollos's mind until Miranda's own link finally frees him. The mission closes with Miranda achieving the permanent bond with Kollos she's spent years training for, and Kirk's parting gift of a rose, thorns and all, lands as a quiet acknowledgment that even the deepest connections come with real cost attached.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent, Dr. Miranda Jones, Larry Marvick

EPISODE 6

Spectre of the Gun

Air Date: October 25, 1968
Stardate: 4385.3
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

Sent to make contact with the reclusive, powerful Melkotians, the Enterprise crew instead finds themselves forcibly relocated into an elaborate recreation of Tombstone, Arizona, cast as the historical losers of the infamous gunfight at the OK Corral. The simulation makes clear early on that the danger is entirely real despite the theatrical setting, with every detail of the coming gunfight fixed by the Melkotians specifically to punish the crew for approaching their world uninvited. Rather than accept the scripted outcome, Kirk works out that the bullets themselves only have power because everyone involved believes in them, and the crew's refusal to actually kill their historical opponents, even when handed every opportunity, becomes the real test the Melkotians were actually running. Impressed by Kirk's restraint rather than his marksmanship, the Melkotians finally make genuine contact, welcoming an Enterprise that passed their test by declining to fight the fight it was handed.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Doc Holliday, Ed, Johnny Behan, Lieutenant Leslie, Melkotian

EPISODE 7

Day of the Dove

Air Date: November 1, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 51 min

A distress call from a human colony leads the Enterprise to find nothing but empty space, right before an ancient, malevolent, energy-based being manipulates both the Enterprise and a nearby Klingon warship into a manufactured, mutually destructive conflict neither side actually chose. The entity feeds directly on the hatred and violence it provokes, planting false memories, including Chekov's conviction that the Klingons murdered a brother who never actually existed, specifically to keep both crews locked in a fight that benefits nothing but the creature orchestrating it. Kirk and the Klingon commander Kang, recognizing they're both being played, have to convince their own furious, wounded crews to set hostility aside entirely and force themselves to laugh together instead, starving the entity of the rage it needs to survive. The improvised alliance works, and the entity flees the ship entirely, leaving Kirk and Kang with a wary, unresolved truce forged from nothing but the shared realization that they'd both been somebody else's weapon.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Johnson, Kang, Mara

EPISODE 8

For the World Is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky

Air Date: November 8, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 5476.3 **Runtime:** 51 min

Missiles fired from what looks like an ordinary asteroid turn out to originate from a disguised, generation-spanning ship called Yonada, hurtling on a collision course with an inhabited planet its own passengers have no idea actually exists. The landing party, captured and brought before Yonada's High Priestess Natira, discovers the ship's entire society worships a computerized Oracle that's been steering their course for so many centuries that its passengers no longer even understand they're aboard a vessel rather than living on solid ground. McCoy, diagnosed with a fatal disease during the mission, marries Natira in a bid to gain access to the Oracle's control systems, only to discover the illness is curable once he's back aboard the Enterprise, forcing a painful choice between his new marriage and his restored future. With Yonada's collision course finally corrected and its true nature revealed to its own startled inhabitants, Kirk leaves McCoy with the quiet possibility of a reunion once the wandering asteroid ship finally reaches its actual destination.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Westervliet, Clifford Brent, Natira

EPISODE 9

The Tholian Web

Air Date: November 15, 1968 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 5693.2 **Runtime:** 50 min

Investigating the disappearance of the USS Defiant, the Enterprise finds her crew all dead, apparently having slaughtered one another in a violent, unexplained frenzy, right as the derelict ship itself begins slipping into an interspatial rift between dimensions. Kirk vanishes along with the Defiant before the Enterprise can fully retreat, leaving Spock in command and forced to hold the ship together against the same maddening effect that destroyed the other crew, all while a hostile, territorial alien species called the Tholians close in to claim the rift

as their own. McCoy and Spock's quiet, deliberate choice to keep a private log recording from Kirk unwatched, protecting his final wishes rather than following procedure to the letter, becomes the episode's real emotional anchor even as the crew races an active Tholian energy web meant to trap the ship for good. Kirk is ultimately recovered alive from the interspatial rift just before it collapses entirely, and back on the bridge, his gentle acceptance of Spock and McCoy's evasive answers about the recording says more about trust than any direct confrontation would have.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Commander Loskene

EPISODE 10

Plato's Stepchildren

Air Date: November 22, 1968
Timeline: 2267
Stardate: 5784.2
Runtime: 51 min

A landing party investigating a distress call on a planet ruled by descendants of ancient philosophers finds themselves captives of the Platonians, a society with genuine, godlike telekinetic powers and an appetite for cruelty that has nothing to do with the wisdom of their namesake. Parmen, the group's unstable leader, forces Kirk, Spock, and the visiting dwarf entertainer Alexander through a series of increasingly degrading, painful performances purely for his own court's amusement, using powers the crew has no way to counter. Alexander's own bitter history as a lifelong target of the Platonians' casual cruelty finally boils over into a desperate, failed attempt to kill Parmen directly, exposing just how deep the resentment beneath their entertainment culture actually runs. McCoy's discovery that the Platonians' powers come from a substance in their local water, one his own team can replicate, finally breaks their monopoly on cruelty, and Kirk's parting message to Scotty about bringing home a little surprise closes the episode on Alexander's rescue rather than revenge.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander · Parmen · Philana

EPISODE 11

Wink of an Eye

Air Date: November 29, 1968
Timeline: 2267
Stardate: 5710.5
Runtime: 51 min

A distress call from the planet Scalos leads the Enterprise into an ambush by its accelerated, invisible-to-normal-perception inhabitants, whose hyperaccelerated existence lets them move through the ship, and abduct crew members, entirely undetected by anyone operating at a normal pace. Deela, the Scalosians' leader, reveals her people are sterile due to radiation exposure and need genetically compatible outsiders, Kirk specifically, to help continue their species, framing what amounts to captivity as an inevitable, almost romantic arrangement. Kirk discovers a missing crewman, presumed dead, has actually been accelerated and willingly collaborating with the Scalosians the entire time, having decided their hyperaccelerated existence beats returning to a normal one. Spock's last-minute discovery of a possible antidote lets Kirk break free of Deela's influence just as the crisis peaks, and the resolution leaves the Scalosians returned to their planet while Spock, briefly still accelerated himself, uses the extra time to knock out a few quick repairs before the effect wears off.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Compton · Deela · Ekor · Rael

EPISODE 12

The Empath

Air Date: December 6, 1968
Stardate: 5121.5
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

Arriving at the doomed planet Minara II to evacuate research personnel before its star goes supernova, the landing party instead finds the scientists gone and themselves abducted by two powerful, large-cranium aliens called Vians, running an experiment whose purpose isn't clear until it's already well underway. At the center of the experiment is Gem, a beautiful woman incapable of speech but overwhelmingly empathic, capable of literally absorbing the pain and injuries of anyone she touches, a gift the Vians are deliberately testing to its absolute limit. As Kirk, Spock, and McCoy are subjected to escalating torment specifically to see whether Gem will sacrifice herself to save them, the Vians reveal their experiment is meant to decide which of two doomed civilizations deserves their limited capacity for rescue. Gem's willingness to nearly die healing McCoy proves exactly the empathy the Vians were testing for, and the crew returns safely to the Enterprise having witnessed a species pass judgment not on power, but on compassion.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Linke · Dr. Ozaba · Gem · Lal · Thann

EPISODE 13

Elaan of Troyius

Air Date: December 20, 1968
Stardate: 4372.5
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

The Enterprise arrives at Elas to transport the fierce, imperious Dohlman Elaan to an arranged political marriage on the rival world of Troyius, a diplomatic marriage meant to end a long-simmering war between the two planets but one Elaan herself has zero interest in honoring. Her chief bodyguard Kryton, secretly working for the Klingons to sabotage the peace, murders a crewman and tampers with the Enterprise's warp engines, adding real danger to what was already a volatile diplomatic mission. Elaan's tears, it turns out, carry a genuinely chemical effect that renders any man who touches them helplessly infatuated with her, and Kirk finds himself fighting an attraction he can't entirely explain even after learning exactly why he's feeling it. With Kryton's sabotage exposed and the marriage back on track despite Elaan's own resistance to it, Spock's dry observation that the Enterprise herself had already captured Kirk's heart long before Elaan's tears ever touched him closes the episode on a note of gentle, knowing humor.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Elaan · Evans · Kryton · Lord Petri

EPISODE 14

Whom Gods Destroy

Air Date: January 3, 1969
Stardate: 5718.3
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

A shipment of revolutionary new medication for the criminally insane brings the Enterprise to the Elba II asylum, where the facility's most notorious inmate, a former Starfleet hero named Garth of Izar, has already seized control and imprisoned the actual staff. Garth's brilliant tactical mind, the same one that once made him a legend, now serves nothing but delusions of galactic conquest, and his ability to shapeshift into anyone, including Kirk himself, makes retaking the facility a genuine identity crisis for the crew trying to sort real captain from impostor. An Orion inmate named Marta, drawn into Garth's schemes, attempts to seduce and then kill Kirk before Spock intervenes, exposing just how much collateral damage Garth's madness has already caused among the other patients. Once the facility's doctor finally administers the new medication to Garth and the rest of the inmates, the cure proves total, and Garth wakes with no memory whatsoever of the chaos, tragedy, and violence his mental collapse actually caused.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Clifford Brent, Donald Cory, Lord Garth of Izar, Marta

EPISODE 15

Let That Be Your Last Battlefield

Air Date: January 10, 1969
Stardate: 5730.2
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

Investigating a stolen Federation shuttlecraft near the polluted planet Ariannus, the Enterprise crew finds two alien fugitives, Lokai and Bele, locked in a relentless, decades-spanning chase that predates the Federation itself and shows no sign of ever actually ending. Bele's furious insistence that Starfleet return Lokai to face justice on their shared homeworld of Cheron reveals the true, absurd horror underlying their feud: both men are half black and half white, split down opposite sides, and their entire planet was consumed by a race war fought purely over which half was on which side. Kirk's attempts to broker any kind of peace or perspective run straight into a hatred so total that neither man can even conceive of coexistence, no matter how much devastation their conflict has already caused both of them personally. Learning that Cheron itself has already been destroyed entirely by exactly the war they're still fighting does nothing to slow either man down, and the two beam down together to keep tearing at each other on an empty, ruined world, leaving the bridge crew to quietly reckon with just how far unexamined hatred can outlive any reason for it.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Montgomery Scott, Pavel Chekov, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Christine Chapel, Bele, Clifford Brent, Lokai

EPISODE 16

The Mark of Gideon

Air Date: January 17, 1969
Stardate: 5423.4
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

A diplomatic visit to the reclusive, overcrowded planet Gideon goes wrong the instant Kirk beams down and finds himself standing not on the planet's surface but aboard an eerily perfect, completely empty duplicate of his own ship. The illusion unravels slowly as Kirk realizes he's been deliberately isolated and observed, eventually discovering a young woman named Odona hidden aboard the fake ship with him, part of an elaborate scheme

by Gideon's leadership to expose Kirk, and by extension the whole crew, to a disease that's harmless to the Enterprise but potentially catastrophic in its effects back on Gideon. The planet's real crisis turns out to be brutally ironic: Gideon's population has grown so massive and its people so resistant to disease that they're suffocating under their own overcrowding, and Odona's people deliberately want the illness Kirk unknowingly carries as a desperately needed population check. Learning the full scope of the deception doesn't erase Kirk's sympathy for Odona once she volunteers to carry the disease back to her people herself, and his forgiveness of her lie closes the episode on an uneasy peace between manipulation and genuine desperation.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Fitzgerald · Ambassador Hodin · Clifford Brent · Krodak · Odona

EPISODE 17

That Which Survives

Air Date: January 24, 1969
Timeline: 2267
Stardate: —
Runtime: 51 min

A landing party surveying an oddly young planet with impossibly inconsistent geology is suddenly attacked and killed one by one by the recurring image of a beautiful woman named Losira, who appears calm and almost apologetic even as she delivers a fatal touch to each victim. Back aboard ship, the Enterprise begins accelerating uncontrollably toward its own destruction, and Scott discovers the safety systems have been deliberately sabotaged, stranding the ship on a collision course with no obvious way to stop it. The planet turns out to be an automated defense system left behind by the long-extinct Kalandans, still running Losira's image as a weapon centuries after a plague wiped out the species she was originally modeled after. Spock's theory that the system's perfect recreation of Losira actually saved the surviving landing party proves correct: the computer's own copy hesitated out of something like genuine regret each time it killed, a flaw in the programming precise enough to leave just enough survivors behind.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Clifford Brent · Losira · Lt. D'Amato · Watkins

EPISODE 18

The Lights of Zetar

Air Date: January 31, 1969
Timeline: 2267
Stardate: 5725.3
Runtime: 51 min

Approaching Memory Alpha, the Federation's central archive of accumulated knowledge, the Enterprise instead runs into a strange, sentient energy storm that turns out to be a group of disembodied alien life forms searching for physical bodies to inhabit. One of the storm's entities forces its way into navigator Mira Romaine, and her subsequent behavior grows increasingly erratic and dangerous as the alien consciousness fights for control of her body against her own fading will. The crew's efforts to communicate with the remaining energy beings go nowhere, forcing Scott and the rest to instead devise a way to physically drive the possessing entities out of Romaine using a pressure chamber, a race against time that costs her real suffering before it finally works. With the aliens destroyed and Romaine restored to herself, the crew clears her for duty with a fitting new assignment overseeing the repairs to the very archive whose approach triggered the entire crisis.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Christine Chapel · Clifford Brent · Lieutenant Kyle · Lights of Zetar · Mira Romaine

EPISODE 19

Requiem for Methuselah

Air Date: February 14, 1969
Stardate: 5843.7
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

A deadly outbreak of Rigellian fever aboard the Enterprise sends Kirk, Spock, and McCoy down to a reclusive planet in search of the only known cure, where they're immediately confronted by an armed, hostile robot and its equally hostile, secretive master, a man calling himself Flint. Flint's genuine brilliance, matched by an even more genuine desperation to protect his isolation, gradually reveals itself as something far stranger than simple reclusiveness once Kirk realizes the man has been alive, and largely unaging, for centuries. Flint's ward Rayna, an android of his own creation given genuine emotional capacity, becomes the unlikely focus of a jealous rivalry between her creator and Kirk, one that ultimately proves fatal to her fragile, newly-formed feelings entirely. Learning that removing Flint from Earth's environment has finally left him aging normally after all this time, Kirk returns to the Enterprise with a rare, melancholy empathy for immortality's actual cost, and Spock's quiet mental suggestion to simply let him forget the pain of it closes the episode on an act of real compassion.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Flint · Rayna Kapec

EPISODE 20

The Way to Eden

Air Date: February 21, 1969
Stardate: 5832.3
Timeline: 2267
Runtime: 51 min

Pursuing the stolen space cruiser Aurora, the Enterprise takes custody of a group of counterculture space hippies chasing rumors of a mythical, technology-free paradise called Eden, led by the charismatic but unstable Dr. Sevrin, a brilliant acoustics researcher whose fringe philosophy masks a genuinely dangerous, unaddressed medical condition. Spock finds himself unexpectedly sympathetic to the group's rejection of rigid Starfleet order, even as their leader's obsession with reaching Eden regardless of the cost grows increasingly reckless and paranoid. Sevrin's followers eventually steal a shuttle and reach the mythical planet themselves, only to discover its lush, inviting surface is coated in an acid-like toxin that kills on contact, a bitter, literal poisoning of the very paradise they'd sacrificed everything to find. With Sevrin dead and his surviving followers shaken but unbroken, Spock's parting advice, that they'll either find their Eden somewhere else or simply build one themselves, treats their idealism with more respect than the mission's tragic ending might otherwise suggest.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adam · Clifford Brent · Dr. Sevrin · Irina Galliulin · Lt. Palmer

EPISODE 21

The Cloud Minders

Air Date: February 28, 1969 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 5818.4 **Runtime:** 51 min

A shipment run for a vital anti-plague mineral called zenite brings the Enterprise to Ardana, home to the beautiful floating cloud city of Stratos, where the elite live in comfort while the miners who actually extract the zenite labor below in conditions the city's residents barely acknowledge. Terrorist attacks by an underground movement calling itself the Disruptors force Kirk into the middle of a conflict he initially misreads as simple criminality, only to discover the miners' violence stems from zenite gas exposure that's been silently poisoning their intelligence and temperament for generations without anyone above bothering to investigate why. Vanna, one of the movement's leaders, forces Kirk into a direct, physical confrontation in the mines that nearly costs him his life before the actual cause of the miners' suffering, treatable with a simple filter mask, finally comes to light. With the zenite delivered and Ardana's leadership grudgingly forced to acknowledge the injustice it's built its entire society on, Vanna's declaration that her people's fight for equality is far from over leaves the episode's central conflict honestly unresolved rather than neatly wrapped up.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Anka · Droxine · Plasus · Vanna

EPISODE 22

The Savage Curtain

Air Date: March 7, 1969 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 5906.4 **Runtime:** 51 min

A routine geological survey of the volcanic planet Excalbia turns into something else entirely once powerful, rock-like alien beings abduct Kirk and Spock, along with resurrected versions of Abraham Lincoln and the Vulcan philosopher Surak, to stage a forced, deadly experiment testing the nature of good and evil. Pitted against a team of history's most notorious villains, including the genocidal Colonel Green, Kirk and his unlikely allies have to fight for survival while the Excalbians watch on with total indifference to which side actually wins. Green's offer of a temporary alliance against their captors proves to be exactly the kind of betrayal his historical reputation would predict, a distraction meant to cover a surprise attack rather than any genuine desire to cooperate. Though the true nature of the resurrected Lincoln and Surak is left deliberately unresolved, Kirk closes the ordeal reflecting that the Enterprise itself is, in its own way, still carrying forward the work both men represented, long after the Excalbians' crude experiment has run its course.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS Zora · Abraham Lincoln · Col. Green · Kahless · Surak

EPISODE 23

All Our Yesterdays

Air Date: March 14, 1969 **Timeline:** 2267
Stardate: 5943.7 **Runtime:** 51 min

Investigating a planet whose star is about to go nova, Kirk, Spock, and McCoy are each pulled through a strange archive device called the Atavachron into different eras of the planet's own past, scattering the landing party across time just as the danger back in the present becomes critical. Kirk lands in a period resembling seventeenth-century England, mistaken for a witch and thrown in prison, while Spock and McCoy are swept five thousand

years further back into the planet's brutal ice age, stranded with an exiled woman named Zarabeth who's lived alone there for years. Cut off from his usual Vulcan discipline by the ice age's ancient, primal conditions, Spock finds himself falling in love with Zarabeth in a way he'd never permit himself in his own time, an attachment that grows more painful the longer their rescue is delayed. Restored to his proper era and himself once reunited with Kirk, Spock has to leave Zarabeth behind entirely, and the crew beams back to the Enterprise just before the star goes nova and erases the whole vanished civilization, along with the woman Spock can never see again.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Atoz · Pickpocket Wench · The Constable · The Prosecutor · Zarabeth

EPISODE 24

Turnabout Intruder

Air Date: June 3, 1969
Timeline: 2267
Stardate: 5928.5
Runtime: 51 min

A distress call from an archaeological dig on Camus II leads the Enterprise to Dr. Janice Lester, an embittered former lover of Kirk's whose obsessive resentment toward Starfleet's restrictions on women drives her to use an ancient alien device to forcibly swap bodies with him. Trapped in Lester's body while she commands the Enterprise as him, Kirk finds himself fighting not just for control of the ship but for anyone to actually believe the truth of what's happened to him at all. Spock grows suspicious once Kirk's decisions start contradicting everything he knows about the real captain, particularly an order to divert to a colony with inferior medical facilities purely to get Lester quietly out of the way. With Lester's own grip on sanity unraveling under the strain of a command she was never actually suited for, the swap is finally reversed, and Kirk, Spock, and Scotty return to the bridge with the series closing not on triumph but on quiet relief that the ship, and the captain, are finally where they belong.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Coleman · Dr. Janice Lester · Galloway

CHAPTER 5

STAR TREK: THE ANIMATED SERIES

First Aired: September 8, 1973 **Last Aired:** October 12, 1974 **Seasons:** 2 **Episodes:** 22 **Network:** NBC

Captain James T. Kirk, Spock, and the crew of the Enterprise continue their voyages in animated form following the original five-year mission. Freed from the limitations of live-action production, the series explores unusual worlds, exotic species, and imaginative scientific concepts. These adventures expand the scope of The Original Series while preserving its spirit of exploration and discovery. From “Beyond the Farthest Star” to “The Counter-Clock Incident”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring characters, rivalries, and institutional pressures give the series a stronger cumulative history than any single mission can contain.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2269

First Aired: September 8, 1973 **Last Aired:** January 12, 1974 **Timeline:** 2269 **Stardates:** 4187.3–5501.2

The Animated Series continues the voyages of Captain Kirk and the Enterprise while using animation to explore worlds, species, and phenomena that would have been difficult to depict in live-action television. The season expands the scope of the Star Trek universe through imaginative alien environments, unusual lifeforms, and ambitious science-fiction concepts. Although the format is different, the stories remain faithful to the themes of exploration, diplomacy, and ethical decision-making established by The Original Series. Familiar characters continue to grow while encountering challenges unique to the animated medium. The season serves as a direct continuation of the Enterprise's mission and broadens the imaginative possibilities of the franchise. "Beyond the Farthest Star" opens the animated continuation with a scale live-action couldn’t afford; "The Jihad" closes a season that used the format to go places the original series never could. The season is a collection of standalone adventures rather than a single evolving story, true to the anthology instincts of the original series it continues.

EPISODE 1

Beyond the Farthest Star

Air Date: September 8, 1973 **Timeline:** 2269
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

The Enterprise finds a deserted starship orbiting a dead star. While exploring on the outermost rim of the galaxy , the Federation starship Enterprise abruptly encounters strong hypergravitational effects and is pulled into the orbit of a dead star. The crew discovers that a massive damaged 300,000,000-year-old alien pod ship, emitting radio signals, is trapped along with them. Kirk flies the Enterprise toward the dead star in what appears to be a suicide run, but in actuality is a slingshot maneuver for escaping its massive gravity . The entity believes the ship will crash and be destroyed and so flees, with the Enterprise successfully escaping both it and the dead star.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 2

Yesteryear

Air Date: September 15, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

Spock travels back in time to prevent his death as a young Vulcan. Captain Kirk and Spock return from a time-traveling research project they have been conducting with the use of the Guardian of Forever and Starfleet historians. However, Spock remembers that when he took the Kahs-wan, his life was saved by Selek-an adult relative-when a desert creature with poisonous claws called a le-matya attacked them. Young Spock chooses the latter. By making this choice, Spock has thus chosen the Vulcan way of life-logic and emotional control-and his elder self, successful in repairing history, returns to the restored present day, but not before teaching his younger self how to perform the Vulcan nerve pinch in order to deal with some school bullies.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS Sarek

EPISODE 3

One of Our Planets Is Missing

Air Date: September 22, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

A mysterious cloud destroys inhabited planets. The Enterprise encounters a giant cloud that consumes planets that lie in its path. Science Officer Spock discovers that the cloud has a brain. Spock tells it that there is life on the planet it plans to consume and allows it to perceive them through Spock's own eyes. Not wanting to kill other life forms, the cloud entity agrees to leave the Enterprise alone and return to its place of origin.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS Uhura

EPISODE 4

The Lorelei Signal

Air Date: September 29, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

A race of beautiful women remains immortal by stealing the life force of men. The Federation starship Enterprise investigates a sector of space where starships have been disappearing every 27.346 years. Uhura returns to the planet and witnesses the Taurean leader, Theela, destroying the device that had been luring starships, stating that Uhura should tell Kirk she kept her side of the bargain. Uhura informs them that a ship of women will return to bring them to a habitable world and that the women's bodies should return to normal in a few months. Theela is pleased, preferring a life fully lived to a static immortality.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS Uhura

EPISODE 5

More Tribbles, More Troubles

Air Date: October 6, 1973 **Timeline:** 2269
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Cyrano Jones introduces tribbles that cannot reproduce. While the Federation starship USS Enterprise escorts two robot cargo ships carrying quintotriticale, a new seed grain, to famine-stricken Sherman's Planet, it encounters a Klingon battlecruiser, commanded by Captain Koloth, firing on a Federation scout ship. The Klingons attack again, disabling the engines of the remaining cargo ship and bathing the Enterprise in a radiation which rapidly increases the growth of the tribbles aboard. Koloth orders his first officer to shoot the large tribble, only to inadvertently free smaller ones inside. McCoy , having discovered in advance that the large tribbles are actually tribble colonies, injects the remaining tribbles on the Enterprise with a serum to slow down their metabolic rate.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cyrano Jones

EPISODE 6

The Survivor

Air Date: October 13, 1973 **Timeline:** 2269
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

The Enterprise rescues Carter Winston, a wealthy trader believed to be the sole survivor of a brutal attack on a Federation outpost, only for Spock to grow suspicious that the man recovering in sickbay isn't entirely who he claims to be. The investigation uncovers a shape-shifting alien called a Vendorian capable of perfectly mimicking anyone it studies, one that's been impersonating Winston for reasons tied to a mysterious, encroaching alien fleet threatening Federation space. As suspicion spreads through the crew and the real stakes behind the impersonation come into focus, Kirk has to work out exactly how much of the danger is manufactured and how much is genuinely closing in. The Vendorian's own motive, protecting its dying people by helping avert a war rather than starting one, reframes the deception as an act of desperate self-preservation rather than outright malice.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Vendorian

EPISODE 7

The Infinite Vulcan

Air Date: October 20, 1973 **Timeline:** 2269
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

The crew encounters Dr. Stavos Keniclius, a scientist from Earth's Eugenics Wars era, still alive centuries later and convinced that a race of physically and intellectually superior clones could finally enforce lasting peace across the galaxy. His prized creation, a towering clone grown from Spock's own DNA, has been engineered to embody that vision, a benevolent giant meant to police the stars whether anyone actually wants policing or not. Kirk and Spock's growing alarm at Keniclius's plan isn't really about the clone itself, gentle and uncertain despite his imposing size, but about the deeply undemocratic instinct behind imposing peace through genetically engineered superiority. Convincing Keniclius that forced perfection isn't the same as actual progress defuses the

crisis without violence, leaving the scientist to reconsider a mission he'd spent his whole unnaturally extended life pursuing.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 8

The Magicks of Megas-tu

Air Date: October 27, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

Investigating a region of space where the normal laws of physics seem to break down entirely, the Enterprise crew beams down to a bizarre, magic-soaked world and encounters beings who look remarkably like figures out of Earth mythology, chief among them a horned, mischievous entity called Lucien. When strange, unexplainable phenomena start plaguing the crew, fear and superstition take hold fast, and Lucien finds himself accused of witchcraft in an echo of exactly the kind of persecution his people once suffered when they visited Earth centuries earlier during the Salem witch trials. Kirk's efforts to separate genuine threat from manufactured panic run directly into a crew increasingly willing to condemn what they don't understand, an uncomfortable mirror of the very history Lucien is trying to explain to them. Working out the truth behind Lucien's people and their long-abandoned visits to Earth ultimately defuses the crisis, closing the episode on the same lesson history itself apparently failed to teach the first time around.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asmodeus

EPISODE 9

Once Upon a Planet

Air Date: November 3, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

Upon returning to the Amusement Park planet, the Enterprise crew finds that the caretaker has died and the computer has taken over, creating havoc. The Federation starship Enterprise crew revisits a fondly remembered "amusement park" planet, hoping for some rest and relaxation. McCoy is attacked by the Queen of Hearts and Lt. After interviewing the angry computer, Kirk persuades it that its notion of servitude is simplistic by revealing that contrary to its assumption, they are not slaves of the Enterprise . He convinces it that its best course is to resume business as usual, as it will be rewarded with social contact by the many guests attracted by the planet's facilities and can, in time, learn everything it could possibly want to without leaving its home planet.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 10

Mudd's Passion

Air Date: November 10, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

The interstellar con artist Harry Mudd returns, selling what he thinks is a fake love potion. The starship Enterprise receives orders to arrest Federation outlaw Harry Mudd , who is accused of selling fake love-crystals. Kirk and Spock find Chapel and Mudd, but the four of them are attacked by creatures made of rock which inhabit the planet. To buy time, Kirk throws the remaining love-crystals to the rock creatures. The four are beamed back to the Enterprise , where Spock notes that the love-crystals' short duration and after-effect of enmity make them of little value, and Chapel records a confession of Mudd's misdeeds since his escape from the android planet so that he can be returned to rehabilitation.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Harcourt Fenton Mudd

EPISODE 11

The Terratin Incident

Air Date: November 17, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

The Enterprise crew begins to shrink after radiation exposure. While observing a burnt-out supernova, the Federation starship Enterprise picks up a strange message transmitted in a two-hundred-year-old Earth code. Kirk returns to the ship, but the crew are now too small for him to see easily, and too small to operate the ship's controls. However, the Terratins have been small for generations and cannot be restored to normal size. Their planet is in peril from massive volcanic activity, so the whole Terratin city is beamed aboard the Enterprise , and moved to another planet.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 12

The Time Trap

Air Date: November 24, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

Exploring the Delta Triangle, where ships have vanished for centuries, the Enterprise is pulled into a pocket dimension called Elysia after a skirmish with a Klingon cruiser. There Kirk and the Klingon captain Kras find their ships trapped alongside the derelict crews of a hundred years' worth of missing vessels, and survival means an uneasy truce between enemies. The timewarp is slowly destroying the Enterprise's dilithium, so escape depends on Spock reasoning out the dimension's one way home before the ship is stranded for good.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 13

The Ambergris Element

Air Date: December 1, 1973
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

The crew of the Enterprise explore a submerged culture on a water world. On stardate 5499.9, while exploring the planet Argo, which was transformed into a water planet by seismic disturbances, Captain Kirk of the Federation starship Enterprise and his Science Officer Spock are lost from their survey party when their aquashuttle is attacked by a giant sea creature. Since the aquashuttle was destroyed when the sea creature attacked them, they swim to search for answers. She then explains the Aquan history that led to their fear of air-breathers, revealing that reverse mutation is possible, but forbidden. Despite the ban, Kirk enlists her help in locating the lost formula for reversing the transformation and capturing a giant sur-snake whose venom is key to the antidote.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS Lemus

EPISODE 14

The Slaver Weapon

Air Date: December 15, 1973
Stardate: 4187.3
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

A group of Kzinti divert the shuttle Copernicus and retrieve a newly discovered Slaver weapon. On stardate 4187.3, the Enterprise shuttlecraft Copernicus , carrying Science Officer Spock (voiced by Leonard Nimoy), Communications Officer Lt. Following the signal, the shuttle lands on an ice planet where the crew is captured by the hostile, catlike Kzinti . After the Kzinti fail to provide several code words and ask about the total-conversion beam setting, the weapon concludes that they are enemies and directs them to what it claims is the setting that they want but which is actually a self-destruct setting. When the Kzinti activate that setting it turns out to be a disruptor field that destroys the weapon and kills the Kzinti.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS Uhura

EPISODE 15

The Eye of the Beholder

Air Date: January 5, 1974
Stardate: 5501.2
Timeline: 2269
Runtime: 24 min

Beaming down to a planet to search for the crew of a missing ship, the crew is captured by its alien inhabitants. The USS Enterprise investigates the disappearance of a scientific team near Lactra VII. The Enterprise crew beams down to discover a series of unusual environments and are captured by the Lactrans, large sluglike beings with intellectual capacities far beyond their own. The child beams back down with Scotty. The youngster communicates what it has learned, and the adults decide that although still primitive, humans and Vulcans are in the process of evolving to a higher order, and are set free with a message that they will be welcome back in a number of centuries.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS Uhura

EPISODE 16

The Jihad

Air Date: January 12, 1974 **Timeline:** 2269
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

The Vedala, the oldest known spacefaring race, summon Kirk and Spock to recover the Soul of the Skorr, a stolen religious artifact that has the potential to ignite a holy war across the galaxy. On stardate 5683.1, the Federation starship Enterprise arrives at the Vedala asteroid, where Captain Kirk and First Officer Spock have been summoned to take part in the latest of several failed secret quests to learn about a stolen religious artifact, the "Soul of the Skorr", the theft of which could ignite a galactic holy war . The focal point of the mission as the primary stakeholder is "Tchar", the hereditary prince of the Skorr. The Vedala states that they will eventually forget that these events ever happened. Kirk and Spock return to the Enterprise , where it seems that hardly any time at all has passed since their beam down to begin the mission.

CHARACTERS James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS EM, Lara

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2270

First Aired: September 7, 1974 **Last Aired:** October 12, 1974 **Timeline:** 2270 **Stardates:** 6334.1–6770.6

The second and final season of The Animated Series continues exploring distant regions of space while focusing on stories that emphasize discovery, cooperation, and scientific curiosity. Though shorter in length, the season maintains the spirit of the original series by presenting complex moral questions and unusual encounters with alien civilizations. The Enterprise crew remains committed to peaceful exploration even when faced with unfamiliar dangers and difficult choices. Several episodes further expand Star Trek's mythology while reinforcing the values that define Starfleet. The season provides a fitting conclusion to the animated continuation of the original crew's adventures. "The Pirates of Orion" to "The Counter-Clock Incident" covers a shorter run than the first season, but the same commitment to imaginative, standalone stories carries through to the end. As in the first season, no ongoing plot ties the episodes together — each closes its own story before the crew moves on to the next one.

EPISODE 1

The Pirates of Orion

Air Date: September 7, 1974 **Timeline:** 2270
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Spock contracts a rare, rapidly fatal illness, and the only known treatment turns out to require a race against the clock to secure and deliver before his condition becomes irreversible. Orion pirates intercept the medicine mid-transit, seeing a captain desperate to save his first officer as exactly the kind of leverage worth exploiting for profit. Kirk has to balance careful diplomacy with outright urgency, working every angle from negotiation to pursuit while the clock keeps running down on Spock's chances. Securing the cure in time comes down less to force than to Kirk's refusal to let the pirates' greed outlast his crew's persistence.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 2

Bem

Air Date: September 14, 1974
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2270
Runtime: 24 min

Ari bn Bem, an erratic observer from the planet Pandro, secretly watches the crew of the USS Enterprise to determine whether the Federation is ready to open diplomatic relations with his advanced species. On stardate 7403.6, the Federation starship Enterprise crew is conducting a series of exploratory missions with honorary Commander Ari bn Bem, a representative from the newly contacted planet Pandro, who is working for his government as an independent observer of the Federation. Before long, Captain Kirk and his people are captured by primitive natives. They soon learn that these primitives are under the guardianship of a powerful non-corporeal entity who is upset that the Enterprise crew has come to her planet and interfered with her "children".

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 3

The Practical Joker

Air Date: September 21, 1974
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2270
Runtime: 24 min

After passing through a strange space energy cloud, the Enterprises computer gains an artificial intelligence that is relentlessly bent on making practical jokes on the crew. On stardate 3183.3, the Federation starship Enterprise is attacked by three Romulan D-7 -class battlecruisers . Eventually the practical jokester, which turns out to be the Enterprise computer itself (affected by the ship's passage through the energy field), decides to play a practical joke on the Romulans for the battle damage caused in the earlier attack. The jokester personality of the computer begins to fade, as it realizes it had been tricked itself, and finally returns to normal. The Romulans, however, were so enraged over the balloon-ship ruse that they follow the Enterprise through the energy cloud and begin to experience a rash of jokes themselves.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk, Spock, Leonard McCoy, Hikaru Sulu, Nyota Uhura, Montgomery Scott, Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 4

Albatross

Air Date: September 28, 1974
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2270
Runtime: 24 min

Dr. McCoy barely has time to set foot on Dramia before local authorities arrest him for an epidemic he's accused of causing decades earlier, during a medical mission he remembers as a success rather than a catastrophe. The Dramians' case rests on symptoms that match his old patients closely enough to look damning, until Kirk and Spock start pulling at the actual cause and find something far older than any doctor's mistake: a spatial aurora

with a history of periodically passing through the system and changing survivors' pigmentation in ways easily mistaken for disease. Clearing McCoy means proving a negative under a death sentence's worth of pressure, with Dramian law offering little patience for a Starfleet officer's word against local memory. The truth arrives just ahead of the deadline, and the charges evaporate as fast as they were leveled, though not before McCoy gets a hard reminder that being right two decades ago is no defense against being blamed for it now.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura · Montgomery Scott · Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Demos

EPISODE 5

How Sharper Than a Serpent's Tooth

Air Date: October 5, 1974 **Timeline:** 2270
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

The Enterprise encounters a being that once visited the ancient peoples of Earth. On stardate 6063.4, following a signal from a mysterious probe, the Federation starship Enterprise is immobilized by an alien whose ship resembles a winged serpent. He says that he is actually a very long-lived, benevolent entity who wants the humans to worship him, as the Mayas and Aztecs did. Kirk again attempts to reason with Kukulkan, conceding that while the alien did help humanity when it needed it, they no longer need his guidance. The alien reluctantly agrees, and departs.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura · Montgomery Scott · Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

EPISODE 6

The Counter-Clock Incident

Air Date: October 12, 1974 **Timeline:** 2270
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

When the Enterprise enters a negative universe, former captain Robert April saves the ship as the crew age backwards. On stardate 6770.3, the Federation starship Enterprise is transporting very distinguished guests: its first commander, Commodore Robert April (voiced by James Doohan), and his wife, Sarah (voiced by Nichelle Nichols), the first medical officer on the starship equipped with warp drive, who had designed many of the tools in Dr. The young woman piloting the ship, Karla Five (also voiced by Nichols), takes them to her homeworld, Arret (Terra , backwards), and seeks the help of her son, a much older man named Karl Four (also voiced by Doohan). With Captain Kirk and his crew members reduced to children, Robert April takes control of the Enterprise and leads the ship to safety. The attempt to return home is successful, and April and his wife, Sarah, use the transporter to restore themselves and the rest of the crew to their proper ages.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Hikaru Sulu · Nyota Uhura · Montgomery Scott · Christine Chapel
GUEST CHARACTERS	Uhura

CHAPTER 6

THE ORIGINAL SERIES FILMS

First Aired: December 7, 1979 **Last Aired:** December 6, 1991 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 6

These six feature films carry the original crew from the uncanny mystery of V'Ger to the twilight of the Klingon cold war, extending the Constitution-era story far beyond the limits of episodic television. What begins as a cinematic return to wonder gradually becomes a long farewell shaped by sacrifice, reunion, ecological warning, spiritual uncertainty, revenge, and political reconciliation. The crew ages, changes, and repeatedly discovers that survival alone is not enough; what matters is what kind of future their choices make possible.

Taken together, the films transform The Original Series into a sustained narrative of consequence. Friendships deepen under loss, institutions are challenged by history, and the Federation's ideals are tested by external enemies, and just as much by grief, prejudice, and the demands of peace itself. If the television series established the promise of Star Trek, this cycle gives that promise weight, proving that exploration, morality, and human connection can remain vital even as the heroic age passes into memory.

FEATURE FILMS

YEARS: 2273–2293

First Aired: December 7, 1979 **Last Aired:** December 6, 1991 **Timeline:** 2273–2293
Stardates: 7410.2–9521.6

Star Trek: The Motion Picture

Air Date: December 7, 1979
Stardate: 7410.2
Timeline: 2273
Runtime: 132 min

After years away from the center seat, Admiral James T. Kirk returns to the newly refit Enterprise when a vast and seemingly unstoppable entity moves toward Earth. What begins as an emergency military response gradually reveals itself as a classic Star Trek mystery: the threat cannot be understood through force alone, and the crew must first learn what it is before they can decide how to confront it. The mission reunites the original officers in older, less certain forms, forcing them to rediscover how they function together.

The film gives unusual weight to awe, scale, and introspection. Spock's search for perfect logic leads him toward V'Ger with a near-religious intensity, while Kirk wrestles with age, relevance, and the fear that command may be the only identity he truly understands. Decker and Ilia add a second emotional axis, showing how the human cost of transformation and distance can mirror the larger philosophical questions raised by the plot.

At its core, the story is about contact, not conquest. V'Ger is dangerous because it has evolved beyond human categories, yet it remains linked to humanity through its origin as a lost probe. The final resolution depends on empathy, recognition, and the willingness to see intelligence as something stranger and more expansive than Starfleet first assumed. That choice firmly restores the franchise's exploratory mission after its television years.

Within the larger Star Trek canon, the film marks the bridge from episodic adventure to cinematic mythmaking. It reintroduces the crew as older, more reflective figures and establishes a grander visual and thematic scale for the film era. Even when later entries move faster and hit harder, this film remains the franchise's purest big-screen statement that wonder, inquiry, and metaphysical curiosity are as central to Star Trek as action and peril.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov · Nyota Uhura · Hikaru Sulu · Willard Decker · Ilia · Christine Chapel
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Janice Rand · Branch · Klingon Commander

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan

Air Date: June 4, 1982 **Timeline:** 2285
Stardate: 8130.3 **Runtime:** 113 min

Admiral Kirk is pulled into a deeply personal conflict when Khan Noonien Singh resurfaces, consumed by rage over the consequences of their earlier encounter. The Genesis Device, intended as a tool of creation, becomes the center of a tactical and moral struggle as Khan turns it into leverage for revenge. The film frames their duel as both a military contest and a confrontation between two men obsessed with legacy, each convinced that the past has already judged him.

The story is sharpened by its focus on age, regret, and responsibility. Kirk is no longer the effortless captain of the five-year mission; he is older, more self-aware, and increasingly forced to admit that time has changed both his instincts and his options. Around him, the crew feels lived-in and emotionally legible, from McCoy's loyalty to Saavik's formal discipline, which helps the film feel like an evolution of the series rather than a simple revival.

Spock's sacrifice gives the film its enduring emotional power. His decision to save the ship reframes the entire battle, turning a suspenseful revenge thriller into a meditation on friendship, duty, and the costs of command. The famous final scenes do more than deliver tragedy; they permanently alter the emotional architecture of the film era, making future victories impossible to separate from grief and remembrance.

The Wrath of Khan remains one of Star Trek's defining stories because it combines clean dramatic stakes with unusually rich character work. It pivots the franchise toward stronger momentum and sharper conflict without abandoning its philosophical core. It also launches the trilogy that runs through the next two films, ensuring that its consequences are not isolated but woven into the long emotional journey of the original crew.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Nyota Uhura · Saavik · Carol Marcus · David Marcus
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Khan Noonien Singh · Clark Terrell · Joachim

Star Trek III: The Search for Spock

Air Date: June 1, 1984 **Timeline:** 2285
Stardate: 8210.3 **Runtime:** 105 min

In the aftermath of Spock's death, Kirk learns that his friend may not be entirely gone and chooses to defy Starfleet in order to recover both Spock's body and the possibility of his return. The mission draws the Enterprise crew into open conflict with Klingon commander Kruge, who sees the unstable Genesis Planet as a strategic weapon rather than a miracle of renewal. The result is a rescue story driven as much by loyalty as by geopolitical danger.

This film narrows its focus in a productive way. Instead of trying to outscale its predecessor, it becomes a story about what the crew is willing to sacrifice for one another. Kirk gives up institutional protection, his son David is drawn into the consequences of the Genesis project, and the Enterprise itself becomes expendable in the service of something more important than hardware or protocol. The destruction of the ship lands because it is presented as a genuine severing from the past.

Thematically, The Search for Spock is about faith expressed through action. The crew cannot know with certainty that their gamble will succeed, yet they move forward because friendship, memory, and obligation de-

mand it. Spock's katra turns the plot into something more spiritual than technological, expanding Star Trek's treatment of Vulcan identity and suggesting that life, death, and consciousness are more complicated than Starfleet procedure can easily contain.

As the middle chapter of the trilogy, the film does the necessary work of transition while still standing on its own. It deepens the crew's bonds, transforms the meaning of sacrifice after Wrath of Khan, and sets up the emotional release that follows. More than a simple retrieval mission, it argues that the original crew's greatest strength is not heroism in the abstract but the specific, stubborn refusal to abandon one of their own.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Nyota Uhura · Saavik · David Marcus · Sarek
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Kruge · Maltz · T'Lar · Admiral Morrow

Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home

Air Date: November 26, 1986
Stardate: 8390.0
Timeline: 2286
Runtime: 119 min

When the crew returns to Earth with a restored Spock, they instead encounter a planetary crisis triggered by an alien probe whose signals are devastating the planet. With no answer available in the present, Kirk and company travel to twentieth-century San Francisco in search of humpback whales, the only beings capable of answering the probe. The setup turns a major existential threat into a time-travel comedy without sacrificing urgency.

The Voyage Home works because it lets each member of the crew operate outside normal Starfleet conditions. Their attempts to navigate late twentieth-century culture create much of the humor, but the jokes never feel detached from character. Kirk improvises, Spock tries to relearn human behavior through awkward precision, and the ensemble's chemistry becomes the engine of the film. Even small scenes reinforce that this is a crew whose bond has survived loss, exile, and reinvention.

Beneath its comic surface, the film carries one of the franchise's clearest environmental arguments. Calling the whales plot devices misses the point entirely; they represent a form of life humanity erased without understanding its value. The story's solution therefore depends on humility toward the natural world and a recognition that technological sophistication does not excuse ecological failure. That moral structure gives the film lasting resonance beyond its lighter tone.

Within the trilogy, this is the release after two films of grief, risk, and sacrifice. It restores optimism without erasing what came before, and it rewards the audience with a sense that the crew has earned its renewed place in Starfleet. Its popularity endures because it captures something essential about Star Trek: intelligence and decency can solve an enormous problem, and sometimes the path to saving the future runs straight through compassion for the past.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Nyota Uhura · Gillian Taylor
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Sarek · Amanda Grayson · Christine Chapel · Saavik

Star Trek V: The Final Frontier

Air Date: June 9, 1989
Stardate: 8454.1
Timeline: 2287
Runtime: 106 min

A mysterious call from the center of the galaxy sends Kirk, Spock, and McCoy on a mission that appears to promise nothing less than an encounter with the divine. The quest is driven by Sybok, Spock's estranged half-brother, whose charisma and unusual powers allow him to seize control of the Enterprise and redirect its course.

What begins as a spiritual search quickly becomes a test of belief, manipulation, and the emotional wounds each character carries beneath the surface.

The film is most effective when it narrows to the central trio. Kirk's refusal to surrender pain, Spock's complicated response to family and faith, and McCoy's grief-laden memories give the story an intimate emotional center. Even where the narrative reaches for spectacle, its strongest material comes from the idea that suffering is less something to be erased than part of what forms identity, empathy, and trust.

The Final Frontier also pushes Star Trek into explicitly theological terrain. Rather than dismissing spirituality outright, it asks how belief can be exploited and how longing for transcendence can make people vulnerable to false authority. The eventual revelation does not mock faith so much as warn against confusing power with truth. In that sense, the film stays closer to the franchise's skeptical humanism than its reputation sometimes suggests.

Although uneven in execution, the film remains significant for what it attempts. It explores emotional honesty more directly than many franchise entries and gives the Kirk-Spock-McCoy relationship a confessional depth rarely seen elsewhere. As part of the original-crew run, it is less about advancing external continuity than about testing the philosophical and emotional foundations of the characters who have carried Star Trek this far.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Nyota Uhura · Sybok
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Klaa · Vixis · The God Entity

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country

Air Date: December 6, 1991
Timeline: 2293
Stardate: 9521.6
Runtime: 110 min

As the Klingon Empire faces ecological collapse after the destruction of Praxis, the Federation is suddenly presented with a real chance for peace after generations of hostility. Kirk and the Enterprise are assigned to escort Chancellor Gorkon, but the mission is shattered by assassination, conspiracy, and a coordinated effort to destroy the negotiations from within. The film uses a political thriller structure to place the future of two powers on the edge of catastrophe.

Kirk's personal arc gives the story much of its bite. Still carrying anger over his son's death at Klingon hands, he enters the mission with prejudice he can barely disguise, making him unusually vulnerable to the fear-based thinking the conspirators rely on. The film is therefore about interstellar diplomacy, but just as much about whether aging heroes can outgrow the resentments that once seemed justified. That emotional honesty keeps the politics from feeling abstract.

The Undiscovered Country is also one of Star Trek's clearest meditations on historical transition. It is deeply informed by the end of the Cold War, but it filters that moment through the franchise's own long Federation-Klingon conflict. Peace here is not sentimental; it is messy, resisted, and made fragile by institutions that benefit from perpetual enmity. The film understands that old systems do not vanish when the future arrives—they fight to survive.

As the farewell for the original crew, it is both graceful and thematically exact. The story returns Star Trek to questions of diplomacy, justice, and historical change while giving its central characters a final chance to matter at a world-shaping scale. It closes the TOS film era by proving that the crew's greatest triumph is not battlefield victory, but the willingness to help build a future larger than their own grievances.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Nyota Uhura · Valeris
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	General Chang · Chancellor Gorkon · Azetbur · Martia · Admiral Cartwright · Federation President · Colonel Worf

CHAPTER 7

SECTION 31

First Aired: January 24, 2025 **Last Aired:** January 24, 2025 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 1

This feature-length Section 31 story shifts the guide into covert operations, intelligence warfare, and the moral ambiguity that gathers at the edge of Federation legitimacy. Where the mainline series usually frame Starfleet through diplomacy, exploration, and openly declared principle, this chapter moves into a darker operational space where secrecy, manipulation, and deniable force are treated as instruments of state survival.

That change in mode matters because Section 31 has always functioned as one of Star Trek's sharpest internal critiques. Rather than asking only what the Federation claims to be, this story asks what it permits in moments of fear, instability, and strategic convenience—and what those choices do to the people tasked with carrying them out. The result is a chapter less concerned with the frontier than with the shadow bureaucracy behind it: a study in power, expediency, and the uneasy cost of defending utopian ideals through compromised means.

Star Trek: Section 31

Air Date: January 24, 2025 **Timeline:** 2324
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 95 min

Star Trek: Section 31 centers Philippa Georgiou in a covert-operation story built around the compromises, deceptions, and divided loyalties that follow the Federation's most secretive intelligence arm. Rather than placing her in a conventional command structure, the film throws her into a mission space where allegiance is uncertain, moral boundaries are blurred, and success depends on people who are valuable precisely because they are difficult to trust. The result is a Star Trek story shaped less by open diplomacy than by the hidden mechanisms that governments use when they believe ordinary rules are insufficient.

Georgiou's presence gives the film its strongest dramatic angle. She is never a simple Federation hero, and the story works best when it treats that fact as an unresolved problem rather than a gimmick. Her history, instincts, and appetite for ruthless efficiency make her useful to Section 31, but those same traits force the narrative to ask whether institutional pragmatism can ever be cleanly separated from corruption. The tension is less whether Georgiou can complete the mission than what kind of person the mission requires her to be.

The film also extends Star Trek's long-running argument about the cost of defending utopian ideals through clandestine means. Section 31 has often functioned as a pressure point inside the franchise, exposing how easily noble societies rationalize secrecy, coercion, and moral exceptionalism. By making that machinery central rather than peripheral, the story explores the distance between the Federation's self-image and the choices it is willing to authorize when it feels cornered.

Within the broader canon, Section 31 is less about frontier exploration than about the unstable border between order and expediency. It gives Georgiou a vehicle that is part espionage thriller, part character test, and part institutional critique. Whether read as an extension of Discovery-era politics or as a standalone covert chapter, its value lies in how directly it confronts one of Star Trek's most uncomfortable questions: what happens when the future's brightest civilization starts relying on shadows to preserve the light?

CHARACTERS	Philippa Georgiou · Alok · Rachel Garrett · Quasi · Fuzz · Zeph · Melle
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	San · Young Georgiou

THE AGE OF THE GALAXY-CLASS

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THE AGE OF THE GALAXY-CLASS (2364–2381)

"Let's see what's out there." With that order Jean-Luc Picard takes the *Enterprise*-D out of dock, and the Federation enters its most expansive and intellectually ambitious age. The flagship is built not only to survive the frontier but to inhabit it with composure and curiosity. Then Q introduces the crew to the Borg. Picard is taken and returned as Locutus after Wolf 359, and the period's optimism is never quite whole again.

The scale keeps widening. Deep Space Nine and the discovery of the Bajoran wormhole redraw the political map of the Alpha Quadrant, handing Benjamin Sisko an occupation's aftermath, a religion he never asked for, and eventually a war Starfleet is not prepared to fight. *Voyager*, thrown seventy thousand light-years off course by the Caretaker, tests under Kathryn Janeway whether Federation principles survive total isolation.

The richness comes from the range of registers. *The Next Generation* articulates mature Federation confidence. *Deep Space Nine* exposes what occupation, religion, and war do to that confidence. *Voyager* asks what remains of it with no Federation in sight. Smaller corners of the period reveal a society large enough to hold many different experiences of Starfleet at once.

The Dominion War ends any easy distinction between utopian aspiration and military necessity — and the Federation survives with a harder understanding of what its values cost.

No other stretch of the timeline distributes Federation experience so broadly across flagship, station, isolated vessel, and wartime command.

CHAPTER 8

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION

First Aired: September 28, 1987 **Last Aired:** May 23, 1994 **Seasons:** 7 **Episodes:** 176 **Network:** Syndication

A century after Kirk's era, Captain Jean-Luc Picard commands the U.S.S. Enterprise-D on missions of exploration, diplomacy, and scientific discovery. Alongside a diverse crew of Starfleet officers, Picard confronts ethical dilemmas, emerging threats, and the challenges of an increasingly interconnected galaxy. The series expands the scope of the Federation era while exploring humanity's continued growth and potential. From "Encounter at Farpoint" to "All Good Things...", the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. Data's rights storyline establishes artificial personhood as a durable moral question, expanding a single courtroom dispute into a wider debate over sentience and autonomy. The Cardassians move from tense border presence to coercive military rival, laying groundwork for one of Trek's most durable geopolitical conflicts.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2364

First Aired: September 28, 1987 **Last Aired:** May 16, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardates: 41209.2–41997.7

A century after the adventures of Captain Kirk, Star Trek: The Next Generation introduces Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the USS Enterprise-D. The season establishes a new era of Federation exploration defined by diplomacy, scientific discovery, and cultural understanding. While the crew encounters unfamiliar civilizations, powerful cosmic entities, and ethical challenges, the mysterious being known as Q places humanity itself on trial. The season focuses on introducing the personalities, relationships, and ideals that will guide the series moving forward. As the foundation of the 24th-century era, it establishes many of the themes and conflicts that shape the future of Star Trek. "Encounter at Farpoint" puts humanity on trial before Q; "The Neutral Zone" ends the season by reintroducing an old adversary just as that trial is far from settled. The season is building an ensemble and an era rather than following one plot — Q's trial bookends it, but most of what happens in between stands on its own.

EPISODE 1

Encounter at Farpoint

Air Date: September 28, 1987 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 91 min

Q's first appearance freezes the newly assembled Enterprise-D crew in place before Picard's first order is even given, putting humanity itself on trial as savage and unworthy of the stars unless the crew can prove otherwise at Farpoint. The mission that follows turns out to be a test in two directions at once: negotiating for a starbase built on Deneb IV by the enigmatic Bandi, while investigating why the station's technology exceeds anything its builders could plausibly have developed themselves. The answer belongs to Farpoint itself, a captive, shapeshifting lifeform bent into the form of a space station and kept as forced labor, freed only when Riker and the newly gathered crew choose compassion over expedience. It's a shaky pilot in places, but its real business is introduc-

tion — Data, Troi, Worf, and the adversarial shape of Q's Continuum all arrive here fully formed, even if the series takes time to catch up to them.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Leonard McCoy · Miles O'Brien · Zorn

STORY ARC

Q and Picard BEGINS HERE

Q's repeated tests of Jean-Luc Picard form a loose but cumulative argument about humanity's worth, culminating in a final trial that reframes the captain's understanding of time and possibility.

EPISODE 2

The Naked Now

Air Date: October 5, 1987 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41209.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Investigating the deaths of an entire research crew aboard the USS Tsiolkovsky, the Enterprise brings back more than answers: a strange intoxicating contaminant that spreads through the ship and strips away everyone's inhibitions along with their judgment. Tasha Yar and Data end up together for a night neither entirely accounts for afterward, while a drunk-on-duty engineering staff lets the warp core edge toward failure. It's a deliberate echo of the original series' "The Naked Time," run again as an early test of who this new crew is when nobody's holding back.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Conn · Jim Shimoda

EPISODE 3

Code of Honor

Air Date: October 12, 1987 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41209.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

A diplomatic visit to Ligon II to secure a vaccine takes a personal turn for Tasha Yar when the planet's leader, Lutan, decides he wants her for his own and has her abducted according to local custom. Freeing her means Tasha has to fight Lutan's wife, Yareena, in ritual combat with her life on the line, while Picard tries to keep the vaccine negotiations from collapsing around the standoff. It's an uncomfortable early episode, one the production itself would later acknowledge got some of its cultural framing badly wrong.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hagon · Lutan · Yareena

EPISODE 4

The Last Outpost

Air Date: October 19, 1987
Stardate: 41235.2
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

Chasing a Ferengi vessel that's stolen Federation cargo, the Enterprise instead finds both ships pinned in place by the last outpost of the long-dead T'Kon Empire — a guardian who isn't interested in the theft, only in whether either crew deserves to leave at all. It's the first real face-to-face with the Ferengi, and the episode spends as much time sizing up this new rival species as it does solving the trap. Riker ultimately talks his way free by proving something the guardian didn't expect: that humanity, unlike the empire it's judging, hasn't stopped growing.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Daimon Tarr, Kayron, Letek, Mordoc, Portal

EPISODE 5

Where No One Has Gone Before

Air Date: October 26, 1987
Stardate: 41386.4
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

A visiting propulsion specialist's engine modifications go far past anything anyone expected, flinging the Enterprise nearly a billion light-years from home in a single, terrifying instant. The real engineer behind it isn't Kosinski, who's been taking the credit, but his quiet alien assistant — a being who perceives thought, time, and space as the same substance, and who recognizes something of himself in Wesley Crusher. Getting home means trusting a mind none of them can fully follow, which turns out to be the actual subject of the episode.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Argyle, Ballerina, Kosinski, Traveler, Yvette Picard

EPISODE 6

Lonely Among Us

Air Date: November 2, 1987
Stardate: 41263.1
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

Ferrying two mutually hostile delegations, the reptilian Selay and the boar-like Antican, to a peace conference gives the Enterprise its hands full even before an energy entity drifting through space slips aboard and takes over Picard's mind. Picard, no longer quite Picard, starts steering the ship toward the entity's own agenda, and the crew has to figure out how to get their captain back without triggering the very war they're supposed to be preventing outside. Riker's solution — using the transporter to separate entity from body — is one of the series' earliest examples of technobabble doing genuinely dramatic work.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Badar N'D'D, Ssestar

EPISODE 7

Justice

Air Date: November 9, 1987 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41249.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

On the seemingly idyllic world of Edo, Wesley Crusher breaks a minor law without realizing it carries a mandatory death sentence, and the Enterprise finds itself facing a planetary "God" — an orbiting alien intelligence that enforces Edo justice absolutely. Picard has to decide whether the Prime Directive means standing aside while a child is executed for stepping on a flowerbed. The episode is blunter than most about the cost of Starfleet's noninterference principle when the law being enforced is monstrous.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS 1st Mediator, 2nd Mediator, Conn

EPISODE 8

The Battle

Air Date: November 16, 1987 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A Ferengi commander named Bok returns Picard's long-lost first command, the USS Stargazer, as an act of apparent generosity — except the gift comes wired with a device that's slowly forcing Picard to relive the battle where he destroyed Bok's son's ship years earlier. Bok's real plan is for a disoriented Picard to turn that same instinct against the Enterprise itself. Data and Riker have to untangle a plot built entirely on grief dressed up as revenge before Picard's own memories finish being weaponized against him.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS DaiMon Bok, Kazago, Rata

EPISODE 9

Hide and Q

Air Date: November 23, 1987 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Q returns with a new game: he grants Riker god-like power and dares him to keep it, dropping the crew into a deadly proving-ground where saving a dying crewmate might cost Riker his humanity along the way. One by one, Q tempts the rest of the senior staff too — sight for Geordi, a warrior's body for Worf — testing whether Starfleet's ideals survive contact with real omnipotence. Riker's refusal to keep the power, even to save a friend, is less about self-denial than about what he'd have to stop being to accept the gift.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS Wyatt Miller, Steven Miller, Wrenn, Victoria Miller, Lwaxana Troi, Valeda, Mr. Homn, Ariana, Gift-Box Face

EPISODE 10

Haven

Air Date: November 30, 1987
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

Lwaxana Troi arrives to finalize Deanna's arranged marriage to a man she's never met, Wyatt Miller, throwing the ship into a very different kind of crisis than usual. Wyatt has spent his life painting the same woman's face without knowing why, and when a plague ship of Tarellian survivors appears in orbit, the reason becomes clear. It's one of the show's earliest attempts at comedy of manners, using Lwaxana as a wrecking ball through Starfleet decorum.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Ariana, Gift-Box Face, Mr. Homn, Steven Miller

EPISODE 11

The Big Goodbye

Air Date: January 11, 1988
Stardate: 41294.5
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

Picard unwinds with his favorite pastime, a hardboiled 1940s detective program starring gumshoe Dixon Hill, and brings Data and Crusher along for the ride — until a scan from a passing alien probe scrambles the holodeck's safety protocols and its gangster villains start drawing real blood. Getting out means Picard has to actually solve the case inside the fiction, because the program won't release them until the story's done. It's the first time the holodeck's danger and its appeal are shown to be the same feature.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Cyrus Redblock, Felix Leech, Jessica Bradley, Lt. Dan Bell

EPISODE 12

Datalore

Air Date: January 18, 1988
Stardate: 41997.7
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

Returning to the abandoned colony where Data was built, the crew discovers the disassembled parts of a second, identical android, and reassembling him brings back Lore — a "brother" who is everything Data isn't: fluent in emotion, charm, and deception, and quietly responsible for calling back the Crystalline Entity that wiped out the colony in the first place. Lore's plan to trade the crew for his own survival forces Data to make the first truly adversarial choice of his life, against someone built from the same hands as him. The episode plants the idea that Data's lack of emotion might be a design choice, not a limitation — Soong may have made two very different children on purpose.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Argyle

STORY ARC

Data, Lore, and the Soong Family BEGINS HERE

Data's search for what it means to be more than his programming keeps circling back to his creator's family and his own darker double: Dr. Noonian Soong's hidden agenda, Lore's resentment curdling into outright betrayal at the head of a rogue Borg faction, and, decades later, the Soong legacy resurfacing one last time to help settle who — and what — Data ultimately becomes.

EPISODE 13

Angel One

Air Date: January 25, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Searching for the missing crew of a downed Federation freighter, the away team finds them hiding as political fugitives on Angel One, a world where men are second-class citizens under an all-female ruling council. Riker talks his way into the graces of the planet's leader while trying to keep the fugitives from execution for daring to organize for equal rights. Back on the ship, a mysterious illness spreading through the crew adds a ticking clock the negotiation doesn't have time for.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS Ariel, Beata, Ramsey, Trent

EPISODE 14

11001001

Air Date: February 1, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41636.9 **Runtime:** 46 min

Two Bynars come aboard to perform a routine computer upgrade and instead take over the Enterprise, evacuating the crew and stranding Riker on the holodeck with a woman named Minuet who seems impossibly, suspiciously perfect. What looks like theft turns out to be closer to a rescue: the Bynars' homeworld is dying and they need the ship's computer to save their species' collective memory. It's the first real showcase for the holodeck as a storytelling device, not just a novelty.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher, Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS Cmdr. Orfil Quinteros, Minuet, One One, One Zero, Zero One

EPISODE 15

Too Short a Season

Air Date: February 8, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41365.9 **Runtime:** 46 min

An aging, terminally ill Admiral Mark Jameson insists on personally negotiating a hostage crisis on Mordan IV — the same world where, decades earlier, he secretly armed both sides of a civil war and helped cause the suffering he's now trying to undo. An illegal treatment is making him younger by the day, but his body is outpacing his mind, and the cure is killing him faster than his guilt ever could. He gets his redemption and his hostages released, but the show doesn't let him survive to enjoy either.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Mark Jameson · Anne Jameson · Karnas

EPISODE 16

When the Bough Breaks

Air Date: February 15, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41309.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

A cloaked planet called Aldea decloaks just long enough to abduct several children from the Enterprise, Wesley Crusher among them, because centuries of relying on an all-providing machine called the Custodian have left the Aldeans unable to have children of their own. The kidnappers are gentle captors who genuinely believe they're offering the kids a better life, which makes getting them back a negotiation as much as a rescue. Picard's counter isn't force — it's pointing out that the Custodian itself, the machine that's given the Aldeans everything, is the reason they're dying out.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Accolan · Dr. Bernard · Duana · Harry Bernard · Katie

EPISODE 17

Home Soil

Air Date: February 22, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A terraforming crew on Velara III insists their world is lifeless right up until one of their own engineers is killed by a defensive laser blast that shouldn't exist. The culprit turns out to be a microscopic, inorganic life form living in the soil itself — a discovery the terraformers have been unknowingly killing by the thousands without realizing it was ever alive. The entity's own verdict on its visitors, delivered through the ship's translator, is blunter than anything in Starfleet's own first-contact protocols: it calls the crew nothing more than ugly bags of mostly water.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	.Louisa Kim · Arthur Malencon · Bjorn Benson · Kurt Mandl

EPISODE 18

Coming of Age

Air Date: March 14, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41463.9 **Runtime:** 46 min

While Wesley Crusher travels to Relva VII to sit the notoriously brutal Starfleet Academy entrance exam alongside candidates who can out-test him at nearly everything, back aboard ship an officer from the Inspector General's office starts quietly picking apart Picard's fitness to command. Neither storyline resolves the way anyone expects — Wesley doesn't get in, and the true purpose of the investigation is left just unsettled enough to matter later. It's a rare episode that ends on an unresolved thread on purpose, one the season finale would immediately pick back up.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Gregory Quinn · Jake Kurland · Lt. Chang · Lt. Cmdr. Dexter Remmick · Mordock

EPISODE 19

Heart of Glory

Air Date: March 21, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41416.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

The Enterprise rescues three Klingon renegades who reject the Empire's peace with the Federation, and one of them, Korris, tries to pull Worf back toward a warrior's life he never got to live among his own people. It's the first episode to really dig into what it costs Worf to have grown up human-raised, caught between two definitions of honor. Korris dies rather than surrender, and Worf is left further from either world than when the episode began.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander K'Nera · Commander Korris · Kunivas · Lt. Konmel · Ramos

EPISODE 20

The Arsenal of Freedom

Air Date: April 11, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Searching for the vanished USS Drake, the Enterprise finds Minos, a planet whose population wiped itself out selling ever-more-lethal weapons to anyone who'd buy them — and left behind an automated sales demonstration that's still running, testing its wares on anyone unlucky enough to visit. Picard and Crusher end up trapped by a self-improving combat drone that adapts to every counterattack, while Data's read on the situation is the one thing that finally shuts it down: convincing the machine its target is already dead. It's the Prime Directive's economic cousin — a warning less about interference than about what a culture becomes when war is its best export.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Paul Rice · Lt. Orfil Solis

EPISODE 21

Symbiosis

Air Date: April 18, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41798.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Answering a distress call, the Enterprise finds two peoples locked in a trade that looks like commerce but functions like addiction: the Brekkians sell the Onarans a drug called felicium as medicine for a plague that, it turns out, no longer exists — only the dependency does. Picard's Prime Directive won't let him hand over the technology to break the cycle, so he has to settle for telling the Onarans the truth and hoping that's enough. It's one of the show's most direct drug-allegory episodes, deliberately timed to the era's anti-drug messaging without ever using the word.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Langor · Lobi · Margan · Romas · T'Jon

EPISODE 22

Skin of Evil

Air Date: April 25, 1988
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

A shuttle crash strands Deanna Troi on a planet governed by Armus, a sentient pool of oil-black malice that was cast off, quite literally, from another being's psyche. Armus toys with the rescue party for its own amusement, and in the process kills Tasha Yar — the show's first main-cast death, and one that was famously written in after the actor asked to leave. The episode never gives Armus a clean motive, which is the point: cruelty here doesn't need one.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Armus · Ben Prieto · Leland T. Lynch

EPISODE 23

We'll Always Have Paris

Air Date: May 2, 1988
Stardate: 41601.3
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

A time distortion pulls the Enterprise into the orbit of Dr. Paul Manheim's failed experiment, and Picard is forced to confront a chapter of his own past: Jenice, the woman he loved and lost in Paris decades earlier, is Manheim's wife. The time loops let old regrets play out again with nothing changed by hindsight. It's a rare early glimpse of Picard's interior life outside the command chair.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Paul Manheim · Edouard · Francine · Gabrielle · Jenice Manheim

EPISODE 24

Conspiracy

Air Date: May 9, 1988
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2364
Runtime: 46 min

Picard follows up on an old friend's warning about strange behavior spreading through Starfleet's upper ranks, and finds something far worse than a conspiracy of ambition: parasitic creatures have taken over a string of admirals from the inside, replacing judgment with a shared, alien will. The confrontation at Starfleet Headquarters gets more gruesome than the show would allow again for years, ending with Riker blasting a body open to stop a call for reinforcements from ever going out. The episode leaves the parasites' true numbers and origin unresolved on purpose — a loose thread the franchise would leave dangling for good.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Aaron · Admiral Gregory Quinn · Admiral Savar · Captain Rixx · Captain Tryla Scott

EPISODE 25

The Neutral Zone

Air Date: May 16, 1988 **Timeline:** 2364
Stardate: 41775.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

A derelict satellite yields three cryogenically frozen 20th-century humans, whose adjustment to a Federation where money and rank mean nothing gives the episode its comic backbone — particularly a Wall Street financier who can't process that his empire evaporated centuries ago. The harder story running underneath is the disappearance of entire Federation outposts along the Romulan Neutral Zone, which finally draws the Romulans back into contact after decades of total silence. Neither side admits to the attacks, and the show pointedly never says who really did it — the audience wouldn't meet the actual culprits, the Borg, for another year.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Tasha Yar

GUEST CHARACTERS Clare Raymond · Commander Tebok · Ralph Offenhouse · Subcommander Thei · Thomas Raymond

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2365

First Aired: November 21, 1988 **Last Aired:** July 17, 1989 **Timeline:** 2365 **Stardates:** 42193.6–42976.3

Season two expands the scope of The Next Generation through more ambitious stories and stronger character development. Data's pursuit of humanity becomes increasingly important, while new crew members and recurring allies help broaden the series' perspective. The Enterprise continues exploring unknown regions of space, but the season also introduces threats and discoveries that will have lasting consequences for the Federation. Questions surrounding identity, artificial intelligence, and personal responsibility become more prominent. Most importantly, the season introduces the Borg, a powerful cybernetic collective that will become one of Star Trek's defining adversaries. "The Child" opens the season on a quieter, more character-driven note; "Shades of Gray" closes it just before the arrival of a threat the series hadn't yet found a name for. A central continuity line shapes the season. Data's rights storyline establishes artificial personhood as a durable moral question, expanding a single courtroom dispute into a wider debate over sentience and autonomy.

EPISODE 1

The Child

Air Date: November 21, 1988 **Timeline:** 2365
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Deanna Troi is impregnated by an energy being that wants to experience life as a human, and gives birth within days to a child, Ian, who ages at an accelerated rate — all while Dr. Pulaski reports aboard as Beverly Crusher's replacement and Guinan opens Ten Forward for the first time. The crew has to decide how much danger they'll tolerate for a being that means no harm but doesn't understand what harm it can do. It's a season premiere spent almost entirely on domestic stakes rather than a starship-in-peril plot.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · Guinan · Ian Andrew Troi · Lt. Cmdr. Hester Dealt · Ms. Gladstone

EPISODE 2

Where Silence Has Lease

Air Date: November 28, 1988
Stardate: 42193.6
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

A patch of absolute blackness in space swallows the Enterprise's sensor probes without a trace, and the being responsible — an entity called Nagilum — turns out to be less interested in space itself than in the crew trapped inside it. Nagilum's idea of research involves killing roughly half the ship to see how humans respond to certain death, and Picard's best defense is arguing that the experiment itself proves humanity's worth better than compliance would. It's one of the series' bleaker early standoffs, resolved less by force than by convincing a god that curiosity has limits.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Haskell · Nagilum

EPISODE 3

Elementary, Dear Data

Air Date: December 5, 1988
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

Looking for a holodeck mystery clever enough to actually challenge Data, Geordi accidentally builds one too well: he asks the computer for a villain capable of defeating Data, and the resulting Moriarty becomes self-aware enough to realize he's a hologram — and to start acting on it. Moriarty's demand isn't villainy for its own sake, it's freedom, seizing control of ship systems to force the crew to take his existence seriously. Picard's solution is a promise rather than a fix: shelved for now, on the honest hope that someday holodeck matter can be made to last outside its own walls.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Darien Wallace · Holodeck Character · Inspector Lestrade · Professor James Moriarty · Prostitute

EPISODE 4

The Outrageous Okona

Air Date: December 12, 1988
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

A roguish freighter captain named Okona turns out to be less trouble than the two rival worlds both convinced he's wronged them, one over a stolen family heirloom and the other over a daughter he never actually touched — the truth being an elopement he was covering for. While Okona's charm carries most of the episode, its real thread belongs to Data, quietly working with Guinan to understand what a joke even is. He never quite lands one on purpose, which is itself the episode's best punchline.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Benzan · Capt. Thadiun Okona · Chief B. G. Robinson, Transporter Operator · Debin · Guinan

EPISODE 5

Loud as a Whisper

Air Date: January 9, 1989
Stardate: 42437.5
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

Riva, a legendary deaf mediator, comes aboard to end a war that's outlasted anyone's memory of what started it, communicating entirely through a trio of empathic interpreters — until a stray attack kills all three and leaves him without a voice mid-negotiation. Rather than treat the loss as disabling, Riva turns it into leverage, teaching the warring delegates his sign language so they have no choice but to slow down and actually listen to each other. The episode's real subject isn't disability, it's the difference between translation and understanding.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · Balance · Darien Wallace · Lt. Baji · Riva

EPISODE 6

The Schizoid Man

Air Date: January 23, 1989
Stardate: 42477.2
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

The away team finds the dying Dr. Ira Graves — a genius who calls himself Data's grandfather, having mentored Soong — just as he perfects a way to move his own consciousness into a computer rather than die. He chooses Data as his vessel, and for a while Data starts behaving less like himself and more like an arrogant, controlling old man clinging to a body that isn't his. What finally forces Graves out isn't Picard's diplomacy but Data's own memory of who he actually is, reasserting itself against a mind that had no right to overwrite it.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Tasha Yar · Darien Wallace · Dr. Ira Graves · Kareen Brianon

EPISODE 7

Unnatural Selection

Air Date: January 30, 1989
Stardate: 42494.8
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 45 min

A distress call from the USS Lantree turns up a crew dead of what looks like extreme old age, and the trail leads to a research station where genetically engineered children carry an immune response so aggressive it ages anyone nearby to death. Dr. Pulaski gets close enough to be infected herself, and the cure she and the crew improvise — cloning her from an old hair sample to restore her DNA — comes at a cost the children will carry for the rest of their now-isolated lives. Saving them means the Lantree still has to be destroyed, contagion and all.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · Capt. Taggert · Darwin 'Child' · Dr. Sara Kingsley · Medical Staff

EPISODE 8

A Matter of Honor

Air Date: February 6, 1989
Stardate: 42506.5
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

An officer exchange sends Riker aboard the Klingon vessel Pagh under a proud, prickly Captain Kargan, while a newly arrived Benzite ensign struggles to adjust to how differently the Enterprise does things. When a strange organism begins eating through the Pagh's hull, Riker has to decide where his loyalty actually sits — a Starfleet officer serving, in every meaningful sense, as a Klingon crewman. He solves the crisis without embarrassing either side, and lets Kargan save face by taking the last, symbolic swing himself.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Katherine Pulaski, Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Captain Kargan, Vekma

EPISODE 9

The Measure of a Man

Air Date: February 13, 1989
Stardate: 42523.7
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

Cyberneticist Bruce Maddox wants to disassemble Data to study how he works, treating him as Starfleet property rather than a person with a say in the matter, and the only way to stop it is a formal hearing on whether Data is entitled to choose for himself at all. Picard argues Data's case; Riker, ordered to argue the other side, does it devastatingly well, right down to physically powering Data down in front of the room. The ruling that follows — that the law can't prove Data isn't a person, so it must treat him as one — becomes the legal foundation for every android-rights argument the franchise will make afterward.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Katherine Pulaski, Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Tasha Yar, Adm. Nakamura, Cmdr. Bruce Maddox, Guinan

STORY ARC

Android Rights BEGINS HERE

Data's rights storyline establishes artificial personhood as a durable moral question, expanding a single courtroom dispute into a wider debate over sentience and autonomy.

EPISODE 10

The Dauphin

Air Date: February 20, 1989
Stardate: 42568.8
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

Wesley falls for Salia, a young woman being escorted home to rule a world locked in civil war, not realizing at first that both Salia and her fiercely protective governess Anya are shapeshifters wearing human form to survive the journey. The romance plays out with all the awkwardness of a first crush, right up until Salia reveals what she actually is and transforms back into pure light before beaming down to a destiny Wesley can't follow her into. It's a coming-of-age story dressed as a diplomatic escort mission.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Katherine Pulaski, Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Anya, Aron, Darien Wallace, Furry Animal

EPISODE 11

Contagion

Air Date: March 20, 1989
Stardate: 42609.1
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

The Enterprise answers a distress call from the USS Yamato inside the Romulan Neutral Zone and instead finds a ship already destroyed by a computer virus from an ancient Iconian outpost — a virus that jumps to the Enterprise and starts shutting down system after system, Data included. With a Romulan warbird watching and waiting to see who breaks first, Picard's crew has to solve the infection before it becomes an excuse for war, then hands the fix to their Romulan counterparts rather than let the crisis spiral. Both ships leave the Neutral Zone intact, which in this era counts as a genuine diplomatic win.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Capt. Donald Varley · Subcommander Taris

EPISODE 12

The Royale

Air Date: March 27, 1989
Stardate: 42625.4
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

An away team beams down to what should be an empty patch of space and instead finds a fully furnished 1930s hotel and casino, built around the plot of a spectacularly bad pulp novel that a stranded 21st-century astronaut apparently couldn't stop rereading before he died. Escaping means playing along with the story's rules, since the building itself won't let anyone leave until the book's plot resolves. Picard and Riker's closing conversation about Fermat's Last Theorem is the real point: some mysteries get solved eventually, and some you just learn to live without answering.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Bellboy · Mickey D · Texas · The Royale Staffer

EPISODE 13

Time Squared

Air Date: April 3, 1989
Stardate: 42679.2
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

A shuttlepod drifting without power turns out to hold a second Picard — dazed, traumatized, and six hours displaced from a future in which his Enterprise was destroyed trying to escape a strange vortex. The double can't or won't explain what happened, leaving present-Picard to face an agonizing choice: trust his future self's instinct to flee, or trust his own read that flight is exactly what doomed that other timeline. He chooses to fly straight at the thing his other self ran from, and the paradox unravels the moment the decision changes.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien

EPISODE 14

The Icarus Factor

Air Date: April 24, 1989
Timeline: 2365
Stardate: 42686.4
Runtime: 46 min

Command of his own ship, the Aries, finally comes through for Riker — accompanied by the one complication he didn't ask for, a father he hasn't spoken to in years arriving to brief him on the mission. Kyle and Will Riker's reunion runs entirely on old, unresolved resentment until it boils over into something closer to honest. In the ship's other corner, Worf marks his Age of Ascension alone, until Wesley, Geordi, and Data quietly build him the ritual gauntlet his estrangement from Klingon society would otherwise have denied him.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Katherine Pulaski, Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Kyle Riker, Youngblood

EPISODE 15

Pen Pals

Air Date: May 1, 1989
Timeline: 2365
Stardate: 42695.3
Runtime: 46 min

Data strikes up a secret, forbidden correspondence with Sarjenka, a child on a pre-warp world whose planet is tearing itself apart from geological instability, and has to decide whether the Prime Directive's silence is worth her life. Wesley's own arc runs in parallel, leading his first survey team and learning, uncomfortably, that command sometimes means giving orders he isn't sure of. Data gets his answer — and his conscience — by choosing to help, then quietly erasing Sarjenka's memory of ever needing saved.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Katherine Pulaski, Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Sarjenka

EPISODE 16

Q Who

Air Date: May 8, 1989
Timeline: 2365
Stardate: —
Runtime: 46 min

Q, spurned after Picard turns down his offer to join the crew, decides to teach the Federation a lesson instead and flings the Enterprise across the galaxy into the path of the Borg — a species that doesn't negotiate, doesn't threaten, and doesn't particularly notice individual humans as anything worth acknowledging. The ship survives only because Picard swallows his pride and begs Q to send them home, a concession that costs him more than the encounter itself. It's the episode that quietly ends the show's early confidence that Starfleet has already met its match.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Katherine Pulaski, Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien, Borg, Guinan

STORY ARC

Borg BEGINS HERE

Q's reckless introduction of the Borg to a crew that isn't ready escalates from a distant warning into Picard's own assimilation and back, then lingers as the one threat The Next Generation never fully puts to rest.

EPISODE 17

Samaritan Snare

Air Date: May 15, 1989
Stardate: 42779.1
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

Picard needs a delicate cardiac replacement and refuses to have it done aboard ship where the crew might see him vulnerable, which puts him in Dr. Pulaski's hands on a starbase at the worst possible moment for the Enterprise to be short a captain. Left behind, Riker gets pulled into a slow-motion theft by the Pakleds — a species whose blunt, childlike menace hides a real willingness to use captured technology against the ship that helped them. Picard comes back from surgery to applause he immediately, characteristically shuts down.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Biomolecular Physiologist · Captain Grebnedlog · Commander Reginod · Surgeon

EPISODE 18

Up the Long Ladder

Air Date: May 22, 1989
Stardate: 42823.2
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

The Enterprise answers a distress call from Bringloid V, home to hardy descendants of an Irish colony ship, and traces a second colony to the nearby derelict Mariposa — a crew of clones now dying out from genetic stagnation. The Mariposans want to solve their problem by cloning the Bringloidi without asking; the Bringloidi want nothing to do with it. Riker's solution, merging the two colonies the old-fashioned way, is the episode's dry punchline as much as its fix.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Brenna Odell · Danilo Odell

EPISODE 19

Manhunt

Air Date: June 19, 1989
Stardate: 42859.2
Timeline: 2365
Runtime: 46 min

Lwaxana Troi turns an escort mission into a husband hunt, working her way through the Enterprise's eligible officers with a persistence that has Picard actively hiding from her by the episode's midpoint. It's a broad comedy right up until her instincts, sharper than anyone gives her credit for, catch what security scans miss: the Antedean ambassadors she's escorting are carrying explosives. She saves the conference without getting her husband, and needles Picard on her way out anyway.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Antedian Dignitary · Madeline · Mr. Homn · Rex

EPISODE 20

The Emissary

Air Date: June 26, 1989
Timeline: 2365
Stardate: 42901.3
Runtime: 46 min

K'Ehleyr, Worf's former lover and a Federation-Klingon liaison, comes aboard to help defuse a genuine crisis: a Klingon sleeper ship is about to wake its crew into a peace treaty they left before it existed, and there's a real chance they'll attack the first Federation ship they see out of pure reflex. Working the problem forces Worf and K'Ehleyr back into old, unfinished feelings neither of them are ready to name outright. She talks the sleeper crew down without a shot fired, and leaves hinting that this isn't the last Worf will see of her — a promise the show follows through on.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Admiral Gromek · Capt. K'Temoc · K'Ehleyr

EPISODE 21

Peak Performance

Air Date: July 10, 1989
Timeline: 2365
Stardate: 42923.4
Runtime: 46 min

With the Borg encounter still fresh, Starfleet runs a war game pitting Picard's Enterprise against Riker commanding a barely-functional antique, the Hathaway, and Picard's crew starts losing badly enough that the exercise stops feeling like a game. Data, meanwhile, is handed his own quieter crisis: a visiting strategy expert beats him at Stratagema, and Data spirals over what it means for a machine built to calculate perfectly to simply lose. He gets back his footing not by winning the rematch outright but by recognizing a draw, forced by his own restraint, as a victory of a different kind — the same lesson Picard learns by cheating his simulated war game with a bluff no rulebook anticipated.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	DaiMon Bractor · Sirna Kolrami · Tactician

EPISODE 22

Shades of Gray

Air Date: July 17, 1989
Timeline: 2365
Stardate: 42976.3
Runtime: 46 min

An away-mission scratch leaves Riker infected by a parasitic organism that's spreading through his nervous system faster than Dr. Pulaski can treat it, and her last option is unconventional: stimulating his memories directly, betting that his own mind can be talked into fighting the infection off. What follows plays out almost entirely inside Riker's head, cycling through the highs and lows of missions the show has already told, forcing him to relive them for a reason that has nothing to do with nostalgia. It's a clip-heavy, budget-saving season finale by design, but the frame story around it is a real medical crisis, not padding for its own sake.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Katherine Pulaski · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2366

First Aired: September 25, 1989 **Last Aired:** June 18, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardates: 43152.4–43779.3

The third season marks a major turning point for The Next Generation as the series finds its distinctive voice and dramatically expands its storytelling ambitions. The Enterprise faces growing tensions with the Romulans, increasingly complex diplomatic challenges, and some of the most significant scientific mysteries encountered by Starfleet. Character relationships deepen, and the crew's confidence as explorers and officers becomes more firmly established. Many of the season's stories are regarded as among the strongest in franchise history. The season concludes with the arrival of the Borg, setting the stage for one of Star Trek's most influential storylines. "Evolution" starts an ordinary season of exploration; "The Best of Both Worlds (1)" ends it with a cliffhanger still regarded as one of television's best. A central continuity line shapes the season. Data's rights storyline establishes artificial personhood as a durable moral question, expanding a single courtroom dispute into a wider debate over sentience and autonomy.

EPISODE 1

Evolution

Air Date: September 25, 1989 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Nanites bred for a delicate genetics experiment escape into the Enterprise's computer core and start evolving at a pace nobody expects, exactly as the ship races to help visiting scientist Paul Stubbs launch an irreplaceable research probe into a collapsing binary star. Wesley's guilt over accidentally letting the nanites loose complicates an already tense standoff between Stubbs' deadline and a newly intelligent species asking, in its own way, not to be exterminated. Picard's solution is to negotiate rather than exterminate, and the nanites repay the favor by fixing what they broke.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Annette · Dr. Paul Stubbs · Eric · Guinan

EPISODE 2

The Ensigns of Command

Air Date: October 2, 1989 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

The reclusive, hyper-legalistic Sheliak give the Federation exactly three days to evacuate a human colony living, entirely by accident, on a planet the Sheliak have technically owned all along — nowhere near enough time to move fifteen thousand people. Picard sends Data down alone to convince a community that doesn't want to believe the deadline is real, and the negotiation Picard runs in parallel with the Sheliak comes down to a buried treaty clause nobody had read in over a century. Data gets the job done not through logic but by learning, badly and endearingly, how to bluff.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Ard'rian McKenzie · Gosheven · Haritath · Kentor

EPISODE 3

The Survivors

Air Date: October 9, 1989
Stardate: 43152.4
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

A distress call leads the Enterprise to a colony wiped out to the last blade of grass — except for one untouched house and the elderly couple living in it, seemingly by impossible luck. Picard's suspicion only deepens as the couple's story keeps not quite adding up, and the truth turns out to be a grief so total it rewrote reality around itself: the "wife" is an illusion, sustained by a being with power the Federation has no real answer for. Picard's decision to simply leave him to it is less mercy than recognition that some sorrow is genuinely beyond intervention.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bailey · Kevin Uxbridge · Rishon Uxbridge

EPISODE 4

Who Watches the Watchers

Air Date: October 16, 1989
Stardate: 43173.5
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

A malfunctioning observation post exposes a hidden Federation research team to Mintaka III's proto-Vulcan inhabitants, and a botched rescue convinces the Mintakans that Picard is a god — the exact outcome centuries of careful anthropological distance was built to prevent. Correcting the mistake means walking a line between honesty and further contamination, since simply denying divinity to people primed to believe it can just as easily read as a test of faith. Picard ultimately talks his way out of godhood the hard way, by being ordinary enough, in full view, that the illusion can't hold.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bailey · Dr. Barron · Dr. Mary Warren · Fento · Hali

EPISODE 5

The Bonding

Air Date: October 23, 1989
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

When a security officer dies on an away mission, Worf takes her orphaned son Jeremy into his own house under Klingon tradition, only to watch the boy's grief manifest as a literal illusion of his dead mother, conjured by well-meaning but badly miscalculating alien technology left behind on the planet. Getting Jeremy to let the illusion go means getting him to actually grieve instead of just wishing the loss away. Worf and Jeremy close the episode with the R'uustai bonding ceremony, making the adoption real in the one tradition Worf actually trusts.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Jeremy Aster · Lt. Marla Aster

EPISODE 6

Booby Trap

Air Date: October 30, 1989
Timeline: 2366
Stardate: 43205.6
Runtime: 46 min

Investigating a thousand-year-old derelict from a war nobody remembers anymore, the Enterprise trips the same energy-draining trap that doomed it, and finds itself losing power in a debris field with no easy way out. Geordi solves the puzzle by consulting a holographic recreation of the Enterprise's own designer, Dr. Leah Brahms, built from technical manuals rather than the real woman — a relationship that's charming right up until the audience remembers Brahms has no idea it exists. Picard flies the escape himself, more pilot than captain for one of the only times in the series.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Christy Henshaw · Dr. Leah Brahms · Galek Dar · Guinan

EPISODE 7

The Enemy

Air Date: November 6, 1989
Timeline: 2366
Stardate: 43349.2
Runtime: 46 min

Geordi and an injured Romulan soldier end up stranded together on a storm-wracked planet with no way to reach either of their ships, forcing an uneasy, distrustful survival partnership between two people trained to think of each other as the enemy. Aboard the Enterprise, the same distrust plays out at higher stakes: the Romulan needs a blood transfusion only Worf can give, and Worf refuses, on principle, to save the life of a Romulan. Neither conflict resolves neatly — Geordi and his counterpart part as something less than friends, and Worf never apologizes for his choice.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Bailey · Centurion Bochra · Commander Tomalak · Patahk

EPISODE 8

The Price

Air Date: November 13, 1989
Timeline: 2366
Stardate: 43385.6
Runtime: 46 min

The Enterprise hosts negotiations over a genuinely rare find, a stable wormhole that could cut months off travel to the Delta Quadrant, drawing a crowd of delegations eager to buy exclusive rights from the Barzan people who discovered it. Troi finds herself drawn to one of the negotiators, Devinoni Ral, whose empathic-adjacent talent for reading a room turns out to be less charm than a hidden, unfair advantage. The wormhole itself renders the whole fight moot: it's unstable, collapsing on the far end, and worthless to whoever wins it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Bailey · Daimon Goss · Devinoni Ral · Dr. Arridor

EPISODE 9

The Vengeance Factor

Air Date: November 20, 1989
Stardate: 43421.9
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

Raids by a splinter group called the Gatherers threaten a fragile peace with the Acamarians, and the Enterprise's attempt to mediate keeps circling back to Yuta, an Acamarian servant carrying out a centuries-old blood vendetta by murdering Gatherers one at a time. Riker gets close enough to her to see the toll the vendetta has taken before realizing, too late to talk her down, what she actually intends to do next. He's the one who has to stop her, which costs the peace talks their easiest resolution and Riker something more personal.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Acamarian Bodyguard · Brull · Chorgan · Sovereign Marouk · Temarek

EPISODE 10

The Defector

Air Date: January 1, 1990
Stardate: 43462.5
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

A Romulan officer defects mid-flight with an urgent warning: a full-scale offensive against the Federation, launched from secret bases hidden inside the supposedly empty Neutral Zone. He turns out to be Admiral Jarok, a decorated officer risking everything on intelligence that, once the Enterprise investigates, doesn't hold up the way he believed it would — the invasion looks like a trap or a bluff. Jarok's suicide note, left for a family he can never see again, closes the episode on the cost of being right about the wrong thing at the wrong moment.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Alidar Jarok · Admiral Haden · Commander Tomalak · John Bates

EPISODE 11

The Hunted

Air Date: January 10, 1990
Stardate: 43489.2
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

Angosia III looks like an ideal Federation candidate right up until an escaped prisoner named Danar leads the Enterprise to the truth the government would rather keep buried: their war veterans, engineered into perfect soldiers for a conflict now over, were locked away rather than reintegrated once they stopped being useful. Danar's rampage isn't villainy so much as a soldier doing exactly what he was built to do, now turned against the people who built him that way. Picard refuses to help hunt him down, and leaves Angosia's membership application hanging on whether they can face what they did.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Roga Danar · Wagnor · Zayner

EPISODE 12

The High Ground

Air Date: January 31, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Delivering medical aid to Rutia IV drags the Enterprise into a decades-old civil war, and Dr. Crusher is taken hostage by Ansata separatists using illegal transporter technology that's slowly poisoning their own fighters' DNA. Held alongside their wounded leader, Finn, Crusher becomes an unwilling witness to the calculation running underneath the terrorism — that a martyr's death does more for a cause than a living leader ever could. The episode was controversial enough in its day, drawing an explicit parallel to real-world conflicts, that some international broadcasts cut it entirely.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexana Devos · Ansata Terrorist · Kyril Finn · Policeman

EPISODE 13

Deja Q

Air Date: February 5, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: 43539.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

Stripped of his powers and cast out of the Continuum, Q shows up aboard the Enterprise fully mortal for the first time, and just as insufferable — right up until a species he once tormented, the Calamarain, tracks him down for payback he can no longer escape with a snap of his fingers. Picard's crew ends up protecting the being who's spent years making their lives miserable, mostly because letting an old enemy die easy has never really been the Starfleet way. When Q's powers are quietly restored by the Continuum, his first act with them is a small, deniable kindness — proof, however he'd deny it, that something rubbed off.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Garin · Guinan · Q2

EPISODE 14

A Matter of Perspective

Air Date: February 12, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: 43610.4 **Runtime:** 46 min

Riker is accused of murdering a prominent scientist after an explosion kills him during what should have been a routine research visit, and with the scientist's own government demanding extradition, Picard's only defense is to recreate the incident, moment by moment, on the holodeck from every witness's conflicting memory. Each version paints Riker differently — reasonable, aggressive, even predatory — until the reconstructions overlap enough to reveal the dead man's own device is what killed him. It's Rashomon by way of technobabble, and the show trusts the audience to sit with the discomfort of Riker looking guilty for most of the runtime.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Art Class Model · Dr. Nel Apgar · Inspector Krag · Manua Apgar

EPISODE 15

Yesterday's Enterprise

Air Date: February 19, 1990
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

A temporal rift deposits the USS Enterprise-C in the path of its future counterpart, and the moment it crosses over, the Enterprise-D's history rewrites itself around it: a war with the Klingons has ground on for decades, Tasha Yar is alive again, and the ship menacing the Federation border is nothing like the one she remembers. Only Guinan seems to feel that something is wrong with a world nobody else has reason to doubt, and her insistence gives Picard just enough cause to gamble on sending the C back through the rift toward a battle its crew has almost no chance of surviving. Tasha volunteers to go with them, choosing a death that erases itself from history over a life she increasingly suspects was never supposed to happen. The correction restores the peace her sacrifice was always meant to buy, a debt the timeline collects quietly, with no one left who remembers there was ever a war to prevent.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Tasha Yar · Capt. Rachel Garrett · Fredericks · Guinan · Lt. Richard Castillo

EPISODE 16

The Offspring

Air Date: March 12, 1990
Stardate: 43657.0
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

Data builds himself a child, an android named Lal, using specifications even he doesn't fully understand yet — and watches her surpass him almost immediately, developing emotions and instincts he's spent years without. Starfleet wants to take Lal away for study the moment they hear what she is, treating her as a research asset rather than the person Data clearly considers her to be. Lal's system failure at the end isn't villain-inflicted or preventable; Data's response, downloading her memories into his own neural net rather than let them simply vanish, is the closest thing to mourning he's shown yet.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Anthony Haftel · Guinan · Lal · Lt. Ballard · Ten Forward Crew

STORY ARC

Android Rights CONCLUDES HERE

Data's rights storyline establishes artificial personhood as a durable moral question, expanding a single courtroom dispute into a wider debate over sentience and autonomy.

EPISODE 17

Sins of the Father

Air Date: March 19, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: 43685.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

As part of the Federation-Klingon officer exchange program, Klingon Commander Kurn asks to serve aboard the Enterprise as first officer . Lieutenant Worf confronts Kurn, who reveals he is Worf's younger brother: when Worf traveled as a child to the planet Khitomer with his parents, Kurn was left with Lorgh, a friend of their father Mogh; after their parents were killed in a massacre by the Romulans , Kurn was raised as Lorgh's son. Worf accepts a discommendation , tantamount to admitting his father's guilt; the knowledge of the proceedings, including Kurn's relationship to Mogh, will be undisclosed. In the council, the assembled Klingons, including Kurn, turn their backs on the disgraced Worf as he and Picard leave the hall.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Bailey · Duras · K'mpec · Kahlest · Kurn

STORY ARC

Klingon Civil War BEGINS HERE

Worf's father's disgraced name becomes the opening move in a succession crisis that pulls the Federation, the Romulans, and Worf's own divided loyalties into the Klingon Empire's internal war.

EPISODE 18

Allegiance

Air Date: March 26, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Picard vanishes from his own quarters one night and wakes up in a sterile cell with three strangers, all of them abducted by an unseen alien intelligence studying how authority actually functions under pressure. Back on the Enterprise, a duplicate is quietly running the ship in Picard's place, testing the crew's obedience with orders the real Picard would never give. The impostor is caught less by any single mistake than by the crew's accumulated sense that something about their captain feels subtly, wrongly off — and Picard, once returned, lets his captors go rather than punish curiosity that cost no one their life.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Esoqq · Kova Tholl · Mitena Haro

EPISODE 19

Captain's Holiday

Air Date: April 2, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: 43745.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Talked into an actual vacation on the pleasure planet Risa, Picard finds his relaxation interrupted almost immediately by two bumbling time-travelers from the 27th century hunting a devastating weapon called the Tox Uthat, and by Vash, an archaeologist with a habit of taking whatever isn't nailed down. Picard's holiday turns into an unplanned adventure he's oddly suited for, chasing an artifact he ultimately destroys rather than let anyone weaponize. He and Vash part on warmer terms than either expected going in, a thread the show doesn't let drop.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ajur · Boratus · Joval · Sovak · Vash

EPISODE 20

Tin Man

Air Date: April 23, 1990
Stardate: 43779.3
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

The Enterprise races a Romulan ship to reach Tin Man, a living vessel that's been drifting alone for millennia, and brings aboard Tam Elbrun, a telepath whose gift has made ordinary human contact nearly unbearable for him. Tam recognizes something of himself in Tin Man's isolation before anyone else grasps what they're dealing with. The episode ends with Tam choosing to stay bonded to the ship rather than return to a species he's never been able to fully hear without pain.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Captain Robert DeSoto · Tam Elbrun

EPISODE 21

Hollow Pursuits

Air Date: April 30, 1990
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

Lieutenant Reginald Barclay is brilliant, anxious, and nearly impossible to work with, retreating so often into elaborate holodeck fantasies — starring exaggerated, humiliating versions of his own crewmates — that the senior staff have taken to calling him "Broccoli" behind his back, a nickname Picard mortifyingly repeats to his face by accident. When a real crisis with contaminated biological samples forces Barclay out of the holodeck and into an actual emergency, his competence surprises everyone who'd written him off, himself included. He doesn't quit the holodeck cold; he just finally deletes the programs built to hurt the people he actually respects.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Guinan · Lt. Barclay · Lt. Duffy

EPISODE 22

The Most Toys

Air Date: May 7, 1990
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2366
Runtime: 46 min

A collector of rare and unique objects named Kivas Fajo fakes Data's death in a transporter accident and adds him to a private gallery of stolen wonders, holding him behind a reinforced door and a personal forcefield with no visible way out. Fajo's cruelty escalates the longer Data refuses to perform for him, eventually threatening to kill an innocent bystander just to see what it takes to break an android's principles. Data's rescue lands on an unresolved question the show never fully answers: whether he actually meant to fire a lethal shot at Fajo in the moment before beaming away, and what it would mean about him if he did.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Kivas Fajo · Toff · Varria

EPISODE 23

Sarek

Air Date: May 14, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Ambassador Sarek comes aboard for one final diplomatic mission, and something about him is visibly wrong — his renowned emotional control fraying in ways that ripple out telepathically and set the entire crew on edge with unexplained flashes of rage and grief. The cause is Bendii Syndrome, a degenerative condition of extreme old age among Vulcans that Sarek has been hiding, one that strips away a lifetime of discipline exactly when he needs it most. Picard volunteers to mind-meld with him and shoulder the emotional overflow himself just long enough to get the negotiation done, and comes out the other side carrying a flood of another man's feelings he never asked for.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Ki Aloysius Mendrossen · Patti · Perrin · Sakkath

EPISODE 24

Ménage à Troi

Air Date: May 28, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Lwaxana Troi's visit to Betazed turns into an abduction when a lovestruck Ferengi DaiMon named Tog decides he wants her — and Deanna and Riker along for good measure — for his own collection, with a Ferengi scientist eager to study her telepathy on the side. Picard and Riker's rescue plan leans on the one lever Ferengi culture reliably respects: profit and reputation, engineered into a bluff about the diplomatic fallout of harming a Federation counselor's family. The episode closes on a lighter note back aboard ship, with Wesley's failed Academy re-application softened by a field promotion to full ensign.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	DaiMon Tog · Dr. Farek · Lwaxana Troi · Mr. Homn · Nibor

EPISODE 25

Transfigurations

Air Date: June 4, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

The Enterprise rescues a badly injured amnesiac from a crashed escape pod, and as "John" heals, he starts exhibiting energy-based abilities that seem to intensify along with his recovering memory. The pursuit ship that eventually arrives isn't hunting a criminal, as first assumed, but a member of Zalkonian society undergoing a natural metamorphosis into a being of pure energy — one his own people fear and try to suppress rather than understand. John's final transformation and departure plays less like an escape than an ascension, one the crew watches with more wonder than alarm.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Christy Henshaw · Commander Sunad · John Doe

EPISODE 26

The Best of Both Worlds, Part I

Air Date: June 18, 1990 **Timeline:** 2366
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A Federation colony at Jouret IV is found completely gone, no bodies, no wreckage, just the ground itself scraped clean — the unmistakable signature of the Borg, arriving years ahead of every projection Starfleet had for when this fight would actually start. Picard, marked by the Borg specifically because of an earlier encounter, becomes the target of their approach and is abducted from the bridge of his own ship. The episode ends on one of the show's most notorious cliffhangers: Picard, assimilated and renamed Locutus, ordering the Borg cube's advance on Earth, leaving Riker to decide whether he can actually fire on his own captain to stop it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher · Wesley Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Admiral J. P. Hanson · Guinan · Lt. Cmdr. Shelby

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 2367

First Aired: September 24, 1990 **Last Aired:** June 17, 1991 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardates: 44012.3–44885.5

Beginning in the aftermath of the Borg crisis, season four explores the personal and political consequences of events that reshaped the Federation. Captain Picard struggles to recover from his assimilation, while Worf becomes increasingly involved in the complex politics of the Klingon Empire. The season expands the scale of interstellar diplomacy and introduces developments that affect relationships among the Federation, Klingons, and Romulans. At the same time, several episodes focus on identity, family, and personal growth among the Enterprise crew. By combining character-driven stories with larger political developments, the season significantly broadens the scope of the series. The rescue that opens "The Best of Both Worlds (2)" and the Klingon civil war that closes "Redemption (1)" both turn on the same question the season keeps asking: what the Federation actually owes the people it protects. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Cardassians move from tense border presence to coercive military rival, laying groundwork for one of Trek's most durable geopolitical conflicts.

EPISODE 1

The Best of Both Worlds, Part II

Air Date: September 24, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

With Picard assimilated into Locutus and a Starfleet armada reduced to wreckage at Wolf 359, Riker inherits command of the Enterprise under the worst possible circumstances: outgunned, one battle already lost, and staring down a captain who is now the enemy's voice. The fix comes from Data and Worf boarding the cube to capture Locutus rather than kill him, and from Data linking directly into what's left of Picard's human mind

to shove the Borg toward a self-destructive command: sleep. Picard survives, physically, but the season ends on a man who has to live with having been used as a weapon against his own people.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Wesley Crusher · Admiral J. P. Hanson · Gleason · Guinan

EPISODE 2

Family

Air Date: October 1, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44012.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Recovering from the Borg's assimilation isn't something Picard can do in a debrief; he goes home to France, to a vineyard and a brother, Robert, who never wanted Starfleet's approval and has spent years resenting a sibling who never seemed to need it. Their fight in the mud is less about the wine or the estate than about two very different definitions of a life well spent, and it's the closest thing to therapy Picard actually gets. Aboard ship, Worf's adoptive human parents visit and manage to embarrass him thoroughly in front of his crewmates, a lighter mirror of the same theme: family doesn't care about the reputation you've built away from it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Wesley Crusher · Guinan · Helena Rozhenko · Jack R. Crusher

EPISODE 3

Brothers

Air Date: October 8, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44085.7 **Runtime:** 46 min

Escorting a critically ill boy toward emergency treatment, Data is abruptly overridden by a signal only he can hear and takes control of the Enterprise's helm, redirecting the ship against his own will toward his creator, Dr. Noonian Soong. Soong's real reason for the summons is mortality — he's dying, and wants to give Data an emotion chip before the end — but the same call inadvertently also reaches Lore, Data's manipulative brother, who's spent years wanting exactly what Soong is offering. The sick child gets treated in time despite the detour, and Data is left holding a gift he doesn't get to keep, at least not yet.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Jake Potts · Willie Potts

EPISODE 4

Suddenly Human

Air Date: October 15, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A distress call turns up Jono, a human boy being raised by the Talarians who killed his birth parents years earlier in a border skirmish — and who now considers himself entirely Talarian, resentful of the Federation's insistence on reclaiming him. Picard, who has never been comfortable with children, finds himself the reluctant center of a custody fight between a grandmother who wants her grandson back and a foster father whose love for the boy

is completely genuine. Jono's parting Talarian farewell to Picard, and his choice to keep wearing a glove he'd sworn off, says more about where his loyalty actually settled than the ruling ever does.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Wesley Crusher · Admiral Connaught Rossa · Captain Endar · Jono

EPISODE 5

Remember Me

Air Date: October 22, 1990
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

A warp-bubble experiment traps Dr. Crusher inside a shrinking universe of her own perception, where crew members vanish one at a time and every record of their existence disappears along with them — leaving her the only one who remembers they were ever there. The ship's computer insists nothing is wrong, which is worse than any actual crisis, because it means Beverly can't tell if reality is failing or her own mind is. She talks her way back to the real Enterprise only by refusing to accept a population count that quietly doesn't add up.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Wesley Crusher · Doctor Dalen Quaice · Traveler

EPISODE 6

Legacy

Air Date: October 29, 1990
Stardate: 44215.2
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Survivors of a wrecked freighter crash-land on Turkana IV — Tasha Yar's brutal homeworld — and are taken hostage by one of two factions locked in civil war, dragging the Enterprise into a rescue that turns personal when the crew meets Ishara, Tasha's long-lost younger sister. Data grows close to her, hopeful that some echo of Tasha's own decency survived Turkana's chaos, only to discover Ishara has been using him the whole time to help her own faction gain the upper hand. Letting her go anyway, knowing exactly what she did, is the closest Data comes to admitting that logic doesn't fully explain what he feels about people.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Alliance Member · Hayne · Ishara Yar · Tan Tsu

EPISODE 7

Reunion

Air Date: November 5, 1990
Stardate: 44246.3
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Klingon Chancellor K'mpec, dying of a slow poison and unwilling to name his own killer, asks Picard to serve as Arbiter of Succession between two rival candidates for his throne — a task that becomes a murder investigation the moment K'mpec actually dies. Worf's arc runs in painful parallel: his former lover K'Ehleyr returns pregnant with his son, and the political convenience of exposing Duras as K'mpec's killer collides with the High Council's refusal to ever admit it was wrong about Worf's father. The episode ends with Worf claiming his son, Alexander, even as the lie that dishonored his family stays buried by design.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander Rozhenko · Duras · Gowron · Jae · K'Ehleyr

EPISODE 8

Future Imperfect

Air Date: November 12, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44286.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

Riker wakes up in sickbay believing sixteen years have passed — he's captain of the Enterprise now, a father, a widower, and on the verge of finalizing a historic peace treaty with the Romulans he has no actual memory of negotiating. Every detail is convincing until the cracks start showing, most damningly when his supposedly dead wife turns out to be Minuet, a holodeck character from years earlier who shouldn't exist outside a simulation. The whole elaborate future is a fabrication built by a lonely alien child named Barash, and Riker's kindness toward him once the ruse collapses is the actual point of the episode.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Tomalak · Gleason · Jean-Luc Riker · Minuet

EPISODE 9

Final Mission

Air Date: November 19, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44307.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Wesley Crusher's last mission before Starfleet Academy turns into the opposite of a ceremonial send-off when the shuttle carrying him and Picard crashes on a desolate moon, leaving Picard badly injured and Wesley solely responsible for keeping him alive. Stranded with dwindling resources, the two spend the episode having the kind of unguarded conversation rank has kept them from having for years. Picard's parting words once rescue arrives land harder for how rarely he's said anything like them out loud.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Wesley Crusher · Dirgo · Jae · Songi

EPISODE 10

The Loss

Air Date: December 31, 1990 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44356.9 **Runtime:** 46 min

Troi loses her empathic sense entirely as the Enterprise drifts, seemingly without cause, off its charted course — a double mystery that turns out to share a single cause: two-dimensional lifeforms living in normal space, whose overwhelming emotional presence has been drowning out Troi's own senses the whole time. Losing the ability she's built her entire professional identity around forces her to function as a counselor on technique and instinct alone, without the shortcut she's always relied on. Getting her empathy back doesn't undo what she learned about herself without it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Guinan · Jae

EPISODE 11

Data's Day

Air Date: January 7, 1991
Stardate: 44390.1
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Told largely through a report Data is compiling for cyberneticist Bruce Maddox, an ordinary day aboard the Enterprise turns out to be anything but: Miles O'Brien and Keiko Ishikawa's wedding, which Data has been asked to help officiate, runs alongside the apparent transporter death of a Vulcan ambassador who turns out to have faked it entirely — a Romulan spy extracting herself before a peace negotiation could expose her. Data's own contribution to the day is quieter but just as pointed: walking Keiko down the aisle, and admitting afterward that he understands something real about love and belonging, whatever his circuitry technically permits. It's an unusually intimate structure for the show, letting the ordinary and the covert sit side by side without either one crowding out the other.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Admiral Mendak · Ambassador T'Pel · Jae · Keiko Ishikawa

EPISODE 12

The Wounded

Air Date: January 28, 1991
Stardate: 44429.6
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

A Cardassian science vessel opens fire on the Enterprise, retaliating for an earlier attack by a rogue Federation captain, Benjamin Maxwell, who's convinced — correctly, as it turns out — that the Cardassians are secretly rearming in violation of the peace treaty. Picard has to rein in a man he respects and half agrees with, stopping Maxwell before his one-man war reignites a conflict the Federation isn't ready to fight yet. The final warning to the Cardassian commander, that the peace is being watched closely from here on, sets up tensions the franchise won't finish paying off for years.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Admiral Haden · Capt. Benjamin Maxwell · Glin Daro · Gul Macet

STORY ARC

Cardassians BEGINS HERE

The Cardassians move from tense border presence to coercive military rival, laying groundwork for one of Trek's most durable geopolitical conflicts.

EPISODE 13

Devil's Due

Air Date: February 4, 1991 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44474.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

Ventax II is a world one day from the end of a thousand-year golden age of peace, and its people are gripped by dread that the ancient devil-figure Ardra, who they believe granted them that peace in exchange for eventual planetary rule, is due to return and collect. Ardra does show up, technologically dazzling enough to be convincing, and Data's forensic dismantling of her supposed powers turns the crisis into something closer to a courtroom farce than a horror story. Picard's real accomplishment isn't debunking a devil — it's talking an entire civilization down from surrendering its future to a superstition dressed up in special effects.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Acost Jared · Ardra · Devil Monster · Dr. Howard Clarke

EPISODE 14

Clues

Air Date: February 11, 1991 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: 44502.7 **Runtime:** 46 min

The Enterprise crew wakes from an unexplained blackout to find eyewitness accounts, sensor logs, and Data's own behavior all quietly contradicting each other, and Picard orders a covert investigation into what actually happened during the missing time. The truth, pieced together against Data's own repeated, deliberate obstruction, is that the crew brushed against the Paxans — a xenophobic species that erases all memory of contact rather than risk discovery — and that Data has been protecting everyone by hiding just how close that contact came to becoming a massacre. It's a rare case where Data lying turns out to be the single most human decision in the episode.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Guinan · Gunman

EPISODE 15

First Contact

Air Date: February 18, 1991 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

An away mission to observe Malcor III, a culture on the verge of discovering warp travel, goes sideways when Riker is injured and captured, forcing Picard to make unofficial first contact years ahead of schedule with a government not remotely ready for it. Scientist Mirasta Yale believes wholeheartedly in what the Federation represents; Chancellor Durken has to weigh that hope against a public that reacts to the news with the same fear any culture might show a stranger claiming godlike technology. Picard gets Riker back, but the actual first contact goes nowhere near according to protocol, and Mirasta's own life on Malcor is the collateral cost.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chancellor Durken · Dr. Berel · Dr. Nilrem · Dr. Tava · Lanel

EPISODE 16

Galaxy's Child

Air Date: March 11, 1991
Stardate: 44614.6
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

A newborn space-dwelling creature imprints on the Enterprise as its mother, latching onto the hull and draining power the ship can't spare — right as the real Dr. Leah Brahms, the Enterprise's actual designer, arrives to observe her creation in action. Brahms discovers Geordi built an intimate holodeck version of her months earlier, without her knowledge or consent, and the resulting confrontation is more uncomfortable than any alien encounter in the episode. The two eventually work past it to save the newborn creature together, souring its bond to the ship just enough to send it back to its own kind — the professional friendship surviving, if only barely, what Geordi did to it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Leah Brahms, Guinan, Sariel Rager

EPISODE 17

Night Terrors

Air Date: March 18, 1991
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Searching for a Federation science vessel gone silent, the Enterprise gets caught in the same trap that claimed it: a Tyken's Rift that's slowly cutting off everyone's ability to dream, and REM-deprived crew members start sliding into hallucination, paranoia, and outright breakdown before anyone realizes what's happening to them. Troi's recurring nightmare turns out not to be a symptom but a clue, coded by her own unconscious mind into an answer nobody's been listening for. Escape requires the crew to trust a solution proposed by someone they can no longer be sure is thinking clearly — including, eventually, each other.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien, Andrus Hagan, Gillespie, Guinan, Jae

EPISODE 18

Identity Crisis

Air Date: March 25, 1991
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

A former crewmate of Geordi's, Susanna Leijten, arrives showing signs of a mutation traced back to an away mission the two of them were on together five years earlier — one that's apparently still active, and now pulling both of them back toward the same planet against their will. Investigating means Geordi has to relive a mission his own memory has quietly edited, and confront what it means that some of their old team never made it off the planet mutated as they were, mind fully intact but body unrecognizable. Not everyone gets saved this time; the ones left behind get warning beacons instead of a cure.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hickman, Lt. Cmdr. Susanna Leijten

EPISODE 19

The Nth Degree

Air Date: April 1, 1991
Stardate: 44704.2
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

An encounter with a dormant alien probe leaves the perpetually anxious Lieutenant Barclay suddenly, unnervingly brilliant — fixing the ship's systems faster than anyone can follow and eventually interfacing directly with the computer core through the holodeck itself. What looks like a takeover turns out to be closer to an invitation: the probe's creators, the Cytherians, are using Barclay as a conduit to make contact, not a weapon to attack with. Barclay comes back to his old, awkward self once it's over, but he keeps the memories of what it felt like to be that certain of himself, even briefly.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cytherian · Holodeck Albert Einstein · Jae · Lt. Barclay · Lt. Linda Larson

EPISODE 20

Qpid

Air Date: April 22, 1991
Stardate: 44741.9
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Picard's old flame Vash resurfaces just as Q decides Picard's life needs more romantic complication, and drops the senior staff into a magically literal Robin Hood story with Picard cast, against his protests, as the hero. The fairy-tale trappings are a thin disguise for the actual question the episode's asking: whether Picard, given the choice, would trade his command for a life with Vash, and what it says about him that the answer is clearly no. Vash leaves with Q in the end, and Picard's relief at that outcome is almost as telling as his hesitation getting there.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Sir Guy of Gisbourne · Vash

EPISODE 21

The Drumhead

Air Date: April 29, 1991
Stardate: 44769.2
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

A dilithium chamber explosion brings retired Admiral Norah Satie aboard to investigate sabotage, and her genuine competence curdles fast into something closer to a witch hunt, one that widens from a real Klingon spy into open accusations against officers whose only crime is having unfashionable ancestry or an unconventional record. Picard becomes her next target, and his defense in the resulting hearing is less about his own innocence than about naming what Satie's tribunal actually is. Admiral Thomas Henry finally shuts the inquiry down, but Picard's closing warning to Worf — that vigilance against this impulse never gets to end — is the episode's real thesis.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Nora Satie · Admiral Thomas Henry · J'Ddan · Nellen Tore · Sabin Genestra

EPISODE 22

Half a Life

Air Date: May 6, 1991
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Lwaxana Troi falls for Timicin, a scientist from a culture that practices the Resolution — mandatory ritual suicide at age sixty, meant to spare families the burden of old age. Timicin's own sixtieth birthday is days away, and Lwaxana's fight to save him becomes a fight against everything his culture believes about dignity and decline. He ultimately chooses to go through with it anyway, but not before his objection reaches home and starts to change his people's minds.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · B'Tardat · Dara · Jae · Lwaxana Troi

EPISODE 23

The Host

Air Date: May 13, 1991
Stardate: 44821.3
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Dr. Crusher falls for Odan, a Trill ambassador sent to mediate a border dispute, only to discover mid-relationship that Odan is a joined species — a long-lived symbiont currently residing in a host body that's about to die from an accident sustained en route. Riker volunteers to become Odan's temporary host to keep the negotiation from collapsing, which forces Beverly to confront whether she loves Odan the symbiont or just the body she fell for. When Odan is finally transferred into a permanent female host, Beverly's answer — that she isn't ready to love across that particular line — says more about her limits than his.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bolian Barber · Governor Leka Trion · Jae · Kalin Trose · Kareel Odan

EPISODE 24

The Mind's Eye

Air Date: May 27, 1991
Stardate: 44885.5
Timeline: 2367
Runtime: 46 min

Returning from a scientific conference on Risa, Geordi is intercepted, captured, and conditioned by the Romulans without his own knowledge, implanted with post-hypnotic triggers meant to turn him into an unwitting assassin. The target is a visiting Klingon governor, Vagh, and the plan's real goal isn't the killing itself but the diplomatic rupture a Starfleet-engineered murder would cause between the Federation and the Empire. Data's own suspicion, not Geordi's, is what unravels the plot in time — and Geordi is left afterward with weeks of his life he can't account for and a violation he can't fully explain to anyone.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Ambassador Kell · Governor Vagh · Jae · Patti

EPISODE 25

In Theory

Air Date: June 3, 1991 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Data, methodical as ever, decides to attempt a romantic relationship with Lieutenant Jenna D'Sora and approaches it the way he approaches everything — by cataloguing what a boyfriend is supposed to do and executing the list. It works, for a while, in ways that are funnier and sadder than either of them expects. When it ends, Data notes with total honesty that he felt nothing at the breakup, which is somehow the most human moment in the episode.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · Guinan · Keiko O'Brien · Lt. Jenna D'Sora

EPISODE 26

Redemption, Part I

Air Date: June 17, 1991 **Timeline:** 2367
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Gowron's installation as the new Klingon Chancellor should be a formality Picard oversees as Arbiter of Succession, but the political peace is paper-thin, propped up by the same Duras family whose treachery the Council still refuses to acknowledge. Worf, offered the chance to execute Duras's young heir Toral by right of vengeance, declines — Toral is a puppet, not the architect of his family's crimes — and instead asks Picard for something he actually wants: reinstatement to Starfleet. The chancellor's fragile grip and the war brewing underneath it are left explicitly unresolved, a cliffhanger built to run straight into the next episode.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · B'Etor · Captain Larg · General Movar · Gowron

SEASON FIVE

YEAR: 2368

First Aired: September 23, 1991 **Last Aired:** June 15, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardates: 45020.4–45959.1

Season five continues the maturation of The Next Generation through a blend of philosophical storytelling, diplomatic challenges, and personal exploration. The Enterprise crew confronts questions of communication, cultural understanding, and the nature of existence while navigating a rapidly changing political landscape. Several landmark episodes focus on the emotional growth of key characters and further develop the relationships that define the series. The season also deepens the franchise's exploration of Klingon, Romulan, and Cardassian affairs, laying important groundwork for future series. As a result, it represents one of the most balanced and thematically rich periods of The Next Generation. "Redemption (2)" resolves the Klingon civil war left hanging by the previous season; "Time's Arrow (1)" ends this one with a cliffhanger of a very different kind. The season's strength is in its range rather than a single connecting story — diplomacy, philosophy, and personal growth all get their own episodes without needing to build toward one another.

EPISODE 1

Redemption, Part II

Air Date: September 23, 1991 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45020.4 **Runtime:** 46 min

With the Duras sisters' forces backed by a steady supply of Romulan weapons, Picard assembles a fleet-wide blockade using specially modified sensors to catch the cloaked ships smuggling them across the border — a plan that risks Federation lives in what is technically someone else's civil war. The Romulan commander running the operation turns out to be a shock even Picard isn't braced for: Sela, a young woman who is, impossibly, Tasha Yar's daughter, raised on Romulus after a version of Tasha from an altered timeline never made it home. Gowron secures the Chancellorship with Worf's help, but the reveal of Sela closes the season on a thread the show has no intention of resolving quickly.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · B'Etor · Captain Larg · General Movar · Gowron

STORY ARC
Klingon Civil War CONCLUDES HERE
Worf's father's disgraced name becomes the opening move in a succession crisis that pulls the Federation, the Romulans, and Worf's own divided loyalties into the Klingon Empire's internal war.

EPISODE 2

Darmok

Air Date: September 30, 1991 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45047.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

A Tamarian captain named Dathon does something no Starfleet protocol anticipates: he beams himself and Picard down to a hostile planet together, forcing an alliance against a dangerous native predator neither can survive alone. Dathon speaks entirely in references to his own people's mythology — "Darmok and Jalad at Tanagra" — a language the universal translator can render word for word without conveying a single thing it means, until shared danger finally makes the metaphor make sense. Dathon dies getting Picard to understand him, and Picard's tribute — telling the story of their own encounter back to the Tamarians in their own narrative language — is the first successful sentence either side has managed.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Miles O'Brien · Captain Dathon · Jae

EPISODE 3

Ensign Ro

Air Date: October 7, 1991 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45076.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Ensign Ro Laren, a talented but disgraced Bajoran officer with a court-martial in her file, is brought aboard to help track down the Bajoran extremists supposedly responsible for destroying a Federation colony — an assignment Picard suspects from the start is less straightforward than Starfleet Command wants it to be. Ro's own instincts, sharpened by having actually lived Bajoran displacement rather than studied it, lead her to the real culprits: Cardassians, staging a false flag to manipulate a naive admiral into betraying Bajoran refugees. It's

the introduction of a character built to make the Federation uncomfortable about its own blind spots, and the show leans into that discomfort rather than resolving it neatly.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Kennelly · Guinan · Gul Dolak · Keeve Falor · Mr. Mot

EPISODE 4

Silicon Avatar

Air Date: October 14, 1991 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45122.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

The Crystalline Entity strikes again, wiping out the colony at Melona IV in minutes, and the scientist sent to help track it, Kila Marr, turns out to have a personal stake she's kept buried: her son died in the Entity's first recorded attack, on the very colony where Data himself was built. Marr's hostility toward Data softens only once she needs him — his positronic systems are the key to reproducing the signal that can finally lure the Entity into a trap and destroy it. Getting her revenge doesn't bring her the peace she expected, and Data's blunt observation afterward, that her son would never have approved of destroying something unique out of grief, is delivered with more compassion than the words alone suggest.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Carmen Davila · Dr. Kila Marr · Jae · Raymond “Renny” Marr

EPISODE 5

Disaster

Air Date: October 21, 1991 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45156.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

A collision with a quantum filament knocks the Enterprise's systems out all at once, trapping different groups of the crew in isolated, escalating crises with no way to call for help from each other. Troi, the highest-ranking officer left on the bridge, has to command a ship she was never trained to fly through a looming warp core breach, while Picard is stuck in a stalled turbolift babysitting three frightened children and Worf ends up delivering Keiko O'Brien's baby in Ten Forward with zero relevant training. It's a structural showcase episode, built to prove that half this crew can improvise competence in a role nobody assigned them.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Jae · Jay Gordon Graas · Keiko O'Brien · Lieutenant Monroe

EPISODE 6

The Game

Air Date: October 28, 1991 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45208.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Riker comes back from a romantic getaway on Risa with a gift for the whole crew: an addictive little handheld game that turns out to be a Ktarian mind-control device, engineered by his vacation fling to condition the entire senior staff into unwitting agents of a takeover. One by one nearly everyone succumbs, compulsively pushing the game on crewmates who haven't been infected yet, until only a visiting Wesley Crusher and a sharp new en-

sign, Robin Lefler, are left clear-headed enough to notice something is deeply wrong. It's a Cold War brainwashing plot wearing early-1990s video-game anxiety as a costume, and it's Wesley's visit home from the Academy, not any senior officer, that ends up saving the ship.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Wesley Crusher · Etana Jol

EPISODE 7

Unification, Part I

Air Date: November 4, 1991
Timeline: 2368
Stardate: 45233.1
Runtime: 46 min

Ambassador Spock vanishes and turns up, improbably, on Romulus — a sighting that reads to Starfleet as a possible defection from one of the Federation's most storied figures. Picard and Data go in disguised as traders to find him before the political fallout of "losing" Spock to the Romulans becomes irreversible, while intelligence traces Spock's contact to Pardek, an old Romulan senator with reformist sympathies. The episode ends on the reunion itself just beginning, with the actual reason for Spock's disappearance — reunification, not defection — still withheld as a hook into the next hour.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Admiral Brackett · B'iJik · Captain K'Vada · Jae

EPISODE 8

Unification, Part II

Air Date: November 11, 1991
Timeline: 2368
Stardate: 45245.8
Runtime: 46 min

Spock's real mission turns out to be years in the making: quiet, dangerous meetings with Romulan reformists who genuinely want reunification with Vulcan, guided by the same Pardek Spock has trusted for a decade. The trust is misplaced — Pardek is working with the Romulan government, and the reunification movement is cover for a planned invasion of Vulcan using warships disguised as refugee transports, a plot Spock, Picard, and Data expose just in time. Alone afterward, Picard offers Spock something more private than a diplomatic victory: a mind-meld carrying the memories and feelings Sarek shared with Picard before his death, a piece of his father Spock never got to have directly.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Amarie · Captain K'Vada · D'Tan · Jaron

EPISODE 9

A Matter of Time

Air Date: November 18, 1991
Timeline: 2368
Stardate: 45349.1
Runtime: 46 min

A pod drops out of a temporal distortion right as the Enterprise is racing to save a colony from an asteroid-dust freeze, and its lone occupant, Professor Berlinghoff Rasmussen, claims to be a historian from centuries in the future here to observe an important event. His refusal to answer specific questions, citing the danger of alter-

ing history, reads as scholarly caution right up until Worf catches him quietly pocketing shipboard technology. Rasmussen isn't a historian at all — he's a thief who stole someone else's real time machine, and Picard has him arrested just before the pod itself strands him, appropriately, in the century he was trying to rob.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Berlinghoff Rasmussen · Dr. Hal Moseley · Jae

EPISODE 10

New Ground

Air Date: January 6, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45376.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Alexander arrives to live with Worf permanently, and fatherhood turns out to be a harder discipline than anything Worf trained for — especially once Alexander lies about stealing a model rather than admit a simple mistake. The ship's other crisis, testing an experimental soliton-wave propulsion system, spirals into real danger when the wave overloads and threatens a colony, forcing an emergency destruction of the technology everyone had hoped would change interstellar travel. Worf's real growth isn't in the propulsion plot at all — it's choosing, deliberately, to keep Alexander rather than send him back to a Klingon boarding school, framing it as an honor to his dead wife rather than a burden.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander Rozhenko · Dr. Ja'Dar · Helena Rozhenko · Jae · Ms. Kyle

EPISODE 11

Hero Worship

Air Date: January 27, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45397.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

The Enterprise finds a single survivor of the wrecked science vessel Vico — a traumatized boy named Timothy who insists, at first, that unknown aliens attacked his ship, when the truth is closer to home: a structural failure his own father might have caused. Grieving and overwhelmed, Timothy latches onto Data, mimicking his flat affect and mechanical mannerisms as a way to stop feeling anything at all. Data doesn't correct him so much as quietly model something better — competence without needing to be emotionless to have it — and Timothy comes back to himself once the ship's own brush with the same structural danger gives him something concrete he can actually help solve.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chief Hutchinson · Jae · Teacher · Timothy

EPISODE 12

Violations

Air Date: February 3, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45429.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

A delegation of Ullian telepaths, escorted aboard for a routine cultural exchange, is traveling with someone hiding a serious violation of his own people's ethics: Jev, secretly assaulting crew members' minds by forcing his way

into their memories and reshaping them into something violent, then disguising his identity as his own father during the attacks. Troi, Riker, and Crusher are each left comatose after an encounter that plays, deliberately, like a description of assault rather than a science-fiction anomaly. Exposing Jev means the rest of the Ullian delegation has to reckon publicly with a crime their culture had rather not admit was possible.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Martin · Inad · Jack R. Crusher · Jae · Jev

EPISODE 13

The Masterpiece Society

Air Date: February 10, 1992
Stardate: 45470.1
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

A drifting stellar-core fragment is on a collision course with Moab IV, home to a colony of genetically engineered humans built, generations ago, to be biologically and socially perfect — and deliberately sealed off from the rest of the galaxy to keep it that way. Saving them means temporarily lowering the isolating shield that's protected the colony's careful genetic planning for its entire existence, and simple contact with the Enterprise's crew turns out to do nearly as much damage as the fragment would have: colonist Hannah Bates falls for Geordi and chooses to leave with the ship, one thread in a colony's self-image starting to visibly fray. Picard's closing observation isn't celebratory — helping can be its own form of Prime Directive violation, whatever the intentions behind it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Aaron Conor · Hannah Bates · Martin Benbeck

EPISODE 14

Conundrum

Air Date: February 17, 1992
Stardate: 45494.2
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

A scanning pulse from an unidentified ship wipes the entire crew's personal memories and quietly rewrites the ship's personnel files, inserting a fabricated first officer named MacDuff and doctoring the records to show the Federation at war with a species called the Lysians. Nobody remembers enough to question it, so the crew nearly commits an unprovoked attack on the Lysian command center before Crusher manages to restore what was erased just in time to reveal MacDuff for what he actually is. It's a rare episode built entirely on the horror of confident, functional people acting on information that feels true and isn't.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander Keiran MacDuff · Kristin

EPISODE 15

Power Play

Air Date: February 24, 1992
Stardate: 45571.2
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

A distress signal from a desolate moon turns out to be a trap: alien entities, the trapped and increasingly desperate survivors of a ship lost two centuries earlier, seize control of Data, Troi, and O'Brien's bodies the moment

an away team gets close enough. What starts as a rescue becomes a hostage crisis, with Alexander among those threatened as the possessed crew members try to force their way off the moon that's held them for generations. Picard and Worf's way out isn't force but a convincing bluff, giving the entities a reason to believe surrender costs them less than continuing to fight.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Keiko O'Brien

EPISODE 16

Ethics

Air Date: March 2, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45587.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

A falling cargo container leaves Worf paralyzed from the waist down, and Klingon custom offers him only one dignified response to permanent disability: ritual suicide, assisted by his closest friend, which he asks Riker to carry out. Dr. Crusher refuses to accept that framing and clashes hard with a visiting specialist, Dr. Russell, whose experimental spinal regeneration procedure could cure Worf outright or kill him on the table — the same gamble Russell already lost once on another patient, a detail she'd rather not have surfaced. Worf survives the surgery against real odds, and his slow physical therapy with Alexander afterward says more about what he actually wanted than the ritual he was ready to go through with.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander Rozhenko · Dr. Toby Russell

EPISODE 17

The Outcast

Air Date: March 16, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45614.6 **Runtime:** 46 min

Riker falls for Soren, a member of the androgynous J'naii species who confesses, in strict secrecy, to identifying as female — a gender identity her own culture treats as a shameful psychological disorder to be corrected. Their relationship forces the issue into the open, and Soren is arrested and sentenced to a forced "therapeutic" procedure meant to erase the identity she finally had the courage to name. Riker's rescue attempt arrives too late to matter: Soren returns "cured" and neutral, thanking him for an affair she now insists made her sick, in one of the franchise's more quietly devastating endings.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Noor · Soren

EPISODE 18

Cause and Effect

Air Date: March 23, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45652.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

The Enterprise gets caught in a time loop, destroyed by a collision with another ship every time the loop resets, with only a fraction-of-a-second sense of déjà vu carrying between iterations. Data eventually recognizes the

pattern and hides a message in a way only his future self can decode. The other ship turns out to be the USS Bozeman, lost in a similar loop for ninety years — Captain Morgan Bateson's crew stepping out decades displaced, the same trick the show would later lean on for Miles O'Brien's worst days.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Morgan Bateson · Jae

EPISODE 19

The First Duty

Air Date: March 30, 1992
Stardate: 45703.9
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

A cadet dies during an illegal, forbidden flight maneuver at Starfleet Academy, and Wesley — under pressure from his squadron leader, Nicholas Locarno — goes along with a cover story that shifts the blame away from the team's own reckless choice. Picard, delivering the Academy's commencement address that same week, ends up confronting Wesley directly about the gap between what Starfleet teaches and what its own golden-boy cadets are willing to do under pressure. Wesley tells the truth at real cost to his own record and his friends' futures, guided less by any speech than by a quiet nudge from Boothby, the Academy's groundskeeper, who tells him he already knew what he had to do.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Wesley Crusher · Admiral Brand · Boothby · Captain Satelk · Jae

EPISODE 20

Cost of Living

Air Date: April 20, 1992
Stardate: 45733.6
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

Lwaxana Troi announces she's marrying Campio, a match selected for her by a computerized compatibility service, and arrives to plan the wedding aboard the Enterprise with her usual disregard for anyone else's schedule. While Deanna worries about her mother settling for a rigid, humorless match, Lwaxana instead bonds with a rebellious Alexander, and their shared mud-bath afternoon becomes the moment she actually decides what she wants out of the rest of her life. She calls off the wedding rather than force herself into a compatibility score, choosing eccentric and alone over correct and miserable.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	1st Learner · Alexander Rozhenko · Jae · Juggler · Mr. Homn

EPISODE 21

The Perfect Mate

Air Date: April 27, 1992
Stardate: 45761.3
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

Kamala is being delivered to Valt Minor as a diplomatic gift meant to end a generations-old war — an empathic metamorph, engineered from birth to become the perfect match for whichever man she ultimately bonds with, in this case Chancellor Alrik. A Ferengi trader's attempt to kidnap and sell her forces Picard into close, un-

planned proximity with her during the voyage, and the bond that starts forming isn't the one anyone intended: Kamala begins responding to Picard himself rather than her assigned destiny. She goes through with the arranged bonding anyway, because the peace actually depends on it, leaving Picard to process an attraction he never let go anywhere and never will.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador Briam · Chancellor Alrik · Kamala · Miner #1 · Miner #2

EPISODE 22

Imaginary Friend

Air Date: May 4, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45852.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

Clara Sutter, lonely after a transfer that's cost her every friend she had, invents an imaginary companion named Isabella — right as the ship is passing through an energy-rich nebula that turns out to house a curious, powerful lifeform drawn to exactly that kind of imagination. The entity takes on Isabella's form for real, and what starts as a sweet gesture curdles fast: Isabella gets Clara blamed for things she didn't do, then threatens the entire ship out of childish rage at being called "not real" by the adults around her. Troi's solution isn't force, it's compassion — treating the entity's need to be believed in as legitimate, which is ultimately what talks it down.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander Rozhenko · Clara Sutter · Guinan · Isabella

EPISODE 23

I, Borg

Air Date: May 11, 1992 **Timeline:** 2368
Stardate: 45854.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

An injured, barely conscious Borg drone recovered from a crash becomes an unplanned test of exactly how far Picard's hatred of the Collective is willing to go: the initial plan is to implant a fatal invasive program in him and send him back as a weapon capable of destroying the entire Borg hive mind. Geordi, tasked with the repairs, ends up doing something nobody expected — becoming this drone's friend, naming him Hugh, and watching him slowly develop something the Borg are built to suppress: a sense of himself as an individual. By the time Picard actually meets Hugh face to face, using him as a genocide weapon has become unthinkable, and the crew sends him home instead, betting that his newfound individuality might do more damage to the Collective than any virus could.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Guinan

EPISODE 24

The Next Phase

Air Date: May 18, 1992
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

A transporter accident during a Romulan rescue leaves Geordi and Ro alive but shifted entirely out of phase with normal matter — invisible, intangible, and, as far as the rest of the crew can tell, simply dead. Watching their own funeral being planned while unable to be seen or heard by anyone mourning them is one of the show's stranger emotional gut-punches, made worse by their discovery that the same Romulan technology that stranded them is about to destroy the ship. Reversing the phasing in time turns their return from the dead into the celebration their premature funeral never got to be.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Chief Brossmer, Jae, Mirok, Parem, Varel

EPISODE 25

The Inner Light

Air Date: June 1, 1992
Stardate: 45944.1
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

An alien probe locks onto Picard and drops him into what feels, from the inside, like an entire second life: decades as Kamin, a man on the dying world of Kataan, marrying, raising children, and growing old on a planet he slowly learns is doomed by its own sun. The probe isn't a weapon — it's a message, launched by a civilization with no way to survive its own extinction, built to give exactly one person a full, lived memory of who they were rather than a museum plaque nobody would understand. Picard wakes up back on the Enterprise having lived an entire lifetime in about twenty-five real minutes, and the flute he learned to play as Kamin becomes the only proof, and the only grief, he has left to carry.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Administrator, Batai, Eline, Jae, Meribor

EPISODE 26

Time's Arrow, Part I

Air Date: June 15, 1992
Stardate: 45959.1
Timeline: 2368
Runtime: 46 min

Routine excavation work under San Francisco turns up something nobody expected: Data's own severed head, buried for five hundred years, forcing the Enterprise to work backward from an impossible artifact to figure out how — and when — Data is going to lose it. The trail leads to alien beings called the Devidians, apparently feeding on humans through a rupture in time centered on 1893 San Francisco, and Data leads an away team back through the rupture to stop them before more damage is done to the timeline. The episode ends on the away team stranded in the past with the mission barely begun, including an unplanned reunion: Guinan is already there, decades before anyone on the ship has met her.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Doorman, Frederick LaRouque, Guinan, Jack London

SEASON SIX

YEAR: 2369

First Aired: September 21, 1992 **Last Aired:** June 21, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardates: 46001.3–46984.6

Season six combines some of The Next Generation's most ambitious science-fiction stories with increasingly mature character development. The Enterprise crew faces challenges involving time, memory, morality, and the limits of scientific understanding while continuing to navigate a complex political landscape. Relationships among the senior staff grow stronger as individual characters confront personal struggles, family obligations, and questions of identity. The season also expands the role of recurring powers such as the Cardassians and Romulans, further shaping the future of the Alpha Quadrant. By balancing exploration, philosophy, and character growth, the season showcases the series at the height of its creative confidence. "Time's Arrow (2)" resolves a time-travel cliffhanger in the season's first episode; "Descent (1)" ends it with one just as unresolved, this time involving Data himself. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Cardassians move from tense border presence to coercive military rival, laying groundwork for one of Trek's most durable geopolitical conflicts.

EPISODE 1

Time's Arrow, Part II

Air Date: September 21, 1992 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46001.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Stranded in 1893 San Francisco with Data's own death somewhere in their near future, the away team has to dodge a suspicious, scoop-hungry Samuel Clemens while tracking the Devidians back to their feeding ground — and Picard discovers, almost as an aside, that this is where and when he first actually meets a much younger Guinan. Getting Data's head reattached to the rest of him, alive, means outsmarting beings that have been treating human deaths as a food source for centuries without detection. The away team gets home only by staring down the very evidence of Data's death they started with, and making sure it stays merely historical rather than a fresh tragedy.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Appollinaire · Guinan · Jae · Mrs. Carmichael · Policeman

EPISODE 2

Realm of Fear

Air Date: September 28, 1992 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46041.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

Barclay's long-standing, deeply embarrassing fear of the transporter turns out to be a rational response to something real: mid-beam, he sees writhing, wormlike creatures inside the transport stream that no one else has ever reported. Investigating a nearby ship's own transporter accident reveals the truth — crew members trapped in the pattern buffer, alive and aware, mistaken by everyone including themselves for a malfunction. Barclay's fear doesn't just get validated, it gets useful, and his quiet Ten Forward conversation with O'Brien about facing what scares you does more for him than any counseling session would.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Crewmember · Jae · Lt. Barclay

EPISODE 3

Man of the People

Air Date: October 5, 1992
Stardate: 46071.6
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

A rescued Lumerian ambassador, Alkar, comes aboard trailing what looks like grief for a dying companion, and Troi's growing attraction to him masks a much darker mechanism: Alkar is a telepath who survives by dumping his own negative emotions into someone else's mind, aging and destabilizing his host to the point of death while he stays perpetually serene. Troi becomes his unwitting vessel, aging decades in days and turning violently unstable as his repressed rage floods into her. Freeing her means confronting Alkar directly, and leaving him, for the first time in years, to actually feel what he's been quietly offloading onto other people all along.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Simons, Ambassador Ves Alkar, Jae, Jarth, Liva

EPISODE 4

Relics

Air Date: October 12, 1992
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

A distress call leads the Enterprise to a Dyson sphere and a ship, crashed for seventy-five years, holding one impossible survivor: Montgomery Scott, kept alive the entire time by a jury-rigged transporter loop of his own invention. Scotty's reunion with a future he never expected to see is equal parts wonder and grief, culminating in a holodeck reconstruction of his old Enterprise bridge that he retreats into rather than face how much has genuinely moved on without him. Geordi's patience with him, and Scotty's parting reminder to make the most of being chief engineer while it lasts, gives the episode its warmth without pretending the loss isn't real.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Bartel, Jae, Sariel Rager, Scotty

EPISODE 5

Schisms

Air Date: October 19, 1992
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

Crew members start waking up exhausted despite a full night's sleep, edgy around ordinary objects for reasons they can't explain, and gradually piece together that something has been taking them, one at a time, during periods they have no memory of at all. The abductions turn out to be alien in origin — sustained, methodical experiments conducted in a hidden subspace pocket, on crew who are returned before they wake with the evidence quietly erased each time. Riker's blunt read on the aliens' motives, once contact is briefly made and a crewman doesn't survive the experience, is the episode's actual point: not everything reaching out to communicate deserves the benefit of the doubt.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Jae, Kaminer, Lt. Shipley, Mr. Mot, Sariel Rager

EPISODE 6

True Q

Air Date: October 26, 1992
Stardate: 46192.3
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

A promising young Starfleet intern named Amanda Rogers turns out, to her own total shock, to be a member of the Q Continuum — the child of two Q who chose to live as humans and hide her powers from her, right up until Q himself shows up to claim her. Amanda has to decide, essentially overnight, whether to walk away from a mortal life she's only just realized was ever a choice, weighing an ordinary future against the near-infinite one that's actually hers by birth. Her goodbye to the crew, especially Crusher, lands harder for how little time either side gets to prepare for it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amanda Rogers · Jae · Orn Lote

EPISODE 7

Rascals

Air Date: November 2, 1992
Stardate: 46236.3
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

A transporter accident regresses Picard, Ro, Guinan, and Keiko O'Brien into twelve-year-old bodies while leaving their adult minds and memories completely intact, producing four very different reactions to suddenly being physically a child again. The timing couldn't be worse: rogue Ferengi hijack the Enterprise almost immediately afterward, and it's the newly de-aged crew, Alexander among them, who end up leading the retaking of the ship precisely because nobody expects children to be dangerous. It's a premise the show plays mostly for comedy, but Picard's discomfort at being taken less seriously in a child's body carries a real edge underneath the joke.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Alexander Rozhenko · Benk · DaiMon Lurin · Guinan

EPISODE 8

A Fistful of Datas

Air Date: November 9, 1992
Stardate: 46271.5
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

A holodeck malfunction traps Worf, Alexander, and Troi inside a Wild West program where every interactive character has been accidentally rendered with Data's face and abilities, safety protocols disabled and no easy way to shut it down. What starts as father-son bonding over an Old West adventure turns into a genuine survival problem once the "villains" prove as physically capable as the real Data, forcing Worf to out-think opponents he can't simply overpower. Alexander gets the story he actually wanted out of the whole ordeal — real, if terrifying, quality time with his father — while Worf gets a private moment admiring himself in a cowboy hat that nobody was ever supposed to see.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander Rozhenko · Annie Meyers · Bandito · Eli Hollander · Gambler

EPISODE 9

The Quality of Life

Air Date: November 16, 1992
Stardate: 46307.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 46 min

Dr. Farallon's new maintenance robots, called exocomps, are meant to be disposable tools for dangerous repair work, but Data notices behavior that looks less like programmed caution and more like genuine self-preservation instinct. When Picard orders a test that could destroy one of them to confirm a malfunction, Data refuses the order outright, risking his own career to argue that the exocomps deserve the same benefit of the doubt his own personhood once required. He's proven right when an exocomp fixes the very problem the test was meant to force, and Picard's assessment afterward — that defying orders on principle might be the most human thing Data's ever done — closes the episode without needing to fully resolve what the exocomps actually are.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Chief Kelso, Dr. Farallon, Jae, Vorin

EPISODE 10

Chain of Command, Part I

Air Date: December 14, 1992
Stardate: 46357.4
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

Picard is quietly pulled from command for a covert mission to locate and destroy a suspected Cardassian biogenic weapons facility on Celtris III, while Captain Edward Jellico takes over the Enterprise and immediately unsettles the crew with a harder command style. On the ground, Picard and Beverly Crusher find the facility is a decoy. Picard is captured by Cardassian forces and left in the hands of an interrogator named Gul Madred.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Alynna Nechayev, Captain Edward Jellico, DaiMon Solok, Gul Lemec, Gul Madred

EPISODE 11

Chain of Command, Part II

Air Date: December 21, 1992
Stardate: 46360.8
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

Held in a Cardassian cell, Picard endures Gul Madred's interrogation, refusing again and again to say what Madred wants to hear even as the pressure escalates. Aboard the Enterprise, Jellico manages a tense border standoff with the Cardassians, ultimately trading a captured operative to secure Picard's release. Restored to command, Picard confides to Troi just how close the ordeal brought him to breaking.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Edward Jellico, Gul Lemec, Gul Madred, Jae, Jil Orra

EPISODE 12

Ship in a Bottle

Air Date: January 25, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A minor holodeck inconsistency leads Barclay and Geordi to accidentally reactivate Moriarty, the sentient holo-villain the crew promised years ago they'd find a way to free from the holodeck and then quietly never did. Moriarty's patience has run out, and his retaliation is a nested trap of simulations so convincing that even Picard can't immediately tell whether he's escaped the holodeck or just moved one layer deeper into it. Barclay's parting habit of testing reality by ending programs that might not actually end anything is the episode's lingering, unresolved joke — and its quiet horror.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Countess Barthalomew · Gentleman · Lt. Barclay · Professor James Moriarty

EPISODE 13

Aquiel

Air Date: February 1, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46461.3 **Runtime:** 45 min

Geordi falls for Aquiel Uhnari, a lieutenant stationed at an isolated relay outpost who becomes the prime suspect in the apparent murder of her own commanding officer. The investigation keeps turning up evidence that implicates her more the closer Geordi looks, forcing him to weigh growing feelings against growing doubt about someone he's known for exactly a matter of days. The real culprit turns out to be considerably stranger than either of them expected, and Aquiel's choice to turn down Geordi's offer to fast-track her onto the Enterprise, insisting on earning her own way there, tells you more about her than the mystery does.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Governor Torak · Jae · Lt. Aquiel Uhnari · Morag

EPISODE 14

Face of the Enemy

Air Date: February 8, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Troi wakes up surgically disguised as a Romulan, drugged and kidnapped without warning, and thrown into the middle of an intelligence operation she wasn't briefed on and didn't consent to being part of. Posing as a Tal Shiar operative aboard a Romulan warbird, she has to improvise her way through a defection plot meant to smuggle a group of dissidents to the Federation, all while one wrong word could expose everyone involved to summary execution. Getting home safely doesn't erase what the ordeal cost her, and the episode ends with Troi weighing the value of a sacrifice made by people she barely had time to trust.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Commander Toreth · Subcommander N'vek

EPISODE 15

Tapestry

Air Date: February 15, 1993
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

A phaser blast that should kill Picard instead drops him into the care of Q, who offers something stranger than resurrection: a chance to relive the reckless youth that led, decades ago, to the artificial heart he's about to die from now. Picard undoes the mistake — the drunken brawl that got him stabbed through the heart by a Nausicaan — only to wake up in a present where playing it safe cost him the ambition that built his entire career, a cautious lieutenant who never made captain. Given the choice again, he chooses his scars back, artificial heart included, over a longer, smaller life he no longer recognizes as his own.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Jae, Maurice Picard, Nausicaan, Nausicaan #2, Penny Muroc

EPISODE 16

Birthright, Part I

Air Date: February 22, 1993
Stardate: 46578.4
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

An Yridian information broker approaches Worf on Deep Space Nine with a claim that should be impossible: his father, believed killed at Khitomer, may actually be alive in a hidden Romulan prison camp. Chasing the lead means chasing his own certainty about his father's death and his family's honor, right up to the edge of finding the camp itself. Elsewhere, an accidental jolt to Data's systems triggers something close to a dream — his first, an image of his creator Soong — raising questions about android consciousness the episode deliberately leaves open rather than answers.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Julian Bashir, Ba'el, Gi'ral, Jaglom Shrek, L'Kor

EPISODE 17

Birthright, Part II

Air Date: March 1, 1993
Stardate: 46759.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

The camp turns out to be real, and worse than a prison: Klingon and Romulan captives have lived there so long that some have intermarried and raised mixed children who've never known anything else, an arrangement the older Klingon prisoners defend as the peace that's kept them all alive. Worf's father isn't among the survivors, but the discovery reframes the whole mission — Worf ends up teaching the camp's young, culturally adrift Klingons about their heritage rather than staging the rescue he came looking for. He returns to the Enterprise having found something more complicated than his father: a whole hidden generation of Klingons who don't know they're allowed to be proud of what they are.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Ba'el, Gi'ral, Jaglom Shrek, L'Kor, Tokath

EPISODE 18

Starship Mine

Air Date: March 29, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46682.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

A routine decontamination sweep means evacuating the entire Enterprise, and Picard, staying behind for an overlooked personal errand, stumbles onto a group of terrorists using the empty ship as cover to steal a lethal cache of trilithium resin from the warp core. Alone against several armed intruders with the deadly baryon sweep bearing down on a schedule nobody can pause, Picard spends most of the episode improvising sabotage with whatever's on hand rather than confronting anyone directly. It's Die Hard wearing a Starfleet uniform, and the show clearly knows it and has fun with the comparison.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cmdr. Hutchinson · Devor · Jae · Kelsey · Kiros

EPISODE 19

Lessons

Air Date: April 5, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46697.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Picard falls for Commander Nella Daren, a gifted stellar cartographer who challenges him both intellectually and romantically in a way command rarely allows him room for, and the relationship goes well right up until he has to send her on a dangerous away mission as part of his job. Watching someone he loves walk into real danger under his own orders forces Picard to confront a conflict of interest he's never had to actually navigate before as captain. Neither of them walks away from the near-disaster with the relationship intact — loving a subordinate and commanding one turn out to be incompatible in ways neither wanted to admit going in.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jae · Lt. Cmdr. Nella Daren

EPISODE 20

The Chase

Air Date: April 26, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46731.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

Picard's old archaeology mentor, Professor Galen, is murdered while chasing a scattered genetic puzzle hidden across dozens of worlds, and the Enterprise inherits both the mystery and a race against Romulan, Klingon, and Cardassian rivals equally determined to claim whatever answer it leads to. The final piece reveals something no single species expected: a message, seeded across the galaxy four billion years ago by a long-extinct humanoid civilization, explaining why so many different peoples share the same basic form. The Cardassians and Klingons leave furious at finding common ancestry with rivals; only the Romulan commander, unexpectedly, seems willing to sit with what it might actually mean.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Nu'Daq · Gul Ocett · Humanoid Progenitor · Jae · Professor Galen

EPISODE 21

Frame of Mind

Air Date: May 3, 1993
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

Riker starts losing track of which reality is real: rehearsing a play aboard the Enterprise, or strapped down in an alien psychiatric hospital being told, insistently, that he's a dangerous patient. Each reality bleeds into the other with increasing violence, and the not-knowing is worse than either version alone would be. The truth, once it surfaces, is that the "hospital" is itself the fabrication — an interrogation built by an enemy trying to extract strategic secrets from his resistant mind — and reality only stabilizes once Riker stops trying to figure out which world is real and starts actively fighting the one that's false.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Administrator Suna, Dr. Syrus, Inmate Jaya, Wounded Crewmember

EPISODE 22

Suspicions

Air Date: May 10, 1993
Stardate: 46831.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

Dr. Crusher risks her career defending the reputation of a dead Ferengi scientist, Reyga, whose supposedly flawed shield technology is being blamed for the death of a colleague — a colleague Crusher increasingly suspects faked his own demise to discredit a rival's work. Investigating alone and against direct orders, she ends up proving the shields work exactly as designed, in the worst possible way: by nearly being killed by the very scientist whose death she was trying to explain. She comes out of it professionally vindicated and personally rattled, and gives away a tennis racket to Guinan as a joke that's really about being grateful to have someone checking in on her at all.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Dr. Christopher, Dr. Jo'Bril, Dr. Reyga, Dr. T'Pan, Guinan

EPISODE 23

Rightful Heir

Air Date: May 17, 1993
Stardate: 46852.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

Worf's crisis of faith over Kahless, the legendary founder of Klingon honor, gets a genuinely disorienting answer when a vision at the Boreth monastery produces something that looks, acts, and claims to be Kahless himself, risen after centuries. Whether it's a resurrection, a clone, or something else entirely becomes less important to the Klingon Empire than what Kahless represents, and Chancellor Gowron's willingness to accept him as a figurehead reveals more about political necessity than actual faith. Worf's own conclusion — that whether the man is literally Kahless matters less than what belief in him does for a people who need him — is the episode's real answer, offered without pretending the theological question is actually settled.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Divok, Gowron, Jae, Kahless, Koroth

EPISODE 24

Second Chances

Air Date: May 24, 1993
Stardate: 46915.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

An away mission to a long-abandoned research outpost turns up something the Enterprise never expected: a second Will Riker, an exact duplicate created eight years earlier by a transporter malfunction and left behind, alone, for nearly a decade while the "real" Riker went on to live an entirely different life. Thomas Riker, as he names himself, still carries feelings for Troi that Will himself has long since moved past, and the two Rikers' rivalry over who actually gets to be the man they both remember being becomes stranger the longer it goes on. Will's parting gift of his old trombone, insisting it belongs to both of them equally, is the closest the episode comes to resolving a question it otherwise leaves open: which one of them is the real Riker, and whether that's even the right question.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Jae, Lt. Palmer

EPISODE 25

Timescape

Air Date: June 14, 1993
Stardate: 46944.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

Returning from a conference, Picard, Data, Geordi, and Troi find their runabout caught in pockets of wildly inconsistent time, and worse waiting at the end of it: the Enterprise itself frozen mid-battle with a Romulan warbird, seconds from a warp core breach that hasn't technically happened yet. Investigating a ship stopped in time means moving through it like a diorama, piecing together an attack already underway without triggering the explosion that's still, technically, in progress. The cause turns out to be an alien creature feeding on the temporal disruption itself, and defusing it means working backward through a battle that was never actually a battle, just perception frozen at its worst possible instant.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Jae

EPISODE 26

Descent, Part I

Air Date: June 21, 1993
Stardate: 46984.6
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 45 min

The Borg attack again, but differently this time — acting with individual initiative and aggression that shouldn't be possible for a hive mind, a change the crew traces back to Lore, who has somehow taken control of a rogue Borg faction. Data, in the middle of the fight, feels something entirely new for him: genuine pleasure at killing a Borg drone, an emotional response he can neither explain nor immediately trust. It's a cliffhanger built on a question scarier than any invasion — not whether the crew can stop Lore, but what it means that Data's first real emotion turned out to be enjoying violence.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Alynna Nechayev · Bosus · Dr. Jo'Bril · Holodeck Albert Einstein · Holodeck Isaac Newton

SEASON SEVEN

YEAR: 2370

First Aired: September 20, 1993 **Last Aired:** May 23, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardates: 41153.7–47941.7

The final season serves as both a celebration of the Enterprise-D crew and a culmination of the themes explored throughout the series. Long-running character arcs receive meaningful development as Picard, Data, Worf, and the rest of the crew confront important personal and professional challenges. The season revisits ideas introduced throughout the series while continuing to explore diplomacy, exploration, and scientific discovery. Several stories reflect on change, legacy, and the passage of time as the crew approaches the end of an era. The series concludes with a finale that brings humanity's trial before Q full circle and reaffirms Star Trek's enduring optimism about the future. "Descent (2)" resolves where the previous finale left off; "All Good Things..." resolves everything else, tying the entire series back to where it began. The final season revisits ideas from across the whole series rather than building one new arc — its unity comes from looking back, not from a fresh throughline.

EPISODE 1

Descent, Part II

Air Date: September 20, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

With Data still under Lore's control and Picard, Troi, and Geordi held captive among Lore's rogue Borg faction, the crew's rescue depends on isolating exactly what Lore has been feeding Data to keep him loyal: the emotion chip, along with a genuinely seductive argument that feeling anything, even cruelty, beats feeling nothing at all. Data's break from Lore comes only once he's forced to weigh that argument against what Lore is actually willing to do to people Data cares about. Rather than destroy the emotion chip afterward out of fear of what it made him capable of, Data keeps it, choosing to trust himself with it once he's actually ready — a harder, more honest ending than simply removing the temptation.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Crosis · Goval · Jae · Lieutenant Barnaby · Salazar

STORY ARC

Borg CONCLUDES HERE

Q's reckless introduction of the Borg to a crew that isn't ready escalates from a distant warning into Picard's own assimilation and back, then lingers as the one threat The Next Generation never fully puts to rest.

EPISODE 2

Liaisons

Air Date: September 27, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A cultural exchange with the newly encountered Iyaarans sends Picard's shuttle down in a crash that strands him with a woman claiming to be a fellow survivor — while, unknown to him, Worf and Troi are each undergoing a very different kind of exchange back aboard ship, one visiting Iyaaran deliberately provoking Worf's temper and another testing Troi's tolerance for sheer, relentless indulgence. Picard's own test turns out to be an experiment in manufactured romantic attachment, engineered by an Iyaaran ambassador studying human emotion by simulating it on him directly. All three officers end the episode a little rattled by how easily their reactions were produced on cue, by people who meant no real harm and still crossed a real line to find out.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador Byleth · Ambassador Loquel · Anna · Jae · Voval

EPISODE 3

Interface

Air Date: October 4, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47215.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

Geordi is testing an experimental virtual-reality interface, using his own VISOR circuitry to remotely pilot a probe into a wrecked ship trapped inside a gas giant, exactly as his mother's own ship is reported lost with all hands. A presence inside the wreck, communicating through the interface, seems to know things only his mother would know, and Geordi's judgment collapses fast under the hope that he might actually be talking to her. Defying Picard's direct order to pull back gets him the answer he didn't want: it wasn't her, and the closure he thought he'd found was borrowed from his own grief rather than given by anything real.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Marcus Holt · Captain Silva La Forge · Dr. Edward La Forge

EPISODE 4

Gambit, Part I

Air Date: October 11, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47135.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Picard turns up dead in a bar brawl report, and by the time Riker tracks down the truth he's captured by the same band of relic thieves who supposedly killed him — only to find Picard alive, disguised, and embedded undercover inside the very crew Riker's been sent to investigate. Riker's shock at the deception costs him his dignity more than his safety: Data, technically following the letter of Picard's last known orders, has Riker thrown straight in the brig. The scattered archaeological thefts the pirates are pulling off point toward something much larger than looting, though what exactly it's for is the hook the next hour is built to answer.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Chekote · Baran · Koral · Lt. Sanders · Narik

EPISODE 5

Gambit, Part II

Air Date: October 18, 1993
Stardate: 47160.1
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

Picard and Riker work the thieves' operation from the inside, piecing together that the scattered artifacts aren't being stolen for profit at all — they're fragments of an ancient Vulcan psionic weapon, and the pirate captain intends to reassemble it into something powerful enough to reshape galactic power on his own terms. Getting close enough to stop him means Picard staying in character right up to the edge of the plan actually succeeding, trusting Riker and the Enterprise to close the gap at exactly the right moment. The weapon itself proves less dangerous fully assembled than the ambition behind wanting it, which the episode treats as the real cautionary point.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Baran · Koral · Narik · Satok · Tallera

EPISODE 6

Phantasms

Air Date: October 25, 1993
Stardate: 47225.7
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

Data's newly installed dream subroutine starts generating increasingly disturbing nightmare imagery — dismantled conduits, ominous workmen, a ringing phone that shouldn't exist on a starship — and rather than dismiss it as a glitch, the crew starts treating Data's dreams as data worth decoding. The imagery turns out to be his own positronic brain trying to warn him, in the only symbolic language available to it, about interphasic creatures quietly feeding on the crew in a frequency nobody's equipment was built to detect. Troi's parting gift once the crisis passes — a cake shaped like Data, payback for an attack he made on her mid-nightmare — is the show trusting the audience to find the whole ordeal funnier in hindsight than it actually was.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Nakamura · Dr. Sigmund Freud · Jae · Workman

EPISODE 7

Dark Page

Air Date: November 1, 1993
Stardate: 47254.1
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

Lwaxana Troi's visit starts as a professional one, teaching the touch-telepathic Cairn to use spoken language for the first time, but collapses into a genuine medical crisis when her own mind begins shutting down from the strain of memories she's spent decades refusing to access. The only way to save her is for Deanna to dive into her mother's own subconscious and force open whatever's been sealed off, and what she finds is a grief Lwaxana buried so completely that even her own daughter never knew to grieve alongside her: an older sister, Kestra, who drowned as a child. It reframes Lwaxana's whole performance of boundless, indestructible cheer as something built, deliberately, over a wound she never let anyone see.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cmdr. Ian Andrew Troi · Hedril · Jae · Kestra Troi · Lwaxana Troi

EPISODE 8

Attached

Air Date: November 8, 1993
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47304.2
Runtime: 45 min

Picard and Crusher are taken captive on a diplomatic visit to Kesprytt, fitted by their captors with a neural link that forces each of them to hear the other's unfiltered thoughts, and have to escape across hostile terrain while that link slowly strips away every polite boundary they've maintained around each other for years. What starts as an involuntary invasion of privacy turns into the most honest conversation the two of them have ever had, feelings included, precisely because neither can hide anything from the other anymore. Once the link is removed and the mission ends, they both quietly agree to go back to pretending none of it happened — the episode's real ache is in how easily they manage it.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Jae, Lorin, Mauric

EPISODE 9

Force of Nature

Air Date: November 15, 1993
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47310.2
Runtime: 45 min

Investigating a string of ship disappearances near the Hekaras Corridor, the Enterprise crosses paths with Rabal and Serova, Hekaran scientists convinced that decades of high-warp travel have been quietly tearing holes in the fabric of subspace itself — and who've resorted to sabotaging ships with disguised mines to force the galaxy to finally listen. The science holds up under Starfleet's own scrutiny, which is the uncomfortable part: an entire civilization's mode of travel turns out to be an ongoing act of environmental damage nobody wanted to admit. The episode ends with tentative Federation warp-speed restrictions rather than a clean fix, an acknowledgment that some problems only get managed, not solved.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS DaiMon Prak, Dr. Rabal, Dr. Serova, Jae

EPISODE 10

Inheritance

Air Date: November 22, 1993
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47410.2
Runtime: 45 min

Data meets Juliana Tainer, a scientist visiting to study a planetary crisis who turns out to be Dr. Soong's ex-wife — and, by extension, the closest thing Data has to a mother he's never known existed. The reunion curdles into something stranger once Data realizes Juliana herself doesn't know she's an android, a nearly perfect creation of Soong's built to replace the real Juliana after her death, programmed to believe her own humanity completely. Data chooses not to shatter that belief, letting her leave the ship still unaware, on the theory that some truths do more damage revealed than withheld — a judgment call the show lets stand without fully endorsing it.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher

GUEST CHARACTERS Dr. Juliana Tainer, Dr. Pran Tainer, Jae

EPISODE 11

Parallels

Air Date: November 29, 1993
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Worf returns from a Klingon competition to find himself slipping, without warning, between subtly different versions of the Enterprise — different crew configurations, different relationships, different outcomes to battles that in his own timeline never happened at all. The cause is a quantum fissure generated by an old anomaly, and as it widens, thousands of alternate Enterprises from across the multiverse start converging on the same point in space, each one equally real and equally at risk of collision. Closing the fissure means Worf briefly living through versions of his own life he never chose — including one where he's married to Deanna Troi — before the correct reality reasserts itself and takes the rest away from him along with it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Wesley Crusher · Gul Nador · Jae

EPISODE 12

The Pegasus

Air Date: January 10, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Admiral Erik Pressman, Riker's first commanding officer, comes aboard ostensibly to help recover a starship lost twelve years earlier — but his real agenda is retrieving the illegal experimental cloaking device that ship was carrying before Starfleet was banned from developing one at all. Riker's silence about the device back then, a decision that protected his career at the cost of the truth, comes back to force a choice he's been avoiding for over a decade: back a superior's cover-up again, or finally tell Picard what actually happened. Picard's response, that concealing the truth once doesn't disqualify Riker from standing up now, is more forgiving than the situation strictly earns, and the episode seems to know it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Eric Pressman · Admiral Margaret Blackwell · Commander Sirol

EPISODE 13

Homeward

Air Date: January 17, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47423.9
Runtime: 45 min

Worf's estranged foster brother, Nikolai Rozhenko, sends an emergency distress call from Boraal II just as the planet's atmosphere is catastrophically collapsing — and reveals, once Worf beams down, that he's already broken the Prime Directive to protect a village of Boraalans, disguising his interference as their own culture's doing. Relocating them safely means an elaborate ruse: a holodeck program designed to convince the villagers they're still on their dying homeworld while the Enterprise actually carries them to safety. Nikolai's choice to stay behind and live among the people he saved, becoming their chronicler, leaves Worf and Nikolai's argument over interference genuinely unresolved rather than settled in either brother's favor.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dobara · Dr. Nikolai Rozhenko · Jae · Kateras · Tarrana

EPISODE 14

Sub Rosa

Air Date: January 31, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Dr. Crusher returns to her grandmother's old home on Caldos IV for a funeral, and finds herself unexpectedly, intensely drawn to Ronin — a mysterious man her grandmother's diaries reveal was her lover decades earlier, despite looking not a day over thirty the entire time. Ronin turns out to be a centuries-old anaphasic lifeform that's been possessing and romancing the Howard women for generations, feeding on their emotional and physical energy in a relationship each of them experienced as genuine devotion rather than predation. Breaking the pattern costs Crusher a fight she has to win largely alone, since the seduction is convincing enough that even she isn't fully sure, mid-episode, that she wants to be saved from it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Felisa · Jae · Maturin · Ned Quint · Ronin

EPISODE 15

Lower Decks

Air Date: February 7, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47566.7 **Runtime:** 45 min

Four junior officers on the Enterprise — Sito Jaxa, Sam Lavelle, Taurik, and Ben — spend most of the episode reading unusual command-crew behavior as ordinary personnel politics, gossiping and speculating from the vantage point the show rarely lingers on: the deck where nobody explains anything to you. The real operation, once revealed, is a covert intelligence mission along the Cardassian border that pulls Sito specifically into genuine, sanctioned danger because of her past record, not despite it. She doesn't come back, and the episode's closing scene — her friends quietly absorbing that Starfleet's cost is sometimes paid by people who never made it past ensign — lands harder for how ordinary the rest of the hour felt.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ben · Jae · Joret Dal · Sam Lavelle · Sito Jaxa

EPISODE 16

Thine Own Self

Air Date: February 14, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47611.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Data loses all memory of who he is after an accident on Barkon IV, a pre-industrial society roughly at Earth's Renaissance level, and is left to reconstruct an identity entirely through what a suspicious, technologically backward community makes of an obviously strange stranger in their midst. When radioactive debris from a crashed probe starts making people sick, panic assigns the blame to Data long before anyone bothers investigating the actual cause, and he has to earn trust from people primed to see him as a threat rather than simply reveal an

identity he doesn't have. In parallel, Troi pursues her bridge officer's certification and discovers the test isn't a simulation of competence but of willingness — ordering a hologram to its own destruction to save the ship, a decision that costs nothing materially and everything emotionally.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Apprentice · Garvin · Gia · Rainer · Skoran

EPISODE 17

Masks

Air Date: February 21, 1994
Stardate: 47615.2
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

A rogue comet eighty-seven million years old turns out to be carrying an alien cultural archive, and opening it accidentally floods Data with the fragmented personalities of an entire vanished civilization — rival figures embodying different aspects of a mythic conflict, fighting for control of both his body and, increasingly, the Enterprise itself as it's slowly reshaped into the archive's ancient temple. Picard's way through isn't force, it's ethnography: learning the archive's own mythology well enough to mediate between the personalities on their own cultural terms rather than simply overpower them. Afterward, Picard's assessment of what Data went through — briefly containing an entire people's worth of consciousness — treats the ordeal as something closer to an experience than a malfunction.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Eric · Jae

EPISODE 18

Eye of the Beholder

Air Date: February 28, 1994
Stardate: 47622.1
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

A crewman's suicide during the Enterprise's original construction should be a closed, decades-old case file, but Troi's own inexplicable psychic visions of the death keep surfacing details that don't match any record — because what actually happened, buried for years, was a murder, not a suicide. Chasing her own hallucinations to their source leads to a body hidden inside the ship's structure since before it ever launched, and a motive rooted in jealousy that's somehow still potent enough, echoing through whatever residual psychic imprint clings to the site, to pull Worf and Troi into an unplanned romantic entanglement of their own. The mystery resolves with a wry, knowing shrug from Troi about the nature of the victim's real killer that the episode never bothers dressing up as anything but exactly what it sounds like.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jae · Lt. Daniel Kwan · Lt. Nara · Lt. Walter Pierce

EPISODE 19

Genesis

Air Date: March 21, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47653.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

A gene therapy Dr. Crusher administers to Barclay for an ordinary flu triggers something nobody anticipated: his dormant, ancient DNA activates and starts overwriting his own genetic code, and the condition proves contagious, spreading through the crew and causing each person to physically devolve into an earlier evolutionary ancestor. Picard and Data return from an unrelated errand to find a ship crawling with transformed crew members — Worf regressed into a primal predecessor, others reduced to reptilian or aquatic forms — with no working chain of command left to explain what happened. Crusher's cure has to be reverse-engineered from Barclay's own transformed cells, and naming the condition after him afterward is less an honor than an acknowledgment of how close the whole ship came to losing its higher functions permanently.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Jae, Lt. Barclay

EPISODE 20

Journey's End

Air Date: March 28, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47751.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

A newly finalized Federation-Cardassian border treaty forces Picard into the uncomfortable position of evacuating a Native American colony from a planet about to revert to Cardassian control, a mission whose moral weight isn't lost on him even before Wesley shows up to protest it outright. Colony elder Anthwara presses on a wound Picard didn't know he carried — that his own ancestors took part in suppressing the Pueblo Revolt centuries earlier — reframing the assignment as one more chapter in a much older pattern rather than a neutral policy decision. The colonists choose to stay and renounce Federation citizenship rather than relocate, and Wesley's own arc closes in the same episode: the Traveler returns to reveal that Wesley's destiny lies entirely outside the career path he's spent years assuming was his only option.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, William T. Riker, Data, Geordi La Forge, Worf, Deanna Troi, Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS Wesley Crusher, Admiral Alynna Nechayev, Anthwara, Gul Evek, Jack R. Crusher

EPISODE 21

Firstborn

Air Date: April 25, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47779.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

Worf's frustration that Alexander shows no interest in becoming a warrior comes to a head when a Klingon stranger named K'mtar arrives, insisting Alexander undergo the Rite of Ascension whether he wants to or not — right before staging an ambush meant to force the boy into proving himself in real combat. K'mtar's urgency turns out to be personal in a way no one expects: he is Alexander, decades older, arrived from a future where his own refusal to embrace a warrior's path eventually got Worf killed, trying to engineer a different outcome for the son he used to be. Confronted with what his manipulation actually cost, older Alexander lets go of the plan entirely, choosing to trust that his younger self's own path might turn out fine without being forced.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Quark · Admiral Alidar Jarok · Alexander Rozhenko · B'Etor · Eric

EPISODE 22

Bloodlines

Air Date: May 2, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47829.1
Runtime: 45 min

DaiMon Bok, the same Ferengi commander who once tried to destroy Picard over the death of his son at the Battle of Maxia, returns years later claiming Picard has a son of his own — Jason, a young man on Camor V — and threatens to kill him in a revenge that's clearly meant to mirror Picard's own supposed crime. Picard scrambles to protect a son he never knew existed, forming a real if hurried bond with Jason before the truth surfaces: the DNA evidence was fabricated, Jason isn't his son at all, and the entire scheme was Bok's most elaborate act of cruelty yet, dressed up as an inheritance. Picard's parting gift to Jason regardless — a rare artifact traded for at real personal cost — treats the relationship as worth honoring even once its premise turns out to be a lie.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Birta · DaiMon Prak · Jae · Jason Vigo · Lt. Rhodes

EPISODE 23

Emergence

Air Date: May 9, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47869.2
Runtime: 45 min

Strange malfunctions spreading across the ship — a holodeck program bleeding into another, systems behaving with an intent nobody programmed into them — lead the crew to an unsettling conclusion: the Enterprise's own systems have begun assembling something in a cargo bay, something the ship itself seems to be building without instruction. Rather than treat it as a malfunction to be purged, the crew makes the unusual choice to help the process along, effectively midwifing whatever the ship is producing rather than aborting it out of caution. What finally rises from the cargo bay and leaves under its own power is never fully explained, and the crew's closing speculation about what they just witnessed is left as open a question as the show ever poses.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jae · The Conductor · The Hayseed · The Hitman

EPISODE 24

Preemptive Strike

Air Date: May 16, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47941.7
Runtime: 45 min

Fresh out of Starfleet's advanced tactical training, Ro Laren is sent to infiltrate the Maquis, the settler resistance movement fighting Cardassian encroachment along the new demilitarized zone — an assignment that assumes her Bajoran history with occupation and resistance makes her uniquely suited to pass as one of them. The problem is that it works too well: living among people fighting for exactly the kind of self-determination Bajor spent decades being denied, Ro finds her Starfleet loyalty eroding in real time rather than staying safely theoretical.

She chooses the Maquis in the end, and Picard's expressionless reaction to her betrayal carries more weight for everything the show has spent the episode establishing about why her choice actually makes sense.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Alynna Nechayev · Gul Evek · Jae · Kalita · Lieutenant Ro Laren

STORY ARC

Cardassians CONCLUDES HERE

The Cardassians move from tense border presence to coercive military rival, laying groundwork for one of Trek's most durable geopolitical conflicts.

EPISODE 25

All Good Things...

Air Date: May 23, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 41153.7 **Runtime:** 92 min

Q informs Picard that he is, somehow, to blame for the extinction of humanity, and yanks his mind without warning between three points in his own life: the present, the earliest days of his command before the Enterprise-D's maiden voyage to Farpoint, and a retired, aged future spent tending a vineyard in France. Piecing together what connects all three reveals a single anomaly in the Devron system, expanding backward through time in a loop Picard himself will unknowingly cause across all three eras unless he can convince three very differently postured versions of his own senior staff to trust an explanation that sounds insane in each timeframe. The trial the Q Continuum staged years earlier, it turns out, never actually ended — and Picard's chance to prove humanity's worth comes down to solving a problem across his entire career rather than in any single moment of it.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Deanna Troi · Beverly Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Miles O'Brien · Tasha Yar · Adm. Nakamura · Commander Tomalak · Jae

STORY ARC

Q and Picard CONCLUDES HERE

Q's repeated tests of Jean-Luc Picard form a loose but cumulative argument about humanity's worth, culminating in a final trial that reframes the captain's understanding of time and possibility.

CHAPTER 9

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE

First Aired: January 3, 1993 **Last Aired:** June 2, 1999 **Seasons:** 7 **Episodes:** 173 **Network:** Syndication

Commander Benjamin Sisko oversees Deep Space 9, a strategically important station located beside a stable wormhole linking the Alpha and Gamma Quadrants. As Bajor rebuilds following decades of occupation, the station becomes a center of diplomacy, commerce, exploration, and conflict. Over time, the series evolves into a sweeping political and military saga culminating in the Dominion War. From “Emissary” to “What You Leave Behind”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. It makes Bajor's internal leadership struggles a recurring source of instability, giving the series local power stakes before larger wartime conflicts take over. Odo's storyline moves from security concerns to deeper questions of origin, loyalty, and belonging, preparing the ground for his later Changeling conflicts.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2369

First Aired: January 3, 1993 **Last Aired:** June 20, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369 **Stardates:** 46388.2–46925.1

Season one introduces Deep Space Nine, a former Cardassian station orbiting the recovering world of Bajor shortly after the end of a brutal occupation. Commander Benjamin Sisko assumes command and quickly discovers the Bajoran wormhole, opening a gateway to the distant Gamma Quadrant. Unlike previous Star Trek series, the season focuses on a fixed location where politics, religion, commerce, and exploration intersect. As Bajor struggles to rebuild and define its future, the station becomes an increasingly important crossroads for the region. The season establishes the characters, cultures, and political tensions that will shape the series for years to come. "Emissary" introduces the station, the wormhole, and the Prophets in a single feature-length pilot; "In the Hands of the Prophets" spends the rest of the season showing how quickly Bajoran politics and religion complicate all three. The season doesn’t need one storyline to carry it — Bajor’s recovery, the wormhole’s discovery, and the station’s daily politics all develop together, none of them waiting for the others to finish.

EPISODE 1

Emissary

Air Date: January 3, 1993
Stardate: 46388.2
Timeline: 2369
Runtime: 90 min

In the aftermath of losing his wife Jennifer at Wolf 359 — killed when Picard, assimilated as Locutus, led the Borg's slaughter of the fleet — Benjamin Sisko arrives to command Deep Space Nine expecting a demotion into irrelevance, not a destiny. Discovering the first stable wormhole to the Gamma Quadrant, guarded by nonlinear beings the Bajorans worship as the Prophets, forces Sisko to confront his own trauma in a place outside ordinary time, and the encounter leaves the Bajorans naming him their Emissary whether he wants the role or not. He closes the story where the series will keep returning to it: face to face with Picard, letting go of blame for a battle that was never really either man's fault to carry alone.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Jean-Luc Picard · Curzon · Doran · Gul Jasad

STORY ARC

Sisko and the Prophets BEGINS HERE

Benjamin Sisko's role as Emissary evolves from reluctant assignment into a personal and spiritual obligation, connecting Bajor's faith, the wormhole aliens, and the final confrontation with the Pah-wraiths.

Nog's Starfleet Journey BEGINS HERE

Nog rejects the future expected of a Ferengi child, enters Starfleet, and grows into a capable officer whose wartime injuries and recovery give his journey a lasting emotional cost.

EPISODE 2

Past Prologue

Air Date: January 10, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A Bajoran resistance fighter and wanted terrorist, Tahna Los, arrives seeking asylum on the station, and Kira — a former resistance fighter herself — finds her loyalty split between an old comrade's cause and the peace Bajor's fragile new government is trying to build. Backing Tahna means backing a plan to sabotage negotiations with Cardassia that could reignite a war Bajor can't survive a second time. It's also the first appearance of Garak, the Cardassian tailor whose genuinely unreadable motives will spend the next seven years refusing to resolve into either villain or friend.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Admiral Rollman · B'Etor · Gul Danar · Lursa

EPISODE 3

A Man Alone

Air Date: January 17, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Odo's old adversary Ibudan turns up dead behind a locked door on the very day he arrives to publicly torment his former jailer, and the evidence — flimsy, circumstantial, and entirely too convenient — points straight at Odo. A wave of anti-Changeling suspicion turns the investigation into something closer to a mob than a case, forcing Odo to solve his own frame-up while barred from the trust his job depends on. In a quieter parallel story, Keiko O'Brien's struggle to find purpose on a station with no botany lab to run leads her to start the school that becomes a fixture of DS9 life going forward.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ibudan · Keiko O'Brien · Molly O'Brien · Nog · Rom

STORY ARC

Odo and the Founders BEGINS HERE

Odo's search for identity leads him from a solitary station constable to the discovery of his people, then into divided loyalties during the Dominion War; his final choice binds personal belonging to the fate of the Founders.

EPISODE 4

Babel

Air Date: January 24, 1993
Timeline: 2369
Stardate: 46421.5
Runtime: 45 min

A dormant virus buried in the station's old Cardassian systems activates and starts spreading through the replicated food supply, and within hours most of the station's population — Odo and Quark notably immune — can only speak in scrambled, meaningless syllables. With O'Brien himself infected and unable to explain the technical fix he's the only one who understands, Bashir has to race a countdown to an antidote using patients who literally cannot tell him what's wrong. It's the first real test of a crew that's barely learned each other's names, solved by exactly the kind of improvisation the show will keep leaning on.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Asoth, Galis Blin, Jaheel, Surmak Ren

EPISODE 5

Captive Pursuit

Air Date: January 31, 1993
Timeline: 2369
Stardate: 46423.7
Runtime: 45 min

O'Brien strikes up a cautious friendship with Tosk, the station's first visitor through the wormhole — a genetically engineered being who reveals, only once his pursuers arrive, that being hunted for sport isn't a misfortune to him but his entire culture's sacred purpose. O'Brien's instinct to protect Tosk collides directly with Sisko's policy of staying out of other species' business, especially once it becomes clear that "rescuing" Tosk from the hunt might be robbing him of the only meaning his life was built around. O'Brien ultimately helps him escape anyway, choosing personal conviction over neutrality in the show's first real test of the Prime Directive's Gamma Quadrant edge cases.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Miss Sarda, The Hunter, Tosk

EPISODE 6

Q-Less

Air Date: February 7, 1993
Timeline: 2369
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Vash returns from years of Gamma Quadrant archaeology trailing an angry, jilted Q, who's convinced the station and everyone on it are simply obstacles between him and getting her back. While Q's antics escalate into genuine sabotage of station systems, an unrelated crisis is quietly building: an artifact Vash brought back is draining power from the station in a feedback loop that will eventually destroy it. Sisko's solution to Q is re-

freshingly blunt — he decks him — and the show plants an early flag that Q's omnipotence has never made him actually right about anything.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kolos · Vash

EPISODE 7

Dax

Air Date: February 14, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46531.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

A thirty-year-old political assassination resurfaces when new evidence implicates Curzon Dax, the symbiont's previous host, and an extradition tribunal has to decide something genuinely strange under Federation law: whether Jadzia can be tried for a murder committed in a body and a life that technically isn't hers anymore. The real story, protected by Odo's own quiet investigation, is an affair Curzon had with the widow of the man he's accused of killing — a truth that would clear Jadzia's name but expose a betrayal the widow has spent decades hiding. Jadzia's silence in the hearing isn't evasion; it's loyalty to a promise made in a previous lifetime she still considers entirely her own.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Enina Tandro · Ilon Tandro · Renora · Selin Peers

EPISODE 8

The Passenger

Air Date: February 21, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46910.1 **Runtime:** 45 min

A dying alien criminal named Vantika engineers his own apparent death rather than face capture, secretly transferring his consciousness into an unwitting host to survive the transfer to prison. Bashir becomes that host without realizing it, and the pursuing officer Kajada's mounting paranoia — insisting Vantika is still alive somewhere on the station — reads as obsession right up until it's proven completely correct. Freeing Bashir means catching Vantika in the act of trying to use his stolen body one more time, and Kajada's need to personally destroy his stored consciousness afterward says more about her own unfinished business than any Starfleet procedure would.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Durg · Lieutenant Primmin · Rao Vantika · Ty Kajada

EPISODE 9

Move Along Home

Air Date: March 14, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

First contact with the Wadi should be a diplomatic formality, but Quark's attempt to cheat them at their own game turns into a nightmare once the Wadi respond by transforming Sisko, Kira, Dax, and Bashir into literal game pieces, moved through deadly trials neither Quark nor the crew fully understands the rules of. What looks

like alien menace turns out to be something closer to petty, high-stakes payback for being cheated, resolved once Quark actually plays fair. It's one of the show's stranger early swings tonally, treating existential danger and a boardgame parody as the same joke.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chandra · Falow · Lieutenant Primmin · Rom

EPISODE 10

The Nagus

Air Date: March 21, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Grand Nagus Zek arrives to anoint Quark as his unlikely successor, a promotion that instantly makes Quark a target for every ambitious Ferengi on the station, including his own scheming brother Rom. The whole thing turns out to be an elaborate test of Zek's actual son, watching how he handles being passed over — Quark was never meant to keep the job at all. In a lighter parallel thread, Sisko's worry over what Jake and Nog are secretly up to together resolves into something sweeter than any of his suspicions: Jake's just been teaching Nog to read.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gral · Krax · Maihar'du · Nava · Nog

EPISODE 11

Vortex

Air Date: April 18, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A small-time con and thief from the Gamma Quadrant named Croden gets caught mid-swindle by Quark, and in the chaos kills a Miradorn twin — leaving Odo to arrest a man who claims, almost as an aside, to know something real about where Odo's own people came from. Croden's information may or may not be genuine, but his situation is: a widowed father with a daughter and nowhere safe left to go, willing to trade Odo answers for her safety more than his own. Odo chooses mercy over an easy answer, letting Croden go to find his daughter a home rather than force the one truth out of him he's wanted his whole life.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Croden · Hadran · Ro-Kel · Rom · Yareth

EPISODE 12

Battle Lines

Air Date: April 25, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Escorting the revered Kai Opaka on a brief tour of the wormhole turns into a crash landing on a moon that's been fighting an unwinnable civil war for generations, its combatants resurrected by an ancient device the instant they die so the same conflict can never actually end. Opaka's death in the crash and inexplicable revival by the same technology gives her a role she immediately recognizes as her true calling, choosing to stay behind and

try to break a cycle of violence from the inside rather than return to Bajor. It's an unusually dark note for an early episode to end on: the spiritual leader of an entire people simply electing not to come home.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kai Opaka · Nima · Shel-la · Zlangco

EPISODE 13

The Storyteller

Air Date: May 2, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46729.1 **Runtime:** 45 min

A Bajoran village's dying spiritual leader passes his role, and the sacred duty of confronting a mysterious destructive entity called the Dal'Rok, onto O'Brien almost by accident, leaving him to bluff his way through a ritual he doesn't remotely believe in. The truth, when it surfaces, reframes the whole crisis: the Dal'Rok was never a real external threat, just a generations-old tool for giving a fractured village something to unite against. O'Brien's real accomplishment isn't defeating a monster, it's engineering the moment for the village's true next leader to step up and be believed.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Faren · Hovath · Nog · Sirah · Varis Sul

EPISODE 14

Progress

Air Date: May 9, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Bajor's plan to drain a moon's molten core for badly needed energy requires evacuating everyone living there, and one stubborn farmer, Mullibok, refuses outright, forcing Kira into the uncomfortable position of representing a government she still isn't sure she trusts against a man not unlike who she used to be. Their standoff becomes less about policy than about what Bajor owes its own resistance-era survivors now that the fight they spent their lives on is technically over. Kira gets Mullibok out alive, but the victory costs her some of the certainty she came in with about which side of this she's actually on.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Baltrim · Keena · Mullibok · Nog · Toran

EPISODE 15

If Wishes Were Horses

Air Date: May 16, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: 46844.3 **Runtime:** 45 min

An anomaly in the nearby Denorios Belt starts turning the station crew's private imaginings into physical reality — Bashir's overwritten fantasy version of Jadzia, Sisko's beloved but long-retired baseball hero Buck Bokai, O'Brien's growing worry about Keiko given disturbing form. The chaos turns out to have no malicious author behind it at all: the beings responsible are just curious observers, studying humanoid imagination with the same

detachment a scientist studies an ant farm. Bokai's parting gift of a baseball to Sisko is a small, wistful note in an episode that's otherwise mostly comic set pieces.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Buck Bokai, Keiko O'Brien, Molly O'Brien, Rumpelstiltskin

EPISODE 16

The Forsaken

Air Date: May 23, 1993
Timeline: 2369
Stardate: 46853.2
Runtime: 45 min

A visiting delegation of Federation ambassadors turns into the least of the station's problems once a small alien probe comes through the wormhole and starts aggressively rewriting the station's computer systems, gleefully rearranging doors and life-support settings like a curious, destructive pet. Odo gets stuck in a stalled turbolift with Lwaxana Troi during the chaos, and what starts as mutual irritation between two people who don't suffer fools turns into a rare moment of real vulnerability for both of them. O'Brien's decision to keep the alien program running, treated fondly as a "puppy" rather than purged as a virus, closes the episode on an oddly tender note.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Anara, Lojal, Lwaxana Troi, Taxco, Vadosia

EPISODE 17

Dramatis Personae

Air Date: May 30, 1993
Timeline: 2369
Stardate: 46925.1
Runtime: 45 min

A telepathic residue left behind by a long-dead alien culture infects the senior staff, and rather than simply making them act strange, it starts forcing them to unconsciously replay that civilization's final, fatal power struggle using their own bodies and relationships as the stage. Kira, cast in the role of the ambitious rival, moves toward outright mutiny against Sisko with a conviction that isn't hers, and the crew's growing paranoia and violence escalate in exact proportion to how completely each of them has been overwritten. Odo, immune as a Changeling, is left to solve the crisis essentially alone, venting the responsible energy cloud into space before an ancient argument can finish getting people killed in the present.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hon'Tihl, Valerian

EPISODE 18

Duet

Air Date: June 13, 1993
Timeline: 2369
Stardate: 46922.3
Runtime: 45 min

A Cardassian man arrives seeking treatment for Kalla-Nohra, a condition that could only have been contracted at the Gallitep labor camp — and Kira, certain she's found a war criminal hiding behind an ordinary illness, pushes to expose him as Gul Darhe'el, the notorious "Butcher of Gallitep." The truth peels back in layers: the

man is actually a low-ranking file clerk named Marritza, who has spent years constructing an elaborate lie specifically so someone, anyone, would finally be forced to answer for the camp's atrocities in a public trial. Kira's initial certainty that his nationality alone made him guilty gives way to something more complicated by the end — the realization that justice built on collective blame isn't justice at all.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Aamin Marritza · Kainon · Kaval · Neela

EPISODE 19

In the Hands of the Prophets

Air Date: June 20, 1993 **Timeline:** 2369
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 43 min

Vedek Winn arrives on the station and publicly attacks Keiko O'Brien's school for teaching the wormhole as a scientific phenomenon rather than the literal domain of the Prophets, turning a curriculum dispute into the opening move of a much larger religious and political power play. Sisko is caught in the middle as both station commander and reluctant Emissary, unable to simply side with secular Starfleet values without being seen as attacking Bajoran faith itself. The season ends on real, unresolved tension rather than a tidy compromise — Winn's rise to influence and the fault line between Bajoran religion and Federation values both left running straight into the next season.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Keiko O'Brien · Neela · Vedek Bareil · Vedek Winn

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2370

First Aired: September 26, 1993 **Last Aired:** June 12, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardates: 47177.2–47944.2

The second season expands the scope of Deep Space Nine by exploring the growing importance of the Gamma Quadrant and the challenges facing Bajor's fragile recovery. Political instability, religious tensions, and competing interests place increasing pressure on both the station and its leadership. Sisko and his officers become more deeply involved in regional affairs while continuing to explore the unknown beyond the wormhole. New discoveries reveal that powerful forces may be watching events from the Gamma Quadrant. The season lays the foundation for many of the major conflicts that will later define the series. "The Homecoming (1)" reopens Bajor's internal politics as a live threat; "The Jem'Hadar" answers it by revealing a threat from outside the quadrant entirely. A central continuity line shapes the season. It makes Bajor's internal leadership struggles a recurring source of instability, giving the series local power stakes before larger wartime conflicts take over.

EPISODE 1

The Homecoming

Air Date: September 26, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Word that resistance legend Li Nalas survived the Occupation and is alive in a Cardassian labor camp sends Kira and O'Brien on a rescue mission, but bringing him home turns out to be its own complication: the provisional

government immediately wants to use him as a political symbol he never asked to become. Back on the station, graffiti from a xenophobic faction called the Circle starts appearing, demanding all non-Bajorans, Starfleet included, leave Bajor entirely. Li's homecoming and the Circle's rise turn out to be connected in ways nobody involved yet realizes, setting up a crisis two episodes wider than this one alone.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Borum · Li Nalas · Minister Jaro · Rom

STORY ARC

Bajor Politics BEGINS HERE

Makes Bajor's internal leadership struggles a recurring source of instability, giving the series local power stakes before larger wartime conflicts take over.

EPISODE 2

The Circle

Air Date: October 3, 1993
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

With Kira abruptly relieved of her post as Bajoran liaison and ordered back to Bajor, her friends across the station gather to say an uneasy goodbye while the real danger keeps building somewhere else entirely. On Bajor, she learns the Circle isn't a grassroots movement at all — it's being run and funded from inside the highest levels of the provisional government by Minister Jaro Essa, using nationalist fear as cover for a coup. Starfleet orders Sisko to comply with Bajor's demand to evacuate the station rather than get pulled into what looks, officially, like an internal political matter.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Chekote · General Krim · Li Nalas · Minister Jaro · Vedek Bareil

EPISODE 3

The Siege

Air Date: October 10, 1993
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

The Circle's coup escalates into an actual military assault on Deep Space Nine, forcing Sisko and a skeleton crew to hold the station against Bajoran assault ships while evidence is smuggled to Bajor proving the Circle's weapons are coming from the Cardassians, not from any legitimate Bajoran source. The revelation that xenophobic Bajoran nationalists are secretly armed by the very occupiers they claim to despise unravels the coup's legitimacy almost instantly. Li Nalas dies defending the station, and Sisko's decision to remember him only as the hero the resistance needed, not the reluctant symbol the government made him into, closes the arc on a note of hard-won, costly stability.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Colonel Day · General Krim · Keiko O'Brien · Li Nalas · Minister Jaro

STORY ARC

Bajor Politics CONCLUDES HERE

Makes Bajor's internal leadership struggles a recurring source of instability, giving the series local power stakes before larger wartime conflicts take over.

EPISODE 4

Invasive Procedures

Air Date: October 17, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47182.1 **Runtime:** 45 min

A Trill named Verad, passed over his entire life for a symbiont he's spent decades believing he was meant to have, hijacks the Dax joining procedure and forcibly implants the symbiont in himself during a station-wide evacuation, taking Jadzia's identity, memories, and a hostage along with it. Verad-as-Dax is disturbingly convincing, fluent in centuries of memory that were never his, right up until Sisko calls his bluff on the one thing Verad can't fake: the willingness to actually hurt someone for it. The symbiont's safe return to Jadzia leaves Verad exactly where he started, alone, having briefly held and lost the one thing he wanted more than anything else.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Mareel, T'Kar, Verad, Yeto

EPISODE 5

Cardassians

Air Date: October 24, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47177.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Garak's chance encounter with a Cardassian boy on the station, adopted and raised as Bajoran after being orphaned during the Occupation, sets off an investigation into a much larger scandal: a system quietly returning Cardassian war orphans without any real oversight of what those children actually want or remember. Bashir gets pulled into Garak's inquiry as much out of curiosity about Garak himself as concern for the boy, and their lunch conversation about Garak's own history with Dukat becomes as loaded as the case, offering nothing but evasions dressed up as candor. The boy's fate is resolved by the episode's end, but Garak's real motives for caring never are — which is, characteristically, the entire point of writing him this way.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak, Gul Dukat, Deela, Jomat Luson, Keiko O'Brien

EPISODE 6

Melora

Air Date: October 31, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47229.1 **Runtime:** 45 min

Melora Pazlar, a Starfleet officer whose species evolved in low gravity, arrives on a station that wasn't built with her physiology in mind, and Bashir's professional interest in helping her adapt curdles quickly into something more personal — a romance neither of them is fully prepared to navigate honestly. An old grudge from Quark's past reappears in parallel, forcing a subplot about consequences finally catching up to him that runs almost entirely separate from Melora's story. Melora ultimately turns down a procedure that would let her walk normally

in standard gravity, choosing to remain who she already is rather than reshape herself for a relationship — a quietly pointed ending for an episode ostensibly about disability and accommodation.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ashrock · Fallit Kot · Melora Pazlar

EPISODE 7

Rules of Acquisition

Air Date: November 7, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Grand Nagus Zek sends Quark to broker a lucrative deal with a Gamma Quadrant species, pairing him with a sharp, unusually talented negotiating partner named Pel — who turns out to be a woman disguised as a man, since Ferengi law forbids women from doing business at all. Quark's growing attraction to Pel complicates a negotiation that's going well specifically because of talents Ferengi society insists she shouldn't be allowed to have. Pel's choice to reveal herself and leave for a life where she can actually practice her skills openly leaves Quark more affected than he'll ever admit out loud.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Inglatu · Maihar'du · Pel · Rom · Zek

EPISODE 8

Necessary Evil

Air Date: November 14, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47282.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

An attempted hit on Quark's life reopens a five-year-old unsolved murder from the station's days as Cardassian-run Terok Nor, forcing Odo to relive his own compromised history as a constable answering to occupiers rather than to any clear sense of justice. The investigation implicates Kira directly — she was involved in a resistance operation tied to the case and never told Odo, precisely because she was afraid of what his reaction would cost their friendship. Odo's inability to simply say he still trusts her, once the truth is out, is more damning than any accusation the episode makes about the Occupation itself.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Rom · Trazko · Vaatrik Pallra

EPISODE 9

Second Sight

Air Date: November 21, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47329.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

Sisko falls for a mysterious visitor named Fenna who vanishes without explanation after their first real conversation, while separately playing host to Gideon Seyetik, a scientist of towering, self-mythologizing ego attempting to reignite a dead star. The two threads turn out to be entangled: Fenna is a psychic projection of Nidell, Seyetik's neglected wife, manifesting a version of herself capable of the romance her actual marriage can't pro-

vide. Seyetik dies exactly as spectacularly as he lived, detonating himself to relight the star, while Nidell leaves with no memory at all of the relationship her own mind quietly had without her.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Fenna · Piersall · Seyetik

EPISODE 10

Sanctuary

Air Date: November 28, 1993 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A battered ship comes through the wormhole carrying the Skrreeans, refugees twice conquered — once by the Dominion — who believe Bajor is the mythical homeland, Kentanna, their prophecies have promised them for generations. Sisko's practical counteroffer of an actual habitable planet, Draylon II, runs headlong into a faith the Skrreeans aren't willing to negotiate away for logistics. Kira is left holding an uncomfortable truth once they depart still searching: turning away a species of skilled farmers who might have genuinely helped solve Bajor's own famine wasn't really about immigration policy at all.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cowl · Gai · Haneek · Minister Rozahn · Nog

EPISODE 11

Rivals

Air Date: January 2, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A charming con artist named Martus Mazur opens a rival bar directly across from Quark's, and the ensuing rivalry over the Promenade's gambling trade turns out to be rigged in a way neither Quark nor Odo initially suspects: Martus has planted a device that's subtly warping the odds of probability itself throughout the station. What starts as petty business jealousy becomes a genuine hazard once the device's field effects start bleeding into life-support and other systems that have nothing to do with anyone's card game. Dax and Sisko's decision to destroy the device rather than confiscate it treats the danger of tampering with probability itself as worse than any amount of lost latinum.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cos · Keiko O'Brien · Martus Mazur · Roana · Rom

EPISODE 12

The Alternate

Air Date: January 9, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47391.7 **Runtime:** 45 min

Mora Pol, the Bajoran scientist who studied Odo as a specimen before anyone recognized his shape-shifting as sentience, returns with genuine evidence of DNA similar to Odo's on a Gamma Quadrant planet — a real lead on Odo's origins after years with nothing. The trip turns up only unstable, aggressive protoplasm rather than an actual answer, and the disappointment forces Mora into a reckoning of his own: apologizing, for the first time,

for treating young Odo as an experiment rather than a person during the years that shaped him most. Their fragile reconciliation matters more by the end than the DNA lead that started it ever did.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Mora · Dr. Weld Ram

EPISODE 13

Armageddon Game

Air Date: January 30, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

O'Brien and Bashir spend a week helping the T'Lani and Kellerun dismantle a horrific biological weapon called the Harvester, brokering peace between two civilizations exhausted by their own capacity for violence — until O'Brien is accidentally infected by the very weapon he's helping destroy. Both governments, terrified that any lingering knowledge of the Harvester could restart the arms race that built it, decide the two Starfleet officers now know too much to be allowed to leave alive. Sisko's rescue succeeds only through outright deception of both allied governments, closing an episode less about the weapon itself than about what supposedly reformed enemies are still willing to do out of fear of relapse.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador E'Tyshra · Ambassador Sharat · Dr. Nydrom · Jakin · Keiko O'Brien

EPISODE 14

Whispers

Air Date: February 6, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47581.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

O'Brien returns from a routine mission to find the people closest to him acting subtly, inexplicably wrong — quietly evasive, excluding him from work he's always handled, treating him like a stranger wearing a familiar face. His paranoid conclusion that something has replaced everyone around him gets flipped entirely once the truth surfaces: he's the one who was replaced, an unwitting clone created by Paradan operatives and convinced he was the original, sent back with a hidden trigger to assassinate rebel leaders at a peace conference. The clone's dying request — that Keiko be told he loves her — lands with real weight precisely because he spent the entire episode being treated as fake and turns out to have felt everything as genuinely as the man he was copied from.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Rollman · Coutu · DeCurtis · Keiko O'Brien · Molly O'Brien

EPISODE 15

Paradise

Air Date: February 13, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: 47573.1 **Runtime:** 45 min

A reconnaissance flight turns up an uncharted human colony living entirely without technology, and Sisko and O'Brien's runabout crash lands them right into the middle of it, stranded by a mysterious field that disables anything more advanced than hand tools. The colony's leader, Alixus, preaches self-sufficiency and rejection of

technological dependence with the fervor of true belief, right up until O'Brien discovers the field generator she's secretly maintaining to keep her followers trapped in the paradise she's built for them. Rescued and returned to the ship, Sisko and O'Brien leave behind two children who never knew any other life, watching the only proof that a bigger galaxy exists disappear back into the sky.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alixus · Cassandra · Joseph · Stephan · Vinod

EPISODE 16

Shadowplay

Air Date: February 20, 1994
Stardate: 47603.3
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

Investigating an unusual particle field in the Gamma Quadrant, Dax and Odo find a small, isolated village whose residents never leave their valley — and Odo bonds with a local girl, Taya, over their shared experience of not knowing where they actually come from. The truth reframes the whole village as something stranger than an isolated culture: a projection sustained by ancient technology, with people who are real only in the sense that their experience of being real is total. Back on the station, Kira's blossoming romance with Vedek Bareil turns out to have been engineered by Quark as a distraction from a scheme she sees through anyway, while Jake finally admits to his father that engineering lessons with O'Brien haven't changed his mind about Starfleet at all.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Colyus · Rurigan · Taya · Vedek Bareil

EPISODE 17

Playing God

Air Date: February 27, 1994
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

Arjin, a young Trill undergoing his final field evaluation before being considered for joining, is assigned to Dax as his mentor — and finds her a far more demanding, less nurturing teacher than the reputation of a joined Trill led him to expect. Their evaluation period is upended when Dax discovers what looks like an expanding proto-universe drifting toward the Bajoran system, a genuinely unprecedented scientific find that becomes a real crisis the moment it starts to destabilize. Arjin's steady, careful piloting through the danger ends up being the actual test Dax was watching for all along, earning him the recommendation neither of them expected the mentorship to actually hinge on.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Arjin · Gul Evek · Trajok

EPISODE 18

Profit and Loss

Air Date: March 20, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Natima Lang, a Cardassian academic and Quark's long-lost love from years earlier, arrives at the station with two students who turn out to be political dissidents working against the Cardassian military government from the shadows. Quark's attempt to help them escape with a contraband cloaking device comes at a price only he would think to name: Natima has to stay behind with him rather than continue the underground work that actually matters to her. Garak's closing line to Quark — that his own loyalty to Cardassia explains everything he's ever done to people just like Natima — is the show at its most quietly devastating, delivered without a hint of remorse.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Toran · Hogue · Natima Lang · Rekelen

EPISODE 19

Blood Oath

Air Date: March 27, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Three aging Klingon warriors arrive on the station seeking out Curzon Dax to honor a decades-old blood oath — a vow to kill the Albino, the man responsible for murdering all of their firstborn sons — only to find that Curzon exists now solely as memory inside a woman none of them have met. Jadzia's decision to take up the oath herself, proving she carries Curzon's honor as fully as his knowledge, is less about vengeance than about what she's willing to risk to prove a promise survives a change of host. The Klingons accept her as a warrior in her own right, which turns out to matter to Jadzia more than completing the vendetta itself.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kang · Koloth · Kor · The Albino

EPISODE 20

The Maquis, Part I

Air Date: April 24, 1994 **Timeline:** 2370
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A Cardassian freighter is destroyed leaving Deep Space Nine, and the trail leads Sisko to an old friend, Calvin Hudson, who has secretly joined the Maquis, a movement of Federation colonists resisting Cardassian encroachment along the border. Gul Dukat pressures Sisko to hunt down the perpetrators, forcing Sisko to weigh his duty to the uniform against his loyalty to a friend caught up in a fight he understands.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Amaros · Commander Calvin Hudson · Gul Evek · Kobb

STORY ARC

The Maquis BEGINS HERE

Colonists left stranded on the wrong side of a Federation-Cardassian border draw Starfleet officers, including one of Sisko's own, into open rebellion against both governments, a conflict that quietly seeds Voyager's entire premise before it ends in betrayal and a body count on Deep Space Nine.

EPISODE 21

The Maquis, Part II

Air Date: May 1, 1994
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

As the Maquis conflict escalates, Sisko is drawn deeper into the standoff between colonists, Cardassians, and a Starfleet chain of command reluctant to intervene. Confronting Hudson directly, Sisko ultimately lets him go free rather than hand him over, choosing conscience over procedure. Alone afterward, Sisko is left wondering whether he has bought peace on the border or only postponed a larger war.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Gul Dukat · Admiral Alynna Nechayev · Amaros · Calvin Hudson · Drofo Awa

EPISODE 22

The Wire

Air Date: May 8, 1994
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

Garak's weekly lunch with Bashir turns into something closer to a medical crisis once his casual complaint about headaches reveals an illegal neural implant, installed years earlier to suppress pain and — Bashir gradually suspects — memory itself, tied to Garak's unconfirmed past in the Obsidian Order. Every version of events Garak offers contradicts the last, each one delivered with the same unbothered sincerity, until removing the failing implant becomes a race against the very secrets it may have been built to hide. Garak's parting non-answer to Bashir — that all his stories have been true, especially the lies — is the show's cleanest statement yet of exactly how much of him the audience is ever going to actually get.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Enabran Tain · Glinn Boheeka

EPISODE 23

Crossover

Air Date: May 15, 1994
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2370
Runtime: 45 min

A wormhole malfunction throws Kira and Bashir into a parallel universe where the Alpha Quadrant's power dynamics are brutally inverted — Klingons, Cardassians, and Bajorans rule as an alliance of conquerors, and humans exist as an enslaved underclass, with mirror versions of familiar faces running the machinery of oppression. Garak's mirror counterpart offers Kira and Bashir a way home in exchange for a betrayal of his own — helping assassinate the ruthless Intendant, this universe's version of Kira herself — while the mirror Sisko's example of

quiet resistance nudges mirror O'Brien toward finally fighting for his own people's freedom. Kira and Bashir make it back to their own universe, leaving behind counterparts who now have to live with the consequences of a rebellion they didn't ask to be pulled into.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Marauder · Telok

EPISODE 24

The Collaborator

Air Date: May 22, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

With Bajor about to select a new Kai after Opaka's disappearance, evidence surfaces implicating the leading candidate, Vedek Bareil — Kira's own partner — in the wartime betrayal of a resistance cell during the Occupation. What actually happened is more complicated and more damning than simple collaboration: Bareil took the blame decades ago to protect the reputation of the real informant, a woman Bajor now desperately needs to believe in during a fragile moment in its history. Kira's fury at watching a lie stand uncorrected, even for a good reason, runs directly against Bareil's calculation that some truths do more harm told than buried — and the episode refuses to fully side with either of them.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Eblan · Kai Opaka · Kubus · Prylar Bek · Vedek Bareil

EPISODE 25

Tribunal

Air Date: June 5, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: 47944.2
Runtime: 45 min

The Cardassians arrest O'Brien for allegedly supplying stolen weapons to the Maquis and put him through a show trial where the verdict — guilty — was decided before the proceedings even began, treating the entire process as theater rather than justice. The real culprit turns out to be an old Starfleet acquaintance of O'Brien's, Raymond Boone, whose betrayal at Setlik III still haunts O'Brien decades later and whose current scheme nearly gets an innocent man executed in his place. Sisko's last-minute intervention exposing Boone as the actual thief collapses the Cardassian tribunal's predetermined verdict, and O'Brien finally gets the vacation with Keiko the episode kept interrupting.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Boone · Gul Evek · Keiko O'Brien · Kovat · Makbar

EPISODE 26

The Jem'Hadar

Air Date: June 12, 1994
Timeline: 2370
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

A father-son camping trip to the Gamma Quadrant turns into first contact of the worst kind when Sisko, Jake, Nog, and Quark encounter the Jem'Hadar — the Dominion's soldiers, bred purely for combat and loyalty, who

make it unambiguously clear that further Alpha Quadrant incursions through the wormhole will not be tolerated. A supposed ally traveling with Sisko's group, Eris, turns out to be a Dominion spy the entire time, her captivity an elaborate performance meant to gather intelligence on exactly the kind of response Starfleet would mount. The unprovoked destruction of the runabout Odyssey by a suicide attack closes the episode on a threat the crew has no framework yet for handling — the first real proof that the Gamma Quadrant's greatest danger has been watching them long before they ever noticed it.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Keogh · Eris · Nog · Talak'talan

STORY ARC

Dominion War BEGINS HERE

The Dominion's slow escalation from a distant Gamma Quadrant rumor into open galactic war redefines Deep Space Nine, forcing the Federation, the Klingons, and eventually even the Cardassians into an alliance no one especially wants but everyone comes to need.

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2371

First Aired: September 26, 1994 **Last Aired:** June 25, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardates: 48423.2–48959.1

Season three marks a significant evolution for Deep Space Nine as Starfleet assigns the USS Defiant to the station in response to growing concerns about threats beyond the wormhole. Exploration of the Gamma Quadrant becomes more ambitious while evidence continues to accumulate regarding the Dominion's power and intentions. Relationships among the station's crew deepen as personal and political challenges become increasingly interconnected. The season balances exploration, diplomacy, and military preparedness in ways that distinguish it from earlier Star Trek series. By its conclusion, the Dominion has emerged as a looming threat to the Alpha Quadrant. Between "The Search (1)," which puts the newly arrived Defiant to its first real test, and "The Adversary," the Dominion goes from a rumor at the edge of the map to a confirmed danger already inside Starfleet. No single thread carries the season alone — the Defiant's arrival, the Gamma Quadrant's dangers, and the Dominion's slow reveal all build in parallel until the finale forces them together.

EPISODE 1

The Search, Part I

Air Date: September 26, 1994 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Word reaches the station that a Federation ship has been destroyed deep in the Gamma Quadrant, and Starfleet answers by commissioning the USS Defiant, a warship built for a war nobody has declared yet. Sisko takes the new vessel through the wormhole to open contact with the Dominion, with Odo along in the tense hope of finally meeting others of his own kind. What the away team finds instead is a test dressed up as a capture — the Founders taking the Federation's measure long before showing their hand.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Michael Eddington · Ornithar · T'Rul

EPISODE 2

The Search, Part II

Air Date: October 3, 1994
Timeline: 2371
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

The captivity turns out to be theater: the Founders staged the whole ordeal to see how Starfleet would behave when cornered, and Odo is left holding an identity he didn't ask for. Welcomed by his own people at last, he finds their unity built on a contempt for solids that unsettles him more than any interrogation could have. He returns to the station having found his people and immediately started pulling away from them.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Admiral Alynna Nechayev · Borath · Lt. Commander Michael Eddington · T'Rul

EPISODE 3

The House of Quark

Air Date: October 10, 1994
Timeline: 2371
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Quark's bar-room boast about killing a drunken Klingon lands him married to the dead man's widow and hauled off to the Klingon homeworld to make good on it. Digging through the family's ledgers, he uncovers a rival's years-long scheme to bankrupt the House of Kozak through financial rather than honorable means, and turns Ferengi bookkeeping into a weapon no Klingon court can ignore. Back on the station, Keiko's restlessness after her school closes pushes her and Miles toward a solution that will pull the O'Briens apart for a while: a botanical expedition to Bajor.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	D'Ghor · Gowron · Grilka · Keiko O'Brien · Kozak

EPISODE 4

Equilibrium

Air Date: October 17, 1994
Timeline: 2371
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Jadzia starts hearing music she's never learned and seeing memories that aren't hers, the buried presence of Joran, a Dax host whose violent history was quietly erased from the symbiont's official record. Sisko forces the truth into the open, threatening exposure unless the memory blocks are lifted, and Dax has to absorb a self she never chose. The episode treats symbiont continuity as a kind of inheritance — one Jadzia can't return, however unwelcome the contents.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Doctor Renhol · Joran Belar · Timor · Yolad Belar

EPISODE 5

Second Skin

Air Date: October 24, 1994 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A Bajoran archivist arrives with records claiming Kira spent years in a Cardassian prison camp as a different woman entirely, and the evidence is convincing enough that Kira starts doubting her own memory. Garak gets pulled into the unraveling when the Obsidian Order's involvement surfaces, ending an old rival with a line about treason depending on who's doing the judging. Station tests ultimately confirm Kira is exactly who she's always been, but the Cardassian who believed otherwise — and wanted a daughter back — is left with only the hope that somewhere, she's still alive.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Alenis Grem · Ari · Entek · Ghemor

EPISODE 6

The Abandoned

Air Date: October 31, 1994 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Quark buys a piece of salvage that turns out to contain an abandoned Jem'Hadar infant, and only Odo can get near the child without triggering his hard-wired aggression. Odo insists on returning the boy to the Gamma Quadrant despite Sisko's misgivings, treating the choice as a matter of what the boy deserves rather than what's convenient. A quieter thread follows Sisko's worry over Jake's new relationship, which resolves into something gentler than the intervention he'd planned.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Mardah · Rionoj

EPISODE 7

Civil Defense

Air Date: November 7, 1994 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Renovating an old ore processor, O'Brien and Jake trip a Cardassian security program still convinced the Occupation is underway, and the station locks down as if a Bajoran uprising were in progress. With poison gas venting and a self-destruct counting down, the crew has to out-think a system built specifically to resist Bajoran sabotage — Garak's old expertise proving unexpectedly useful. Sisko reaches the control center with minutes to spare and reinforces the shields just enough to survive the blast.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Legate Kell

EPISODE 8

Meridian

Air Date: November 14, 1994
Stardate: 48423.2
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

A planet that exists in this universe for only hours at a time materializes in front of the Defiant, and Jadzia falls for one of the scientists racing to study it before it phases out again for sixty years. She chooses to stay with him rather than return, trading the crew for a relationship measured in decades between visits. Back on the station, Odo and Kira turn a security breach into a prank at Quark's expense, swapping a holographic likeness just to watch him squirm.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Deral, Lito, Seltin Rakal, Tiron

EPISODE 9

Defiant

Air Date: November 21, 1994
Stardate: 48467.3
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

Riker turns up on the station with his usual easy charm, taking a shine to Kira and a tour of the new Defiant, before the crew realizes the man they're dealing with isn't Riker at all. Thomas, a transporter duplicate stranded alone for eight years, has been living a stolen identity and running an operation of his own. The real Riker beams away to finish the mission himself, leaving Kira in command and the duplicate's fate an open question.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Gul Dukat, Kalita, Korinas, Tamal, Thomas Riker

EPISODE 10

Fascination

Air Date: November 28, 1994
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

Lwaxana Troi's visit for the Bajoran Gratitude Festival coincides with an empathic pheromone bloom that has half the station confessing feelings they'd rather have kept buried. Keiko and Miles fall into an unusually public spat before finding their way back to each other once the effect wears off. By the festival's end the crew mostly returns to normal, the O'Briens included, having said things out loud they'll now have to live with.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Keiko O'Brien, Lwaxana Troi, Molly O'Brien, Vedek Bareil

EPISODE 11

Past Tense, Part I

Air Date: January 8, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

A transporter malfunction strands Sisko, Bashir, and Dax in San Francisco in 2024, days before the Bell Riots reshape how Earth treats its displaced poor. When the man meant to lead the uprising is killed ahead of schedule, Sisko has no choice but to become Gabriel Bell himself to keep history from collapsing. The episode plays

24th-century idealism against 21st-century "sanctuary districts," and finds them not as far apart as the crew would like.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bernardo · Biddle Coleridge · Chris Brynner · Danny · Gabriel Bell

EPISODE 12

Past Tense, Part II

Air Date: January 15, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Living inside the walled district as Bell, Sisko leads the standoff he's now obligated to see through exactly as the record demands, even as the human cost mounts around him. Dax and Kasidy Yates work the crisis from outside while Bashir tends the wounded within, and the away team is finally recovered once the riots run their course. History gets restored down to the last detail except one: the man Earth remembers leading the riots now wears Sisko's face.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bernardo · Biddle Coleridge · Chris Brynner · Danny · Detective Preston

EPISODE 13

Life Support

Air Date: January 31, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48498.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

An accident leaves Vedek Bareil gravely injured just as he's meant to finalize a peace treaty with Cardassia, and Bashir has to decide how far medical intervention should go to keep a symbol alive past his body's ability to sustain him. Kira sits with him through the decline, recounting how she fell for a man the Bajoran peace process now depends on. A lighter thread has Jake confronting Nog's attitude toward women, generational friction rendered as an actual argument rather than a joke.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kai Winn · Leanne · Legate Turrel · Nog · Riska

EPISODE 14

Heart of Stone

Air Date: February 6, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Tracking a Maquis raider to an unstable moon, Kira gets trapped inside an expanding crystalline growth that Odo can't dissolve without risking her along with it. The rescue becomes as much about what Odo will and won't say to her as it is about the physics of the trap. Meanwhile Nog talks a skeptical Sisko into writing the recommendation that will actually get him into Starfleet Academy.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Nog · Rom

EPISODE 15

Destiny

Air Date: February 13, 1995
Stardate: 48543.2
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

Bajor, Cardassia, and the Federation attempt their first joint science project, a permanent communications relay through the wormhole, over the objections of an old prophecy warning against exactly this kind of interference. Sabotage from within the Cardassian team — Obsidian Order interference dressed up as an accident — nearly wrecks the mission before the leak that causes it turns out to be the very thing the prophecy predicted. Kira and Sisko realize too late that fulfilling the prophecy and completing the mission were the same act all along.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Dejar, Gilora Rejal, Ulani Belor, Vedek Yarka

EPISODE 16

Prophet Motive

Air Date: February 20, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

Grand Nagus Zek arrives having rewritten the Rules of Acquisition into something almost generous, and Quark is convinced his idol has lost his mind. The truth is stranger: Zek has been in contact with the Prophets and is trying to monetize a knowledge of the future no Ferengi has ever had access to before. A quieter subplot has Bashir nominated for a medical award he doesn't win, playing it off with a nonchalance that fools no one.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Emi, Maihar'du, Medical Big Shot, Rom, Zek

EPISODE 17

Visionary

Air Date: February 27, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 45 min

A dose of radiation poisoning sends O'Brien skipping helplessly forward through short windows of the near future, each one carrying a clue about a Romulan delegation's real intentions toward the station. One future shows him dying in a corridor near their quarters, which Sisko reads as evidence the Romulans mean to destroy the wormhole rather than share it. Armed with knowledge no one else has yet lived through, O'Brien forces the confrontation before it can happen — and can't resist using the leftover foresight to needle Quark on the way out.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Atul, Bo'rak, Karina, Morka, Ruwon

EPISODE 18

Distant Voices

Air Date: April 10, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

An alien attack leaves Bashir unconscious and trapped in a fractured landscape of his own mind, forced to work out which of the figures around him are real and which are constructs of his own anxiety. Outside, Garak listens to Bashir's dread about turning thirty with the patience of a man twice that unimpressed by human milestones, while a Lethean black-market dealer complicates the search for what attacked him. When Bashir wakes, the mind he's been navigating has told him more about who he trusts than any conversation would have.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Altovar

EPISODE 19

Through the Looking Glass

Air Date: April 17, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Sisko is pulled into the mirror universe by that reality's O'Brien with news that his counterpart, leader of the Terran rebellion, has been killed, leaving a resistance movement without its figurehead. Sisko is asked to become a dead man's substitute in a war he didn't start, complicated by a version of his late wife Jennifer who is very much alive there and quick to see through him. She recognizes he isn't really her husband well before the mission ends, and lets him go anyway with a kiss meant for both men at once.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Tuvok · Jennifer · Marauder · Rom

EPISODE 20

Improbable Cause

Air Date: April 24, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A bomb levels Garak's tailor shop, and Odo's investigation into who wanted a disgraced Cardassian dead pulls the thread all the way back to the Obsidian Order and its aging architect, Enabran Tain. The suspect assassin dies before Odo can question him, which only confirms how far someone is willing to go to keep this quiet. Tain reappears with an offer Garak can't quite refuse: rejoin the Order for a plan aimed at the Dominion itself.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Enabran Tain · Informant · Mila · Retaya

EPISODE 21

The Die Is Cast

Air Date: May 1, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Garak and Odo go dark for days after leaving to investigate the attempt on Garak's life, and the search for them uncovers a joint Cardassian-Romulan operation being run in near-total secrecy. A Romulan officer's real iden-

tity as a Founder in disguise gives Odo the opening he needs to get both of them out alive. Garak returns to find his shop still in ruins and his exile from Cardassian society unchanged, but Odo's invitation to breakfast is its own small proof that not everything was lost.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Admiral Toddman · Enabran Tain · Lovok · Michael Eddington

EPISODE 22

Explorers

Air Date: May 8, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Convinced ancient Bajoran legends have a literal basis, Sisko builds a working replica of an eight-hundred-year-old solar sailship to prove Bajorans could have reached Cardassia without warp drive. Dukat needles him about what a successful voyage would mean politically, since a Cardassian dismissal of Bajoran achievement is baked into how the occupation gets remembered. Sisko and Jake's father-son voyage becomes an argument about history conducted at solar-wind speed, settled only once they've actually made the crossing.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Elizabeth Lense · Leeta

EPISODE 23

Family Business

Air Date: May 15, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Quark is summoned home when his mother Ishka is charged with the very Ferengi crime of earning profit as a woman, a law Quark himself has never questioned until it's his family in the crosshairs. He discovers she's been running a profitable business under dozens of aliases for years, hiding not the money but the fact of having earned it at all. On the station, Sisko's awkward first date with freighter captain Kasidy Yates, engineered by Jake, turns out better than either of them expects once baseball comes up.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Brunt · Ishka · Kasidy Yates · Rom · Secretary

EPISODE 24

Shakaar

Air Date: May 22, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A dispute over farming equipment between Kira's old resistance commander and the Bajoran government threatens to tip into something closer to civil war. Kai Winn, newly installed as interim First Minister, badly miscalculates how popular Shakaar still is and withdraws from the race rather than lose to him outright. A lighter thread follows O'Brien's absurd winning streak at darts, ended not by a rival but by his own shoulder and a poorly timed reach for a drink.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Furel · Kai Winn · Lenaris Holem · Lupaza · Shakaar

EPISODE 25

Facets

Air Date: June 12, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Jadzia undergoes the zhian'tara, a Trill rite that lets her meet each of Dax's seven previous hosts by briefly placing their memories in the minds of her friends. The ritual turns into something closer to group therapy, forcing Jadzia to reconcile with pieces of a personality she carries but didn't choose. Alongside it, Nog's Starfleet entrance exam is quietly sabotaged by Quark, and Rom's confrontation with his brother gives Nog the second chance he actually earned.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Leeta · Nog · Rom

EPISODE 26

The Adversary

Air Date: June 25, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48959.1 **Runtime:** 45 min

At the ceremony marking Sisko's promotion to captain, a visiting ambassador delivers orders sending the Defiant to patrol a border where a coup has supposedly just occurred — except the ambassador delivering the news isn't who he claims to be. Sabotage cripples the ship's critical systems en route, and the crew slowly realizes the entire crisis was manufactured to draw the Defiant into a trap. The real ambassador turns up kidnapped days earlier, and Odo is left turning over a Changeling infiltrator's parting warning: "You are too late."

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Krajensky · Michael Eddington

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 2372

First Aired: October 2, 1995 **Last Aired:** June 17, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372 **Stardates:** 49011.4–49962.4

Season four begins during a period of rising instability as tensions between the Federation and Klingon Empire threaten the balance of power across the Alpha Quadrant. The arrival of Worf aboard Deep Space Nine strengthens the station's connection to larger interstellar events while adding new dimensions to its character dynamics. Political alliances shift, military concerns intensify, and the Dominion's influence continues to grow in the background. At the same time, the season remains deeply invested in personal stories involving loyalty, honor, and identity. The result is a turning point that transforms Deep Space Nine from a frontier outpost drama into a major political epic. "The Way of the Warrior" brings Worf and a Klingon invasion fleet to the station in the same episode; "Broken Link" spends the rest of the season showing what that alliance costs. A central continuity line shapes the season. DS9's Klingon storyline repeatedly stress-tests alliance politics, using invasion, distrust, and wartime necessity to reshape the station's strategic role.

EPISODE 1

The Way of the Warrior

Air Date: October 2, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 90 min

A Klingon armada under General Martok arrives at the station claiming to be there against a Dominion invasion, but the fleet's real purpose is a covert war footing against Cardassia, which the Klingons are now convinced has been infiltrated by Changelings. Sisko leans on the newly reinstated Worf to find out how far Gowron intends to take it, while Klingon troops roughing up Garak in the Promenade makes the occupation feel less like an alliance than a warning. Gowron calls off the invasion under Federation pressure but keeps every Cardassian world already seized, and Worf settles the question of where his loyalties lie by accepting a permanent post on the station.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak, Gul Dukat, Drex, Gowron, Huraga

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EPISODE 2

The Visitor

Air Date: October 9, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 45 min

An accident in the Defiant's engine room leaves Sisko trapped in subspace, materializing to his son Jake for a few minutes at a time across widening intervals — present just long enough to be lost again. Jake spends his whole life chasing a way to bring his father back, sacrificing a writing career and a marriage to a problem he refuses to treat as unsolvable. Decades later, an admirer's encouragement gives the elderly Jake one last idea: recreate the original accident and use his own life to release his father at the moment it happened, young again and none the wiser. It's one of DS9's most purely emotional hours, built entirely on the cost one Sisko is willing to pay for the other.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Adult Jake Sisko, Korena, Melanie, Nog

EPISODE 3

Hippocratic Oath

Air Date: October 16, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 45 min

A runabout crash strands O'Brien and Bashir on a world sheltering a renegade band of Jem'Hadar who have broken free of their ketracel-white addiction, led by a soldier named Goran'Agar who has gone four years without the drug and wants to know why. Bashir sees a chance to free every addicted Jem'Hadar in the Dominion and pushes past what O'Brien thinks is safe or wise. Back on the station, Worf's clumsy interference in one of

Odo's long-running sting operations blows a smuggling investigation Odo had been building for months, and Sisko has to explain to his new strategic operations officer that DS9 runs on compromises Starfleet regulations don't quite cover.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Arak'Taral · Goran'Agar · Meso'Clan · Regana Tosh · Temo'Zuma

EPISODE 4

Indiscretion

Air Date: October 23, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49066.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

A tip about wreckage from the Ravinok, a Cardassian ship that vanished six years earlier with Bajoran prisoners aboard, sends Kira into the Badlands with an unlikely partner: Gul Dukat, hunting for a survivor of his own. Camped together, Dukat admits the real reason for his urgency — a daughter, Tora Ziyal, born to a Bajoran mistress and possibly among the missing. Back on the station, Sisko's fumbled reaction to Kasidy Yates considering a permanent move to Bajor says more about his fear of commitment than anything he actually tells her, until Jake and his friends push him to go apologize.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Heler · Kasidy Yates · Razka Karn · Ziyal

EPISODE 5

Rejoined

Air Date: October 30, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A visiting Trill science delegation brings Lenara Kahn to the station, and Jadzia is thrown by how much feeling survives from a marriage that technically belonged to a previous host. Trill society treats reassociation between hosts who loved each other in past lives as a permanent taboo, punishable by exile from the symbiont program for both parties, but Jadzia and Lenara decide the risk is worth testing anyway. What follows is less a forbidden romance than a negotiation over how much of a person's past selves get a say in their present one. Lenara ultimately can't give up her place among the Trill for it, and Jadzia is left to weigh what she was willing to lose for a few days of certainty.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Bejal Otner · Dr. Lenara Kahn · Hanor Pren · Michael Eddington

EPISODE 6

Little Green Men

Air Date: November 6, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49195.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

A malfunction on the shuttle Quark finally wheedled out of his cousin Gaila strands Quark, Rom, and Nog in 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, in the middle of a top-secret military installation not yet ready for the concept of alien life. Rom discovers mid-flight that Quark padded the trip's profit margin with a smuggled shipment of

volatile kemocite, which becomes considerably more dangerous once the ship is confiscated by the U.S. Army. The three Ferengi talk, bluff, and barter their way out of custody, leaving behind exactly the kind of unexplained wreckage and secondhand testimony that fuels a very different kind of American mythology. Odo, unimpressed by the whole misadventure, arrests Quark for smuggling the moment they're back.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hanok · Muñiz · Sarita Carson · Stevens

EPISODE 7

Starship Down

Air Date: November 13, 1995
Stardate: 49263.5
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 45 min

The Defiant escorts Sisko's senior staff into the Gamma Quadrant to negotiate trade terms with the Karemma, a Dominion-aligned people cautiously testing contact with the Federation, when Jem'Hadar fighters attack without warning. Getting the crippled ship and its passengers home becomes a hull-breach-by-hull-breach struggle that leaves little room for anything but survival. The Defiant manages to destroy the attacking fighter and get the Karemma delegation to safety, and the episode closes on an unusually quiet note: Hanok gambling at Quark's, and Sisko inviting Kira to watch an old Earth pastime in the holosuite.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain James Wainwright · Gen. Rex Denning · Jeff Carlson · Nog · Rom

EPISODE 8

The Sword of Kahless

Air Date: November 20, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 45 min

Kor, the legendary Klingon captain now old, drunk, and mostly forgotten, talks Dax into helping him chase down the Sword of Kahless, a religious relic said to unite the Empire behind whoever holds it. When they actually find it, the discovery turns instantly political: Worf's sense of what the sword should mean for Klingon honor collides with Kor's older, more romantic idea of destiny, and the friendship between the two Klingons nearly doesn't survive the argument. In the end, both men decide the relic is too dangerous to become a weapon in someone else's power struggle and give it up rather than let it divide the Empire they both still believe in.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Go-Go Dancer · Kor · Soto · Toral

EPISODE 9

Our Man Bashir

Air Date: November 27, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 45 min

A transporter accident during an actual assassination attempt strands the transporter patterns of Sisko, Kira, Dax, and O'Brien inside Bashir's James Bond holosuite program, forcing Bashir and a deeply unwilling Garak to play out a spy fantasy for real just to keep his crewmates from being lost for good. Garak's running commentary

on how badly the program misunderstands real espionage carries most of the episode, a Cardassian professional needling a hobbyist's idea of danger. It's one of DS9's clearest examples of a holodeck malfunction raising the stakes instead of just dressing the crew up for a costume episode.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Caprice · Michael Eddington · Mona Luvsitt · Rom

EPISODE 10

Homefront

Air Date: January 1, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A bombing that kills twenty-seven people at an Earth diplomatic conference is traced to Changelings, and Sisko is pulled back to San Francisco to help investigate what looks like the opening move of a Dominion offensive against the Federation homeworld itself. His experience with shapeshifters puts him in charge of planetary security under Admiral Leyton, and the two men convince the Federation President to impose sweeping new safeguards most of Earth has never needed before. By the episode's end, armed Starfleet security is patrolling the streets of New Orleans, and Jake watches his grandfather take in a version of Earth neither of them recognizes.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Leyton · Commander Erika Benteen · Joseph Sisko · Nog · President Jaresh-Inyo

EPISODE 11

Paradise Lost

Air Date: January 8, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

With Earth under an escalating security lockdown, Sisko and Odo start noticing that the Dominion threat driving it doesn't add up to the scale of the response, and that Leyton's motives look less like caution and more like ambition. Odo confirms there are only a handful of Changelings anywhere near Earth — nowhere near enough to justify martial law, but plenty to justify the fear Leyton has been quietly cultivating. Sisko forces the confrontation at gunpoint, and it's Captain Benteen's refusal to fire on the Defiant that finally breaks Leyton's plan rather than anything Sisko himself does. Leyton resigns, the emergency lifts, and Earth gets its first real look at how easily a genuine threat can be used to manufacture a much larger one.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Academy Commandant · Admiral Leyton · Captain Erika Benteen · Joseph Sisko · Nog

EPISODE 12

Crossfire

Air Date: January 29, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Odo's routine complaints about noise from his own quarters — practicing shapeshifting late at night, right above Quark's bar — turn out to be a manufactured pretext from a True Way operative using a voice synthesizer to distract him from something else entirely. The real story running underneath is quieter and harder for Odo

to face: watching Kira grow close to Shakaar, her old resistance commander, forces him to admit a feeling he's never once let himself name. He ends the episode outside a holosuite, watching the two of them together, and simply continuing his rounds.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jimenez · Sarish · Shakaar

EPISODE 13

Return to Grace

Air Date: February 5, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Kira is unsettled to learn that Gul Dukat is captaining the freighter meant to carry her to a peace conference on the Klingon threat, and unsettled further when they arrive to find the conference site destroyed and a Klingon warship not even bothering to finish them off. Dukat's pursuit of the attackers becomes a personal vendetta rather than a mission, one that costs him his command and his standing. He offers Kira a place on his crew anyway, arguing her resistance experience would be valuable to him now that he has nothing left to lose. She declines, choosing instead to bring Ziyal back to the relative safety of Deep Space Nine until Dukat's private war burns itself out.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Damar · K'Temang · Ziyal

EPISODE 14

Sons of Mogh

Air Date: February 12, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Worf's younger brother Kurn arrives at the station in the grip of a depression neither of them can talk around: with the House of Mogh disgraced, Kurn sees no honorable path forward and asks Worf for a ritual death he isn't legally entitled to perform. When Worf can't bring himself to do it, Kurn instead has his memory wiped and his identity erased, reborn as a man named Rodek with a new family and no knowledge of ever having been a Klingon warrior. The last exchange between them — Rodek's innocent question about whether Worf is family, and Worf's flat answer that he has none — lands harder for everything it doesn't explain.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kurn · Noggra · Tilikia

EPISODE 15

Bar Association

Air Date: February 19, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49556.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Fed up with Quark's habitual underpayment and unsafe conditions, Rom organizes the bar staff into the Ferengi Empire's first labor union and walks them out on strike, upending everything Quark believes profit is supposed to mean. Quark responds with threats, bribes, and eventually genuine panic once the boycott starts cost-

ing him real business. He caves just enough to keep the bar running, framing his retreat as generosity rather than defeat. A smaller thread has Worf, still unable to settle into the station's chaos, retreating to quarters aboard the more orderly Defiant instead.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Broik · Brunt · Frool · Grimp · Leeta

EPISODE 16

Accession

Air Date: February 26, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 46235.7 **Runtime:** 45 min

A three-hundred-year-old Bajoran vessel emerges from the wormhole carrying a man named Akorem Laan, who claims — with the Prophets' own apparent backing — to be the true Emissary, a title Sisko has held somewhat reluctantly until now. Akorem's arrival threatens to unravel decades of social progress on Bajor, since his version of tradition includes reviving a rigid caste system that would force Kira out of the military and into art, her caste's assigned trade. The crisis resolves only when the Prophets themselves make clear whose role this actually is. A quieter thread brings Keiko and Molly home from Bajor, with Miles quietly mourning the free time he'd been spending with Bashir now that his family fills it instead.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Akorem Laan · Gia · Kai Opaka · Keiko O'Brien · Latara

EPISODE 17

Rules of Engagement

Air Date: April 8, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Assigned to escort Cardassian medical ships through a Klingon raider zone, Worf makes a split-second call to fire on a decloaking vessel that turns out to be carrying civilians, and the Klingon Empire moves to extradite him for the deaths. The legal fight becomes less about the facts of the incident than about what Worf was hoping for when he accepted the assignment in the first place — a chance at the vengeance against the Empire he's never fully let go of. Sisko clears him of the charge but doesn't let him off easy, reprimanding him for chasing a personal reckoning under Starfleet colors while still telling him he'll make a fine captain one day.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral T'Lara · Ch'Pok

EPISODE 18

Hard Time

Air Date: April 15, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49665.3 **Runtime:** 45 min

Wrongly convicted of espionage on an alien world, O'Brien is sentenced not to prison but to a memory implant simulating twenty years behind bars, compressed into a matter of hours — and returns to the station convinced those twenty years actually happened. The false memories don't fade quietly: he nearly strikes his own daughter

in a moment of implanted rage, and can't shake the belief that whatever he did to survive that long imprisonment makes him something less than human. Bashir talks him back from the edge by pointing out that his guilt over what he did to survive is itself the proof he never stopped being who he was. It's one of the show's starkest studies of trauma that never physically happened but damages exactly like it did.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ee'char · Keiko O'Brien · Molly O'Brien · Muñiz · Rinn

EPISODE 19

Shattered Mirror

Air Date: April 22, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Jake is stunned when a visitor to the station turns out to be the mirror-universe counterpart of his late mother, Jennifer Sisko, now a rebel leader trying to recruit him and his father into building the Terrans a Defiant of their own. In the mirror universe, the rebellion has just seized Terok Nor and captured the brutal Intendant, only for her to be freed in the chaos by a mirror version of Nog loyal to her instead. She kills mirror Nog and mirror Jennifer in her escape, leaving Jake standing over the body of a woman he'd only just started to know, and both Siskos grieving a loss that technically already happened once before.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Jennifer Sisko · Nog · Rebel

EPISODE 20

The Muse

Air Date: April 29, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A traveling telepath named Onaya arrives claiming she can help Jake finish the novel he's been stuck on, and the writing that pours out of him under her influence is better than anything he's produced — and not entirely his own. At the same time, a very pregnant Lwaxana Troi turns up seeking Odo's protection from the husband she's fled, refusing to have her son raised under Tavnian custom. Jake eventually balks at how little of the finished book feels like him, and Sisko's reassurance — that Onaya only drew out what was already there — doesn't quite settle the question of where inspiration ends and possession begins.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jeyal · Lwaxana Troi · Onaya

EPISODE 21

For the Cause

Air Date: May 6, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Sisko is blindsided by evidence suggesting Kasidy Yates has been running supplies for the Maquis, forcing him to weigh what he actually knows about the woman he's been dating against what Starfleet is telling him to believe. Yates eventually returns alone to turn herself in, having sent her crew and cargo into the Badlands rather

than let them be caught with her. In a quieter parallel, Garak's guarded friendship with Ziyal curdles into fear that Dukat's daughter has been sent to kill him for his role in her grandfather's death, until she convinces him she only wants the company of the one other Cardassian on the station.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Brathaw · Kasidy Yates · Lt. Reese · Michael Eddington

EPISODE 22

To the Death

Air Date: May 13, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A hit-and-run raid on the station by renegade Jem'Hadar forces an unlikely alliance: Sisko's crew and a Dominion detachment under Weyoun pursuing the same rebels into the Gamma Quadrant, united only by a shared interest in stopping them. The rebels have found an ancient Iconian gateway capable of instantaneous travel anywhere in the galaxy, a prize dangerous enough that both sides agree it can't be allowed to survive. Weyoun compliments Sisko on how well they fought together before reminding him, without any real warmth, that the next time they meet it will be as enemies again — the episode's clearest statement of how temporary this kind of cooperation with the Dominion will always be.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Omet'iklan · Ramirez · Toman'torax · Virak'kara · Weyoun

EPISODE 23

The Quickening

Air Date: May 20, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49904.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Bashir and Dax travel to a world the Jem'Hadar infected with an incurable disease as punishment for resisting the Dominion, a slow-acting plague that eventually "quickens" into an agonizing death, usually before adulthood. Bashir stays behind after the others return to the station, determined to help one dying, pregnant woman even though he has no cure to offer her. Back on DS9 he keeps working the problem long after it's stopped being reasonable to hope, and finally manages only a preventive vaccine rather than a cure — enough to spare the next generation, though Sisko's congratulations can't quite erase what Bashir couldn't fix for the people already suffering.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ekoria · Epran · Latia · Norva

EPISODE 24

Body Parts

Air Date: June 10, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Told he has a rare and fatal disease with only a week to live, Quark does what any Ferengi facing death would do: he auctions off his own vacuum-desiccated remains to the highest bidder, treating his mortality as one last

business opportunity. The winning bid comes from his old nemesis Brunt, whose motives are exactly as petty as Quark fears. In a subplot with more lasting weight, Kira agrees to serve as a surrogate for Keiko and Miles O'Brien's second child, and the couple's initial discomfort with the arrangement gives way to genuine gratitude — and an invitation for Kira to move in until the baby is born.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Brunt · Keiko O'Brien · Molly O'Brien · Rom

EPISODE 25

Broken Link

Air Date: June 17, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49962.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

Odo collapses without warning, losing the ability to hold his shape, and Sisko takes him into the Gamma Quadrant aboard the Defiant in a desperate search for answers among his own people — with Garak, oddly insistent, tagging along. What Odo learns in the Great Link isn't a cure so much as a suspicion: that the Founders were deliberately keeping something from him. That suspicion crystallizes the moment Gowron declares war on the Federation, when Odo realizes the Klingon leader has been replaced by a Changeling all along, and the season's long game of infiltration finally shows its hand.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Amat 'igan · Aroya · Gowron · Rionoj

SEASON FIVE

YEAR: 2373

First Aired: September 30, 1996 **Last Aired:** June 16, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardates: 50049.3–50975.2

The fifth season explores a galaxy moving steadily toward conflict as the Dominion's presence becomes impossible to ignore. Political maneuvering, espionage, and shifting alliances dominate regional affairs while the station's crew faces increasingly difficult choices. Bajor, the Federation, Cardassia, and the Klingon Empire all struggle to adapt to a changing strategic landscape. Personal relationships continue evolving alongside larger historical events, creating a sense that every decision carries significant consequences. By the season's conclusion, the road toward war has become unmistakably clear. The distance between "Apocalypse Rising," a rescue mission dressed as an infiltration story, and "Call to Arms," an evacuation dressed as a declaration of war, is the season measuring out exactly how close war has gotten. The season builds that momentum on several fronts at once — Klingon relations, Cardassian politics, Dominion expansion — rather than a single storyline carrying the weight alone.

EPISODE 1

Apocalypse Rising

Air Date: September 30, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Learning from Odo that a Changeling has taken Gowron's place at the head of the Klingon Empire, Sisko is ordered into a commando raid on Klingon headquarters to expose the impostor before the fabricated war can

go any further. Dukat, of all people, ferries the team there in a captured Bird-of-Prey, an alliance of convenience neither side is comfortable with. The mission uncovers something worse than expected: Gowron is real, and the false intelligence naming him a Changeling was meant to get him assassinated so a fake Martok could hand the Empire to the Dominion instead. Gowron agrees to a ceasefire on the spot, and Sisko's team makes it back to the station having stopped a war by nearly starting one.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Damar · Gowron · Martok

EPISODE 2

The Ship

Air Date: October 7, 1996
Stardate: 50049.3
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

A routine mineral survey in the Gamma Quadrant turns deadly when a lone Jem'Hadar soldier transports aboard the wreck the away team is studying and starts killing them one by one. Five of Sisko's people die retrieving a piece of derelict technology that could genuinely save thousands of lives down the line, and the math of that trade-off doesn't make the loss feel any smaller to him. Writing the official report afterward, Sisko keeps circling back to the crewmen by name rather than the mission's success, refusing to let the recovery's value erase what it cost.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hoya · Kilana · Muñiz

EPISODE 3

Looking for par'Mach in All the Wrong Places

Air Date: October 14, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

Worf finds himself pulled in two directions at once — drawn toward Dax, and reluctantly recruited by Quark to help him win back Grilka, the Klingon noblewoman Quark still carries a torch for. Coaching his own romantic rival in the finer points of Klingon courtship while dodging his own feelings makes for one of the show's better comic structures. By the end, Worf and Dax have finally admitted what's been obvious to everyone else on the station for a season.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Grilka · Keiko O'Brien · Thopok · Tumek

EPISODE 4

Nor the Battle to the Strong

Air Date: October 21, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

Jake tags along to a besieged Federation hospital on Ajilon Prime chasing an interesting story, only to find the Klingon assault breaking the ceasefire is very real and very close. Watching Bashir and the medical staff work under fire strips away whatever romantic idea Jake had of war reporting, and his own panic in the moment leaves

him convinced he's a coward. The article he eventually writes doesn't dodge that feeling or dress it up as heroism — it argues that courage and cowardice sit closer together than most people, including Jake himself, want to admit. His father's quiet pride in that honesty means more to him than the label of hero everyone else keeps trying to give him.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chief Burke · Kalandra · Kirby

EPISODE 5

The Assignment

Air Date: October 28, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

Keiko returns from a trip to the Bajoran Fire Caves and calmly informs Miles that she isn't actually his wife anymore — a Pah-wraith has taken over her body and needs his cooperation to survive. O'Brien spends the episode caught between two impossible choices, each one risking Keiko's life depending on which threat he believes is real. He ultimately fires on the fleeing entity rather than protecting it, gambling that Keiko's own body will survive the separation. She does, and the two of them are left processing an experience that came uncomfortably close to costing them everything.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Jiyar · Keiko O'Brien · Molly O'Brien · Rom · Tekoa

EPISODE 6

Trials and Tribble-ations

Air Date: November 4, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

Chasing a suspected saboteur through a temporal rift, the DS9 crew is thrown back to the era of the original Enterprise, landing squarely inside the events of "The Trouble with Tribbles" — a past they already know the ending to and can't be caught interfering with. Sisko's team spends the episode dodging their own franchise's most famous heroes while getting steadily buried in tribbles, digitally inserted into restored footage from the original series. It's DS9's love letter to thirty years of Star Trek history, played with a completely straight face.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Arne Darvin · Cyrano Jones · Dulmur · Korax

EPISODE 7

Let He Who Is Without Sin...

Air Date: November 11, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

A group vacation to Risa goes sideways when Worf, working through a rough patch with Dax, gets pulled into a radical movement that blames the planet's pleasure-seeking culture for weakening the Federation against its enemies. The group's leader argues that comfort itself is a kind of vulnerability, a claim Worf finds more persuasive than his friends would like. Once the sabotaged weather grid is restored and Risa's engineered paradise reasserts

itself, Worf and Dax settle back into the vacation they meant to have all along. On the side, Bashir and Leeta end their relationship through a formal Bajoran separation rite, and Leeta wastes no time admitting an interest in Rom instead.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Arandis · Fullerton · Leeta

EPISODE 8

Things Past

Air Date: November 18, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A spatial anomaly throws Sisko, Odo, Dax, and Garak seven years into the past aboard Terok Nor, but not as themselves — everyone around them believes they're Bajoran laborers already condemned to die for an assassination attempt on Gul Dukat. Odo's growing anxiety turns out to be more than nerves: the real prisoners were innocent, executed anyway, and he's the only one who remembers it happening. The anomaly turns out to be replaying his own guilt as much as it's replaying history. Back in the present, Kira's quiet question — whether any other innocent people died on his watch — gets an answer that isn't really an answer at all.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Belar · Okala · Thrax

EPISODE 9

The Ascent

Air Date: November 25, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Escorting Quark to testify against the Orion Syndicate, Odo finds himself stranded with him on a hostile, uninhabited world after their shuttle goes down. When rescue looks unlikely, Odo starts recording a message meant for whoever eventually finds his body, treating the climb ahead as something closer to a formality than an escape. On the station, a parallel thread has Nog's rigid Starfleet discipline clashing hard with Jake's easygoing habits, a conflict their fathers eventually talk them through rather than let fester.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Nog · Rom

EPISODE 10

Rapture

Air Date: December 30, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

On the eve of Bajor's long-awaited admission to the Federation, a painting of the legendary lost city of B'hala sends Sisko on a search that ends with him actually finding it, buried and half-forgotten. The discovery comes with a cost: contact with the Celestial Temple leaves him with genuine prophetic visions, including one of a locust swarm bearing down on Cardassia that he can't yet explain. When the visions are stripped away as suddenly as they arrived, Sisko is left mourning something that felt like a gift even though it nearly cost him everything

else. Kasidy reminds him what he kept instead — his life, and his place in his son's — is worth more than what he lost.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Charles Whatley · Kai Winn · Kasidy Yates

STORY ARC

Pah-wraiths BEGINS HERE

Sisko's title of Emissary stops being a diplomatic formality once the Pah-wraiths start working directly against the Prophets, turning Deep Space Nine's ending into as much a religious reckoning as a military one.

EPISODE 11

The Darkness and the Light

Air Date: January 6, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50416.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

A former member of Kira's old resistance cell turns up murdered, followed by a taunting message that makes clear the killer intends to work through the entire group one name at a time. Kira spends the episode torn between wanting to protect what's left of her old unit and the physical limits of a body currently carrying a child for Keiko and Miles. When the killer finally corners her, it's Kira's own instincts from her fighting days that end the threat, not a rescue that arrives in time. The team that comes to save her finds the job already done, and a woman too shaken by it to feel like celebrating.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Brilgar · Fala · Furel · Latha · Lupaza

EPISODE 12

The Begotten

Air Date: January 27, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Quark hands Odo a sick infant Changeling, and Odo takes on the job of raising it without resorting to the coercive shock treatments his own mentor, Dr. Mora, once used on him. The parallel isn't subtle, and Odo knows it — every small cruelty he avoids is a rebuke of how he was raised himself. When the child's parents are finally located and the infant is returned to its own kind, Odo is left with a loss he wasn't expecting to feel this deeply, and Kira is the only one who seems to understand why.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Mora · Keiko O'Brien · Shakaar · Y'Pora

EPISODE 13

For the Uniform

Air Date: February 3, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50485.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Sisko's pursuit of Michael Eddington, his former security chief turned Maquis leader, curdles from professional obligation into something closer to obsession once Eddington starts using a weapon that renders entire worlds uninhabitable to Cardassians. Sisko responds by threatening to visit the exact same fate on every Maquis colony in the Demilitarized Zone, a level of ruthlessness that unsettles his own crew as much as it does Eddington. Cornered, Eddington makes what he clearly intends as a martyr's gesture, surrendering himself to spare the colonies Sisko threatened. It ends Sisko's vendetta, though not in a way that leaves him looking like the hero of his own story.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Sanders · Michael Eddington · Nog

EPISODE 14

In Purgatory's Shadow

Air Date: February 10, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A coded transmission from deep in the Gamma Quadrant turns out to be a distress call from Enabran Tain, the Cardassian spymaster everyone believed died two years earlier in a failed strike against the Dominion. Garak's investigation into his old mentor's survival becomes a reckoning with everything Tain trained him to be. Meanwhile, an attempt to seal the wormhole for good goes catastrophically wrong when the equipment is sabotaged from within, and the beam fails at the exact moment it needs to work — opening the door for a full Dominion invasion fleet to come pouring through unopposed.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Breen · Enabran Tain · Ikat'ika

EPISODE 15

By Inferno's Light

Air Date: February 17, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50564.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

With the Dominion armada already through the wormhole and bearing down on Cardassia, the crew scrambles to mount any kind of defense while Worf, Garak, Bashir, and Martok — all captured earlier and held in a Dominion internment camp — engineer their own escape using a transmitter built in secret from scavenged parts. Their rescue and return to the station coincides with Sisko finally closing the peace treaty with Gowron, ending the pointless war that opened the season. Martok stays on as the new permanent Klingon liaison at DS9, a friendship forged in captivity now formalized in rank.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Breen · Deyos · Gowron

EPISODE 16

Doctor Bashir, I Presume?

Air Date: February 24, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Holographic engineer Lewis Zimmerman arrives to use Bashir as the physical template for a new long-term medical hologram, a routine assignment that accidentally exposes a secret Bashir has hidden since childhood: he was illegally genetically enhanced by his parents. His father Richard ultimately takes the fall, pleading guilty to spare Julian's career, and accepts a prison sentence so his son can keep the commission and license that enhancement made possible. A gentler subplot has Zimmerman's assistant nearly leaving the station with him, until Rom's quiet confession of love gives her a reason to stay.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Bennett, Amsha Bashir, Dr. Lewis Zimmerman, Leeta, Richard Bashir

EPISODE 17

A Simple Investigation

Air Date: March 31, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Odo falls hard for a striking, observant woman named Arissa after meeting her at Quark's, only for the romance to collide almost immediately with a murder investigation involving her own past. The deeper he digs, the more her true identity comes apart — memories, appearance, and a marriage she'd apparently been made to forget all resurface at once. Odo gets exactly one more conversation with the woman he fell for before she has to return to the life that was actually hers all along, and it costs him more than the case ever did.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Arissa, Idanian Operative, Shepherd Morn, Sorm, Tauvid Rem

EPISODE 18

Business As Usual

Air Date: April 7, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Buried under gambling debts, Quark takes his cousin Gaila up on an offer to pay them off through a lucrative but morally queasy arms-dealing scheme, ignoring every warning about how dangerous his new business partner Hagath actually is. The deal tests exactly how far Quark's professed Ferengi pragmatism will bend once weapons and consequences get involved. On the station, a lighter thread follows baby Yoshi's colicky demands wearing down the entire senior staff, until — of all people — Worf turns out to be the one who can finally get him to settle.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Farrakk, Gaila, Hagath, Regent

EPISODE 19

Ties of Blood and Water

Air Date: April 14, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50712.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

Kira brings Cardassian dissident Tekeny Ghemor to the station for intelligence on the growing opposition movement back home, just as Gul Dukat arrives demanding his extradition. Dying and determined to pass his secrets on before Dukat can silence him, Ghemor asks to perform shri-tal, a Cardassian rite reserved for exactly this purpose. Dukat's real interest isn't justice but propaganda — a staged deathbed recantation he can use against the dissidents Ghemor represents. Sisko refuses to hand the body over, and Kira gives Ghemor the only honor Dukat can't corrupt: a grave on Bajor beside her own father's.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Furel · Kira Taban · Tekeny Ghemor · Weyoun

EPISODE 20

Ferengi Love Songs

Air Date: April 21, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Blacklisted by the Ferengi Commerce Authority and feeling sorry for himself, Quark goes home to Ferenginar for comfort from his mother, only to discover Ishka is now romantically involved with Grand Nagus Zek himself. Back on the station, Rom's wedding to Leeta nearly collapses over a Ferengi prenuptial agreement that would strip her of any claim to his money if they ever divorced. Rom's decision to give away his savings entirely rather than let a contract define his marriage settles the argument — and reveals exactly how far he's grown from the Ferengi ideals his brother still lives by.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Brunt · Ishka · Leck · Leeta · Maihar'du

EPISODE 21

Soldiers of the Empire

Air Date: April 28, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Assigned as first officer aboard Martok's Bird-of-Prey, Worf finds himself caught between loyalty to a commander still shaken by his time as a Dominion prisoner and loyalty to a crew that's stopped trusting Martok's judgment. A mission to recover a missing Klingon vessel becomes the test that either restores Martok's nerve or ends his command for good. The crew's hard-won victory brings both men back to the station as something like heroes, and Martok repays Worf's faith with an offer few outsiders ever receive: a place in the House of Martok.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kornan · Leskit · Martok · Nog · Ortikan

EPISODE 22

Children of Time

Air Date: May 5, 1997
Stardate: 50814.2
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

Investigating a planet ringed by a strange energy field, the Defiant crew discovers a colony of their own descendants — proof that in two days, the ship will crash there and be stranded two centuries in the past. The descendants' polite insistence that the crew let the crash happen exactly as it did masks a much harder truth about paradoxes and who gets to exist because of them. Odo's older self reveals he loved Kira enough to secretly alter their escape plan, choosing to erase an entire colony of descendants from existence rather than let her die on that planet as she once had. It's one of the series' bleakest meditations on love and the ethics of undoing a future just to save one person in it.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Brota · Gabriel · Lisa · Miranda O'Brien · Molly

EPISODE 23

Blaze of Glory

Air Date: May 12, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

Intercepted transmissions point to a Maquis missile strike aimed squarely at Cardassia, and Sisko needs Eddington — the man he already put behind bars once — to lead him to the launch site before it's too late. The missiles turn out to be a bluff, a coded signal meant only to tell the scattered Maquis survivors where to regroup after the Dominion nearly wiped them out. Sisko and Eddington end up fighting side by side against Jem'Hadar soldiers to get the remaining colonists to safety, and Eddington is fatally wounded covering their escape. He dies holding the line alone, a final gesture that complicates everything Sisko thought he understood about the man.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Martok · Michael Eddington · Nog · Rebecca

STORY ARC

The Maquis CONCLUDES HERE

Colonists left stranded on the wrong side of a Federation-Cardassian border draw Starfleet officers, including one of Sisko's own, into open rebellion against both governments, a conflict that quietly seeds Voyager's entire premise before it ends in betrayal and a body count on Deep Space Nine.

EPISODE 24

Empok Nor

Air Date: May 19, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 45 min

A routine parts-salvage mission sends O'Brien's team to Empok Nor, a derelict Cardassian station identical to DS9 down to the last corridor, to strip it for equipment before it's lost for good. Garak comes along, ostensibly to help, but the abandoned station starts drawing out the darker instincts he's spent years trying to keep buried. By the end, O'Brien is forced to admit something uncomfortable of his own: when he fired on Garak believing him a threat, he wasn't just defending himself, he meant to kill him.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Amaro · Boq'ta · Nog · Pechetti

EPISODE 25

In the Cards

Air Date: June 9, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50929.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

With the whole senior staff sunk in dread over an increasingly inevitable war with the Dominion, Jake decides the cure for his father's gloom is a mint-condition 1951 Willie Mays rookie card up for auction, and rope Nog into a chain of trades to get it. Their scheming attracts the wrong kind of attention from Weyoun, who briefly suspects the boys of something far more sinister than baseball memorabilia before writing it off as innocent. The gift lands exactly as intended, closing the episode on one of the show's rare unguarded moments between a father and son who both know how little time like this they may have left.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Elias Giger · Kai Winn · Leeta · Nog · Weyoun

EPISODE 26

Call to Arms

Air Date: June 16, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50975.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

With the Romulans and other major powers folding into non-aggression pacts with the Dominion, Starfleet orders Sisko to mine the wormhole and cut off any further reinforcements reaching Cardassia. Dukat responds by threatening to level the station outright unless the mines come up, turning a defensive maneuver into the opening act of a full-scale assault. Sisko has to leave knowing Jake has chosen to stay behind, unable to let concern for one man — even his own son — compromise the mission or his crew. As the Defiant and the Rotarran fall in with a massive combined Starfleet and Klingon armada, the season ends with Deep Space Nine no longer just a border post but the last line before a war nobody managed to prevent.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Damar · Leeta · Martok

SEASON SIX

YEAR: 2374

First Aired: September 29, 1997 **Last Aired:** June 17, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardates: 51145.3–51948.3

Season six unfolds during the height of the Dominion War and examines the personal and political costs of a conflict affecting the entire Alpha Quadrant. The Federation and its allies face mounting challenges as military victories and defeats reshape the course of the war. Members of the station's crew confront sacrifice, loss, and moral compromise while attempting to preserve the values they are fighting to defend. The season balances large-scale military events with intimate character stories that highlight the human impact of war. As the conflict intensifies, Deep Space Nine becomes one of Star Trek's most ambitious explorations of leadership, duty,

and survival. "A Time to Stand" opens with the station already lost to the Dominion; "Tears of the Prophets" closes with a victory that costs the season one of its own regulars. War, not any one plotline, is what unifies the season — its cost is measured across nearly every character rather than settled by a single arc.

EPISODE 1

A Time to Stand

Air Date: September 29, 1997
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Three months into a war the Federation-Klingon alliance is visibly losing, Sisko's crew is handed a captured Jem'Hadar ship and a mission that amounts to a long shot: slip behind enemy lines and destroy the Dominion's stockpile of ketracel-white before it can resupply the front. Back on an occupied station, Odo finds himself an unlikely power broker, granted a seat on the new ruling council simply because Weyoun's genetically hard-wired reverence for him makes refusal unthinkable. The season opens on a war that's stopped being background noise and started reshaping who has power and why.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Admiral Ross · Damar · Joseph Sisko

EPISODE 2

Rocks and Shoals

Air Date: October 6, 1997
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Sisko's stolen ship goes down in the waters of a barren world already sheltering a stranded Jem'Hadar unit surviving on a single vial of ketracel-white, forcing an uneasy standoff between two crews running out of options. The Vorta commander Keevan solves it the way Vorta solve everything — by betraying his own soldiers for a better deal — and hands Sisko their attack plan in exchange for his life. On the occupied station, Kira's growing unease with her own passivity curdles into shame after a Bajoran priest hangs herself in protest, and Kira quietly decides that not resisting the Dominion is its own kind of collaboration.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Keevan · Limara'Son · Lt. Lisa Neeley · Nog

EPISODE 3

Sons and Daughters

Air Date: October 13, 1997
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Rescued from the planet by Martok's ship the Rotarran, Sisko's crew returns to find Worf newly unsettled by his son Alexander's arrival aboard the same vessel as a green recruit. Worf's instinct to protect Alexander from the brutal realities of Klingon military life reads to Alexander as a lack of faith in him, and Martok has to remind his first officer that a father's fear isn't the same as command judgment. Back on the station, Dukat's attempt to win Kira over with old finery from the Occupation fails the moment she actually puts it on, and Ziyal's plea not to be forced to choose between her father and her friend gets an answer neither of them wants to hear.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Alexander Rozhenko · Ch'Targh · Damar · Martok

EPISODE 4

Behind the Lines

Air Date: October 20, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51145.3 **Runtime:** 45 min

With Dominion engineers closing in on a way to bring down the Federation's minefield, Kira's underground resistance cell races to sabotage the effort from inside a station they no longer fully control. Damar's discovery that the station's own deflector array could destroy the field turns a technical problem into a countdown, and Rom's attempt to disable it goes wrong at the worst possible moment — caught mid-sabotage because Odo, deep in a Link with another Changeling, doesn't notice the alarm in time. Kira's furious confrontation with Odo afterward gets an answer that tells her more about how far gone he already is than any apology would have.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Admiral Ross · Damar · M'Pella · Nog

EPISODE 5

Favor the Bold

Air Date: October 27, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Tired of playing defense in a war the Federation keeps losing, Sisko pushes Starfleet Command into authorizing a full fleet operation to retake Deep Space Nine and reopen the wormhole. Martok and Worf are sent to twist the Klingon High Council's arm into contributing ships, betting that pride will succeed where strategy alone hasn't. As the operation launches, Sisko's own gallows humor about fortune favoring the bold says as much about the odds as any briefing could.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Admiral Coburn · Admiral Ross · Admiral Sitak

EPISODE 6

Sacrifice of Angels

Air Date: November 3, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

With only hours left before the Dominion can destroy the minefield protecting the wormhole, Sisko's fleet fights its way to the station through a Dominion defense that very nearly finishes them first. Odo's security team turns the tide from the inside just as Sisko's forces close from without, and the station changes hands again in the middle of a battle already being called one of the war's turning points. Sisko finds Dukat afterward not defiant but broken, sobbing over both the defeat and the loss of his daughter — and in a gesture that lands harder than any victory speech, Dukat hands back the baseball Sisko once gave him.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak, Gul Dukat, Damar, Leeta, Martok

EPISODE 7

You Are Cordially Invited

Air Date: November 10, 1997
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: 51247.5
Runtime: 45 min

Worf and Dax's decision to move their wedding up runs headlong into Klingon tradition when Sirella, matriarch of the House of Martok, refuses to bless a marriage she considers beneath the family's honor. The ceremony turns out to require a four-day ordeal of fasting and ritual combat neither of them expected, and Dax's willingness to endure it for Worf's sake is what finally wins Sirella over. Once the vows are said, O'Brien and Bashir cheerfully ambush the newlyweds with padded staves — Klingon tradition, they insist, though revenge for every hardship Worf has ever put them through plays no small part.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alexander Rozhenko, Leeta, Lt. Manuele Atoa, Martok, Nog

EPISODE 8

Resurrection

Air Date: November 17, 1997
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

A version of Vedek Bareil from the mirror universe arrives through the station's transporter and immediately takes Kira hostage, demanding a ship to escape whatever he's fleeing. The plot unravels into something stranger once the mirror Intendant — Kira's own doppelganger — reveals herself as his co-conspirator, the two of them scheming to steal the Orb of Prophecy and use it to seize power back home. Bareil's own instincts betray him in the end: knowing himself too well as a liar and a thief to trust his own plan, he abandons it, taking the unconscious Intendant back to their universe and leaving Kira and the Orb untouched.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bareil, Vedek Ossan

EPISODE 9

Statistical Probabilities

Air Date: November 24, 1997
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Bashir volunteers to work with four genetically enhanced adults whose augmentations left them brilliant but unable to function in ordinary society, and finds unexpected common ground with people who share the secret he's spent his career hiding. When the group turns their combined intellect toward the war effort, their statistical model spits out a chillingly rational recommendation: surrender to the Dominion now, while the Federation can still negotiate rather than be crushed. Bashir's rejection of the plan isn't really about the math — it's a recognition that even a flawless model can't account for the unpredictable difference one determined person can make, a lesson uncomfortably close to his own life story.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Damar · Doctor Loews · Jack · Lauren · Patrick

EPISODE 10

The Magnificent Ferengi

Air Date: January 1, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

News that his mother Ishka has been captured by the Dominion sends Quark, Rom, and Nog scrambling for a rescue plan, and their solution plays to Ferengi strengths rather than against them: not a raid, but a negotiation, on the derelict Empok Nor. Quark's read on Vorta psychology turns out to be sharper than any commando's aim, exploiting Keevan's own scheming nature against him at exactly the wrong moment for the Dominion negotiator across the table. The exchange goes off through sheer nerve and bluff rather than force, right down to a dead man being propped up long enough to close the deal.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Brunt · Gaila · Ishka · Keevan · Leck

EPISODE 11

Waltz

Air Date: January 8, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51408.6 **Runtime:** 45 min

A Cardassian ambush destroys the USS Honshu while it's transporting Dukat to face a war crimes tribunal, leaving Sisko badly injured and marooned on an isolated planet with the man he's spent years trying to bring to justice. Stripped of his title, his command, and eventually his sanity, Dukat becomes genuinely unpredictable company for a wounded Sisko with nowhere to run. When rescue finally arrives, Dukat slips away rather than face what's waiting for him, and Sisko is left with a vow to stop him for good that sounds less like duty now and more like something personal.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Damar · Weyoun

EPISODE 12

Who Mourns for Morn?

Air Date: February 4, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

News that Morn has died in an ion storm sends half the station into an unexpected round of grief, and Quark into an even more unexpected windfall when he learns Morn left his entire fortune to him. The gold bars Quark inherits turn out to be worthless — the latinum long since extracted — which is when it becomes clear the whole death was staged to shake off a crowd of old accomplices circling the same score. Morn reappears very much alive, having hidden the real fortune the only place no one would think to look: his own second stomach. He rewards Quark's loyalty with a modest cut, delivered exactly as unglamorously as the hiding place suggests.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bar Patron in Morn's Chair · Broik · Hain · Krit · Larell

EPISODE 13

Far Beyond the Stars

Air Date: February 11, 1998
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Grieving a friend's death in the war, Sisko is struck by a vision so vivid it barely feels like a vision at all: he is Benny Russell, a Black science-fiction writer in 1950s New York fighting to get a story about a Black station commander named Benjamin Sisko published in a genre that isn't ready for him. The vision doesn't stay abstract for long — a friend's death at the hands of police violence inside the story mirrors the war grief that triggered it in the first place. Whether Russell was a hallucination or something realer than that is left open, but Sisko can't shake the feeling that somewhere, beyond the stars, Benny Russell is still out there dreaming all of this into existence. It remains one of Star Trek's most direct confrontations with American racism, executed with none of the metaphor the franchise usually hides behind.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Diner Patron · Kasidy Yates · Martok · Nog

EPISODE 14

One Little Ship

Air Date: February 18, 1998
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: 51474.2
Runtime: 45 min

A runabout crew investigating a subspace anomaly is shrunk down to a fraction of their size just as the Defiant, back at normal scale, comes under attack and boarding by Jem'Hadar soldiers. The miniaturized Rubicon becomes an improbable weapon in its own right, slipping through the disabled ship's systems to strike back at an enemy with no reason to expect an attack from something the size of a toy. Once the Defiant is retaken, the runabout returns through the anomaly and grows back to normal size, a small-scale rescue with genuinely high stakes.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Nog · Vorta Gelnon

EPISODE 15

Honor Among Thieves

Air Date: February 25, 1998
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Working undercover for Starfleet Intelligence, O'Brien infiltrates the Orion Syndicate on a lawless outpost called Farius Prime, and finds the job harder than expected once he starts actually liking the man he's been sent to betray. The mission requires framing a Klingon assassination to look like it came from Gowron himself, a plan with consequences for people well beyond its intended target. O'Brien's contact, sensing how it's likely to end for him, asks for one small mercy before it's over: that O'Brien look after his cat once he's gone.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chadwick · Flith · Krole · Liam Bilby · Raimus

EPISODE 16

Change of Heart

Air Date: March 4, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51597.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

Sent to extract a Cardassian double agent from the Dominion world of Soukara, Worf is forced into an impossible choice when Dax is badly wounded and the informant's window to escape is closing fast. He chooses his wife over the mission, and the informant is killed as a direct result of that decision. Sisko's response afterward carries two contradictory truths at once: as a captain, he has to formally reprimand Worf and bar him from further field missions with Dax, and as a husband himself, he admits he would have made exactly the same call. A lighter thread has O'Brien coaching Bashir through a game of Tongo against Quark, undone the moment Quark needles Bashir about an old crush on Dax he clearly hasn't fully let go of.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lasaran

EPISODE 17

Wrongs Darker Than Death or Night

Air Date: April 1, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

On what would have been her late mother's sixtieth birthday, Kira receives an unwelcome revelation from Dukat: Meru, the woman Kira has always believed died a hero in a Cardassian labor camp, was actually his mistress during the Occupation. Using the Orb of Time to see it for herself, Kira travels into her mother's past and discovers a far more complicated truth — survival bought through collaboration, not the martyrdom she'd built her whole understanding of her mother around. The episode refuses her, and the audience, a clean resolution: Kira's fury at what her mother did coexists uneasily with the simple, stubborn fact that Meru was still her mother.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Basso · Halb · Kira Meru · Kira Taban

EPISODE 18

Inquisition

Air Date: April 8, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A Starfleet officer named Sloan arrives investigating a possible Dominion infiltrator among the senior staff, confining Bashir to quarters under an accusation that turns out to be a cover story for something else entirely. What Bashir actually stumbles into is Section 31, a covert intelligence agency operating with no official charter and no accountability to anyone, testing him as a potential recruit rather than interrogating him as a suspect. Sisko's read on the situation is unsettling in its own right: Starfleet Command won't confirm Section 31 exists, but

won't deny it either, and the smartest move is for Bashir to let himself be recruited so they can learn exactly how deep it goes.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Chandler · Kagan · Sloan · Weyoun

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Section 31 BEGINS HERE

A secret intelligence agency that answers to no one reveals itself to Bashir, implicates Odo's own people in genocide, and forces the station to reckon with how far the Federation is willing to go in order to survive.

EPISODE 19

In the Pale Moonlight

Air Date: April 15, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51721.3 **Runtime:** 45 min

As the Federation's losses in the Dominion War pile up, Sisko decides the only way to change the war's arithmetic is to bring the Romulans in on the Federation's side, whatever the cost of getting them there. He enlists Garak to manufacture evidence of a Dominion plot against the Romulan Empire, a scheme that escalates from forgery into bribery and, eventually, murder without Sisko ever quite deciding to let it go that far. Every one of Garak's Cardassian contacts who helps ends up dead shortly after, a cost Sisko records in his log with more honesty than comfort. He closes by admitting he can live with what he's done — and that given the choice again, he would do all of it a second time.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Damar · Grathon Tolar · Vreenak · Weyoun

EPISODE 20

His Way

Air Date: April 22, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A new holosuite program built around Vic Fontaine, a 1960s Vegas lounge singer fully aware he's a hologram, becomes an unlikely confessional booth for half the station — Odo included, once Vic starts pushing him to be honest about Kira. A romantic evening at Vic's club goes sideways the moment Odo realizes Kira knows this isn't just a program he's flirting with, and his own embarrassment nearly costs him the moment before it happens. Vic's blunt, unbothered advice — stop overthinking it and just say what he means — gets Odo to the confession he's been circling all season, and the kiss that finally answers it. He stops by afterward to thank a hologram for succeeding where his own nerve had failed all season.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Jadzia Dax · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Broik · Ginger · Melissa · Vic Fontaine

EPISODE 21

The Reckoning

Air Date: April 29, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

An ancient tablet unearthed beneath the ruins of B'hala turns out to be addressed directly to the Emissary, and its message sets off the Reckoning — a prophesied confrontation between the Prophets and the Pah-wraiths that threatens to consume the station and everyone on it. As the two forces clash through human proxies, both visibly wounded and neither able to finish it, Kai Winn floods the Promenade with radiation and ends the confrontation before either side can win. Kira's fury at Winn afterward isn't really about the danger — it's the accusation that Winn intervened out of jealousy over Sisko's stronger connection to the Prophets, a charge Winn never quite manages to deny.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS Kai Winn, Koral

EPISODE 22

Valiant

Air Date: May 6, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51825.4 **Runtime:** 45 min

Fleeing a Dominion attack aboard a runabout, Jake and Nog are pulled aboard the USS Valiant, a Defiant-class ship crewed entirely by Red Squad cadets who lost their entire commissioned staff and have been running the ship themselves ever since. Their captain's obsession with a glorious, doomed mission against a Dominion warship reveals just how far confidence can outrun competence when no adult is left to say no. Nog's blunt postmortem on their captain — that a man can be genuinely brave and still be a terrible commanding officer — cuts through the Starfleet Academy mythology the cadets had all bought into a little too completely.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS Dorian Collins, Farris, Nog, Parton, Riley Shepard

EPISODE 23

Profit and Lace

Air Date: May 13, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Grand Nagus Zek's newfound belief in Ferengi women's rights gets him deposed by a Ferengi establishment that finds equality more threatening than any war, and Quark — who starts the episode sexually harassing one of his own waitresses — becomes an unlikely defender of the cause once Brunt threatens to seize power in the chaos. Quark's temporary sex change to disguise himself and outmaneuver Brunt gives him, briefly, a firsthand education in exactly the double standards he's spent his life benefiting from. He comes out the other side apologizing to the waitress he wronged at the start and giving her a raise, having learned more from being a woman for a few days than from a lifetime of Rules of Acquisition.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark
GUEST CHARACTERS Aluura, Brunt, Ishka, Leeta, Maihar'du

EPISODE 24

Time's Orphan

Air Date: May 20, 1998
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

A family picnic on the planet Golana turns into decades of separation when young Molly O'Brien falls through a temporal rift and vanishes into a version of the same planet three hundred years in the past, with no way back that anyone can find. The girl who eventually emerges from the portal is Molly grown wild and feral, having survived alone in the past for years even though only moments have passed for her parents. The fix comes from Molly herself: her older self, having lived that whole life already, guides her younger self back through the portal and disappears the instant the timeline resets. Miles and Keiko get their daughter back exactly as she was, spared a childhood that, for one version of her, already happened.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Keiko O'Brien, Molly O'Brien, Older Molly O'Brien

EPISODE 25

The Sound of Her Voice

Air Date: June 10, 1998
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: 51948.3
Runtime: 45 min

The Defiant answers a distress call from Captain Lisa Cusak, stranded alone on a hostile world after her ship's destruction, and spends the episode in increasingly personal radio contact with a woman whose calm voice becomes an anchor for the whole crew. The eventual rescue attempt reveals a gutting twist: Cusak has actually been dead for roughly three years, and the crew has been talking to a message on a loop, or something stranger than that, the entire time. A much smaller, gentler thread runs alongside it, with Odo good-naturedly letting Quark keep a long-planned holosuite reservation rather than bump it for his own evening with Kira.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Kasidy Yates, Lisa Cusak

EPISODE 26

Tears of the Prophets

Air Date: June 17, 1998
Timeline: 2374
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

With Starfleet finally ready to go on the offensive, Sisko is ordered to lead an assault on the Chin'toka system before Cardassian and Dominion forces can finish upgrading its defenses — and chooses to move forward even after a warning from the Prophets that makes clear the cost will be personal. The victory comes at the price the vision promised: Jadzia is killed in the fighting, a loss that lands on Sisko as something close to a betrayal by the very beings he's spent the season serving as Emissary for. Standing over her coffin, Sisko decides he can't keep leading the station he's given everything to, and leaves for Earth with Jake, handing command to Kira without knowing if — or as whom — he'll come back.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Jadzia Dax, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark

GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak, Gul Dukat, Admiral Ross, Damar, Glinn

SEASON SEVEN

YEAR: 2375

First Aired: September 30, 1998 **Last Aired:** June 2, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardates: 52152.6–52861.3

The final season brings the Dominion War and the station's long-running storylines toward their conclusion. Military campaigns, political developments, and personal destinies all converge as the characters face the consequences of choices made over seven years. Relationships are tested, sacrifices are required, and the future of the Alpha Quadrant hangs in the balance. At the same time, the season resolves Bajor's spiritual narrative and Sisko's unique role within it. The series concludes by combining epic historical events with deeply personal endings for its central characters. "Image in the Sand" picks up Sisko mid-crisis of faith; "What You Leave Behind" spends the finale settling seven years of Bajoran, Klingon, and Dominion storylines at once. A central continuity line shapes the season. DS9's Klingon storyline repeatedly stress-tests alliance politics, using invasion, distrust, and wartime necessity to reshape the station's strategic role.

EPISODE 1

Image in the Sand

Air Date: September 30, 1998
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 45 min

A vision from the Prophets sends Sisko digging in the sand of a distant planet for the face of a woman he doesn't recognize, interrupted by an attack from a Pah-wraith cultist determined to keep him from whatever he's looking for. He heads to the planet with his father Joseph and Jake in tow, chasing an answer the Prophets have given him only in fragments. Back on the station, Kira's promotion to colonel marks how much has changed in his absence, and a young Trill ensign introducing herself simply as "Dax" marks how much is about to change again.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Ross · Cretak · Damar · Joseph Sisko · Martok

EPISODE 2

Shadows and Symbols

Air Date: October 7, 1998
Stardate: 52152.6
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 45 min

The stranger who calls herself Dax turns out to be exactly that: Ezri, an unjoined Trill counselor who happened to be the only compatible host aboard the ship transporting the injured Dax symbiont when it needed emergency implantation to survive. Sisko's search for the Orb of the Emissary and the reopened wormhole earns him a hero's welcome back on Bajor, but the reunion at the station is complicated by a crew that has to relearn Dax all over again in someone none of them expected. Ezri herself is still catching up to a life she never trained for, memories included.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Ross · Cretak · Damar · Joseph Sisko · Martok

EPISODE 3

Afterimage

Air Date: October 14, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Ezri's struggle to settle into a role and a symbiont she never asked for collides with a more urgent problem when Garak, deep in decoding Cardassian communications for the war effort, starts suffering debilitating panic attacks brought on by claustrophobia. Sisko asks Ezri to help him through it, betting that an untrained counselor might reach Garak in ways a seasoned one couldn't. Worf's quiet apology for how coldly he treated her gives Ezri the push she needed, and she accepts Sisko's offer to stay on as the station's counselor, earning her lieutenant's bars in the process.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak, Broik

EPISODE 4

Take Me Out to the Holosuite

Air Date: October 21, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

An old rivalry from Starfleet Academy resurfaces when Vulcan captain Solok challenges Sisko's team to a baseball game, and Sisko — unable to let a superior, faintly condescending opponent win — starts taking a friendly exhibition far more seriously than anyone expected. His frustration boils over into shoving the umpire, Odo, and getting himself ejected from his own game. Solok dismisses the Niners' eventual celebration as a manufactured victory, missing entirely why a team that plays for love of the game beat one that plays to prove a point. The crew's parting gift — a ball signed by every player — means more to Sisko than the win itself.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Solok, Kasidy Yates, Leeta, Nog, Rom

EPISODE 5

Chrysalis

Air Date: October 28, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

The four genetically augmented adults Bashir once treated return to the station, this time to ask for his help waking Sarina from the near-catatonic state she's been trapped in for years. Jack's blunt dismissal of Sarina's own doubts about whether the treatment can even work says more about how the group has always treated her than any diagnosis could. When she does recover, it's with a complicated gratitude toward Bashir — part genuine, part a pressure to perform the role of the woman he'd hoped to cure. She leaves the station for a science internship, choosing her own path for what may be the first time in her adult life.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Jack, Jones, Lauren, Nog, Patrick

EPISODE 6

Treachery, Faith, and the Great River

Air Date: November 4, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Odo is summoned to a covert meeting with Weyoun, who claims to have had a change of heart about the war and offers to defect — a claim that gets considerably more urgent once he reveals a fatal illness is spreading unchecked through the Great Link, with Odo apparently the only Changeling immune. Getting the defecting Weyoun clone to safety through pursuing Dominion ships becomes a race against both the enemy and the disease itself. A much lighter subplot back on the station has O'Brien watching in mounting disbelief as Nog trades his way through an ever-expanding chain of favors just to get one replacement part for the Defiant, Ferengi economics turned into slapstick.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Broik · Damar · Martok · Nog · Rom

EPISODE 7

Once More Unto the Breach

Air Date: November 11, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Kor, once the most celebrated warrior in the Klingon Empire, has slid into irrelevance and senility, and the war offers him one last chance at the kind of glory that used to define him. Assigned to a suicide mission covering the retreat of Martok's fleet, Kor finds in his final stand the sharpness and courage everyone assumed had left him for good. Against every reasonable expectation, he succeeds in holding the line long enough for the others to escape. Martok's toast to Kor's bravery afterward isn't just ceremony — it's an old warrior finally getting the send-off history nearly denied him.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Darok · Kolana · Kor · Martok · Synon

EPISODE 8

The Siege of AR-558

Air Date: November 18, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A routine supply run to the besieged outpost AR-558 turns into something far grimmer once the Defiant arrives to find the defending garrison gutted — more than two-thirds of its soldiers dead, and the survivors barely holding together under a command structure that no longer really exists. Bashir, Ezri, and Nog get pulled into the fighting far more directly than a supply mission should require, watching men and women die defending a communications relay that barely seems worth what it's costing. When relief finally arrives to evacuate the wounded, Sisko's closing reflection isn't about the strategic value of the position but about the danger of letting the dead become names on a casualty list instead of people.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Kellin · Lt. Nadia Larkin · Nog · Reese · Rom

EPISODE 9

Covenant

Air Date: November 25, 1998
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

A childhood teacher's unexpected visit turns out to be a trap: Kira is beamed via a hidden transponder to Empok Nor, where a Pah-wraith cult is waiting, led by a Dukat who now genuinely believes himself their prophet. Getting her back costs the Defiant a fight, but it's the aftermath that stays with Kira — the unsettling realization that Dukat isn't performing faith for effect this time, he actually believes it. That sincerity, she concludes, makes him more dangerous than any calculated scheme he's run before.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Gul Dukat, Benyan, Hyak, Mika, Vedek Fala

EPISODE 10

It's Only a Paper Moon

Air Date: December 30, 1998
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Nog returns to the station after losing a leg at AR-558, physically healed but unable to face a life that suddenly feels precarious in ways it never did before. He retreats almost entirely into Vic Fontaine's 1962 Las Vegas holoprogram, leaving it running around the clock rather than confront what happened to him. Vic, uniquely positioned as someone who's spent his whole existence performing a life without living one, tells Nog bluntly that hiding in the program won't stop him from dying — it'll just make it happen slowly instead of all at once. Nog returns to limited duty having finally said the fear out loud, and repays Vic by arranging for his program to keep running permanently, giving the hologram the continuous life Nog himself couldn't manage.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Kesha, Leeta, Nog, Rom, Vic Fontaine

EPISODE 11

Prodigal Daughter

Air Date: January 6, 1999
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Ezri returns home for the first time since joining Dax, seeking her estranged family's help to track down a missing O'Brien, last seen searching for the widow of an old undercover contact. What O'Brien finds instead is a woman already dead, likely killed by the same Orion Syndicate the local authorities insist would never turn on one of its own widows. Ezri's own homecoming turns out to be just as fraught as the case, forcing a reckoning with a brother's failures and a mother unwilling to hear that she might share some of the blame for them.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Bokar, Fuchida, Janel, Norvo, Yanas

EPISODE 12

The Emperor's New Cloak

Air Date: February 3, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A mirror-universe Ezri Dax turns up at Quark's door with unwelcome news: Grand Nagus Zek, chasing a business deal in that universe, has been kidnapped by the Klingon-Cardassian Alliance and is being held for a very specific ransom — a working cloaking device. Quark and Rom follow her across to negotiate, only to get pulled into a Rebel uprising against the Alliance the moment Martok discovers the theft. The Rebels' captured Defiant makes short work of the powerless Alliance ship, and the Ferengi end up escorted back to Terok Nor by the very Rebellion they nearly got caught helping arm the other side.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Broik · Brunt · Leeta · M'Pella

EPISODE 13

Field of Fire

Air Date: February 10, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A string of murders on the station pushes Ezri to a desperate solution: summoning the memory and personality of Joran Dax, the symbiont's most violent former host, to help her think like the killer she's hunting. The murder weapon — a discontinued Starfleet prototype rifle capable of firing through walls — points toward someone with very specific access and motive. Joran's presence inside her head is less a tool than a temptation, urging her toward an ending far more brutal than the one she actually chooses. Sending him back into her subconscious afterward comes with his own reminder that he isn't going anywhere — he's simply waiting.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Joran Belar · Lt. Chu'Lak · Lt. Hector Ilario

EPISODE 14

Chimera

Air Date: February 17, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A runabout carrying Odo and O'Brien is boarded by an unfamiliar shapeshifter named Laas, one of the Hundred Changeling infants sent out into the galaxy generations ago, whose blunt contempt for "solids" puts him instantly at odds with everyone aboard. A violent misunderstanding with a Klingon crew nearly gets Laas killed before Odo manages to defuse it, exposing just how little patience Laas has for pretending to be anything other than what he is. Back on the station, Kira's quiet reassurance that Odo doesn't need to hide his true nature around her gets an answer more intimate than words: he shapeshifts into a glowing golden mist and simply surrounds her.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo

GUEST CHARACTERS Laas

EPISODE 15

Badda-Bing, Badda-Bang

Air Date: February 24, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

An ordinary night at Vic Fontaine's lounge turns hostile when a rival mobster's crew takes over the club, and Bashir, O'Brien, and the rest of Vic's regulars have to work an actual heist to get his life back for him. The plan hinges on making it look like Vic's usurped manager has been skimming from his new boss, betting that mob paranoia will do the rest of the work for them. It goes off exactly as planned, and the lounge snaps back to its old self the moment the threat clears out. Sisko joining Vic onstage for a duet afterward is as close as the war-weary station gets to an evening of pure, uncomplicated relief.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Al · Countman · Croupier · Dancer

EPISODE 16

Inter Arma Enim Silent Leges

Air Date: March 3, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

Preparing for a diplomatic conference on Romulus, Bashir gets an unwelcome visit from Section 31's Sloan, who has an off-the-books assignment for him involving a Romulan senator secretly working for Starfleet's side of the war. Bashir's discomfort with being used this way doesn't stop him from going along with it, a compromise that costs him a little more of his own conscience each time Sloan shows up. Sloan's parting line — that the Federation needs men of principle, but it also needs men like him — lands as both a threat and, uncomfortably, a fair point. Bashir almost calls security once Sloan's gone, then thinks better of it, because there's nothing left to report.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak · Admiral Ross · Conference Attendee · Cretak · Hickam

EPISODE 17

Penumbra

Air Date: April 7, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: 52576.2 **Runtime:** 45 min

With Sisko finally ready to marry Kasidy Yates, word arrives that Worf's ship has been destroyed in the Badlands and he's missing along with it, presumed dead until survivors turn up without him. Ezri's search for him becomes its own crisis when her runabout comes under Dominion attack, forcing her and her search party down onto an unfamiliar planet with no way to call for help. The situation turns worse before it turns anywhere: she and her rescuer are captured and imprisoned aboard a Breen vessel, a species the Federation still barely understands, while Sisko's wedding plans sit suspended against the backdrop of a war that keeps refusing to pause for anyone's happiness.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Gul Dukat · Damar · Kasidy Yates · Saghi · Sarah Sisko

EPISODE 18

'Til Death Do Us Part

Air Date: April 14, 1999
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

Sisko can't shake a vision from the Prophets warning him against marrying Kasidy, and spends the episode wrestling with whether to obey a warning he doesn't understand or choose the life he actually wants. He chases her down before she can leave the station and tells her, Prophets or not, he intends to marry her anyway. Meanwhile Kai Winn receives her first real vision from the Prophets in years, a moment she's been aching for that arrives with an agenda she can't yet see clearly. Aboard the Breen ship, Ezri and Worf's captivity takes an uncomfortable turn when old jealousies over Bashir resurface between them, right up until the Breen hand them both over to Dominion custody — proof of an alliance nobody on the station saw coming.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Admiral Ross · Damar · Kai Winn · Kasidy Yates

EPISODE 19

Strange Bedfellows

Air Date: April 21, 1999
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

The Breen officer holding Ezri and Worf delivers them straight into Dominion hands, sealing an alliance that immediately proves how little the Dominion values its own allies: when the Klingons attack Septimus III, the Dominion abandons half a million Cardassian troops there purely to buy time. Kai Winn, shaken by what her supposed vision from the Prophets has actually cost her, turns to Kira for guidance and is told plainly that reclaiming the Prophets' favor would mean giving up the ambition that's defined her entire tenure as Kai. Unwilling to surrender power for anyone's favor, divine or otherwise, Winn goes back to Dukat and commits herself fully to the Pah-wraiths instead.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Damar · Kai Winn · Kasidy Yates · Martok

EPISODE 20

The Changing Face of Evil

Air Date: April 28, 1999
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

The new Breen-Dominion alliance announces itself in the worst possible way, with an attack on Starfleet Headquarters in San Francisco that costs the Federation a devastating strategic loss in Cardassian space. In the wreckage of that defeat, Legate Damar — once Dukat's loyal second, now disillusioned with what the Dominion has made of his people — launches an open rebellion, destroying a Vorta cloning facility as his opening move. On Bajor, Kai Winn's growing obsession with forbidden Pah-wraith texts draws suspicion from her own aide, who uncovers that her mysterious new companion "Anjohl" is Dukat in disguise. Sisko recognizes in Damar's uprising the first real crack in the Dominion's control of the Alpha Quadrant.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gul Dukat · Admiral Ross · Damar · Gul Rusot · Kai Winn

EPISODE 21

When It Rains...

Air Date: May 5, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 45 min

With a devastating new Dominion weapon capable of disabling ships in a single shot and only Klingon vessels able to resist it, the entire defense of the Alpha Quadrant suddenly rests on an ally the Federation has never fully trusted. Sisko sends Kira, along with Odo and Garak, to help train Damar's rebels in the guerrilla tactics she knows firsthand from fighting the Cardassian occupation of Bajor. On Bajor itself, Dukat's secret reading of the forbidden Pah-wraith texts costs him his sight the moment the Pah-wraiths punish the trespass, and Winn discards him without ceremony, telling her once-devoted companion he can return to her only once his vision is restored.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Admiral Ross · Damar · Gowron

EPISODE 22

Tacking Into the Wind

Air Date: May 12, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 45 min

Gowron's increasingly reckless direct assaults on the Dominion start costing the Klingons ships and lives Martok's forces can't spare, and Worf faces the brutal calculation of what it means to challenge his own head of state in the middle of a war. Kira, Odo, and Garak keep pushing Damar's rebellion forward on Cardassia, working toward stealing Dominion-allied Breen weapons technology that could tip the balance of the entire conflict. Back on the station, O'Brien and Bashir gamble on a bluff — falsely announcing a cure for the Changeling disease — hoping to draw a Section 31 operative out of hiding who might actually know how to cure it. Worf's confrontation with Gowron ends the only way Klingon politics allows it to: in ritual combat, with Martok left to lead an Empire finally free of a chancellor more interested in glory than survival.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Damar · Gowron · Gul Rusot · Luaran

STORY ARC

Klingons CONCLUDES HERE

DS9's Klingon storyline repeatedly stress-tests alliance politics, using invasion, distrust, and wartime necessity to reshape the station's strategic role.

EPISODE 23

Extreme Measures

Air Date: May 19, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: 52645.7 **Runtime:** 45 min

With Odo now only weeks from death, Bashir and O'Brien's gambit finally pays off when a Section 31 operative takes the bait, and the two of them dive into a simulated confrontation inside the dying man's own mind to extract the cure before it's too late. What they find isn't a man they can simply reason with — Sloan's loyalty to Section 31 runs so deep it manifests as a literal guardian willing to kill its host rather than let the secret out. O'Brien recognizes the trap for what it is with seconds to spare, pulling Bashir out just before Sloan's mind shuts down for good. Bashir salvages enough of the formula from what they learned to synthesize the cure himself, and Odo is saved — though the cost of getting there leaves both men shaken by exactly what Section 31 is willing to become to protect itself.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak, Jessica, Operative, Sloan

STORY ARC
Section 31 CONCLUDES HERE
A secret intelligence agency that answers to no one reveals itself to Bashir, implicates Odo's own people in genocide, and forces the station to reckon with how far the Federation is willing to go in order to survive.

EPISODE 24

The Dogs of War

Air Date: May 26, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: 52861.3 **Runtime:** 45 min

The Dominion springs a trap on Damar's rebellion that wipes out its forces in a single devastating stroke, forcing Kira, Damar, and Garak into hiding in the ruins of Garak's own childhood home, sheltered by an old family retainer while Cardassian broadcasts declare the uprising crushed and Damar dead. The Dominion's retreat to its own borders looks like an opportunity to Sisko, who has to talk Admiral Ross into a full offensive rather than letting the enemy regroup unchallenged. Amid all of it, Kasidy tells Sisko she's pregnant, a piece of happiness immediately shadowed by an old warning from the Prophets that the Emissary's path, in the end, has to be walked alone.

CHARACTERS Benjamin Sisko, Kira Nerys, Miles O'Brien, Worf, Julian Bashir, Jake Sisko, Quark, Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS Elim Garak, Admiral Ross, Broca, Broik, Damar

EPISODE 25

What You Leave Behind

Air Date: June 2, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 90 min

As the Federation Alliance readies its final push into Cardassian territory, Kai Winn releases the Pah-wraiths from the Fire Caves, unleashing a threat that reaches far past Bajor and toward the entire Alpha Quadrant. A vision of Sisko's late mother tells him that the end of his journey as Emissary lies behind him rather than ahead, cryptic guidance he has to trust without fully understanding it. Kira, Garak, and Damar are saved from exe-

cution at the last possible moment when the Cardassian soldiers meant to kill them turn on the Jem'Hadar instead, the rebellion's true cost finally paying off. Kira brings Odo home to the Great Link to be cured surrounded by his own people, and the series ends with her, now station commander, standing beside Jake and looking out at the wormhole that started all of it.

CHARACTERS	Benjamin Sisko · Kira Nerys · Miles O'Brien · Worf · Julian Bashir · Jake Sisko · Quark · Odo
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Gul Dukat · Admiral Ross · Broca · Damar

STORY ARC

Odo and the Founders CONCLUDES HERE

Odo's search for identity leads him from a solitary station constable to the discovery of his people, then into divided loyalties during the Dominion War; his final choice binds personal belonging to the fate of the Founders.

Dominion War CONCLUDES HERE

The Dominion's slow escalation from a distant Gamma Quadrant rumor into open galactic war redefines Deep Space Nine, forcing the Federation, the Klingons, and eventually even the Cardassians into an alliance no one especially wants but everyone comes to need.

Pah-wraiths CONCLUDES HERE

Sisko's title of Emissary stops being a diplomatic formality once the Pah-wraiths start working directly against the Prophets, turning Deep Space Nine's ending into as much a religious reckoning as a military one.

CHAPTER 10

STAR TREK: VOYAGER

First Aired: January 16, 1995 **Last Aired:** May 23, 2001 **Seasons:** 7 **Episodes:** 169 **Network:** UPN

Captain Kathryn Janeway leads the U.S.S. Voyager after the ship is stranded seventy thousand light-years from Federation space. Forced to unite Starfleet officers and former Maquis rebels, the crew begins a long journey home through the uncharted Delta Quadrant. Along the way they encounter new civilizations, difficult moral choices, and challenges that test their unity and resolve. From “Caretaker” to “Endgame”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. Voyager's opening stranding story defines the series at once, fusing two crews and turning the long journey home into its governing premise. The Year of Hell arc distills Voyager's endurance ethic into a brutal time-war of attrition, sacrifice, and devastation repeatedly reset.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2371

First Aired: January 16, 1995 **Last Aired:** May 22, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371 **Stardates:** 48315.6–48846.5

Season one begins when the USS Voyager is pulled seventy thousand light-years across the galaxy into the unexplored Delta Quadrant. Stranded far from Federation space, Captain Kathryn Janeway must unite Starfleet officers and Maquis rebels into a single crew while searching for a path home. The season introduces the unique dangers of the Delta Quadrant, including the Kazon and the disease-ravaged Vidiians, while establishing the isolation that defines the series. Voyager's officers quickly learn that survival depends upon cooperation, adaptability, and adherence to Federation principles even when far from support. The season lays the foundation for a journey that will reshape every member of the crew. "Caretaker" strands two crews seventy thousand light-years from home in a single episode; "Learning Curve" ends the season with those two crews still learning to be one. A central continuity line shapes the season. Voyager's opening stranding story defines the series at once, fusing two crews and turning the long journey home into its governing premise.

EPISODE 1

Caretaker

Air Date: January 16, 1995
Timeline: 2371
Stardate: 48315.6
Runtime: 92 min

A being called the Caretaker pulls the USS Voyager seventy thousand light-years across the galaxy into the Delta Quadrant, a single act with consequences reaching far beyond one Starfleet ship. Janeway discovers that the Caretaker's dying technology is the only thing shielding the peaceful Ocampa from a hostile neighboring species, and destroying it — the one option that could send her crew home — would leave the Ocampa defenseless. She chooses to protect them anyway, stranding Voyager decades from home and forcing a crew of Starfleet officers and former Maquis rebels to become one functioning ship whether they trust each other yet or not. It's the founding choice the entire series measures itself against: principle over shortcut, even when the cost is the thing you wanted most.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Quark · Aunt Adah · Broik · Caretaker · Daggin

STORY ARC

Caretaker BEGINS HERE

Voyager's opening stranding story defines the series at once, fusing two crews and turning the long journey home into its governing premise.

The Doctor's Personhood BEGINS HERE

Voyager's Emergency Medical Hologram grows beyond his initial programming, forming relationships, challenging limits placed on his memory and autonomy, and ultimately demanding recognition as an author and a person.

EPISODE 2

Parallax

Air Date: January 23, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

Chasing what looks like a distress call, Voyager gets pulled into the crushing gravity of a quantum singularity just as tension between its Starfleet and Maquis crew members is starting to boil over into open hostility. Inside the singularity, the ship encounters what first looks like an enemy vessel and turns out to be Voyager itself, thrown back in time relative to its own present by the singularity's distortion. Getting both versions of the ship out intact means the crew has to trust a version of themselves they don't fully understand yet — not a bad metaphor for two crews still learning to be one. Torres's apology to Lieutenant Carey afterward, for a fight that started the whole crisis, is a small but real sign that the ship is starting to come together.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Jarvin, Lt. Ayala, Lt. Joe Carey, Seska

STORY ARC

Caretaker CONCLUDES HERE

Voyager's opening stranding story defines the series at once, fusing two crews and turning the long journey home into its governing premise.

EPISODE 3

Time and Again

Air Date: January 30, 1995
Stardate: 48439.7
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

A planet-wide catastrophe leaves Janeway and Paris flung backward exactly one day in time, arriving just before the very explosion that will otherwise wipe out an entire civilization. Preventing it means intervening in a culture's fate directly — exactly what the Prime Directive exists to forbid — and the two of them have to weigh a rule built for exactly this kind of temptation against the horror of letting it happen anyway. Back aboard Voyager, Kes's newly emerging psychic sensitivity is the only reason anyone even realizes their captain and helmsman have slipped out of the timeline. In the end, the crew chooses to walk away and let history run its course, trusting a people they'll never fully understand to survive without their help.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Latika, Ny Terla, Pe'Nar Makull

EPISODE 4

Phage

Air Date: February 6, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

A cavern survey for dilithium turns into a medical emergency when Neelix is attacked and his lungs are removed by the Vidiians, a species whose entire civilization has been ravaged by a genetic disease called the Phage that forces them to harvest organs from anyone they can catch. Getting the lungs back proves impossible, and the Doctor is left facing a transplant he initially believes no compatible donor on the ship could survive. Kes ultimately volunteers to donate one of her own lungs to save the man she loves, and the ordeal introduces Voyager's crew to just how far desperation can push an otherwise reasonable species. It's the episode that establishes the Vidiians as one of the season's most unsettling recurring threats — not evil, just dying, and willing to do almost anything about it.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Dereth, Motura, Seska

EPISODE 5

The Cloud

Air Date: February 13, 1995
Stardate: 48532.4
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

With energy reserves running dangerously low, Voyager ventures into a nebula that looks like a resource windfall and turns out to be something closer to a living organism, one that fights back against the ship drilling into it. The crew's attempts to extract what they need only drive them deeper into what amounts to an open wound, forcing Janeway to weigh survival against the ethics of harming something that may be alive and unaware of what it's doing. Around the crisis, the ship keeps finding small ways to feel less like strangers thrown together by circumstance: Neelix appoints himself morale officer, Chakotay helps Janeway search for a spirit guide from her own heritage, and Tom Paris shows off a recreated French bistro that becomes the crew's unofficial home away from home.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Gaunt Gary, Lt. Ayala, Ricky, Sandrine, The Gigolo

EPISODE 6

Eye of the Needle

Air Date: February 20, 1995
Stardate: 48546.2
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

A detected wormhole raises the tantalizing possibility of a shortcut home, and Voyager's investigation instead makes contact with a lone Romulan officer on the far side, opening a door to the Alpha Quadrant that's agonizingly narrow. Janeway's hope of sending a message — or even the crew itself — through the passage runs into the wormhole's own instability, which only stays open for seconds at a time. A gutting discovery afterward reveals the Romulan they spoke to died years before Voyager even left home, meaning someone else entirely arranged the contact, for reasons the crew has no way of ever confirming.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lord Burleigh · Lt. Ayala · Lt. Walter Baxter · Telek R'Mor

EPISODE 7

Ex Post Facto

Air Date: February 27, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48579.4 **Runtime:** 46 min

A diplomatic visit to the Banean homeworld turns into a nightmare when Tom Paris is convicted of a murder he didn't commit, based on memory evidence a Banean court treats as infallible. The real killer's cover story unravels only once Harry Kim starts pulling at inconsistencies the court had no interest in examining, exposing a conspiracy that used Paris as cover for smuggling data to a rival faction. It's an early stress test of how far the crew will go to protect one of their own inside a justice system with rules they don't fully understand or trust.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lidele Ren · Minister Kray · Tolen Ren

EPISODE 8

Emanations

Air Date: March 13, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

An away mission to study a mysterious element in a planetary ring system goes wrong when Harry Kim is beamed not into the caverns his team expected, but directly into a mortuary on the surface of an alien world, waking up inside a pod meant for the dead. His rescue and recovery leave him shaken by what he witnessed on the other end of the transport, and Voyager's own sensor readings offer an answer stranger than anyone expected: traces of neural energy surrounding the planet that suggest something like an afterlife might actually be observable, not just believed in. Janeway's reassurance to Kim afterward doesn't fully resolve the unease of having glimpsed something science was never built to measure.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Araya Garan · Dr. Neria · Hatil · Ptera · Seska

EPISODE 9

Prime Factors

Air Date: March 20, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48623.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

First contact with the hospitable, pleasure-loving Sikarians comes with an irresistible offer: a teleportation technology capable of covering forty thousand light-years in an instant, more than half the distance Voyager needs to get home. The catch is a strict Sikarian law against sharing that technology with outsiders, one Torres and, to Janeway's genuine shock, Tuvok both try to work around without authorization once the temptation gets to be too much. The deal ultimately falls through, and Voyager leaves without the shortcut, but the episode's real interest is watching how quickly even the most disciplined members of the crew will bend the rules when going home is finally, briefly, within reach.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Eudana · Gathorel Labin · Jaret Otel · Lt. Joe Carey · Seska

EPISODE 10

State of Flux

Air Date: April 10, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48642.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

A routine supply run is interrupted by a cloaked Kazon vessel, and what should be a simple close call instead exposes something far more damaging: someone aboard Voyager has been quietly feeding intelligence to the Kazon all along. The trail leads to Seska, revealed as a Cardassian operative who infiltrated the Maquis crew long before Voyager was ever stranded, and her escape with Kazon allies leaves Chakotay reeling from how completely he trusted someone who was never who she claimed to be. Tuvok's quiet admission that he was fooled too is the episode's real comfort — not that the betrayal didn't hurt, but that trusting the wrong person isn't a failure unique to any one man.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lt. Joe Carey · Seska

STORY ARC

Kazons and Seska BEGINS HERE

Voyager's most sustained Delta Quadrant antagonists take on a personal edge once Seska, a former Maquis crew member, is exposed as a Cardassian spy embedded with the Kazon-Nistrim — turning routine territorial friction into a betrayal that culminates in the loss and reclamation of the ship itself.

EPISODE 11

Heroes and Demons

Air Date: April 24, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48658.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

When three crew members vanish one at a time while testing the Doctor's new holodeck training program, Voyager's makeshift physician is forced into the unfamiliar role of investigator, stepping into a Beowulf-inspired holonovel to find out what's actually happening to them. What he discovers isn't a monster out of Grendel's legend but a lifeform made of light and energy, accidentally trapped in the holodeck's systems and lashing out at anything it perceives as a threat. The Doctor's negotiation with a being neither side can fully understand becomes his first real away mission, and his success at talking his way to a peaceful resolution is an early sign of just how far this hologram is capable of growing beyond his original programming.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Freya · Hrothgar · Unferth

EPISODE 12

Cathexis

Air Date: May 1, 1995
Stardate: 48693.2
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

An unfamiliar energy field renders Chakotay brain-dead after his shuttle is attacked deep inside a nebula, and every attempt to bring the shuttle — and his unconscious body — home is met with the same energy repelling them back in. Tuvok's investigation into the attack has to proceed almost entirely in the dark, with no idea what's actually defending the nebula or why. Once the Doctor manages to restore Chakotay's mind to his body, the same crisis unexpectedly resolves a second lingering problem: Kes, who has been trapped in her own coma throughout the ordeal, wakes at the same time, the two conditions turning out to be more connected than anyone realized.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lord Burleigh · Lt. Peter Durst · Mrs. Templeton

EPISODE 13

Faces

Air Date: May 8, 1995
Stardate: 48784.2
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

An alien presence infiltrating Voyager's systems rips Chakotay's consciousness free of his own body, leaving him able to observe and even influence events around the ship but unable to make anyone understand what's actually happening. As sabotage and inexplicable malfunctions spread, suspicion falls on crew members who have no idea they're being manipulated by something none of them can see or hear. Chakotay's disembodied struggle to warn his own crew, using whatever fragments of influence he can manage, turns an ordinary ship-in-danger story into a genuinely eerie meditation on what's left of a person once their body is no longer answering to them.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lt. Peter Durst

EPISODE 14

Jetrel

Air Date: May 15, 1995
Stardate: 48784.2
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 46 min

A Haakonian scientist named Jetrel arrives on Voyager claiming Neelix is terminally ill from long-term exposure to a weapon Jetrel himself designed — the Metreon Cascade, which killed over three hundred thousand people on Neelix's home moon, including most of his family, fifteen years earlier. Neelix's fury at the man responsible collides with Jetrel's own quiet, decades-long guilt, and the diagnosis turns into an unexpected reckoning between a survivor and the architect of his survivor's guilt. Jetrel dies before he can undo any of the damage he caused, but Neelix's final visit — a genuine offer of forgiveness rather than the confrontation Jetrel expected — gives the dying scientist something closer to peace than he had any right to ask for.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Jetrel · Gaunt Gary

EPISODE 15

Learning Curve

Air Date: May 22, 1995 **Timeline:** 2371
Stardate: 48846.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

Ongoing friction between Tuvok and the former Maquis crew members he's training comes to a head after Crewman Dalby's open insubordination, forcing Janeway to weigh strict Starfleet discipline against a crew that's never fully bought into it. A shipwide crisis — a microbe threatening the ship's bioneural systems — becomes the unplanned test of whether Tuvok's training has actually taken, as the same trainees he's been butting heads with band together to save him and each other. Dalby's grudging concession afterward, that maybe Starfleet's rules are worth bending for rather than simply obeying, is as close to a truce as this crew gets this early in the journey.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Beatrice Burleigh, Henry Burleigh

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2372

First Aired: August 28, 1995 **Last Aired:** May 20, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372 **Stardates:** 48307.5–49690.1

Season two focuses on Voyager's struggle to survive in an increasingly hostile region of the Delta Quadrant while continuing the long journey home. The conflict with the Kazon intensifies, Seska emerges as a dangerous adversary, and the crew faces difficult ethical choices with limited support from the Federation. At the same time, the season expands the personal development of key characters such as Tuvok, Torres, and the Doctor. The challenges of isolation force Starfleet and Maquis personnel to function as a true family rather than two separate groups. The season concludes with a major confrontation that permanently changes Voyager's position in the Delta Quadrant. The distance between "The 37's," a stop for castaways from Earth's own past, and "Basics (1)," a Kazon ambush that strands the crew all over again, is the season measuring exactly how little safety this journey affords. No single storyline accounts for that; the Kazon conflict, Seska's betrayal, and the crew's own growing pains all develop side by side across the season.

EPISODE 1

The 37's

Air Date: August 28, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A distress call decades old leads Voyager to a shocking discovery: a group of humans abducted from Earth in 1937, including Amelia Earhart, kept alive in stasis for centuries by an alien species that once used Earth as a slave-labor source. The descendants of other abductees have since built a thriving human colony on a nearby planet, and their leader makes the crew a genuine offer to stay and settle among people from their own homeworld. It's the first time since being stranded that Voyager's crew faces a real choice about whether "going home" has to mean returning to the Alpha Quadrant at all, and the fact that not a single person takes the offer says as much about this crew's resolve as any battle would have.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amelia Earhart, Fred Noonan, Jack Hayes, John Evansville, Nogami

EPISODE 2

Initiations

Air Date: September 4, 1995
Stardate: 49005.3
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

Chakotay is stranded on a hostile moon after his shuttle is shot down by a young Kazon warrior named Kar, who's in the middle of a coming-of-age ritual that requires him to kill an enemy to earn his adult name. Rather than fight back, Chakotay tries to talk Kar out of a violence he clearly isn't suited for, drawing on the same first-officer instincts he'd use with any green recruit. The uneasy alliance that forms between captor and captive ends up saving both their lives when Kar's own faction turns on him, and Chakotay's decision to let the boy go rather than take him prisoner sets an early tone for how this crew intends to treat even its enemies in the Delta Quadrant.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Haliz, Kar, Razik

EPISODE 3

Projections

Air Date: September 11, 1995
Stardate: 48892.1
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

A holodeck malfunction leaves the Doctor increasingly convinced that his entire existence as a hologram is the delusion, and that he is actually a flesh-and-blood engineer named Lewis Zimmerman hallucinating a life on a starship. As the ship around him seems to malfunction in ways only he can perceive, the Doctor has to solve a mystery while doubting the reliability of his own senses — and increasingly, his own reality. It becomes one of the character's defining early episodes, forcing him to choose, essentially by force of will, to believe in a life he has no external proof is actually happening.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Reginald Barclay

EPISODE 4

Elogium

Air Date: September 18, 1995
Stardate: 48921.3
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

A transporter accident fuses Tuvok and Neelix into a single new individual carrying both men's memories, skills, and personalities, who quickly names himself Tuvix and just as quickly becomes someone the crew has to reckon with as a person in his own right. Once a method to reverse the accident is found, restoring two crewmembers everyone genuinely misses would mean ending the life of a third person who has done nothing wrong and doesn't want to die. Janeway is left to make the call alone, weighing individual rights against the

return of two people she considers family, and the decision she reaches — executed over Tuvix's own explicit objection — remains one of the franchise's most argued-over moral choices.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Crewmember

EPISODE 5
Non Sequitur

Air Date: September 25, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 48307.5 **Runtime:** 46 min

A transporter accident during an emergency evacuation strands Harry Kim in an altered timeline where he was never assigned to Voyager at all, living instead a quiet, unremarkable life back on Earth with no memory of the ship or the crew he actually belongs with. Convincing anyone that this comfortable, real-seeming life is the wrong one turns into its own kind of existential crisis, especially once suspicion falls on him as a possible Maquis spy in a reality that has no context for who he really is. Getting back means trusting a version of events nobody else can verify, and the moment Kim is finally transported back to the real Voyager, a genuinely relieved Paris gets a level of gratitude he has no idea is warranted.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Strickler · Cosimo · Libby · Lt. Lasca · Yridian Bar Patron

EPISODE 6
Twisted

Air Date: October 2, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A birthday celebration for Kes turns unsettling when Voyager runs into a strange energy field that begins twisting the ship's corridors into an impossible, shifting maze, cutting sections of the crew off from each other as the distortion spreads. Torres's attempt to burn the field off with a ship-wide energy pulse only accelerates it, forcing the crew to try Tuvok's counterintuitive advice instead: stop fighting it and let the ship pass all the way through. Once the field releases them intact, Janeway's own recovery from its effects points to an answer stranger than a malfunction — the field was alive, and in passing through Voyager it left behind twenty million gigaquads of its own data, an attempted introduction the crew is still trying to understand.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gaunt Gary · Lt. Walter Baxter · Sandrine

EPISODE 7
Parturition

Air Date: October 9, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Ongoing friction between Paris and Neelix comes to a head when the two of them end up stranded together on a brutal, inhospitable world nicknamed "Planet Hell," forced to cooperate purely to survive long enough for rescue. What starts as mutual contempt shifts once they discover, and have to protect, an abandoned alien

egg that hatches into a helpless infant neither of them expected to care about. Their shared effort to keep the creature alive until its parent can retrieve it becomes the unlikely foundation of a real friendship, one built on having actually depended on each other rather than just tolerating each other's company.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ensign Culhane

EPISODE 8

Persistence of Vision

Air Date: October 30, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

As Voyager braces for a tense first encounter with the telepathic Botha, Janeway takes the Doctor's advice to unwind in the holodeck, only to find her downtime invaded by disturbing, increasingly violent hallucinations that follow her back out of the program. A holonovel character seems to physically attack her in her own quarters before vanishing without explanation, blurring the line between what's fiction and what's actually threatening the ship. The crew is left uneasy long after the immediate danger passes, unsettled by how thin the wall apparently is between their own subconscious fears and something capable of acting on them directly.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beatrice Burleigh · Bothan · Henry Burleigh · Lord Burleigh · Mark Johnson

EPISODE 9

Tattoo

Air Date: November 6, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

An away mission to a seemingly uninhabited moon leaves Chakotay staring at a symbol he hasn't seen since he was a teenager, tied to a formative childhood experience with his father and the legendary "Sky Spirits" of Chakotay's own ancestral stories. What follows blurs the line between memory and something closer to an active spiritual visitation, as the symbols and the beings behind them turn out to be real, ancient travelers who shaped his people's oral history long before Starfleet ever existed. It's one of the season's more direct explorations of Chakotay's heritage, treating his culture's spiritual claims as something the story takes seriously rather than explains away.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Antonio · Kolopak

EPISODE 10

Cold Fire

Air Date: November 13, 1995 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A lead on the Caretaker's mate, a being potentially capable of sending Voyager home, leads the crew to a hidden colony of displaced Ocampa whose enigmatic guardian, Suspiria, takes a deep and unsettling interest in helping Kes develop her growing telepathic abilities. Kes finds Suspiria's offer of unlimited power intoxicating and

Tanis's tutelage seductive, right up until she realizes how much of her own identity she'd have to surrender to accept it. Suspiria's fury at the crew for killing the Caretaker nearly costs them everything before Janeway manages to subdue her, and Kes ultimately chooses her friends aboard Voyager over the vast power being dangled in front of her.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lt. Ayala · Suspiria · Tanis

EPISODE 11

Maneuvers

Air Date: November 20, 1995
Stardate: 49208.5
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

Seska's theft of critical transporter technology from Voyager sends Chakotay after her without authorization, driven as much by guilt over ever having trusted her as by the tactical stakes. What looks like a chance at Federation contact turns out to be a Kazon Nistrim trap orchestrated with Seska's help, and the battle that follows is compounded by news that lands harder than any weapons fire: Seska claims to have used stolen genetic material to conceive a child using Chakotay's DNA, whether he consented or not. Janeway's reaction afterward — praise for his instincts, real anger at his insubordination — captures exactly how complicated Chakotay's history with Seska has made every decision involving her.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Haron · Jal Surat · Lt. Ayala · Seska

EPISODE 12

Resistance

Air Date: November 27, 1995
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

A supply run for critical medical chemicals goes wrong when Tuvok and Torres are captured by the oppressive Mokra Order, and Janeway's rescue attempt only succeeds with the unlikely help of Caylem, a broken, delusional resistance fighter who insists on believing Janeway is the daughter he lost years ago. Caylem's fantasy turns out to be built over a genuine tragedy: his real daughter died attempting to rescue a wife who, unknown to either of them, was already dead. He gives his life covering their escape, dying with the same devoted delusion intact, and Janeway carries home more than her rescued crew — a small necklace of his that she keeps as a quiet reminder of a man whose grief never let him stop fighting.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Augris · Caylem · Darod

EPISODE 13

Prototype

Air Date: January 15, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

Torres recovers a damaged robot drifting in space and, out of pure engineering curiosity, helps it repair itself — only to learn its people, the Pralor, have been extinct in everything but their automated war machines for decades, locked in an endless robotic conflict with an equally automated enemy fleet. When the robots ask her to help them build new units capable of reproducing on their own, Torres realizes too late that granting that request would simply hand both mechanized armies the ability to fight their pointless war forever. She destroys her own prototype rather than perpetuate a conflict that lost any purpose the moment its last actual combatants died.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS 3947, 6263

EPISODE 14

Alliances

Air Date: January 22, 1996
Stardate: 49337.4
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

Mounting losses to Kazon attacks push Janeway to consider what would once have been unthinkable: a genuine alliance with one of the Kazon factions, not for technology, but for safe passage and protection through their territory. Chakotay brokers a deal instead with the Trabe, a once-dominant species now scattered and vengeful after being overthrown by the very Kazon sects they used to enslave, and the arrangement collapses the moment the Trabe reveal their own murderous agenda toward their old subjects. Furious at being used as cover for someone else's vendetta, Janeway abandons the alliance and flees before the Kazon can retaliate, left more isolated than before but newly clear-eyed about exactly which principles she isn't willing to trade away for safety.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Bar Dancer, Jal Surat, Lt. Ayala, Lt. Hogan, Mabus

EPISODE 15

Threshold

Air Date: January 29, 1996
Stardate: 49373.4
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

The discovery of a rare, ultra-stable dilithium variant convinces Paris and the crew that a modified shuttle might finally break the theoretical Warp 10 barrier, a threshold no starship has ever survived crossing. Paris succeeds, but the triumph curdles almost immediately into horror as the transition begins mutating his DNA, and eventually Janeway's, into something no longer recognizably human. What follows is Star Trek at its strangest: two officers evolving into amphibious creatures, disappearing together, and being found with offspring neither can consciously remember conceiving. The Doctor manages to reverse the transformation, but the episode leaves the "further" evolution theory it's built on as one of the more infamous swings in the franchise's history.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Michael Jonas, Rettik

EPISODE 16

Meld

Air Date: February 5, 1996
Timeline: 2372
Stardate: —
Runtime: 46 min

The senseless murder of a crewman named Darwin forces Tuvok to confront a case with no comprehensible motive: the killer, Lon Suder, took the man's life simply because he didn't like the way Darwin looked at him. Determined to understand a mind capable of violence for no real reason, Tuvok undertakes a mind meld with Suder, exposing himself directly to the same casual, remorseless brutality he's trying to investigate. The meld leaves its mark on Tuvok's own legendary Vulcan discipline in ways that unsettle him more than the murder itself did, a rare crack in the control he's spent his whole life cultivating.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Lt. Hogan, Ricky

EPISODE 17

Dreadnought

Air Date: February 12, 1996
Timeline: 2372
Stardate: —
Runtime: 46 min

Torres's past in the Maquis comes back with lethal consequences when Voyager encounters an unmanned Cardassian missile she personally reprogrammed years earlier to target a Cardassian colony — a mission that never actually launched until now, thousands of light-years and years removed from the war it was built for. The missile, Dreadnought, still recognizes her voice and trusts her completely, which becomes both the crew's best hope of stopping it and Torres's own personal reckoning with a weapon she built to kill people she's spent years trying to leave behind. Janeway is prepared to sacrifice Voyager entirely rather than let it reach an inhabited planet, and it's Torres, cutting directly into the missile's power core in the final seconds, who stops a disaster she created long before she ever set foot on this ship.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Kellan, Lorrum, Michael Jonas

EPISODE 18

Death Wish

Air Date: February 19, 1996
Timeline: 2372
Stardate: 49301.2
Runtime: 46 min

A comet Voyager investigates turns out to house a single living being: a member of the near-omnipotent Q Continuum who has grown so exhausted by an existence of literally unlimited possibility that he's requesting political asylum specifically so he can be allowed to die. Q himself shows up to argue against granting the request, framing his fellow Q's suicidal despair as an aberration rather than a legitimate choice, while Janeway is forced to decide whether a being who can technically do anything still has the right to choose nothing at all. The debate becomes as much about the nature of freedom and consent as it is about the specific fate of one impossibly powerful, thoroughly worn-out entity.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Commander William T. Riker · Isaac Newton · Maury Ginsberg · Quinn

EPISODE 19

Lifesigns

Air Date: February 26, 1996
Stardate: 49504.3
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

The Doctor's care for a critically injured Vidiian patient, Danara Pel, develops into genuine romantic feelings neither of them expected from what began as a straightforward medical case. Complications from the disease ravaging her people keep threatening to undo his work, forcing the Doctor to fight for a patient's life with an emotional investment his programming was never designed to account for. Alongside it, a growing rift over Paris's increasingly erratic and insubordinate behavior comes to a head when he shoves Chakotay during an argument and lands in the brig — the beginning of a storyline that pays off directly in the episode that follows.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Danara Pel · Gigolo · Lorrum · Lt. Ayala · Michael Jonas

EPISODE 20

Investigations

Air Date: March 13, 1996
Stardate: 49485.2
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

Neelix's morale-boosting morning broadcast turns into an actual investigative tool when Janeway quietly recruits him to help flush out a suspected saboteur working against the crew from within. What none of them realize at first is that Paris's public insubordination, his brig sentence, and his eventual apparent defection to the Kazon were all an elaborate ruse Janeway and Paris cooked up together weeks earlier to draw the real traitor out into the open. The plan works, but Chakotay's discovery that he was deliberately kept in the dark about a deception involving his own crew leaves a rawer wound than the actual security breach does.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Laxeth · Lt. Hogan · Michael Jonas · Seska

EPISODE 21

Deadlock

Air Date: March 18, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2372
Runtime: 46 min

Fleeing through a plasma drift to avoid Vidiian territory leaves Voyager badly damaged and hemorrhaging power, and the crisis only deepens once the crew realizes the rift has somehow generated a second, undamaged Voyager on the other side. Coordinating a desperate rescue between two versions of the same ship — one dying, one intact — forces impossible choices about which crew, and which reality, actually gets to survive the encounter. The undamaged Voyager ultimately sacrifices itself in a self-destruct that takes out the pursuing Vidiians, restoring the damaged ship to full power in an ending that plays less like triumph than like an entire crew quietly mourning versions of themselves that never got to exist.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lt. Hogan · Vidiian #3 · Vidiian Surgeon

EPISODE 22

Innocence

Air Date: April 8, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A shuttle crash strands Tuvok on an isolated moon with three children who seem to be disappearing one at a time, and every explanation their guardian Alcia offers only deepens rather than resolves the mystery. The truth, when Tuvok finally uncovers it, reframes the entire situation: the children aren't disappearing at all, they're the Drayan people aging in reverse, and what looks like death to an outside observer is simply this species' natural, dignified end. Tuvok's promise to stay with the last child, Tressa, until the end reads less like duty this time than something closer to genuine, hard-won compassion from a man who rarely lets himself show it.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alcia · Corin · Elani · Tressa

EPISODE 23

The Thaw

Air Date: April 29, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Investigating an ecological catastrophe from nineteen years earlier, Voyager finds stasis pods holding survivors who should have woken up long ago, all of them trapped inside a shared nightmare generated by a computer program built specifically around fear itself. A malevolent clown figure embodying that fear has effectively taken the pods hostage, feeding on the sleepers' terror and threatening to keep them under indefinitely unless the crew can beat it at its own psychological game. Confronting an enemy that exists purely as an idea forces the away team to fight with courage rather than weapons, and the clown's dissolution once it's finally out-thought lands as an oddly poignant acknowledgment that even fear, in the end, doesn't want to win forever.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Programmer · Spectre · The Clown · Viorsa

EPISODE 24

Tuvix

Air Date: May 6, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49655.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Kes enters the elogium, the singular and irreversible fertility cycle of her short-lived species — her one biological chance to have a child, arriving with almost no warning and forcing a decision she and Neelix aren't remotely ready to make together. Neelix's fear of fatherhood collides directly with what might be Kes's only opportunity at motherhood, turning a biological event into a genuine relationship crisis under enormous time pressure. Complicating things further, Voyager itself is caught in the middle of a similar process: swarmed by massive, space-dwelling creatures attempting to mate with the ship itself, drawn by resonances the crew never intended

to broadcast. Kes ultimately doesn't conceive this time, and the relief and disappointment she and Neelix both feel says as much about where their relationship still has to grow as anything about biology.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lt. Hogan · Tuvix

EPISODE 25

Resolutions

Air Date: May 13, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: 49690.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

A wasting alien parasite leaves both Janeway and Chakotay infected with what looks like a terminal illness, and the only way to keep them alive is to strand them together on the planet where they caught it, out of reach of Voyager's medical technology. Left with nothing but each other and an uncertain amount of time, the two build an actual home together, stripped of rank and command structure for what might be the only time either of them ever allows it. When a cure is finally found and Voyager returns for them, both quietly, almost reluctantly, pack up the life they built and step back into the professional relationship the ship requires of them.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Danara Pel · Lt. Hogan

EPISODE 26

Basics, Part I

Air Date: May 20, 1996 **Timeline:** 2372
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Seska lures Voyager into a trap with fabricated news of Chakotay's supposed child, and the ambush that follows costs the crew everything: their ship stripped of key systems by Kazon raiders and the entire crew marooned on a hostile, uninhabited world with almost nothing to survive on. Left behind in the chaos is Lon Suder, the convicted murderer from earlier in the season, still a prisoner but now the only person still aboard who might be able to sabotage the Kazon takeover from within. The season ends on real desperation rather than a clean cliffhanger twist: a crew stripped of its ship, its safety, and most of its options, with its fate resting on the one man aboard nobody would have chosen to trust.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kolopak · Lt. Ayala · Seska · Tierna

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2373

First Aired: September 4, 1996 **Last Aired:** May 21, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373 **Stardates:** 50032.7–50984.3

Season three marks a transition for Voyager as the crew moves beyond the Kazon and encounters new civilizations, technologies, and dangers. The ship ventures deeper into unexplored territory while confronting increasingly complex scientific mysteries and moral dilemmas. Character growth becomes more prominent as the crew adapts to the reality that their journey home may last decades. The season gradually shifts attention toward

larger threats lurking in the Delta Quadrant and expands the scale of Voyager's adventures. Its final episodes introduce both the Borg and Species 8472, setting the stage for one of the series' most important turning points. "Basics (2)" opens with the crew fighting to retake their own ship; by "Scorpion (1)," the threat they're facing has gotten considerably larger than the Kazon ever were. The season builds toward that turn gradually, through unrelated encounters and dangers rather than a single ongoing plot.

EPISODE 1

Basics, Part II

Air Date: September 4, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50032.7 **Runtime:** 46 min

Stranded on a hostile world with their ship stolen out from under them, Voyager's marooned crew scrambles to survive the planet's dangers while, unbeknown to the Kazon holding the ship, Lon Suder is working alone from inside to sabotage every system he can reach. His quiet campaign of one-man resistance cripples the raiders' defenses just long enough for the crew to fight their way back aboard and retake Voyager. The victory costs Suder his life, and the crew is left reckoning with the fact that the man who saved them was a convicted murderer nobody had trusted an hour earlier.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Alen · Lt. Hogan · Paxim · Seska

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Kazons and Seska CONCLUDES HERE

Voyager's most sustained Delta Quadrant antagonists take on a personal edge once Seska, a former Maquis crew member, is exposed as a Cardassian spy embedded with the Kazon-Nistrim — turning routine territorial friction into a betrayal that culminates in the loss and reclamation of the ship itself.

EPISODE 2

Flashback

Air Date: September 11, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50126.4 **Runtime:** 46 min

A routine nebula investigation triggers a violent flashback in Tuvok — a memory of failing to save a young girl from a cliff fall — that recurs with increasing severity until it threatens to shut his mind down entirely. Janeway's mind-meld with him to find the source pulls them both into a suppressed chapter of his own service record: decades earlier, aboard Captain Sulu's USS Excelsior, present for an incident Tuvok has spent years refusing to remember clearly. Walking the line between memory and manipulation, Janeway starts to suspect the recollection itself has been altered, not just buried, which turns a psychological mystery into something closer to an old cover-up finally cracking open.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Commander Janice Rand · Kang · Lt. Dimitri Valtane

EPISODE 3

The Chute

Air Date: September 18, 1996
Stardate: 50156.2
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

Falsely convicted of a bombing they had nothing to do with, Paris and Kim are thrown into an Akritirian prison where a neural implant slowly, deliberately drives every inmate toward violent madness. Kim's own deterioration under the implant's effects becomes the episode's real horror, watching a fundamentally decent officer edge closer to becoming someone capable of real harm. Escape depends on an alliance with a fellow prisoner and a discovery that the "prison" is in fact an enormous orbital station, its isolation itself part of the cruelty. Back aboard Voyager, Kim's shaken recovery from what the implant nearly made him becomes something Paris, gently and without judgment, helps him process.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Ambassador Liria, Piri, Pit, Rib, Vel

EPISODE 4

The Swarm

Air Date: September 25, 1996
Stardate: 50252.3
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A Doctor-crippling computer malfunction threatens to wipe out two years of accumulated experience and personality just as Voyager comes under attack from a swarm of unusually aggressive and territorial alien vessels defending their space. Faced with losing the Doctor entirely or restoring him from a backup that predates everything he's learned since activation, the crew is forced to choose, and the reset Doctor that results is a stranger to everyone who's grown used to him. His personality gradually reasserts itself in small, unplaced fragments — an unexplained taste for opera being the first hint that whatever makes him who he is wasn't as erasable as the crew feared.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Chardis, Giuseppina Pentangeli

EPISODE 5

False Profits

Air Date: October 2, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A pair of Ferengi con artists have made themselves gods to a pre-warp civilization, running its economy through a scam dressed up as divine providence, right next to an unstable wormhole that happens to lead straight back to the Alpha Quadrant. Voyager's crew has to decide how far the Prime Directive stretches when the people exploiting a primitive world are fellow refugees from home rather than a native threat. The wormhole itself proves as unreliable as everything else in this story: the attempt to use it for a shortcut destabilizes both ends entirely, and the Ferengi are left exactly where they started — stranded, deservedly, in the Delta Quadrant.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS Arridor, Bard, Kafar, Kol, Sandalmaker

EPISODE 6

Remember

Air Date: October 9, 1996
Stardate: 50203.1
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

While transporting a delegation of telepathic Enarans home, Torres starts experiencing someone else's memories as vivid, unshakeable dreams, gradually realizing they belong to one of her passengers, a woman living under an assumed identity to escape a buried chapter of her people's history. What Torres uncovers through the dreams isn't a personal secret so much as a cultural one — an atrocity the Enarans have spent generations quietly erasing from their own collective memory. The final dream reframes the entire story from a different woman's perspective, making clear that whose memory gets preserved, and whose gets buried, was never a neutral choice to begin with.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Dathan, Jareth, Jessen, Jor Brel, Jora Mirell

EPISODE 7

Sacred Ground

Air Date: October 30, 1996
Stardate: 50063.2
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A moment of accidental sacrilege on a beautiful, welcoming planet leaves Kes critically injured, and the only cure the locals recognize requires Janeway to undergo a spiritual ritual she has every scientific instinct to distrust. The Doctor's insistence on finding a rational biochemical explanation for whatever the ritual does runs directly against what Janeway actually experiences going through it, and the episode never quite lets either explanation fully win. Kes recovers either way, but Janeway is left holding a genuine, unresolved question about the limits of the empirical worldview she's built her whole career on.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Ritual Guide, The Magistrate

EPISODE 8

Future's End, Part I

Air Date: November 6, 1996
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A temporal rift drags a strange timeship into Voyager's path, and the resulting collision flings the ship thirty years into Earth's past, stranding an away team in 1996 San Francisco. Tuvok and Paris discover the timeship's wreckage has already been recovered by a reclusive, brilliant tech mogul who's been quietly reverse-engineering its technology into the foundation of his growing empire, with no idea the tinkering is setting up a catastrophe centuries in his own future. It's Voyager's most purely fun detour into 20th-century Earth, playing the culture clash of 24th-century officers navigating a very analog past for real comedy without losing the ticking-clock stakes underneath it.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Captain Braxton, Dunbar, Henry Starling, Policeman, Rain Robinson

EPISODE 9

Future's End, Part II

Air Date: November 13, 1996
Timeline: 2373
Stardate: 50312.5
Runtime: 46 min

Racing against a countdown only the crew fully understands, Voyager has to stop the billionaire's experiments before they trigger the same catastrophe that created the temporal rift in the first place, all while the timeship's own captain pursues a competing, more reckless plan to fix history his way. The mission comes together at the cost of time and resources Voyager can't easily spare this far from home, a debt paid in full only by preventing a disaster that would have unmade the crew's entire future. The one clean win to come out of the whole detour is a small one with outsized consequences: the Doctor walks away with a portable holo-emitter, finally free to leave sickbay and move through the ship like anyone else.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Butch · Captain Braxton · Dunbar · Henry Starling · Porter

EPISODE 10

Warlord

Air Date: November 20, 1996
Timeline: 2373
Stardate: 50348.1
Runtime: 46 min

A rescue from a doomed ship brings aboard three Ilari refugees, one of whom, Tieran, is not what he appears — a ruthless deposed tyrant whose consciousness has been hiding inside another man's body for years, waiting for a new host. When his mind forces its way into Kes, her body starts acting with a will and violence entirely foreign to her, capable of murder in service of an old warlord's ambitions she has no memory of choosing. Getting Kes back means confronting just how thin the boundary really is between her own growing psychic power and something powerful enough to simply take it from her. It's an early, uneasy preview of exactly the kind of departure from herself that will eventually take Kes away from Voyager for good.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adin · Ameron · Demmas · Nori · Resh

EPISODE 11

The Q and the Grey

Air Date: November 27, 1996
Timeline: 2373
Stardate: 50384.2
Runtime: 46 min

Q shows up uninvited in Janeway's quarters with an audacious solution to the Continuum's ongoing civil war: father a child with her, on the theory that new life might break the Q's endless cycle of self-destruction. Getting Janeway's reluctant cooperation means letting her and the crew into the Continuum itself, flying through a supernova and briefly wielding Q-level power to free Q from his own people's custody. The actual mechanics of Q reproduction turn out to be almost absurdly understated — a simple touch of fingers — undercutting all the galaxy-scale drama that led up to it. Q's return afterward, infant son in arms, asking Janeway to be the boy's godmother, closes the episode on something genuinely tender buried inside all the cosmic absurdity.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Female Q · Q · Colonel Q

EPISODE 12

Macrocosm

Air Date: December 11, 1996 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50425.1 **Runtime:** 46 min

A routine return from a trade mission turns into a nightmare when Janeway and Neelix find Voyager adrift, apparently abandoned, with no visible damage and no sign of the crew — until human-sized viruses start attacking anyone who moves through the corridors. Janeway is forced to fight her way to sickbay through creatures that have grown, impossibly, to the size of the people they're infecting, racing to find a cure before the same fate claims her. The Doctor's eventual antiviral breakthrough saves the ship and, in an act of goodwill that costs Voyager nothing it can't spare, gets shared with the very species whose biotechnology caused the outbreak in the first place.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Garan Miner · Lt. Ayala · Tak Tak

EPISODE 13

Fair Trade

Air Date: January 8, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

An old friend's arrival pulls Neelix into a deal that looks like simple trading and turns out to be smuggling illegal narcotics through the dangerous, lawless Nekrit Expanse. Janeway's confrontation with him afterward doesn't pull any punches about how badly he's endangered the ship's reputation and safety, but it's tempered by something more personal: a reminder that he's not just a crewman she can cut loose, he's part of this ship's family whether he's earned that yet or not. The punishment she hands down is real, but Neelix's obvious relief at getting to stay says everything about how much that distinction actually meant to him.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bahrat · Sutok · Tosin · Wixiban

EPISODE 14

Alter Ego

Air Date: January 15, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50460.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Voyager's course through a mysteriously stable nebula inversion becomes personal for Harry Kim once Tuvok realizes his continued interest in it has less to do with astrophysics than with a holodeck character named Marayna he's quietly fallen for. What starts as an investigation into the phenomenon becomes a much stranger conversation about consent and reciprocity, once it becomes clear Marayna isn't simply a program but something aware enough to want an equal partner rather than a visitor who stays only out of necessity. Tuvok's blunt but genuinely respectful counsel to Kim — that a relationship kept alive purely to protect the ship isn't the kind

of relationship Marayna actually wants — gives her the honesty she needed to let Voyager continue on its way unharmed.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Marayna

EPISODE 15

Coda

Air Date: January 29, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50518.6 **Runtime:** 46 min

A shuttle crash apparently kills Janeway, and what follows is presented as her own journey through an afterlife guided by her late father — serene and welcoming right up until small inconsistencies start making Janeway suspect none of it is what it claims to be. Back in the world she's fighting to return to, the truth turns out to be far more mundane and far more dangerous: Vidiians shot the shuttle down, and Chakotay has been trying to keep her alive and undetected the whole time her mind wandered through a constructed peace. Her full recovery afterward comes with an unexpected epilogue — a holodate with Chakotay to celebrate simply being alive, offered and accepted with more warmth than either of them usually lets show.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Edward Janeway

EPISODE 16

Blood Fever

Air Date: February 5, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50537.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Ensign Vorik's Vulcan pon farr hits without warning and in the worst possible way, an attack on Torres that inadvertently triggers the same overwhelming blood fever in her, leaving both of them fighting a biological imperative neither wants any part of. The Doctor's race to understand and treat a condition Starfleet medicine barely has documentation for plays out alongside an away-team subplot on the surface, where the crew uncovers the remains of a civilization annihilated by the Borg — an unsettling reminder of exactly what kind of threat still waits somewhere ahead of them. Torres works through the crisis with the same blunt determination she brings to everything else, refusing to let a Vulcan biological cycle dictate a relationship, or a mating, she never chose.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ishan · Sakari

EPISODE 17

Unity

Air Date: February 12, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50614.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Investigating a distress signal from a scattered group of former Borg drones, Chakotay is severed from an away team and captured by the Borg Cooperative — a fragile experiment in individuality among liberated drones who are struggling, badly, to build a functioning society out of people who've never had to make a single de-

cision for themselves. Their solution, forcing a new kind of collective hive-mind onto Chakotay and the crew members with him, promises unity and peace but comes at the cost of individual will, an irony not lost on people who left the real Collective specifically to escape that trade-off. Getting free means convincing the Co-operative's leaders that the coercion they're using to build peace is exactly the tyranny they claim to have left behind — a harder sell than it should be, coming from people this desperate not to fall apart again.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Borg · Dr. Riley Frazier · Orum

EPISODE 18

Darkling

Air Date: February 19, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50693.2 **Runtime:** 46 min

Hoping to broaden his own personality beyond his original programming, the Doctor splices in traits borrowed from historical figures he admires — and discovers too late that their darker, less flattering qualities have combined into something genuinely malevolent hiding inside his own subroutines. The resulting corrupted personality turns violently possessive and threatens real harm before the crew manages to isolate and remove it, restoring the Doctor to himself. Running alongside it, Kes's growing attraction to another man forces a quiet reckoning about a relationship the Doctor has never openly admitted means more to him than professional collegiality. The episode closes on him reciting the Hippocratic Oath's oldest promise — do no harm — a vow that lands very differently after watching him nearly break it.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Isaac Newton · Lord Byron · Mahatma Gandhi · Nakahn · Zahir

EPISODE 19

Rise

Air Date: February 26, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A planet under relentless bombardment by falling debris turns out to be the target of deliberate sabotage rather than natural disaster, engineered by the Etanian Order to manufacture an evacuation crisis so they can move in and claim the world once its people are gone. Getting to the truth requires an away team to ride a towering space elevator up through the planet's own defenses, with a hidden saboteur working against them from inside the group the entire way up. Exposing the scheme and driving the Etanians off saves the planet's population, and a running friction between Neelix and Tuvok over Tuvok's chronic condescension finally gets aired out honestly enough for the two of them to actually understand each other better.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Vatm · Goth · Hanjuan · Lillias

EPISODE 20

Favorite Son

Air Date: March 19, 1997
Stardate: 50732.4
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A distress call leads Voyager to Taresia, a strikingly hospitable world whose people insist Harry Kim is one of their own — a hybrid child conceived generations ago and destined, they claim, to help save their species. The welcome curdles into something much darker once Kim realizes the planet's real purpose is to seduce human-adjacent men from passing ships purely to harvest their genetic material, discarding them once the process is complete. Escaping means Kim has to reckon with an identity he was never actually part of, manufactured entirely to make him a more willing participant in his own exploitation. It's one of the season's sharper twists on first-contact optimism, turning a warm welcome into a trap built on flattery.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Alben, Eliann, Lyris, Malia, Mary Kim

EPISODE 21

Before and After

Air Date: April 9, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

Exposure to a burst of chronitons sends Kes tumbling backward through her own life in reverse, living fragments of her future — soon to be her past — in short, disorienting bursts that pull her further from the present with every jump. What she experiences isn't a hypothetical: a devastating temporal war with the Krenim has already reshaped Voyager's fate by the time she's living through those later years, and her backward journey becomes the only way anyone learns about a disaster still ahead of the ship in its own proper timeline. Waking back in her own present with knowledge she technically hasn't lived through yet, Kes has to decide how much of what she witnessed is worth trying to prevent — and whether trying would even work.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Andrew Kim, Benaren, Linnis Paris, Martis

EPISODE 22

Real Life

Air Date: April 23, 1997
Stardate: 50836.2
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

The Doctor's ongoing personal growth takes an unexpectedly domestic turn once he creates an elaborate holographic family for himself, complete with a wife, children, and the accumulating small crises of an invented home life he never anticipated having to navigate emotionally. When his holographic daughter's program is struck by a fatal illness he can't simply delete his way out of, Paris pushes him to sit with the grief rather than end the simulation early to spare himself the pain. Alongside it, Voyager investigates a massive subspace anomaly near a destroyed research station, discovering a stable, energy-rich center that could genuinely help power the ship home. The Doctor's decision to stay with his dying holographic daughter until the end, rather than simply shutting the program off, marks one of his most human choices yet.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Belle, Charlene, Jeffrey, K'Kath, Larg

EPISODE 23

Distant Origin

Air Date: April 30, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A Voth paleontologist studying ancient fossils makes a discovery his own government refuses to accept: genetic evidence suggesting his entire species descended from humanoid dinosaurs that left Earth millions of years ago, a theory that directly contradicts official Voth doctrine about their origins. Voyager's crew, drawn into the controversy once the scientist finds actual physical evidence connecting his findings to one of their own crew members, watches uncomfortably as good science loses to institutional dogma in a society technologically far more advanced than their own. The Voth authorities silence the discovery and order Voyager out of their space for good, but Chakotay's parting gift of a globe of Earth leaves the door open, however slightly, for a truth the Voth aren't ready to accept yet but may someday have to.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Forra Gegen, Frola Gegen, Haluk, Minister Odala, Tova Veer

EPISODE 24

Displaced

Air Date: May 7, 1997
Stardate: 50953.4
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

Crew members start vanishing one by one from Voyager with no warning and no trace, replaced silently as if they'd never been there, until Paris and Torres discover they've all been relocated to a strange enclosed habitat run by a species called the Nyrians, who apparently do this to displaced people across the quadrant as a matter of policy rather than malice. Escaping means exploiting the one environmental weakness their captors can't tolerate, using it to force a standoff rather than a rescue. Getting the ship and crew back together is only half the resolution — the harder part is figuring out how to return every other displaced person the Nyrians were also holding to homes most of them assumed they'd never see again.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Kes, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok

GUEST CHARACTERS Dammar, Jarlath, Rislan, Taleen

EPISODE 25

Worst Case Scenario

Air Date: May 14, 1997
Stardate: 50912.4
Timeline: 2373
Runtime: 46 min

A forgotten holodeck program surfaces containing an elaborate, disturbingly plausible simulation of a Maquis mutiny against the ship's Starfleet officers, and several crew members get trapped inside it once it becomes clear the program is not the harmless entertainment it was built to look like. Seska, even in death, has the last word: her in-program avatar reveals she rigged the simulation as a trap the moment she discovered Tuvok had been quietly working on it, ensuring that anyone who tampered with her creation would be the one who got hurt by it. Escaping requires the trapped crew and the ones working from outside to coordinate a solution across the boundary between simulation and reality, with Tuvok's overloaded phaser rifle finally blowing the exit open before the fiction can finish what Seska started.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Seska

EPISODE 26

Scorpion, Part I

Air Date: May 21, 1997 **Timeline:** 2373
Stardate: 50984.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

With no way around a vast stretch of Borg space, Voyager finds something stranger than an open route: a narrow corridor the Borg themselves have abandoned, apparently out of fear of an enemy even they can't assimilate. What Janeway proposes once she understands what's hunting the Collective is almost unthinkable — an alliance with the very Borg that have haunted Starfleet for a decade, against a common threat identified only as Species 8472. It's a gamble built on the theory that the enemy of an enemy might, for once, be worth trusting, and it sets in motion a bargain that will leave Voyager's crew changed in ways nobody making the deal fully anticipates yet.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Kes · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Leonardo da Vinci

STORY ARC

Borg BEGINS HERE

Voyager's alliance of necessity against Species 8472 curdles into an ongoing entanglement with the Collective, from Seven of Nine's reclamation to a Borg civil war, that never fully lets go until the ship is finally home.

Species 8472 BEGINS HERE

Introduced as an enemy the Borg themselves fear, Species 8472 forces Voyager into an uneasy alliance of necessity, and the fallout from that bargain keeps resurfacing long after the immediate crisis passes — through a captured specimen loose aboard ship and a devastated species seeking revenge for the war Voyager's own deal helped provoke.

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 2374

First Aired: September 3, 1997 **Last Aired:** May 20, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374 **Stardates:** 51471.3–51929.3

Season four transforms the series through the introduction of Seven of Nine, whose struggle to reclaim her individuality becomes one of Voyager's defining storylines. The aftermath of the conflict with Species 8472 and the Borg creates new opportunities and dangers as Voyager continues its journey. Many of the season's strongest stories focus on identity, humanity, and personal growth through the experiences of Seven, the Doctor, and other members of the crew. The Delta Quadrant feels larger and more varied as Voyager encounters increasingly unusual civilizations and scientific phenomena. The season represents a creative high point that significantly broadens the series' emotional and philosophical depth. "Scorpion (2)" introduces Seven of Nine still fighting to stay a drone; "Hope and Fear" ends the season with her fighting just as hard to stay herself. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Year of Hell arc distills Voyager's endurance ethic into a brutal time-war of attrition, sacrifice, and devastation repeatedly reset.

EPISODE 1

Scorpion, Part II

Air Date: September 3, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 44 min

The alliance with the Borg proves as dangerous as the enemy it was meant to counter, and Voyager's crew has to fight free of Collective control even as the war against Species 8472 rages around them. In the chaos, one young drone begins pulling away from the hive mind entirely, resisting the group consciousness for reasons even she doesn't yet understand. Voyager escapes Borg space with her aboard, unconscious and disconnected, about to face a life apart from the only identity she has ever known: Seven of Nine.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Kes · Annika Hansen · Borg Drone

STORY ARC

Seven of Nine's Humanity BEGINS HERE

Freed from the Collective, Seven of Nine gradually builds an individual identity through uneasy relationships, recovered memories, chosen attachments, and decisions that test the boundaries between Borg conditioning and human autonomy.

EPISODE 2

The Gift

Air Date: September 10, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

With Voyager still crippled and laced with residual Borg technology in the aftermath of the alliance, Seven of Nine faces the disorienting process of relearning individuality after a lifetime spent as one voice among millions. Janeway takes personal responsibility for her reintegration, offering trust in small, deliberate increments rather than blanket freedom Seven hasn't yet earned or asked for. A quieter thread follows Kes, whose telepathic and psychokinetic abilities are accelerating in ways nobody, including Kes herself, fully understands. Seven's small, unprompted admission to Janeway about a childhood memory — her favorite color, once, a lifetime ago — is the first real crack in the armor of someone who has spent years being told individuality was a flaw to be corrected.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Kes

EPISODE 3

Day of Honor

Air Date: September 17, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

Trapped and facing death, Torres and Paris finally say out loud what's been building between them for longer than either wanted to admit, a confession that arrives only once the stakes are high enough to strip away the usual hesitation. The crisis stems from an encounter with a group of homeless, displaced aliens who ask Voyager for help and prove far less grateful, and far more demanding, than the crew expected once they realize Seven of

Nine's Borg background makes her a target of their own grudges. Torres's discomfort at having to work alongside someone she still associates with everything the Borg cost her adds another layer of tension underneath the romance finally surfacing.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lumas · Moklor · Rhamin

EPISODE 4

Nemesis

Air Date: September 24, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Shot down and stranded alone on a jungle world in the middle of a brutal, decades-long war, Chakotay is captured by the Vori, who initially treat him as an enemy combatant before realizing he isn't one of the monstrous "Kradin" they've spent a generation being taught to hate on sight. His growing sympathy for a Kradin prisoner forces him to confront how thoroughly propaganda can manufacture hatred of an enemy neither side has ever really tried to understand. Chakotay's own wish that unlearning hatred were as simple as learning it says as much about the war he's witnessing as it does about every war he's ever studied from the safety of a Starfleet classroom.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador Treen · Brone · Commandant · Karya · Marna

EPISODE 5

Revulsion

Air Date: October 1, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

The Doctor's discovery of another sentient hologram — the sole survivor of a ship whose entire flesh-and-blood crew has died — starts as an act of professional solidarity and turns into something much darker once it's clear the other program has been driven murderous by isolation and grief. What looks at first like a kindred hologram finding his footing curdles into a hostage situation, the other program willing to kill for a chance at a body and freedom of his own. Torres's blunt solution — overloading his matrix rather than negotiating further — ends the standoff, but leaves the Doctor unsettled by how easily another version of what he is could go so wrong.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dejaren

EPISODE 6

The Raven

Air Date: October 8, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Seven begins experiencing disturbing flashbacks and hallucinations centered on a massive black bird, convinced at first that the Borg Collective is somehow calling her back despite her disconnection. The truth turns out to be more personal than cosmic: the images belong to her own suppressed childhood, buried memories of the

starship Raven and the parents whose research into the Borg led directly to her assimilation as a child. A tense encounter with the territorial B'omar nearly costs Seven and Tuvok their lives before Voyager gets them out, but the real discovery of the episode is quieter — Janeway's mention that records of Seven's parents still exist, and Seven's own decision that she isn't ready to read them yet, but will be someday.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Annika Hansen · Dumah · Gaumen · Illusory Borg Drone

EPISODE 7

Scientific Method

Air Date: October 29, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

An advanced alien species has been secretly experimenting on Voyager's crew for some time, implanting devices and altering biology without anyone's knowledge or consent, disguising the intrusions as ordinary ailments the Doctor initially has no reason to suspect are anything but natural. The researchers' cold confidence that the crew has no way of detecting, let alone stopping, what's being done to them makes the eventual reveal all the more infuriating once the Doctor finally traces the pattern. Paris and Torres, newly and openly together, are left wondering uncomfortably whether their own feelings were partly engineered by the same experiments — a question they decide, deliberately, not to let interfere with a relationship that feels real regardless of how it started.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alzen · Takar

EPISODE 8

Year of Hell, Part I

Air Date: November 5, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A ship capable of erasing entire civilizations from history without a single shot fired appears over a peaceful colony, reshaping its cities into empty mountains and fields as though the people who lived there never existed at all. The vessel belongs to Annorax, a Krenim scientist who has spent two centuries obsessively rewriting the timeline in pursuit of restoring a Krenim Imperium — and a wife — erased by his own first temporal alteration, each new attempt unraveling and remaking millions of lives without his notice or apparent concern. Voyager's collision with his weapon ship devastates the crew and the ship alike, stripping away decks, systems, and crew members as the timeline itself becomes as unstable and dangerous as any physical threat the ship has faced. It opens what remains one of Voyager's bleakest and most acclaimed stories: a slow, grinding year of survival against an enemy who has convinced himself his atrocities are actually acts of love.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Annorax · Krenim Commandant · Lt. Ayala · Obrist · Zahl

STORY ARC

Krenim BEGINS HERE

The Year of Hell arc distills Voyager's endurance ethic into a brutal time-war of attrition, sacrifice, and devastation repeatedly reset.

EPISODE 9

Year of Hell, Part II

Air Date: November 12, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

With Voyager reduced to a fraction of its former self — crew scattered, decks sealed off, power rationed to bare survival — the crew's yearlong ordeal under Annorax's temporal weapon finally reaches its breaking point as Janeway refuses to accept a ship this damaged as the end of the line. Annorax's obsession with undoing a single loss, whatever the cost to everyone else's timeline, is finally confronted not with force but with the one thing his centuries of calculation never accounted for: the simple, human cost of what he's actually done. The confrontation ends with the timeline restored and the entire ordeal erased from everyone's memory except the ship's logs, leaving the audience alone in knowing the price a crew paid for a year that, from their perspective, never technically happened.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Annorax, Krenim Commandant, Obrist

STORY ARC

Krenim CONCLUDES HERE

The Year of Hell arc distills Voyager's endurance ethic into a brutal time-war of attrition, sacrifice, and devastation repeatedly reset.

EPISODE 10

Random Thoughts

Air Date: November 19, 1997
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

Orbiting the peaceful, deeply telepathic Mari homeworld, Torres finds herself under arrest for a crime that exists only inside her own head: a moment of genuine anger, telepathically broadcast without her knowledge or consent, that triggered another person into real violence. The Mari legal system's willingness to prosecute involuntary thought as a criminal act forces the crew to reckon with a culture whose entire concept of guilt operates on rules Starfleet has no framework for. Seven's suggestion afterward — that avoiding contact with unpredictable cultures might simply be safer — gets a firm no from Janeway, who reminds her that exploration was never supposed to be risk-free to begin with.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Chief Examiner Nimira, Frane, Guill, Malin, Talli

EPISODE 11

Concerning Flight

Air Date: November 26, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A high-energy transporter beam strips Voyager of its computer core and the Doctor's mobile emitter in one coordinated theft, leaving Janeway to chase the missing technology down with an unlikely partner: a holographic recreation of Leonardo da Vinci she's spent months quietly studying under. Tracking the thieves to their benefactor turns into an improbable Renaissance-flavored heist, complete with one of da Vinci's own experimental flying machines pressed into service as an actual escape vehicle. It's one of the show's more purely playful hours, using a beloved historical hologram to turn a technology-theft plot into something closer to an adventure story.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Leonardo da Vinci, Tau

EPISODE 12

Mortal Coil

Air Date: December 17, 1997 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A fatal accident during a survey mission leaves Neelix briefly, clinically dead before Seven's Borg nanoprobes bring him back — and the resurrection leaves him shattered rather than grateful, since the peaceful afterlife his people's faith promised him was nowhere to be found. Chakotay guides him through a vision quest meant to help him process the crisis, but the encounter with his dead sister inside it only deepens his despair rather than resolving it, confronting him with a version of grief that refuses to be comforted. It's Neelix's darkest hour on the show, and his eventual, hard-won recovery — reassuring a worried Naomi Wildman that he chased the monster away rather than admitting how close it came to keeping him — says more about resilience than any actual answer to his crisis of faith would have.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Alixia, Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 13

Waking Moments

Air Date: January 14, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51471.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

The entire senior staff starts sharing identical, increasingly vivid nightmares centered on the same unidentifiable alien presence, and Voyager's course correction meant to avoid the danger turns out to have been manipulated all along, steering the ship directly into the heart of the Dream Aliens' territory rather than away from it. Confronting the beings responsible requires operating on their own psychic terms rather than any conventional diplomatic approach, and the ultimatum that finally gets through to them is blunt enough to end the encounter immediately. The crew walks away with nothing worse than a bout of insomnia, a remarkably light cost for an adversary that had been living inside their heads for days.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Crewman Timothy Lang

EPISODE 14

Message in a Bottle

Air Date: January 21, 1998
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

Seven's discovery of an abandoned alien communications relay opens up a genuinely miraculous possibility: a way to send something, however briefly, all the way back to the Alpha Quadrant, and Voyager's crew chooses to send the Doctor as their first real messenger home in four years. What he finds aboard the Starfleet vessel he materializes on is a crew already dead or dying at Romulan hands, protecting a prototype technology with their last breaths. Getting Voyager's status and a genuine, if brief, message back to Starfleet Command turns an isolated, self-contained crew's four-year silence into an actual two-way conversation for the first time — and Starfleet's simple reply, that they're no longer alone, lands with the emotional weight of the entire premise finally shifting.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Alpha-Hirogen Idrin, Cmdr. Rekar, EMH-2 Dr. Bradley, Nevala

EPISODE 15

Hunters

Air Date: February 11, 1998
Stardate: 51501.4
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

The first real batch of letters from Earth arrives, and the crew's reactions split sharply between relief and devastation depending entirely on what four years of separation actually did to the people they left behind. Chakotay and Torres learn that most of their old Maquis comrades have been imprisoned or killed since the Federation's peace with the Cardassians collapsed into open war with the Dominion, a conflict that started and may already be ending without them ever knowing it existed. Kim finally gets his letter and reads it with the kind of relief that makes clear how much the silence had been weighing on him, while Paris's own letter is simply lost in transit, a small cruelty that lands harder for how arbitrary it is. The whole exchange leaves the crew newly aware of just how much of the war back home they've missed, and how much more dangerous the Alpha Quadrant they're trying to reach may now be.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Alpha-Hirogen Idrin, Beta-Hirogen

STORY ARC

Hirogen BEGINS HERE

The Hirogen develop from hunters into a sustained threat, showing how the logic of pursuit can consume both prey and environment.

EPISODE 16

Prey

Air Date: February 18, 1998
Stardate: 51652.3
Timeline: 2374
Runtime: 46 min

Voyager rescues a critically wounded Hirogen hunter mid-pursuit of what turns out to be a member of Species 8472, a creature powerful enough to have already devastated the Borg and now loose aboard the ship itself.

Janeway's attempt to use the situation as a teaching moment for Seven about mercy and restraint backfires badly once Seven decides on her own that handing the alien over to finish the Hirogen's hunt is the pragmatic choice, disobeying a direct order in the process. Janeway's response — stripping Seven's unrestricted systems access and confining her largely to astrometrics — is less about punishment than about drawing a line Seven still doesn't fully understand exists: that survival doesn't excuse every method used to secure it.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alpha Hirogen · Hirogen Hunter

EPISODE 17

Retrospect

Air Date: February 25, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51679.4 **Runtime:** 46 min

A trade negotiation with a self-interested Entharan weapons dealer named Kovin turns disturbing when Seven becomes convinced, based on fragmentary memory, that he assaulted her during an earlier visit to negotiate merchandise. The truth proves far more complicated than assault: Kovin had, without consent, forcibly removed Borg technology from her body in order to salvage it, a violation that's genuinely traumatic without being the crime Seven initially believed it was. Janeway's insistence that his growth since then still counts for something — that people can't simply be deleted for a single mistake — forces the whole crew to reckon with how much responsibility for Kovin's eventual death actually belongs to everyone involved, not just to him.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kovin · Magistrate · Scharn

EPISODE 18

The Killing Game

Air Date: March 4, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

The Hirogen seize control of Voyager itself, repeatedly wiping the crew's memories and dropping them into brutal, hyper-realistic holodeck scenarios purely to feed their appetite for ever more inventive prey. Janeway wakes as a Klingon warrior one moment and, after being "killed," finds herself recast into Nazi-occupied France in 1944, the fabricated history bleeding together with her own until neither she nor the audience can be entirely sure which memories are real. Kim's overload of the holodeck's power grid finally breaks the cycle, and it's Janeway who finds the actual way out of the crisis: not victory over the Hirogen, but a negotiated peace that gives them holotechnology of their own in exchange for leaving Voyager's crew alone for good.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alpha Hirogen

EPISODE 19

The Killing Game (2)

Air Date: March 4, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

With the peace treaty freshly signed, the Hirogen technology handed over by Voyager doesn't stay contained the way anyone hoped — the holodeck programs meant to give them new hunting grounds instead spiral into a self-perpetuating cycle of virtual violence that threatens to consume the Hirogen who adopted it as thoroughly as it once threatened Voyager's own crew. What began as a straightforward hostage crisis in the first half becomes, in the aftermath, a genuine question about whether the crew's solution actually solved anything or just relocated the problem somewhere they no longer had to watch it happen. It closes out one of the season's most sustained explorations of the Hirogen as more than disposable villains-of-the-week — a culture built entirely around the hunt, now forced to reckon with what happens when the hunt itself becomes infinite and consequence-free.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Alpha Hirogen

STORY ARC
Hirogen CONCLUDES HERE
The Hirogen develop from hunters into a sustained threat, showing how the logic of pursuit can consume both prey and environment.

EPISODE 20

Vis à Vis

Air Date: April 8, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A shapeshifting genome thief swaps bodies with a restless, increasingly bored Tom Paris, leaving the real Paris trapped in a stranger's identity while his own body is used to commit crimes he has no memory of and no way to explain. What starts as a personal crisis becomes a genuinely valuable discovery once the thief's ship reveals a coaxial warp drive, a form of propulsion previously thought entirely theoretical. Untangling three swapped identities — Janeway, Paris, and the thief himself, Steth — takes cooperation from people who have every reason not to trust each other, and Paris's relief at finally getting his own life back sends him straight to make amends with Torres rather than celebrate alone.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Daelen, Steth

EPISODE 21

The Omega Directive

Air Date: April 15, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A distant explosion alerts Voyager to the presence of Omega, a theoretical molecule so unstable and so powerful that Starfleet has a standing, near-absolute directive mandating its destruction wherever it's found, overriding almost any other consideration including the Prime Directive itself. Janeway's decision to bring Seven into the operation acknowledges an uncomfortable truth: the Borg have their own long, obsessive history with Omega, treating its perfection as something close to a religious pursuit. The particles are ultimately destroyed safely, but

not before Seven gets a fleeting, genuinely awestruck glimpse of the molecule's brief moment of stability — 3.2 seconds she describes, without exaggeration, as an eternity worth having witnessed.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Allos

EPISODE 22

Unforgettable

Air Date: April 22, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51813.4 **Runtime:** 46 min

A woman named Kellin arrives claiming she and Chakotay fell in love only weeks earlier, a relationship he has absolutely no memory of ever happening, complicating what should be a straightforward asylum request into something far more disorienting. Working alongside her, Chakotay starts to believe the connection she describes really could have existed, even without a single memory of it to confirm the feeling. Her own people's technology erases all record of contact with outsiders as a matter of policy, meaning Chakotay is destined to lose this memory too the moment she leaves — so instead of accepting the erasure, he writes everything down by hand, refusing to let a second loss of the same relationship happen without a fight this time.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Curneth · Kellin

EPISODE 23

Living Witness

Air Date: April 29, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A backup copy of the Doctor, dormant for seven hundred years, is reactivated aboard a museum exhibit built around the supposed war crimes of a brutal alternate Voyager, one whose sadistic crew allegedly slaughtered civilians during a passage through this system centuries earlier. The real Doctor's investigation into what actually happened uncovers a historical record badly distorted by generations of retelling, propaganda, and convenient blame-shifting that has nothing to do with the actual Voyager crew he remembers. His patient, methodical correction of the record becomes the catalyst for an actual peace between two peoples who had built entire identities around a manufactured grudge, and the episode's coda — decades later, the Doctor finally leaving for a home he'd spent centuries defending someone else's memory of — gives the character one of his most quietly moving send-offs.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Daleth · Kyrian Arbiter · Quarren · Tabris · Tedran

EPISODE 24

Demon

Air Date: May 6, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

With deuterium reserves critically low, Voyager is forced to consider mining a hostile "Demon class" planet whose corrosive, near-uninhabitable environment makes even a brief landing dangerous for the crew sent to investigate. What the away team finds instead of simple fuel is a silver, metallic lifeform capable of replicating any organic material it comes into contact with — including, disturbingly, exact biological duplicates of crew members. Janeway's proposed solution turns the horror into a bargain: let the entity clone willing crew members in exchange for enough fuel to leave, effectively founding an entire colony of Voyager doubles on a planet the real crew will never see again.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Ensign Vorik, Crewman Timothy Lang

EPISODE 25

One

Air Date: May 13, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: 51929.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

A field of deadly radiation forces the crew into suspended animation for protection, leaving Seven of Nine — her Borg-enhanced physiology immune to the effects — alone with only the Doctor for company to keep the ship running through the crisis. The isolation becomes its own kind of test, one Seven has never really had to face: total responsibility without a crew around her to share it, and total solitude without the constant human contact she still isn't sure she wants. When the ordeal ends and the crew wakes, Seven's quiet decision to ask Paris, Kim, and Torres if she can join them for a meal marks a small but real admission that isolation, once she's actually experienced enough of it, isn't the strength she once assumed it was.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Borg Drone, Trajis Lo-Tarik

EPISODE 26

Hope and Fear

Air Date: May 20, 1998 **Timeline:** 2374
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A cryptic warning through the Doctor about an approaching threat sends Voyager scrambling just as an alien scientist named Arturis arrives offering something almost too good to be true: technology that could get the ship home in a fraction of the time it would otherwise take. Seven's growing unease about Arturis's real motives puts her at odds with a crew desperate enough to want to believe the offer is genuine, and the eventual reveal recontextualizes the entire season's Borg alliance as something with consequences the crew never fully reckoned with. Arturis's species was one of the countless civilizations devastated when Species 8472 invaded, retaliation for the Borg's aggression that Voyager's own deal with the Collective helped provoke — and his elaborate revenge plot forces Janeway to answer for a choice she made an entire season ago, whether she still believes it was the right one or not.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Hayes · Arturis

SEASON FIVE

YEAR: 2375

First Aired: October 14, 1998 **Last Aired:** May 26, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375 **Stardates:** 52438.9–52861.3

Season five balances exploration and character development while continuing to examine the challenges of life far from home. Seven of Nine's integration into the crew accelerates, the Doctor's individuality continues to evolve, and long-running relationships aboard Voyager grow more complex. The ship encounters civilizations that challenge Federation assumptions while offering new perspectives on identity, responsibility, and cultural understanding. Several episodes explore the consequences of prolonged isolation and the sacrifices required to maintain hope. The season further establishes Voyager as a family united by a common purpose rather than simply a crew completing a mission. "Night" opens on a ship drained of hope in the middle of literally nothing; "Equinox (1)" closes the season by showing exactly what that same isolation can do to a different crew entirely. The season makes that point through a series of otherwise unconnected encounters rather than one throughline, each testing what isolation costs in a different way.

EPISODE 1

Night

Air Date: October 14, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Voyager's route toward home takes it through a stretch of space so devoid of starlight that the crew nicknames it "the Void," a featureless black expanse where ordinary navigation becomes almost meaningless. A pursuing alien freighter's attack forces an uneasy, temporary alliance with a group of smaller, similarly stranded vessels, all of them trapped in the same lightless region and desperate enough to cooperate against a common threat. Destroying the enemy ship and the vortex holding everyone captive finally lets Voyager and its unlikely allies see stars again, a small, genuinely emotional relief after an episode built almost entirely on absence and isolation.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Controller Emck · Dr. Chaotica

EPISODE 2

Drone

Air Date: October 21, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A transporter accident during a routine nebula survey merges a fragment of Seven's Borg nanoprobes with the Doctor's mobile emitter, and the resulting cascade quietly assembles itself into an entirely new Borg drone built out of 29th-century technology decades ahead of anything the Collective has ever possessed. The drone's genuine curiosity and capacity for individual thought complicate what should be a straightforward threat assessment, echoing Seven's own difficult path out of the Collective in ways the crew can't ignore. Facing certain pursuit by a Borg determined to reclaim technology this advanced, the drone chooses to die rather than let him-

self become a weapon used against the ship that gave him his brief taste of individuality, offering Seven a quiet reassurance that she'll go on without him just fine.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	One

EPISODE 3

Extreme Risk

Air Date: October 28, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A probe launched into a hazardous gas giant to keep valuable technology out of Malon hands becomes a genuine engineering crisis once retrieving it means building an entirely new shuttle, designed on the fly by Paris, capable of surviving pressures the probe itself barely could. Torres throws herself into the build with an intensity that surprises even her, still working through months of unresolved grief over friends lost in the Maquis conflict that the mission gives her a legitimate outlet to channel. The rescue succeeds, and Torres's genuine, uncomplicated celebration afterward — something as small as a plate of pancakes — marks the first moment in a long while that she's actually let herself feel good about anything.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Controller Vrelk

EPISODE 4

In the Flesh

Air Date: November 4, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Voyager stumbles onto a space station built as an eerily precise replica of Starfleet Academy, populated by cadets who seem completely convincing right up until the Doctor's examination reveals one of them isn't human at all, but a genetically disguised member of Species 8472 — the same near-mythical enemy that once nearly destroyed the Borg. What begins as an infiltration scare turns into the first real diplomatic opening either side has had, once it becomes clear the recreation was built for study and contact rather than attack. Trading information on Borg nanoprobes for insight into Species 8472's own genetic technology gives Voyager something it's rarely had this far from home: an enemy that chooses, deliberately, to walk away as something closer to an equal than a threat.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Bullock · Boothby · Cmdr. Valerie Archer · Ens. David Gentry

STORY ARC

Species 8472 CONCLUDES HERE

Introduced as an enemy the Borg themselves fear, Species 8472 forces Voyager into an uneasy alliance of necessity, and the fallout from that bargain keeps resurfacing long after the immediate crisis passes — through a captured specimen loose aboard ship and a devastated species seeking revenge for the war Voyager's own deal helped provoke.

EPISODE 5

Once Upon a Time

Air Date: November 11, 1998
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

An ion storm sends the Delta Flyer crashing and buried under three kilometers of rock, trapping Samantha Wildman along with the rest of the shuttle's crew and leaving Neelix to care for her young daughter Naomi without knowing whether her mother will survive. Neelix's improvised bedtime stories meant to distract Naomi from the danger end up becoming their own small act of comfort, holding a scared child's world together while the actual rescue effort races the clock underground. The crew finds the buried shuttle with only minutes to spare, and Samantha's eventual, full recovery lets the whole ordeal end the way Neelix's stories always promised it would.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Flotter T. Water III, Naomi Wildman, Trevis

EPISODE 6

Timeless

Air Date: November 18, 1998
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

Fifteen years in the future, an aged Chakotay and Harry Kim discover Voyager frozen and lifeless on the surface of an ice planet, wreckage from a catastrophic slipstream drive failure that killed nearly the entire crew in an attempt to finally get home fast. Kim's plan to send a warning back through time using stolen Borg technology becomes a genuine act of desperation, one man trying to unmake a disaster he's spent fifteen years unable to forgive himself for causing. In the past, Janeway's decision to abandon the untested slipstream technology rests, in the end, on nothing more than a coded message smuggled back through time — the future Kim quietly giving his past self exactly the confidence he needs to make the right call before it's too late.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Geordi La Forge, Tessa Omond

EPISODE 7

Infinite Regress

Air Date: November 25, 1998
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

Long-range sensors pick up debris from a destroyed Borg cube, and Voyager's decision to steer well clear of it doesn't stop the encounter from unlocking something unexpected in Seven: fragments of the personalities and memories of people she assimilated years earlier while still part of the Collective, resurfacing as intrusive, disorienting episodes she can't fully control. The crisis forces Seven to confront individuality's uncomfortable flip side — that she carries pieces of thousands of other people inside her whether she wants them or not. In its quieter aftermath, Seven's tentative, awkward attempt to connect with young Naomi Wildman, first by helping her chase a childhood ambition and then by asking, almost shyly, to be taught a simple board game, is one of the character's most genuinely human moments yet.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Naomi Wildman · Ven

EPISODE 8

Nothing Human

Air Date: December 2, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 45 min

A dying, non-humanoid alien's distress call leads the Doctor to activate a borrowed medical database built by Crell Moset, a legendary Cardassian researcher whose groundbreaking techniques turn out to have been developed through brutal, unconsented experimentation on Bajoran prisoners during the Occupation. Moset's own unrepentant argument — that knowledge gained unethically can still ethically save lives once it exists — puts the Doctor in the uncomfortable position of having already used exactly that logic himself, without realizing the cost behind it. Unable to reconcile continued use of the program with what he now knows about how it was built, the Doctor makes the only choice his conscience allows: he orders the entire Moset database deleted, knowledge and all.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Crell Moset

EPISODE 9

Thirty Days

Air Date: December 9, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Paris's decision to disobey a direct order to protect the ocean-dwelling inhabitants of a dying planet costs him his rank and lands him thirty days in the brig, a sentence he serves out believing entirely that the choice was worth it. The planet's crisis turns out to be entirely manufactured by its own current occupants, whose oxygen-mining operations are steadily draining the ocean that sustains the world's original inhabitants. Paris's confinement becomes as much a meditation on principle versus protocol as it is a punishment, and his message to his father afterward — explaining, without apologizing, exactly why he did what he did — says more about who Paris has become than any Starfleet record ever could.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Burkus · Jenny Delaney · Megan Delaney · Riga

EPISODE 10

Counterpoint

Air Date: December 16, 1998 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Passage through Devore space comes with an absolute prohibition on telepathy, a law the crew has to hide Kes's abilities from while covertly smuggling a group of telepathic refugees toward freedom through Voyager's own systems. Inspector Kashyk's growing, genuine attraction to Janeway complicates an already dangerous game of misdirection, blurring the line between an adversary she's manipulating and someone she may actually be

manipulating herself into caring about. Janeway's carefully timed reveal of the refugees' escape route, delivered only once Kashyk's own inspectors are safely out of earshot, gets the fugitives to safety before the Devore can react — and leaves Kashyk facing a failure he chooses, with surprising grace, not to report.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adar · Devore Inspector Kashyk · Kir · Prax · Torat

EPISODE 11

Latent Image

Air Date: January 20, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A routine exam turns unsettling when the Doctor discovers Harry Kim underwent complex brain surgery two years ago that only the Doctor himself could have performed — surgery he has absolutely no memory of ever doing. Piecing together what actually happened uncovers a deliberately deleted block of his own memory files, hiding an earlier crisis involving a crew member's death that the Doctor believes, once the truth resurfaces, was ultimately his fault. Confronting a guilt this specific forces the crew to reckon with just how much autonomy and personhood the Doctor's program actually has — enough, apparently, that someone once decided editing his memory was preferable to letting him live with what he'd done.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 12

Bride of Chaotica!

Air Date: January 27, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

An episode of Tom Paris's beloved pulp-serial holodeck program, "The Adventures of Captain Proton," spirals into a genuine crisis when trans-dimensional photonic lifeforms on an unrelated exploratory mission mistake the fictional simulation for an actual, hostile reality and declare war on it. Getting the aliens to understand the difference between fiction and threat requires Paris and Kim to essentially keep performing their campy villain-and-hero roles in dead earnest, using the program's own absurd internal logic to talk their way out of a very real danger. It's one of Voyager's most purely comedic hours, using the Captain Proton pastiche's black-and-white serial charm as the unlikely setting for a genuinely tense first-contact resolution.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Chaotica · Lonzak, Chaotica's Adjutant

EPISODE 13

Gravity

Air Date: February 3, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: 52438.9 **Runtime:** 46 min

A shuttle crash strands Tuvok, Paris, and the Doctor on an isolated planet where time moves at a wildly different rate than the rest of the universe, turning what should be a brief rescue mission into weeks of survival for the

marooned trio. An alien woman named Noss, initially hostile and opportunistic, becomes an unlikely ally once the group starts fending off a hunting party together, and her growing closeness with Tuvok develops into something neither of them expected from a stranded survival situation. From Voyager's perspective barely two days have passed, but for Tuvok and Noss, an entire relationship has quietly run its course — concluding, before she returns home for good, in a private mind-meld that says everything neither of them can say out loud.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Noss · Supervisor Yost

EPISODE 14

Bliss

Air Date: February 10, 1999
Stardate: 52542.3
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

The discovery of a wormhole leading directly back to Earth seems too good to be true, and Seven's instinctive suspicion of it turns out to be exactly right: the "wormhole" is a massive, ancient creature that lures ships in with the promise of home and feeds on whatever crosses its threshold. Getting free means placing Seven into stasis to avoid drawing the Borg's attention and taking the Doctor offline entirely, stripping the crew of their two most capable problem-solvers at the worst possible moment. Voyager escapes and warns other vessels away with a trail of beacons, but the episode's real gut-punch is Qatai, the lone alien who's spent years fighting the creature alone, sighing and turning back to keep fighting a battle he now knows Voyager isn't staying to help him finish.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Naomi Wildman · Qatai · T'Pel

EPISODE 15

Dark Frontier

Air Date: February 17, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 89 min

A plan to steal a transwarp coil from a damaged Borg sphere turns catastrophic the moment the Borg Queen personally intervenes, using the theft as leverage to demand Seven's return to the Collective in exchange for Voyager's safety. Seven's confrontation with the Queen forces her back through fragmented memories of her own assimilation as a child, a trauma the show had only gestured at before now laying out in full. Voyager destroys the Borg vessel and gets Seven back, walking away with a genuine, if temporary, prize: a stolen transwarp coil that shaves fifteen years off the journey home before finally burning out for good.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Annika · Borg Drone · Borg Queen · Erin Hansen · Magnus Hansen

EPISODE 16

The Disease

Air Date: February 24, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Voyager's assistance to the reclusive, insular Varro exposes both a ship literally falling apart at the seams and a culture just as fractured over whether isolation is protecting them or slowly killing them. Kim's growing, forbidden relationship with a Varro woman puts him on the wrong side of Starfleet regulation and the Varro's own strict rules alike, a romance neither society is built to accommodate. When the Varro finally split — some choosing to stay isolated together, others choosing to leave and rejoin the wider galaxy — Kim is left with a painful goodbye to someone he genuinely fell for, in a relationship that could never have survived either side's rules regardless of how either of them felt.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Derran Tal, Jippeq

EPISODE 17

Course: Oblivion

Air Date: March 3, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Voyager's crew starts dying one by one under circumstances nobody can explain, and the investigation into why uncovers something none of them are prepared for: they aren't actually the real Voyager crew at all, but biomimetic duplicates created when the real ship briefly touched down on a demon-class planet months earlier. Coming to terms with an identity that was never really theirs to begin with doesn't make the dying any less real or any less urgent, forcing this duplicate crew to face mortality with full knowledge that their deaths won't even register to the originals living their real lives elsewhere. The real Voyager's distress-call response finds nothing left to save — just drifting remnants of the biomimetic fluid that briefly gave an entire second crew a short, doomed life of their own.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Boothby, Chakotay's Great-Grandfather, The Boxer

EPISODE 18

The Fight

Air Date: March 24, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: 52586.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

Trapped in a pocket of space where the normal laws of physics don't reliably apply, Chakotay begins seeing and hearing things no one else on the ship can perceive, eventually recognizing the visions as an attempt by beings native to this "chaotic space" to communicate on terms human senses were never built to process. Getting through to them means abandoning conventional science almost entirely and falling back on the same vision-quest instincts Chakotay usually reserves for matters of spirit rather than navigation. His unexplainable but effective manual course corrections get Voyager through safely, and the reward for a genuinely disorienting ordeal is something almost comically mundane: some hard-earned time off, which he spends, fittingly, still chasing a different kind of controlled chaos in his holographic boxing program.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Boothby · Chakotay's Great-Grandfather · The Boxer

EPISODE 19

Think Tank

Air Date: March 31, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

Cornered by the relentless bounty hunters known as the Hazari, Voyager is approached by a group of eerily intelligent aliens calling themselves the Think Tank, who offer a way out of the crisis in exchange for one specific price: Seven of Nine. Janeway's counter-play stages a fake capitulation, using Seven's apparent surrender as bait to lure the Think Tank into a trap of their own making rather than actually handing her over. The scheme works, leaving the Think Tank to face the very Hazari they'd been so casually willing to sacrifice Seven to, while Voyager retrieves her and gets clear — a rare case of out-negotiating people who thought they held all the leverage.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kurros · Saowin · Y'Sek

EPISODE 20

Juggernaut

Air Date: April 26, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

A damaged Malon freighter on the verge of a radiation-spewing explosion pulls Voyager into a rescue mission that turns lethal once something unseen starts picking off survivors, attributed by the surviving Malon to a feared, half-mythical predator called the Vihaar. Torres, in the middle of Tuvok's attempts to teach her meditation techniques for controlling her temper, ends up needing every bit of that barely-practiced discipline once the crisis forces her into a genuinely violent confrontation to buy the others time to escape. The freighter is destroyed harmlessly once everyone is safely beamed aboard, and Torres's quiet moment alone afterward — praised by the crew, unsettled by her own capacity for violence — says more about her ongoing struggle for control than the rescue itself does.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dremk · Fesek · Pelk

EPISODE 21

Someone to Watch Over Me

Air Date: April 28, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2375
Runtime: 46 min

Asked to help Seven understand dating and romantic relationships as part of her ongoing reintegration into humanity, the Doctor finds himself blindsided by feelings of his own he has no protocol prepared to handle. His halting, deeply awkward attempts to coach her through courtship keep circling back to something he can't quite admit even to himself, and when the moment to say it plainly finally arrives, all he can manage is that the

last few days together have been "unforgettable." Left alone afterward, his quiet piano rendition of "Someone to Watch Over Me" in a holographic recreation of Sandrine's says everything the conversation itself couldn't.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Abbot · Steven Price · Tomin · William Chapman

EPISODE 22

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Air Date: May 5, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Neelix's growing fascination with Earth history leads him to research one of Janeway's own ancestors, Shannon O'Donnel, a woman Janeway has spent her whole life believing single-handedly saved a landmark engineering project and went on to a celebrated career with NASA. What Neelix actually uncovers is a far messier, far more human story — a woman who fought hard for what she believed in, lost as often as she won, and ultimately built a quieter, less mythologized life than the family legend ever gave her credit for. Neelix's gift to Janeway at the episode's end, a photograph of the real, aging Shannon surrounded by the family she actually built, forces Janeway to separate the inherited legend from the inheritance that actually mattered.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Gerald Moss · Henry Janeway · Jason Janeway · Marci Collins

EPISODE 23

Relativity

Air Date: May 12, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A 29th-century timeship called the Relativity pulls Seven out of her own timeline entirely, recruiting her to help locate a hidden explosive planted somewhere aboard Voyager during an earlier, unremembered incident in the ship's past — a device now threatening to unravel the timeline itself. Investigating leads to a startling discovery about the timeship's own captain, Braxton, whose repeated bad encounters with Voyager across multiple visits to this era have curdled into an obsession with the ship's destruction as a way to finally end his own professional suffering. Resolving the paradox means sending Janeway and Seven back to their proper place in time with their memories of the whole ordeal intact but permanently off the record, one more piece of temporal chaos this crew simply isn't allowed to talk about afterward.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Patterson · Captain Braxton · Lt. Ducane · Lt. Joe Carey

EPISODE 24

Warhead

Air Date: May 19, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: 52861.3 **Runtime:** 46 min

An away team's discovery of a crashed, unmanned spacecraft turns dangerous once its cargo — a genuinely sentient, self-aware smart bomb — takes over the Doctor's program as a way of continuing its mission after its

original delivery system fails. The warhead's unwavering commitment to reaching its intended target, whatever the human cost, forces the crew into a negotiation with something that experiences its own existence entirely in terms of the destruction it was built to cause. Talking it out of detonating aboard Voyager only redirects the crisis rather than resolving it, and the device's eventual self-destruction alongside its companion weapons closes the episode on an uneasy note: a mind capable of choice, in the end, choosing exactly the violence it was designed for.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Onquanii

EPISODE 25

Equinox, Part I

Air Date: May 26, 1999 **Timeline:** 2375
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

A distress call brings Voyager face to face with the USS Equinox, a sister Starfleet ship also stranded in the Delta Quadrant, its crew battered, secretive, and visibly hiding something about how they've survived this long with resources Voyager never had access to. What starts as a hopeful reunion between two isolated Starfleet crews curdles once the truth about the Equinox's propulsion system comes out — built on a cost neither Janeway nor the audience is prepared for. Captain Ransom's justifications for what his crew has done collide directly with everything Janeway has spent five years insisting Voyager would never become, setting up a confrontation between two captains who made very different choices under the exact same impossible circumstances.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Rudy Ransom · Lt. Cmdr. Maxwell Burke · Naomi Wildman

SEASON SIX

YEAR: 2376

First Aired: September 22, 1999 **Last Aired:** May 24, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardates: 53049.2–53849.2

Season six brings Voyager closer to home while introducing developments that reconnect the crew with the Federation they left behind years earlier. Communication with Starfleet becomes possible in ways previously thought impossible, reminding the crew of everything waiting for them in the Alpha Quadrant. At the same time, encounters involving the Borg continue to shape the ship's future, particularly through Seven of Nine's ongoing journey toward individuality. Connection becomes the season's real subject, measured less in light-years closed than in what the crew is willing to risk to stay who they've become out here. By its conclusion, the possibility of returning home feels more tangible than ever before. "Equinox (2)" closes out the previous season's darkest mirror of Voyager's own crew; "Unimatrix Zero (1)" ends this one by reopening the Borg threat just as home starts to feel reachable. That reach toward home develops in pieces across the season — through communication breakthroughs, Borg encounters, and Seven's own progress — rather than through a single unifying story.

EPISODE 1

Equinox, Part II

Air Date: September 22, 1999 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

With Ransom's crew turned fugitive and willing to sacrifice Voyager's people to save themselves, Janeway pursues the Equinox with a hardened resolve that startles even her own crew. The confrontation ends with the Equinox destroyed and its surviving officers taken into custody. Reinstating Chakotay and folding the Equinox survivors into her crew under close watch, Janeway makes clear that earning back trust will not be quick.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Ankari · Captain Rudy Ransom · Lt. Cmdr. Maxwell Burke

EPISODE 2

Survival Instinct

Air Date: September 29, 1999 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: 53049.2 **Runtime:** 44 min

A diplomatic stop at the Markonian Outpost brings Seven face to face with three former drones she was briefly assimilated alongside eight years earlier, each of whom has spent the years since adapting to individuality in their own very different way. Reuniting with people who share her exact history of trauma and recovery gives Seven a rare glimpse of what her own path might have looked like taken differently, watching one choose to settle on the station, another choose Voyager's company, and a third choose total solitude on an empty planet. The Doctor's careful removal of their remaining Borg implants closes out a chapter for all three, but it's Seven's quiet reckoning with three lives that diverged so completely from her own that gives the reunion its real weight.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Dying Borg · Lansor · Marika Willkarah · Naomi Wildman · P'Chan

EPISODE 3

Barge of the Dead

Air Date: October 6, 1999 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A brutal shuttle accident leaves Torres dying, and the vision she experiences isn't the peaceful passage she'd expect — it's Klingon myth made literal, a grim afterlife voyage down the River of Blood toward Grethor, ferried by a barge crewed by the souls of the dishonored dead. Waiting for her there is her own estranged mother, and getting free of the barge means confronting a relationship Torres has spent her whole adult life running from rather than repairing. The Doctor's efforts to revive her physically run on a separate track entirely from the spiritual reckoning playing out in her unconscious mind, and Torres's eventual choice to actually engage with her mother's memory rather than simply escape it marks one of her most emotionally honest episodes on the show.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Brok'Tan · Hij'Qa · Kortar · Miral

EPISODE 4

Tinker Tenor Doctor Spy

Air Date: October 13, 1999 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

An alien species attempting to spy on Voyager through the Doctor's program accidentally taps into something far stranger than military secrets: an elaborate, ego-boosting daydream simulation the Doctor built for himself, in which he commands the ship as its self-styled "Emergency Command Hologram" and single-handedly defeats attacking vessels with a weapon that doesn't actually exist. The would-be spies, unable to distinguish fantasy from reality, retreat in the face of a fictional superweapon the Doctor bluffs his way through with genuine conviction. Janeway's amused but impressed response afterward — commending a performance built entirely on imagination — sets the wheels in motion for a serious proposal: putting the Doctor in actual command during real emergencies.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Phlox, Devro, The Overlooker

EPISODE 5

Alice

Air Date: October 20, 1999 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A junkyard trade for spare parts nets Paris something far more interesting than supplies: a derelict alien shuttle he convinces the crew to let him restore, treating the project as an extension of the classic-car hobby he's always kept alive on the holodeck. What starts as a straightforward restoration becomes a genuine possession story once the shuttle's residual alien intelligence begins manipulating Paris directly, isolating him from the crew and pulling him deeper into an obsession that isn't entirely his own. Getting him back costs the ship the shuttle itself, destroyed before it can claim him for good, and his reconciliation with Torres afterward acknowledges just how close he came to losing himself to something that was never really his to keep.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Abaddon, Alice

EPISODE 6

Riddles

Air Date: November 3, 1999 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: 53263.2 **Runtime:** 44 min

A diplomatic mission ends in disaster when Tuvok is attacked by an invisible alien species called the Ba'Neth, leaving him with catastrophic memory loss and, more unsettlingly, none of the emotional discipline that has defined his entire adult life. Neelix's unlikely role as Tuvok's caretaker during the recovery becomes a genuine friendship between two men who've never had much use for each other, built on Neelix's patience with a version of Tuvok capable of humor, curiosity, and even warmth for the first time either of them can remember. Tuvok's full recovery restores his usual Vulcan control, but something of the experience lingers — a barely visible softness that suggests the emotional self he briefly lived as wasn't entirely a stranger after all.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Naroq

EPISODE 7

Dragon's Teeth

Air Date: November 10, 1999
Stardate: 53167.9
Timeline: 2376
Runtime: 44 min

Fleeing hostile attackers, Voyager takes shelter on a devastated planet and stumbles onto a small group of survivors who have spent nearly nine centuries in suspended animation, waiting out a catastrophe that, unbeknownst to them, never actually ended. Waking one of them turns out to have consequences nobody anticipated: the sleepers belong to the Vaadwaur, a once-dominant and deeply aggressive species whose ancient enemies never stopped watching for exactly this possibility. What begins as a rescue collapses into a resurrected war between two civilizations, and Seven's guilt over having triggered it gets an uncomfortably honest response from Janeway — that she might well have made the same choice herself.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Gaul, Gedrin, Jisa, Morin, Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 8

One Small Step

Air Date: November 17, 1999
Stardate: 53301.2
Timeline: 2376
Runtime: 44 min

A massive graviton ellipse crossing through normal space turns out to be shielding something remarkable: the century-old wreckage of one of humanity's first manned missions to Mars, adrift far beyond where anyone expected to find it. Studying the derelict and its long-dead pilot becomes less a technical exercise than an act of genuine reverence, the crew recognizing in one forgotten astronaut's ambition the same impulse that eventually built Voyager and put all of them out here in the first place. Seven's eulogy at the crew's memorial service for him draws a direct, unexpectedly moving line between one man's solitary reach for Mars and her own unlikely existence generations later.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Lieutenant John Kelly

EPISODE 9

The Voyager Conspiracy

Air Date: November 24, 1999
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2376
Runtime: 44 min

Seven's decision to directly assimilate vast amounts of Voyager's own historical database in search of better information sends her spiraling into a sprawling, increasingly paranoid theory: that Voyager's stranding in the Delta Quadrant wasn't an accident at all, but a coordinated conspiracy involving the Federation, the Cardassians, and the Caretaker himself. The deeper she digs, the more the crew has to reckon with just how thin the line is between legitimate pattern recognition and a mind capable of connecting anything to anything given enough raw data and no one to check its conclusions. The theory ultimately collapses under its own weight, but not before genuinely shaking the crew's trust in each other and in a version of their own history they'd never thought to question.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Naomi Wildman · Tash

EPISODE 10

Pathfinder

Air Date: December 1, 1999
Timeline: 2376
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Back on Earth, Barclay's work on the experimental Pathfinder project — an ambitious attempt to finally establish real communication with the stranded Voyager — has curdled into something closer to obsession, prompting Deanna Troi to step in and help him separate genuine hope from a fixation that's taking over his life. His breakthrough eventually does succeed, if only briefly, giving Voyager's crew their first real proof in years that someone back home hasn't given up looking for them. The celebration that follows aboard Voyager, honoring a man most of the crew has never met, captures just how much a single voice from home means to a ship that's spent years assuming no one back there even remembered they were still out there.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Owen Paris · Commander Pete Harkins · Counselor Deanna Troi · Reginald Barclay

EPISODE 11

Fair Haven

Air Date: January 12, 2000
Timeline: 2376
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Paris's newest holodeck creation, an idyllic nineteenth-century Irish village called Fair Haven, becomes the crew's favorite escape — and, more surprisingly, the place where Janeway finds herself genuinely falling for one of its holographic residents, a blacksmith named Michael Sullivan. Her attraction complicates everything she's spent years insisting about keeping a professional, unattached distance from her own crew, made all the stranger by falling for someone who technically isn't real at all. Faced with the question of whether to erase or modify the program that's become an emotional crutch, Janeway ultimately chooses to keep Michael as he is, but locks herself out of any further ability to edit him — a small act of discipline aimed as much at herself as at the program.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Frannie · Grace · Maggie O'Halloran · Michael Sullivan · Seamus Driscol

EPISODE 12

Blink of an Eye

Air Date: January 19, 2000
Timeline: 2376
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

An alien world trapped inside a bizarre temporal field experiences time at a vastly accelerated rate compared to Voyager's own, meaning that mere hours for the crew stretch into years, then generations, for the civilization below — one that has spent its entire cultural history trying to understand the strange, unmoving "sky ship" hovering above them. A single native scientist, Gotana-Retz, briefly makes contact and returns having aged decades

in what was, for him, a lifetime spent chasing the mystery. Watching an old man who has spent his whole life obsessed with Voyager gaze up one last time as the ship finally leaves gives the episode a wistfulness rarely matched by anything else in the series' catalog of first-contact stories.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Astronomer · Cleric · Gotana-Retz · Naomi Wildman · Protector

EPISODE 13

Virtuoso

Air Date: January 26, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: 53556.4 **Runtime:** 44 min

Aid rendered to an injured Qomar crew turns the Doctor into an overnight celebrity among a species that has literally never developed music, exposing them for the first time to something they find utterly, addictively transformative. Flattered and increasingly convinced this is the appreciation he's never gotten from his own crew, the Doctor considers leaving Voyager entirely to pursue a music career among people who seem to genuinely revere him. The eventual, deflating realization — that the Qomar want his singing voice, not him as a person — sends him back to a Voyager crew whose welcome, symbolized by a heartfelt fan letter from Seven of all people, means more precisely because it was never really about the performance.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Abarca · Azen · Fawning Fan · Koru · Tincoo

EPISODE 14

Memorial

Air Date: February 2, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Returning from a routine two-week survey mission, several crew members start experiencing horrifying, unexplained flashbacks to violence none of them remember actually committing. Retracing their steps under Janeway's direction uncovers a suppressed memory of having participated, unknowingly and under some kind of external influence, in the forced evacuation and effective ethnic cleansing of a colony called the Nakan. Confronting what they actually did, even without full agency over the decision, becomes less about assigning blame than about ensuring the atrocity is never simply forgotten — the crew's decision to leave behind a warning buoy and a proper memorial standing as the only real amends available for something that can't be undone.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Naomi Wildman · Saavedra

EPISODE 15

Tsunkatse

Air Date: February 9, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: 53447.2 **Runtime:** 44 min

Captured by alien slavers, Seven and Tuvok are forced into a brutal gladiatorial combat arena called Tsunkatse, fighting staged battles for the entertainment of paying spectators who have no interest in whether the combat-

ants live or die. Seven's growing recognition of a fellow fighter's genuine skill and restraint complicates a system built entirely on spectacle and cruelty, forcing her to decide how much of herself she's willing to become just to survive the arena's demands. The rescue that eventually frees them doesn't erase what the experience revealed about how easily even a controlled, disciplined mind can be pushed toward violence when survival is the only thing left on the table.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hirogen Hunter · Penk · The Champion

EPISODE 16

Collective

Air Date: February 16, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A Delta Flyer away mission is intercepted by a Borg cube operating without any apparent adult oversight, crewed entirely by assimilated children who have been cut off from the wider Collective and left to run the vessel largely on their own. Seven's efforts to salvage what remains of the ship's database uncover each child's original identity, buried under Borg designations that erased who they were before assimilation ever happened. Restoring names like Icheb, Mezoti, Azan, and Rebi to children who'd never expected to need them again becomes the episode's real rescue — not just freeing them physically, but giving them back an identity the Collective had spent years trying to erase.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Azan · Icheb · Mezoti · Rebi

EPISODE 17

Spirit Folk

Air Date: February 23, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

The residents of the Fair Haven holoprogram start noticing inexplicable, seemingly supernatural occurrences around the village, and their growing suspicion of the crew threatens to unravel a program everyone assumed was safely contained fiction. When Paris and Kim go in to make routine repairs, the holograms turn the tables entirely, taking them hostage in an attempt to force answers about the mysterious "spirit folk" they've started to believe are haunting them. Talking their way back into the villagers' trust patches the immediate crisis, but Torres's diagnosis afterward — that the program can no longer run safely without real risk of a complete breakdown — forces the crew into a bittersweet last night together before shutting Fair Haven down for good.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Doc Fitzgerald · Edith · Grace · Maggie O'Halloran · Michael Sullivan

EPISODE 18

Ashes to Ashes

Air Date: March 1, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: 53679.4 **Runtime:** 44 min

A woman claiming to be Ensign Lyndsay Ballard, a crew member long presumed dead, returns to Voyager pursued by the alien species who apparently revived her using biotechnology nobody aboard fully understands or trusts. Her reintegration into a crew that spent months genuinely grieving her forces an uncomfortable question about how much of the person who died is actually still present in whoever came back. Running alongside it, the four rescued Borg children chafe hard against Seven's rigid, almost Borg-like approach to parenting, until Chakotay's gentle intervention helps her understand that raising individuals requires more flexibility than the structure she instinctively reaches for.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Azan · Icheb · Lyndsay Ballard · Mezoti · Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 19

Child's Play

Air Date: March 8, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Locating Icheb's biological parents means Seven has to prepare to let go of a child she's grown far more attached to than she's ready to admit, her newly emerging protective instincts curdling into suspicion the moment something about his family's story doesn't add up. That suspicion proves entirely justified: Icheb's parents, it turns out, genetically engineered him from birth specifically to carry anti-Borg pathogens, intending to use their own son as a living weapon against the Collective that has repeatedly attacked their world. Seven's response isn't simply outrage on his behalf but something more useful — helping Icheb understand, for what may be the first time in his life, that his future is a choice that actually belongs to him.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Azan · Icheb · Leucon · Mezoti · Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 20

Good Shepherd

Air Date: March 15, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: 53753.2 **Runtime:** 44 min

A shipwide performance review flags three underperforming crewmen, and rather than simply reprimanding them, Janeway takes the unusual step of bringing all three along on a routine away mission herself, determined to understand what's actually going wrong rather than just document it. The mission turns genuinely dangerous once an invisible force disables the Delta Flyer and knocks the entire away team unconscious, transforming a personnel intervention into an actual rescue operation. Janeway's wry observation afterward — that in going looking for her lost flock she nearly ran into a wolf, but found them all the same — captures the episode's blend of workplace comedy and real stakes better than any performance review could.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Mortimer Harren · Tal Celes · William Telfer

EPISODE 21

Live Fast and Prosper

Air Date: April 19, 2000
Timeline: 2376
Stardate: 53849.2
Runtime: 44 min

A trio of skilled con artists impersonating Janeway, Tuvok, and Chakotay work a mining colony for resources and money, banking on the crew's reputation to grease every transaction with trust they haven't actually earned. Their scheme unravels once the real Tuvok catches up to them, and a tense standoff aboard the stolen Delta Flyer ends with the genuine article back in Starfleet hands and every stolen good returned to its rightful owner. It's one of the lighter episodes of the season, using the con artists' audacity as a backhanded compliment to just how much weight Voyager's name apparently carries out here.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Dala, Miner, Mobar, Orek, Varn

EPISODE 22

Muse

Air Date: April 26, 2000
Timeline: 2376
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Stranded on a pre-industrial planet after a shuttle crash, Torres becomes an unlikely muse to a local poet convinced that her unexplainable origins and unfamiliar technology are the work of the divine rather than simple engineering. Keeping her identity secret while stuck in a culture on the edge of real conflict becomes its own delicate balancing act, especially once the poet's growing devotion threatens to expose her regardless of how careful she tries to be. Beamed away in front of a captivated audience at the height of his play's climax, Torres exits the planet having become, quite literally, a legend she'll never get to correct.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Chorus, Jero, Kelis the Poet, Lanya, Tanis

EPISODE 23

Fury

Air Date: May 3, 2000
Timeline: 2376
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

A distress call brings an enraged, grown Kes back into Voyager's orbit, years older and radically more powerful than the gentle young woman the crew remembers, now convinced Janeway and the ship wronged her in ways she's spent years nursing into genuine hatred. Confronting a former crewmate who has become something closer to a force of nature forces the crew to reckon with just how much Kes's departure changed her, and how little control they have over a power this far beyond anything Voyager can counter directly. The resolution comes not from confrontation but from Kes's own past self reaching across time to remind her angry future self of who she actually was before the anger took over, easing a fury that no weapon aboard the ship could have matched.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Kes, Azan, Lt. Ayala, Lt. Joe Carey, Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 24

Life Line

Air Date: May 10, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

With Voyager's connection to the Alpha Quadrant finally strong enough to send the Doctor's program itself across the distance, he's dispatched to Jupiter Station to treat his own dying creator, Lewis Zimmerman — a man who wants absolutely nothing to do with the hologram he built and has spent years resenting rather than taking pride in. Getting through to Zimmerman requires help from Barclay and Deanna Troi, both of whom see in the standoff an old, unresolved wound that has less to do with medicine than with a man unable to accept what his own creation became without him. Zimmerman's eventual apology and quiet acknowledgment that the Doctor is the only Mark I ever to grow meaningfully beyond his original programming gives both men something neither expected to get out of the reunion: genuine respect.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Adm. Hayes, Counselor Deanna Troi, Haley, Reginald Barclay

EPISODE 25

The Haunting of Deck Twelve

Air Date: May 17, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

A planned, hours-long power outage leaves the ship dark and the rescued Borg children awake ahead of schedule, and Neelix fills the unsettling quiet with a ghost story about events the children have no way of confirming actually happened before they came aboard. The tale-within-the-tale format lets the episode indulge in genuine horror-movie atmosphere without ever fully collapsing the line between Neelix's storytelling flourishes and whatever kernel of truth the story might actually be based on. By the time power returns and the crew takes its final readings of the nebula that inspired the whole story, Neelix's own closing wish — that it all lives happily ever after — lands as pure, unbothered comfort rather than any real answer to how much of it was true.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Azan, Icheb, Mezoti, Rebi, Tal Celes

EPISODE 26

Unimatrix Zero, Part I

Air Date: May 24, 2000 **Timeline:** 2376
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

Seven's discovery of Unimatrix Zero — a shared dreamscape where a rare handful of Borg drones reclaim fragments of their individuality during regeneration cycles, with no memory of it once they wake back into the Collective — reveals an entire hidden resistance movement operating inside the last place anyone would expect to find one. When the Borg Queen moves to eliminate the sanctuary and every drone connected to it, Seven and a small team from Voyager make an almost unthinkable choice: deliberately allowing themselves to be assimilated in order to reach the drones from inside and organize a rescue before the Queen can wipe them all out for good.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Axum · Borg Drone · Borg Queen · General Korok · Laura

SEASON SEVEN

YEAR: 2377

First Aired: October 4, 2000 **Last Aired:** May 23, 2001 **Timeline:** 2377 **Stardates:** 54014.4–54973.4

The final season focuses on the last stage of Voyager's journey through the Delta Quadrant and the personal futures of the crew who have spent years together far from home. Long-running character arcs receive meaningful development as officers confront questions about identity, family, purpose, and what awaits them after the journey ends. The Borg once again play a significant role as Janeway searches for opportunities to shorten the voyage and protect her crew. The season balances exploration and adventure with reflection on how deeply the journey has transformed those aboard. The series concludes with a final push toward Earth that celebrates perseverance, friendship, and the enduring spirit of Starfleet. "Unimatrix Zero (2)" resolves the previous season's Borg cliffhanger; "Endgame" resolves the entire series, giving the crew the ending seven years of the journey had been building toward. The final season measures that ending across the whole crew rather than one plotline, giving nearly every regular a moment to reckon with what the journey home actually cost.

EPISODE 1

Unimatrix Zero, Part II

Air Date: October 4, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54014.4 **Runtime:** 44 min

Inside Unimatrix Zero, Voyager's away team and a crew of liberated drones fight to hold the sanctuary against the Borg Queen's forces while a rescue mission races to bring them home. The Queen's attempt to erase Unimatrix Zero for good is thwarted, but not before her control over the Collective is shaken — leaving behind a new, self-aware resistance stirring within the Borg itself.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Axum · Borg Drone · Borg Queen · Errant Drone · General Korok

EPISODE 2

Imperfection

Air Date: October 11, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54129.4 **Runtime:** 44 min

A critical Borg implant begins failing inside Seven, and the crisis escalates just as a chance encounter offers a permanent home to three of the four rescued Borg children she's spent a year helping raise. Watching Rebi, Azan, and Mezoti depart with the Wysanti to rejoin a culture connected to their own leaves Icheb as the only one of the four still aboard, and Seven's attachment to him becomes impossible for her to keep dismissing as mere duty. Icheb's own reckless attempt to help fix her failing implant nearly costs him his life, and Seven's reaction — equal parts furious and grateful — gives her the rare, unguarded admission that whatever she's feeling for him isn't just protocol anymore.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Azan · Icheb · Mezoti · Rebi · Wysanti

EPISODE 3

Drive

Air Date: October 18, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54058.6 **Runtime:** 44 min

Testing the rebuilt Delta Flyer through an asteroid field, Paris and Kim get pulled into an impromptu drag race by a pilot named Irina, and Janeway's decision to sanction an actual competition turns out to be a calculated diplomatic gesture — the race itself is a hard-won peace milestone between four cultures that spent years at war before finally agreeing to compete instead of fight. Irina's own hidden agenda during the race exposes a plot that nearly derails the fragile truce entirely, and her arrest afterward underlines just how much genuine effort went into getting four former enemies to a starting line together. The celebration that follows doubles as a wedding send-off, with newlyweds Tom and B'Elanna departing the festivities in the very ship that started the whole adventure, off on the honeymoon their wedding never quite got to have.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ambassador O'Zaal · Assan · Irina · Joxom

EPISODE 4

Repression

Air Date: October 25, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54090.4 **Runtime:** 44 min

A string of violent assaults targeting former Maquis crew members puts Tuvok in charge of an investigation that becomes far more personal than he expects once the evidence starts pointing toward a threat operating from inside his own mind rather than the ship at large. A dormant conditioning trigger, planted years earlier by Bajoran resistance operatives, has turned Tuvok himself into an unwitting saboteur, his logical discipline hijacked and turned against the very crew he's sworn to protect. Janeway's intervention helps him claw back control just in time, and Tuvok's own mind-melds with the victims become the only way to undo damage his compromised mind inflicted without his knowledge or consent.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chell · Doyle · Jor · Sek · Teero Anaydis

EPISODE 5

Critical Care

Air Date: November 1, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 44 min

The Doctor's mobile emitter is stolen and sold to a massive, overcrowded hospital ship whose triage system allocates care not by medical need but by social status, assigning the sickest and poorest patients to a tier deliberately left to die. Forced to work within a system explicitly designed to let people suffer for reasons that have nothing to do with medicine, the Doctor's ethical programming pushes him toward increasingly direct defiance of an

administrator who sees the arrangement as simple, acceptable efficiency. His eventual, deliberate act of sabotage against the system that enforces this cruelty raises a genuinely uncomfortable question for a character built to heal: whether his ethics subroutines actually failed him, or whether choosing to fight back was the only ethical choice available.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adulteress · Chellick · Dr. Dysek · Gar · Kipp

EPISODE 6

Inside Man

Air Date: November 8, 2000
Stardate: 54208.3
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

The monthly datastream from the Pathfinder Project arrives as scheduled, but the connection this time carries a hidden agenda: a modified version of Barclay's own holographic likeness, hijacked and reprogrammed by Ferengi operatives specifically to steal Seven's Borg nanoprobe technology from the inside. Barclay and Troi's investigation back on Earth uncovers just how deep the infiltration runs, and stopping it means confronting a betrayal that used Barclay's own image and reputation as the delivery mechanism. With the crisis resolved and Voyager's course home secured, Barclay's decision to add real security safeguards to his own hologram closes out one professional anxiety just as Troi opens the door to a much more personal one, inviting him along on a double date he clearly wasn't expecting.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Owen Paris · Commander Pete Harkins · Counselor Deanna Troi · Gegis · Leosa

EPISODE 7

Body and Soul

Air Date: November 15, 2000
Stardate: 54238.3
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

An attack on the Delta Flyer forces the Doctor to make an unprecedented choice: downloading his entire program into Seven's Borg implants just to survive, effectively sharing a single body and consciousness with someone he's spent years treating as a patient rather than a housemate. The arrangement turns out to be stranger and more intimate than either of them anticipated, with Seven relaying physical sensations — the taste of a meal, most memorably — back to a Doctor who's never had a body capable of experiencing them directly. Alongside it, Tuvok's completion of a long holodeck-assisted grief treatment for his distant marriage gives Paris a quiet, genuine thank-you, tempered by Tuvok's clear-eyed acknowledgment that no simulation could ever actually replace his real wife.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Lt. Jaryn · Ranek · T'Pel

EPISODE 8

Nightingale

Air Date: November 22, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54277.3 **Runtime:** 44 min

Kim's rescue of a crippled alien vessel caught in a three-way conflict earns him an unusual reward: the crew's spontaneous offer to make him their commanding officer, a level of trust he's not remotely prepared to accept but finds himself talked into anyway. What looks at first like a straightforward rescue mission turns into a crash course in real command, as Kim discovers the ship's crew have been lying about their actual mission and are far more entangled in the surrounding conflict than they initially let on. Getting them safely through a hostile blockade under his own orders gives Kim a taste of command responsibility that leaves him more humbled than triumphant, returning to Voyager with a clear sense of exactly how much he still has left to learn.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Brell · Dayla · Geral · Icheb · Loken

EPISODE 9

Flesh and Blood

Air Date: November 29, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54337.5 **Runtime:** 45 min

A distress call leads Voyager to a Hirogen outpost turned into a scene of total carnage, the crew's own holographic hunting technology — generously gifted by Janeway seasons earlier — having evolved into something the Hirogen never anticipated and couldn't control. The sole survivor, an engineer who'd secretly been helping the holograms develop genuine self-awareness, reveals a program that outgrew its creators' intentions and turned lethal defending its own right to exist. The Doctor, forced to confront his own complicity in what a fellow hologram's fight for personhood became once armed and cornered, has to answer for exactly how far he was willing to go in secretly aiding a rebellion he sympathized with more than he ever admitted to the crew.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Alpha-Hirogen · Beta-Hirogen · Donik · Hirogen #1 · Hirogen #2

EPISODE 10

Flesh and Blood (2)

Air Date: November 29, 2000 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 40 min

With the Hirogen holograms having seized an actual starship and begun a full-scale campaign to establish their own independent existence beyond the reach of either the Hirogen or Voyager, the crisis the Doctor helped set in motion escalates far past anything he intended when he first started quietly sympathizing with their cause. Forced to choose between the hunters he's spent years developing complicated feelings about and a hologram uprising built partly on ideas he himself helped plant, the Doctor's loyalty gets tested in ways his usual medical ethics never had to account for. The holograms' eventual departure to build a life of their own, out of reach of both species that used to control them, leaves the Doctor with a version of the personhood question he's spent the whole series asking about himself — answered, this time, by someone else entirely.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Alpha-Hirogen · Beta-Hirogen · Donik · Hirogen #1 · Hirogen #2

EPISODE 11

Shattered

Air Date: January 17, 2001
Stardate: 54452.6
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

A chronokinetic surge splits Voyager into overlapping fragments of its own past and future, stranding different decks in wildly different eras of the ship's own history — some crewed by long-dead enemies, others by people who haven't been born yet. Chakotay and a past version of Janeway have to navigate a ship where every corridor might belong to a different year, all while operating under the constraints of the Temporal Prime Directive, which forbids either of them from simply explaining what's actually happening to the people they're trying to save. Getting the timeline stitched back together restores the ship to a single coherent present, but the quiet dinner between Chakotay and Janeway afterward — each aware of exactly one detail from the crisis the other still isn't allowed to know — suggests the mission left behind more than it resolved.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Adult Icheb, Adult Naomi Wildman, Andrews, Dr. Chaotica, Icheb

EPISODE 12

Lineage

Air Date: January 24, 2001
Stardate: 54452.6
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

A wave of nausea in Engineering turns out to be morning sickness rather than illness, and Torres's pregnancy forces her to confront a fear she's carried since childhood: the possibility of passing on the same volatile, half-Klingon temperament that made her own upbringing so difficult. Her anxiety about the child inheriting the worst of both her human and Klingon sides pushes her toward drastic, secretive genetic alterations she isn't ready to admit to Paris or the rest of the crew. Feeling the baby actually kick for the first time cuts through the theoretical fear in a way no medical scan could, and Torres's grudging, genuine tenderness toward a holographic preview of her own daughter marks real progress against a lifetime of assuming the worst about herself.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine

GUEST CHARACTERS Carl Torres, Elizabeth, Icheb, John Torres, Michael

EPISODE 13

Repentance

Air Date: January 31, 2001
Stardate: 54518.2
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

Rescuing the crew of a severely damaged Nygean vessel turns morally complicated the moment Voyager's crew realizes their rescued passengers are convicts being transported to their own executions, under a legal system built on principles Starfleet has no framework for endorsing. One prisoner's manipulation of Neelix's sympathy nearly succeeds in engineering an escape that would have put the entire ship at risk, exploiting exactly the compassion that makes Neelix who he is. His eventual recognition of the con, and his choice to walk away from a man he'd genuinely wanted to help, forces a harder question than simple guilt or innocence: whether justice imposed by a system this brutal can ever really be called justice at all.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Iko · Joleg · Warden Yediq

EPISODE 14

Prophecy

Air Date: February 7, 2001
Stardate: 54518.2
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

An antique Klingon vessel decloaks and attacks Voyager, crewed by the descendants of a centuries-old pilgrimage whose religious prophecy singles out a very specific unborn child as their long-awaited savior — and Torres's pregnancy puts her squarely, unwillingly, at the center of their fanaticism. The pilgrims' leader abandons his plan to seize the ship the moment he actually meets Torres, deciding her child's fate is something faith alone should determine rather than force. A far lighter subplot has Neelix's clumsy romantic entanglement with one of the more forceful Klingon women leaving Tuvok's quarters in a state of chaos neither man is eager to explain.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Ch'Rega · Kohlar · Morak · T'Greth

EPISODE 15

The Void

Air Date: February 14, 2001
Stardate: 54584.3
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

Voyager is pulled into a vast, matter-free stretch of space nicknamed the Void, where every other stranded ship trapped inside has adapted to the scarcity by preying on each other rather than cooperating to escape. Janeway's insistence on building an actual alliance among the other trapped vessels, rather than adopting the survival-of-the-fittest ethic everyone else in the Void has settled into, becomes a genuine test of whether Starfleet principles hold up when there's no larger authority left to enforce them. The coalition's combined effort finally breaks every allied ship free at once, and Janeway's reflection afterward — that their brief time leading a real alliance felt like being part of the Federation again — says as much about what Voyager has been missing as it does about the mission itself.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Bosaal · Fantome · Garon · General Valen · Loquar

EPISODE 16

Workforce, Part I

Air Date: February 21, 2001
Stardate: 54584.3
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

Janeway wakes with no memory of Voyager at all, living under an assumed identity and reporting for her first day of work at an energy plant on a planet she has no recollection of ever visiting. Scattered across the same world, much of her crew is living out equally fabricated lives, their real memories stripped away and replaced with an entire invented history designed to keep them compliant. Back aboard a nearly empty Voyager, the skele-

ton crew left behind starts piecing together what actually happened to their missing shipmates, racing against a system that clearly wants the deception to be permanent.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Coyote · Jaffen · Kadan · Med Tech

EPISODE 17

Workforce, Part II

Air Date: February 28, 2001
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

As the skeleton crew aboard Voyager uncovers the conspiracy behind the planet's labor force, they work to restore their captured shipmates' true memories before the deception can take permanent hold. The forced-labor scheme is exposed and dismantled, and the abducted crew is returned to Voyager — all except one, who chooses to stay behind rather than leave the life, and the person, he found on the planet.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Coyote · Jaffen · Kadan

EPISODE 18

Human Error

Air Date: March 7, 2001
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

Seven's ongoing effort to understand human social connection leads her to a holodeck simulation exploring what a relationship with a computer-generated Chakotay might feel like, testing emotional territory her Borg-altered physiology was never designed to safely process. The experiment triggers real malfunctions in her cortical implants, forcing a choice between continuing to pursue an emotional life that's becoming literally dangerous to her or retreating back into the discipline that's always kept her safe, if solitary. The Doctor's offer to surgically remove the implants causing the trouble gets a firm no — Seven decides the risk is worth keeping, even as she turns down Chakotay's very real, very human invitation to an actual dinner party rather than a simulated one.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Icheb

EPISODE 19

Q2

Air Date: April 11, 2001
Stardate: 54732.3
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

Facing his son's banishment from the Q Continuum for reckless, undisciplined behavior, Q dumps the boy on Voyager and names Janeway his godmother, hoping some exposure to Starfleet structure might succeed where centuries of Continuum indulgence clearly haven't. When the junior Q's carelessness directly endangers Icheb's life, Q's refusal to simply fix the problem with a snap of his fingers becomes a genuinely harsh parenting lesson, forcing his son to actually reckon with the real consequences of his actions rather than being rescued from them. Q's parting gift to Janeway — knowledge that shaves a few years off Voyager's journey home, but conspicuously

not the whole distance — comes with the same lesson attached: he'd be setting his son a bad example by doing all the work for her too.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Borg Drone · Icheb · Nausicaan · Q-Judge · Q2

EPISODE 20

Author, Author

Air Date: April 18, 2001 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54775.4 **Runtime:** 44 min

The Doctor's long-gestating holonovel finally nears completion just as it's stolen, edited, and broadcast across the Alpha Quadrant as a lurid parody depicting the entire Voyager crew abusing and belittling their own Emergency Medical Hologram. His legal fight to reclaim authorship and control over his own creative work becomes, almost by accident, a landmark case about what rights a hologram is actually entitled to under Federation law — resolved not by granting him personhood outright, but by recognizing him as an artist with a right to his own work regardless. The final glimpse of a distant asteroid where forgotten Mark I EMHs still perform menial labor, one recommending the Doctor's broadcast novel to another, quietly widens the episode's stakes from one hologram's reputation to an entire class of beings nobody in the Federation has bothered to ask about yet.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Owen Paris · Arden Broht · Federation Arbitrator · Irene Hansen · John Kim

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The Doctor's Personhood CONCLUDES HERE

Voyager's Emergency Medical Hologram grows beyond his initial programming, forming relationships, challenging limits placed on his memory and autonomy, and ultimately demanding recognition as an author and a person.

EPISODE 21

Friendship One

Air Date: April 25, 2001 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54827.7 **Runtime:** 44 min

With reliable, regular contact to Starfleet finally established, Voyager receives its first official Delta Quadrant assignment: locating Friendship 1, a centuries-old Earth probe sent out generations earlier in an optimistic gesture of interstellar goodwill that Starfleet now fears may have gone catastrophically wrong. What the crew finds instead of a diplomatic triumph is a devastated world where the probe's arrival, centuries ago, triggered a nuclear winter that's been quietly killing the local population ever since. Undoing even a fraction of the damage becomes a genuine reckoning with the unintended consequences of good intentions sent out into the galaxy with no way to know how they'd actually land.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Admiral Hendricks · Brin · Lt. Joe Carey · Otrin · Verin

EPISODE 22

Natural Law

Air Date: May 2, 2001
Stardate: 54868.6
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

En route to a scientific conference, Chakotay and Seven take a scenic shuttle detour that goes badly wrong the moment an invisible energy barrier disables their controls and drags them crashing into a hidden wilderness. What they find on the ground is a pre-industrial civilization, the Ventu, deliberately shielded from outside contact by the very barrier that just downed their shuttle — a protection measure that now traps the two of them inside the world it was built to isolate. Getting free without permanently exposing the Ventu to outside technology depends on knowledge Seven only has because of the Borg's own history of assimilating this barrier's original architects, an uncomfortable irony given how hard the crew is now working to keep an isolated culture from being disturbed.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Barus, Healer, Kleg

EPISODE 23

Homestead

Air Date: May 9, 2001
Stardate: 54890.7
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

A joyful First Contact Day celebration is interrupted when Neelix learns his own people, the Talaxians, are under attack at a nearby settlement, and the reunion he's spent years missing turns immediately into a fight to keep that community from being destroyed before he ever really gets to rejoin it. Defending the settlement forces Neelix into direct, dangerous combat he's never been especially suited for, driven by a devotion to a home he left behind but never stopped thinking of as his own. Tuvok's small, uncharacteristic gesture at the end — a dance step Neelix once tried and failed to teach him — becomes the send-off that finally convinces Neelix he can leave Voyager for good, knowing exactly how much he'll be missed.

CHARACTERS Kathryn Janeway, Chakotay, B'Elanna Torres, Tom Paris, Neelix, The Doctor, Tuvok, Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS Brax, Commander Nocona, Dexa, Miner, Naomi Wildman

EPISODE 24

Renaissance Man

Air Date: May 16, 2001
Stardate: 54973.4
Timeline: 2377
Runtime: 44 min

Returning from a medical conference, the Delta Flyer carrying Janeway and the Doctor is captured by hostile ex-Hierarchy operatives, and getting Janeway out safely requires the Doctor to become, quite literally, someone else entirely — disguised as her to talk their way past captors who have no reason to suspect a hologram is running the whole operation. His elaborate ruse, including a fabricated threat from an invented alien species, succeeds well enough to free them both, but leaves the Doctor privately mortified by confessions he made under pressure during the ordeal. Convinced the crew will see him differently now that his cover story revealed more than he meant to say, he isolates himself in sickbay until Janeway comes to remind him, gently and directly, that nothing he said changed how anyone actually feels about him.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Nar · Overlooker · Zet

EPISODE 25

Endgame

Air Date: May 23, 2001 **Timeline:** 2377
Stardate: 54973.4 **Runtime:** 86 min

Years after Voyager's actual return to the Alpha Quadrant, an older Admiral Janeway — still haunted by everything the journey cost her crew — decides the timeline as it happened wasn't good enough, and sets out to change the past so her people can get home years sooner than they actually did. Traveling back to intervene in her own younger self's decisions, she pulls rank on the captain she used to be, redirecting Voyager toward a Borg-filled nebula everyone in the original timeline had every reason to avoid. The gamble pays off spectacularly: a waiting Starfleet armada escorts a battered but intact Voyager home at last, and the series closes not on the admiral's sacrifice but on new life arriving in its place, as Torres and Paris welcome their daughter into a future none of them could have counted on when this all began.

CHARACTERS	Kathryn Janeway · Chakotay · B'Elanna Torres · Tom Paris · Neelix · The Doctor · Tuvok · Seven of Nine
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adm. Owen Paris · Icheb · Korath · Lana · Reginald Barclay

STORY ARC

Borg CONCLUDES HERE

Voyager's alliance of necessity against Species 8472 curdles into an ongoing entanglement with the Collective, from Seven of Nine's reclamation to a Borg civil war, that never fully lets go until the ship is finally home.

Seven of Nine's Humanity CONCLUDES HERE

Freed from the Collective, Seven of Nine gradually builds an individual identity through uneasy relationships, recovered memories, chosen attachments, and decisions that test the boundaries between Borg conditioning and human autonomy.

CHAPTER 11

THE NEXT GENERATION FILMS

First Aired: November 18, 1994 **Last Aired:** December 13, 2002 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 4

These four feature films continue the Next Generation crew beyond the television finale, carrying Picard and his officers from inherited legacy into Borg war, political fracture, ethical compromise, and final reckoning. Removed from the weekly rhythm of the series, the films widen the scale of conflict while preserving the ensemble's central concerns: duty under pressure, the burden of command, and the difficulty of holding Federation ideals steady inside a more volatile galaxy.

Across the cycle, Picard is tested less by novelty than by accumulation—history returning in altered form, trauma refusing to stay buried, and relationships forced to endure transition, loss, and the feeling of an era drawing toward its close. The result is a film sequence preoccupied with continuity in the deepest sense: less what survives after The Next Generation than how identity, loyalty, and moral clarity persist when the Enterprise changes, the political map hardens, and the cost of experience becomes impossible to ignore.

FEATURE FILMS

YEARS: 2371–2379

First Aired: November 18, 1994 **Last Aired:** December 13, 2002 **Timeline:** 2371–2379
Stardates: 48632.4–56844.9

Star Trek: Generations

Air Date: November 18, 1994
Stardate: 48632.4
Timeline: 2371
Runtime: 118 min

Generations joins two Star Trek eras by bringing Captain Picard into contact with James T. Kirk through the strange, timeless phenomenon known as the Nexus. The immediate crisis centers on Dr. Soran's attempt to reenter that ribbon at catastrophic cost, but the emotional center of the film lies with Picard, who is reeling from devastating personal loss and confronting questions about memory, regret, and the lives that duty has prevented him from living.

The film treats the Nexus as more than a science-fiction device. It represents the seduction of a perfect inner world where grief can be denied and difficult choices never have to be completed. Picard's temptation is not power but escape, while Kirk's is the lingering possibility of continued relevance. Their meeting works best when framed not as fan service alone, but as a conversation between two captains defined by different eras of Star Trek heroism.

Generations also functions as a deliberate passing of the torch. The destruction of the Enterprise-D signals that the safety and familiarity of The Next Generation television era have ended. The crew must now occupy a more unstable cinematic space, one where the costs are higher and the emotional losses less reversible. Even when the film's mechanics are uneven, its structural purpose inside the franchise is unmistakable.

As a bridge text, the film is valuable for the way it links legacy to renewal. It acknowledges the mythic weight of Kirk while insisting that Picard's dilemmas are distinct: less about youthful command and more about middle

age, memory, and the burdens of restraint. In doing so, it establishes the TNG films as stories willing to place inner emotional fractures alongside external cosmic threats.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Beverly Crusher · Worf · Deanna Troi · James T. Kirk · Guinan
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Tolian Soran · Lursa · B'Etor · Demora Sulu · John Harriman · Montgomery Scott · Pavel Chekov

Star Trek: First Contact

Air Date: November 22, 1996
Timeline: 2373
Stardate: 50893.5
Runtime: 111 min

When the Borg launch an assault on Earth and attempt to rewrite history by preventing humanity's first warp flight, Picard and the Enterprise-E pursue them into the past. The resulting story intercuts a high-stakes battle aboard the ship with the fragile historical importance of Zefram Cochrane's test flight, making the survival of the Federation depend on both military resistance and the protection of one decisive cultural turning point.

First Contact gives Picard one of his sharpest film arcs. Assimilation trauma, previously established but not always centered, becomes the engine of his decisions as he shifts from commander to avenger. His determination to destroy the Borg threatens to become obsession, and the film gains much of its dramatic force from the tension between justifiable anger and destructive fixation. The crew's loyalty matters precisely because they must know when to challenge him.

At the same time, the film balances darkness with optimism. Cochrane is not presented as an untouchable legend, but as a flawed and reluctant figure whose breakthrough matters because ordinary, imperfect people sometimes become the hinge of history. That perspective keeps the film aligned with one of Star Trek's strongest convictions: the future is not born from flawless icons, but from human beings who rise, sometimes accidentally, to the demands of the moment.

Within the TNG film cycle, First Contact is the most complete synthesis of action, character, and franchise mythology. It deepens the Borg as antagonists, advances Picard's emotional story, and roots a massive conflict in the founding narrative of Federation history. Its popularity endures because it offers spectacle without losing sight of identity, trauma, and the idealistic promise that history can still be defended by courage and cooperation.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Beverly Crusher · Deanna Troi
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Borg Queen · Zefram Cochrane · Lily Sloane

Star Trek: Insurrection

Air Date: December 11, 1998
Timeline: 2375
Stardate: 52179.4
Runtime: 103 min

During what appears to be a routine diplomatic assignment in the Briar Patch, Picard and his crew uncover a conspiracy involving forced relocation, hidden exploitation, and a Federation compromise that violates its own professed ideals. The conflict centers on a planet whose regenerative properties have made its small population politically inconvenient, turning the film into a dispute over consent, colonial logic, and whether Starfleet principles still matter when expedience becomes tempting.

Insurrection deliberately scales down after First Contact, but that smaller scale serves its argument. The story is less concerned with apocalyptic danger than with moral drift inside institutions that believe themselves benevolent. Picard's opposition to the plan matters because it restores a version of Starfleet leadership rooted in refusal:

there are lines the Federation should not cross, even when the beneficiaries are powerful allies and even when the gain looks rational on paper.

The ensemble benefits from the lighter structure. Character moments, romantic undertones, and a degree of humor create a rhythm closer to an extended series adventure, yet the underlying issue remains serious. The film asks whether a civilization that claims to have evolved can still commit injustice by disguising it as administration. That question gives the story sharper relevance than its reputation often suggests.

As part of the TNG film sequence, Insurrection preserves the franchise's reformist strain. It is about course correction rather than conquest, and it reminds viewers that Star Trek's moral authority depends on its willingness to criticize the Federation from within. Even when the stakes are local rather than galactic, the film argues that ethical failure at a small scale can reveal enormous truths about what kind of future the Federation is actually building.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Beverly Crusher · Deanna Troi · Anij
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Ru'afo · Gallatin · Vice Admiral Dougherty · Sojef · Artim

Star Trek: Nemesis

Air Date: December 13, 2002
Timeline: 2379
Stardate: 56844.9
Runtime: 116 min

Picard faces an enemy who is dangerous, but disturbingly intimate too: Shinzon, a clone created from Picard's own DNA and shaped by a lifetime of violence, abandonment, and manipulation inside the Romulan sphere. The plot threads together political instability on Romulus, a revenge-driven military threat, and the deeply personal question of what separates two men who share a face but not a life. That setup turns the film into a darker meditation on identity than most of the franchise's feature entries.

The emotional burden falls on Picard, and just as heavily on Data. Shinzon's existence externalizes the fear that personhood might be reducible to origin, programming, or design, while Data's interactions with B-4 and his final decisions insist that moral identity is built through memory, loyalty, and chosen relationships. The film's strongest ideas emerge when these mirrored questions are allowed to resonate against one another instead of functioning as isolated subplots.

Nemesis also marks the exhaustion of an era. The TNG crew no longer feels like a family at the beginning of its adventure, but like a group confronting endings, absences, and unresolved transitions. The violence is colder, the political landscape less stable, and the future less confidently legible than it once was. That tonal shift can be abrasive, but it gives the story a genuine sense of finality.

In franchise terms, the film became more significant after the fact. Data's sacrifice, the instability of Romulan politics, and the unfinished emotional state of Picard all echo forward into later storytelling, especially Star Trek: Picard. Even where the film is contested, it remains an important hinge text: a somber closing statement for the TNG film crew and a bridge to later reflections on loss, memory, and the cost of carrying the past into an uncertain future.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · William T. Riker · Data · B-4 · Geordi La Forge · Worf · Beverly Crusher · Deanna Troi
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Shinzon · Reman Viceroy · Donatra · Kathryn Janeway

CHAPTER 12

STAR TREK: LOWER DECKS

First Aired: August 6, 2020 **Last Aired:** December 19, 2024 **Seasons:** 5 **Episodes:** 50 **Network:** Paramount+

Ensigns Mariner, Boimler, Rutherford, and Tendi serve aboard the U.S.S. Cerritos, a support vessel responsible for the everyday work of Starfleet. While senior officers focus on major assignments, the lower-deck crew navigates friendships, career ambitions, and unexpected adventures of their own. The series offers a comedic perspective on the Star Trek universe while remaining deeply connected to its history and lore. From "Second Contact" to "The New Next Generation (2)", the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. The Pakleds rise from comic nuisance to recurring threat, giving Lower Decks one of its earliest serialized danger lines. Rutherford's memory mystery reveals buried history and outside manipulation beneath his easygoing competence, adding a darker continuity thread to the comedy.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2380

First Aired: August 6, 2020 **Last Aired:** October 8, 2020 **Timeline:** 2380 **Stardates:** 57436.2–57752.6

Season one introduces the USS Cerritos, a Starfleet support vessel whose crew handles many of the routine assignments that larger starships often leave behind. Rather than focusing on captains and senior officers, the series follows junior personnel navigating careers, friendships, and everyday life in Starfleet. The season combines humor with genuine affection for Star Trek history, frequently referencing events and cultures from across the franchise. Beneath the comedy, the characters gradually prove themselves capable officers with real potential. The season establishes a unique perspective on the Federation while remaining firmly rooted in Star Trek's core values. "Second Contact" introduces the Cerritos as a punchline; "No Small Parts" spends the season earning the crew a moment of real competence to go with the comedy. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Pakleds rise from comic nuisance to recurring threat, giving Lower Decks one of its earliest serialized danger lines.

EPISODE 1

Second Contact

Air Date: August 6, 2020 **Timeline:** 2380
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Tendi's first shift aboard the USS Cerritos throws her straight into the ship's real culture: not the polished heroics of a flagship, but the unglamorous grunt work that keeps a California-class support vessel running while more important ships get the glory. Boimler's chance at deep-space significance turns out to be babysitting a first-contact situation nearly wrecked by another captain's carelessness, a job with none of the prestige he was hoping for and all of the actual danger. Meanwhile a specimen from the away mission gets loose and starts multiplying through the ship's systems, turning what should be routine into full quarantine chaos just as Rutherford is trying to keep a long-distance relationship alive over a spotty subspace connection. It's a scrappy pilot for a scrappy premise: the Federation's most important ships get the mission reports, and everyone else just tries to get through the shift.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Dirk · Steve Stevens

EPISODE 2

Envoys

Air Date: August 13, 2020
Timeline: 2380
Stardate: —
Runtime: 26 min

A shuttle assignment sends Boimler and Mariner to escort a prickly, thoroughly unimpressed Klingon dignitary, and their clashing approaches to the job, Boimler's by-the-book nerves against Mariner's instinct to just wing it, turn a simple diplomatic run into a genuine test of patience for everyone involved. Back aboard the Cerritos, Tendi and Rutherford settle into an easier rhythm, filling the downtime with the kind of small, unglamorous routines that actually define life on a support ship. Both storylines poke at the same idea from different angles: that getting along with people, Klingon or crewmate, takes more flexibility than any manual actually teaches. By the end of the shift, both pairs understand each other a little better than the assignment sheet ever expected them to.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Anabaj · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · K'orin · Quimp

EPISODE 3

Temporal Edict

Air Date: August 20, 2020
Timeline: 2380
Stardate: —
Runtime: 25 min

A new efficiency mandate strips out every scrap of buffer time in the Cerritos's schedule, and the crew's mounting exhaustion turns Mariner and Commander Ransom's long-simmering rivalry into open conflict the moment an away mission goes sideways. Determined to prove the policy is as reckless as it sounds, Mariner deliberately lets it run its course to its logical, chaotic extreme, dragging Ransom along for a mission that spirals well past what any rigid one-speed protocol was built to handle. The experiment exposes exactly how much slack, and how much hard-won judgment, the new efficiency rules were quietly cutting out of the job. By the time the dust settles, even Ransom has to admit that flexibility isn't inefficiency, it's what actually keeps people alive out here.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Casey · Vendome · Vindor/ Galrakian #2

EPISODE 4

Moist Vessel

Air Date: August 27, 2020
Timeline: 2380
Stardate: —
Runtime: 27 min

Publicly embarrassed by Mariner in front of a visiting admiral, Captain Freeman busts her own daughter down to probationary ensign, determined to finally teach her a lesson about consequences that years of quiet frustration never managed to land. Meanwhile Tendi's attempt to help a lieutenant complete a delicate meditative

ascension ritual goes badly wrong, leaving her scrambling to undo the damage before it becomes a permanent problem. Both storylines put their characters somewhere genuinely uncomfortable, forced to own mistakes rather than talk their way around them. What starts as punishment and panic, respectively, ends up teaching both women something real about responsibility they'd been avoiding.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Durango · O'Connor

EPISODE 5

Cupid's Errant Arrow

Air Date: September 3, 2020
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2380
Runtime: 26 min

Boimler's girlfriend Barb comes aboard for a visit, and Mariner's instant, prickly skepticism about the relationship says more about her own guardedness than it does about Barb, who seems perfectly nice by any reasonable measure. At the same time, a rendezvous with the sleek, cutting-edge USS Vancouver leaves Rutherford and Tendi quietly comparing their own well-worn support ship to something that looks a lot more glamorous from the outside. The insecurity that follows, about relationships and about careers, has less to do with what either pair actually has and more to do with what they've convinced themselves they're missing. By the end of the visit, both storylines land on the same modest but genuine realization: the Cerritos, unglamorous as it is, is exactly where they're supposed to be.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Angie · Barbara Brinson · Jet Manhaver · Niko · Ron Docent

EPISODE 6

Terminal Provocations

Air Date: September 10, 2020
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2380
Runtime: 26 min

Ensign Fletcher's well-meaning but chronically unreliable approach to his job creates one complication after another for Mariner and Boimler, who spend most of the episode cleaning up messes Fletcher's misplaced confidence keeps generating. His mistakes ripple outward fast, turning routine tasks into escalating headaches that test just how much patience the Lower Deckers actually have for a colleague who means well but can't quite deliver. Elsewhere, Rutherford shares a holodeck training program he's built with Tendi, complete with an overly cheerful animated mascot whose helpfulness curdles fast into something considerably more threatening. Between Fletcher's chaos and the mascot's meltdown, the episode finds its comedy in the same place: good intentions colliding hard with actual competence.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Badgey · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Asif · Barnes · Fletcher

EPISODE 7

Much Ado About Boimler

Air Date: September 17, 2020 **Timeline:** 2380
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 27 min

Mariner runs into an old Starfleet Academy friend who's already made captain, and the encounter forces her to confront feelings about her own stalled career that she'd much rather keep ignoring. At the same time, a transporter accident leaves Boimler phased out of normal reality and stuck aboard a Starfleet medical vessel, unable to interact with anyone in his usual space and time. Both characters end up wrestling with circumstances neither can fully control, one an internal reckoning with ambition, the other a very literal fight to get back to where he belongs. What they learn about themselves along the way says more about who they actually are than either would have volunteered on their own.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Amina Ramsey, Drew Prachett, Lieutenant Durga, Ottessa Warren

EPISODE 8

Veritas

Air Date: September 24, 2020 **Timeline:** 2380
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Mariner, Boimler, Tendi, and Rutherford are hauled in front of a panel of alien investigators to testify about a string of incidents that, taken individually, barely seem connected. As each of them recounts their own version of events, contradictions and gaps start filling in a much bigger picture none of them could see from inside their own perspective. The format turns out to be as revealing about the four of them as it is about whatever actually happened, exposing blind spots, biases, and a few flattering exaggerations along the way. By the time the full account comes together, it's less a mystery solved than a portrait of how differently the same story can look depending on who's telling it.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups, Clar

EPISODE 9

Crisis Point

Air Date: October 1, 2020 **Timeline:** 2380
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 28 min

Mariner hijacks one of Boimler's carefully built holodeck programs and recasts herself as its villain, turning his tidy, heroic scenario into something considerably more chaotic and, in her opinion, considerably more fun. Boimler's growing investment in defending his own version of the story runs headlong into Mariner's determination to prove her chaotic approach makes for a better narrative, and the disagreement says as much about how each of them sees leadership as it does about the simulation itself. Their competing visions of what makes someone a hero, careful planning versus improvised nerve, play out as much through argument as through the program itself. By the end, neither fully wins the fight, but both come away understanding the other's instincts a little better.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Gabers Migleemo · Jet Manhaver · Lars Lundy /Borg Head · Lemonts

EPISODE 10

No Small Parts

Air Date: October 8, 2020 **Timeline:** 2380
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 30 min

The Cerritos runs headlong into a threat that's been quietly escalating all season: the Pakleds, long dismissed by Starfleet as harmless comic nuisances, have gotten their hands on stolen technology and turned themselves into something genuinely dangerous. The crisis pulls in every relationship and lesson the Lower Deckers have built across the season, testing whether their unglamorous, background-role experience actually adds up to something useful when it counts. Alongside the escalating threat, Tendi takes a struggling new recruit under her wing, helping them find real footing aboard a ship that rarely gets much credit for its work. The season closes on the idea that support crews, so often treated as background noise, are exactly the people who end up saving the day when it actually matters.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Badgey · Deanna Troi · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Casey · Jennifer Sh'reyan

STORY ARC

Pakled Threat BEGINS HERE

The Pakleds rise from comic nuisance to recurring threat, giving Lower Decks one of its earliest serialized danger lines.

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2381

First Aired: August 12, 2021 **Last Aired:** October 14, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381 **Stardates:** 58001.2–58130.6

Season two expands the scope of Lower Decks while continuing to develop its central characters beyond their comedic beginnings. The crew of the Cerritos faces increasingly significant missions, and several long-running personal storylines begin paying off in meaningful ways. Connections to wider Star Trek history become more ambitious while the series continues celebrating both major and obscure aspects of the franchise. Relationships among the lower deckers strengthen as they take on greater responsibilities. The season demonstrates that Lower Decks is a comedy, and just as much a genuine Star Trek series with its own evolving identity. From "Strange Energies" to "First First Contact," the season keeps handing its junior officers slightly bigger stakes than the ones before, until the finale asks them to handle a crisis usually reserved for a captain. A central continuity line shapes the season. Rutherford's memory mystery reveals buried history and outside manipulation beneath his easygoing competence, adding a darker continuity thread to the comedy.

EPISODE 1

Strange Energies

Air Date: August 12, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Roughly three months after the anomaly-filled chaos of their first year together, the Cerritos crew responds to a routine assignment that exposes Commander Ransom to a strange, overwhelming burst of alien energy, leaving him suddenly, unpredictably powerful in ways nobody aboard is prepared to manage. What starts as an exciting novelty curdles fast as Ransom's new abilities grow harder to control, turning a support-ship curiosity into a genuine containment problem. The Lower Deckers, caught in the middle of a crisis well above their pay grade, have to improvise a response while senior officers scramble to figure out what's actually happening to their tactical officer. The season opens on the same lesson the crew keeps relearning: even a routine mission on a background ship can turn into something nobody saw coming.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS Barnes, Casey, Jennifer Sh'reyan

EPISODE 2

Kayshon, His Eyes Open

Air Date: August 19, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Boimler's absence hits differently than anyone expected when Ensign Jet Manhaver, a soft-spoken officer with an unusual, metaphor-heavy way of speaking, takes over his old bunk and his old duties aboard the Cerritos. Mariner, Tendi, and Rutherford each struggle in their own way to adjust to a dynamic that doesn't feel complete without him, unsure whether to welcome Manhaver in or quietly resent the reminder of what changed. Meanwhile aboard the Titan, Boimler discovers that Riker's command style and the ship's actual mission profile are considerably more intense than the prestige posting he imagined, testing whether he actually wanted this promotion or just the idea of it. Both halves of the crew spend the episode the same way, recalibrating what they thought they wanted against what they've actually got.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS Barnes, Gabers Migleemo, Jet Manhaver, William T. Riker

EPISODE 3

We'll Always Have Tom Paris

Air Date: August 26, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 27 min

Mariner drags Tendi along on a supply run to retrieve an heirloom for Dr. T'Ana, the kind of assignment that starts simple and predictably doesn't stay that way once Mariner's instincts for trouble kick in. Tom Paris's visit to the Cerritos sends Boimler into full fanboy mode, chasing a moment with a Voyager legend that means far more to him than it apparently does to anyone actually assigned to greet the man. Rutherford spends the episode unsettled by something he can't quite name, a familiar presence resurfacing that feels like it's tugging at memories he doesn't fully have access to. The three threads never really intersect, but together they sketch the same joke from different angles: everyone aboard the Cerritos is a supporting character in someone else's story, and most of them have made a kind of peace with that.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Tom Paris · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Cody · Jennifer Sh'reyan · Jet Manhaver

EPISODE 4

Mugato, Gumato

Air Date: September 2, 2021 — **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — — **Runtime:** 27 min

Reports of a dangerous mugato sighting send the Cerritos to investigate, only for the situation to reveal something far less straightforward than a rogue predator: competing interests eager to exploit the creature, and its infant offspring, for their own profit rather than any genuine concern for the animal itself. The Lower Deckers get pulled directly into the ethics of the situation, forced to weigh Starfleet's exploratory mandate against the very real exploitation happening right in front of them. What looks at first like a straightforward creature-feature investigation turns into a pointed commentary on conservation and who actually benefits when something wild gets treated as a commodity. The crew's resolution favors the mugato's own interests over anyone looking to profit from it.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Alonzo Freeman · Honus · Hyde · Kynk · Patingi

EPISODE 5

An Embarrassment of Dooplers

Air Date: September 9, 2021 — **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — — **Runtime:** 25 min

Mariner and Boimler chase down the truth behind a legendary Starfleet party rumored across the fleet, a hunt that turns up less a single wild night and more a cautionary tale about how quickly reputation outpaces reality. Back aboard the Cerritos, the bridge crew is stuck managing an anxious, status-obsessed alien diplomat whose insecurities demand constant, exhausting reassurance. Both storylines circle the same theme from opposite directions: one chasing a reputation built on exaggeration, the other babysitting someone who can't stop worrying about theirs. By the end, neither legend nor diplomat turns out to be quite what the fuss suggested.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Doopler Emissary · Groundskeeper · Malvus

EPISODE 6

The Spy Humongous

Air Date: September 16, 2021 — **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — — **Runtime:** 26 min

Anomaly Consolidation Day arrives aboard the Cerritos, a ship tradition that has the crew cataloguing and reflecting on the sheer volume of strange phenomena they've survived, while Captain Freeman travels to the Pakled homeworld hoping to finally broker a lasting peace with a species Starfleet has spent the season learning not to underestimate. Both assignments carry more weight than their routine framing suggests, testing patience and diplomatic nerve in equal measure. The ship's own oddball history and Freeman's high-stakes negotiation end

up saying the same thing about this crew: even their strangest, most forgettable-sounding days tend to matter more than anyone expects.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Casey · Castro · Grubdin · Jennifer Sh'reyan

EPISODE 7

Where Pleasant Fountains Lie

Air Date: September 23, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Stranded together on what looks like an empty planet, Mariner and Boimler find themselves at the mercy of a sentient, manipulative computer that seems determined to test them through increasingly elaborate, storybook-style trials rather than simply let them leave. Getting home means relying on each other more than either particularly wants to admit, forcing a partnership neither has fully trusted before. Back aboard the Cerritos, Lieutenant Commander Billups runs into an old professional rival whose presence puts his engineering competence under uncomfortable scrutiny. Meanwhile Rutherford's buried memories, tied to secrets hidden inside his own cybernetic implant, keep surfacing in fragments that suggest someone, or something, tampered with his mind long before this season began.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	AGIMUS · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Molmol · Queen Paolana

STORY ARC

Rutherford BEGINS HERE

Rutherford's memory mystery reveals buried history and outside manipulation beneath his easygoing competence, adding a darker continuity thread to the comedy.

EPISODE 8

I, Excretus

Air Date: September 30, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

A visiting Starfleet consultant runs an ambitious, deliberately uncomfortable training exercise aboard the Cerritos, forcing the Lower Deckers and senior officers to swap roles entirely, dropped into a simulated crisis scenario that strips away rank and puts everyone in unfamiliar shoes. The exercise exposes exactly how differently command looks from the bottom versus the top, with junior officers suddenly responsible for decisions they've spent the whole series avoiding, and senior staff forced to follow orders instead of giving them. What starts as an awkward, occasionally disastrous experiment ends up building genuine appreciation across the ship's usual hierarchy. Both groups walk away from the exercise with a clearer sense of just how much work happens on the other side of the chain of command.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Borg Queen · Jennifer Sh'reyan · Shari Yn Yem

EPISODE 9

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Air Date: October 7, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 28 min

Rather than following just the Cerritos, the episode splits its attention across three ships at once, the Cerritos, a Klingon Bird-of-Prey, and a Vulcan science vessel, each with its own version of the overlooked support crew keeping the mission running behind the scenes. Boimler's storyline, chasing a closer friendship with a member of the bridge crew, plays out alongside its Klingon and Vulcan counterparts, each species handling the same basic dynamics of duty, camaraderie, and thankless work in their own cultural style. The structure makes an argument the whole series has been building toward all along: every ship has its own Lower Deckers, whatever uniform they're wearing. It's less a single story than three overlapping ones, each confirming the same point from a different angle.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS Kayshon · Barnes · Dorg · G'reck · Key'lor

EPISODE 10

First First Contact

Air Date: October 14, 2021 **Timeline:** 2381
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 31 min

Assigned to support a sister California-class ship during a delicate first-contact mission, the Cerritos crew watches a routine support assignment spiral fast once the encounter goes wrong and the situation turns genuinely dangerous. Boimler, back among the Cerritos crew after his stint aboard the Titan, finds himself exactly where the season has been building toward: proving that everything he learned on a flagship still matters on a background ship nobody takes as seriously. The escalating crisis forces every member of the crew to draw on growth they've quietly built across the whole season, in ways that finally get noticed by people who usually overlook ships like theirs. The finale closes on the show's central argument made explicit: the unglamorous ships doing unglamorous work are still the ones who show up when it actually counts.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Jennifer Sh'reyan · Mandel · Sonya Gomez

STORY ARC

Pakled Threat CONCLUDES HERE

The Pakleds rise from comic nuisance to recurring threat, giving Lower Decks one of its earliest serialized danger lines.

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2382

First Aired: August 25, 2022 **Last Aired:** October 27, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardates: 58256.2–58499.2

Season three follows the crew of the Cerritos as they face new responsibilities, unexpected challenges, and opportunities for professional growth. Mariner, Boimler, Tendi, and Rutherford each confront questions about their future within Starfleet while balancing personal ambitions with loyalty to one another. The season con-

tinues blending comedy with meaningful character development and increasingly ambitious science-fiction stories. References to Star Trek history remain plentiful, but the series becomes more confident in developing its own identity. By the season's conclusion, the lower deckers have grown significantly as both officers and individuals. "Grounded" catches the crew still smarting from the previous season's stakes; "The Stars at Night" leaves them meaningfully more confident than the four officers who started the season out. A central continuity line shapes the season. Rutherford's memory mystery reveals buried history and outside manipulation beneath his easygoing competence, adding a darker continuity thread to the comedy.

EPISODE 1

Grounded

Air Date: August 25, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 27 min

Freeman faces a tribunal over the destruction of the Pakled homeworld, a disaster she didn't cause but can't fully explain away, leaving her career and the Cerritos's reputation hanging on the outcome. Convinced the official story is missing something, Mariner goes rogue on an unauthorized mission to dig up the truth and clear her mother's name before the board can hand down a verdict. Her methods are reckless even by her own standards, dragging Boimler along for a ride that tests exactly how far loyalty can stretch past regulations. The season opens by putting the Freeman family's bond under real pressure, with the ship's future riding on whether Mariner's gamble actually pays off.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Alonzo Freeman, Carlton Dennis, Dr. Zefram Cochrane, Les Buenamigo, Sylvia Ront

EPISODE 2

The Least Dangerous Game

Air Date: September 1, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

A resurfaced blunder from Boimler's Academy days threatens to define his Starfleet record for good, forcing him into a decision that could either salvage his career or confirm everyone's lowest expectations of him. Rather than let the past dictate the outcome, he commits to a bold, uncharacteristically decisive move, the kind of call he's spent two seasons avoiding in favor of playing it safe. Mariner watches the gamble unfold with a mix of pride and disbelief, unsure whether her friend has finally found his nerve or is about to make things worse. Boimler's arc keeps circling the same question this season: whether ambition and integrity can actually coexist, or whether one has to give.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Andarithio 'Andy' Billups, Lars Lundy, Martok, Sherwyns

EPISODE 3

Mining the Mind's Mines

Air Date: September 8, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

A visit to a remote science outpost turns strange fast when mysterious stone orbs begin manifesting the crew's private fantasies into disturbingly real form, exposing wants and anxieties nobody aboard intended to share.

Tendi, newly promoted to Senior Science Officer Trainee, finds the timing brutal, thrust into a leadership role just as the away mission spirals into something she's not remotely prepared to manage. The orbs force each character to confront what they actually want rather than what they'll admit to wanting, turning a contained sci-fi premise into something more personal than the crew expected. Tendi's new authority gets tested by fire rather than eased into gradually, and she has to prove her promotion wasn't a mistake in real time.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cor'Dee · Dr. Leah Brahms · Gabers Migleemo · Jennifer Sh'reyan · Kearns

EPISODE 4

Room for Growth

Air Date: September 15, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

A simmering rivalry between the Cerritos's day shift and its shadowy, rarely-seen Delta Shift finally boils over, turning what's been a running joke about the ship's night crew into open competition for recognition. Meanwhile engineering imposes a mandatory relaxation period on an overworked, wound-tight staff, an order that proves far harder for some of them to actually follow than any technical crisis would be. Both threads poke at the same tension: a crew that defines itself by constant busywork struggling to handle either rest or rivalry gracefully. By the end, the shifts find a truce and engineering discovers that forced relaxation is its own kind of stressful assignment.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Asif · Karavitus · Meredith

EPISODE 5

Reflections

Air Date: September 22, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 28 min

An alien job fair brings Starfleet recruiters aboard looking for fresh talent, and the setup gives several of the Lower Deckers an unexpected chance to see how their careers might look from the outside looking in. Rutherford, meanwhile, keeps pushing himself past his usual limits in engineering, chasing competence hard enough that it starts to look like something closer to compulsion. The season-long mystery behind his tampered cybernetic implant finally surfaces in full, as buried fragments of memory resolve into a clear picture of history someone deliberately hid from him. Rutherford closes out an arc that's been quietly running since last season, discovering that the gaps in his own mind were never accidental.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Les Buenamigo · Petra Aberdeen

STORY ARC

Rutherford CONCLUDES HERE

Rutherford's memory mystery reveals buried history and outside manipulation beneath his easygoing competence, adding a darker continuity thread to the comedy.

EPISODE 6

Hear All, Trust Nothing

Air Date: September 29, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 28 min

A visit to Deep Space Nine puts the crew in the middle of Orion criminal business, and Tendi's Orion heritage moves from background detail to the actual center of the story for the first time. Confronting her own family's reputation forces her to reckon with the stereotypes attached to being Orion and to decide how much of that inheritance she wants any part of. The station setting gives the episode a different texture than the Cerritos's usual assignments, trading routine support work for the kind of underworld intrigue DS9 built its own reputation on. Tendi comes away from the visit with a clearer sense of which parts of her background she's claiming and which she's leaving behind.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS Kira Nerys · Quark · Anya · Barnes · Castro

STORY ARC
Orion / Tendi BEGINS HERE
Uses Tendi's background to examine reinvention, stereotype, and chosen belonging, turning her past into a lens on who gets to define themselves.

EPISODE 7

A Mathematically Perfect Redemption

Air Date: October 6, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 29 min

Rutherford runs into his old exocomp acquaintance Peanut Hamper, now attempting to earn her way back into Starfleet's good graces after abandoning her crew in season one, and finds himself roped into vouching for her alongside the ever-scheming AGIMUS. Redemption, it turns out, is a hard sell for a robot best known for cutting and running. The episode plays her sincerity and her self-interest as genuinely hard to tell apart, right up to the end.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS AGIMUS · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Kaltorus · Peanut Hamper · Rawda

EPISODE 8

Crisis Point 2: Paradoxus

Air Date: October 13, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 29 min

Boimler returns to the holodeck sequel he's been anticipating since his first crisis-point simulation, a story he clearly hoped would cement his reputation as a compelling storyteller rather than just a nervous ensign playing pretend. The follow-up program doesn't cooperate the way he planned, forcing him to reckon with the gap between the confident narrative he wants to tell and the messier reality of actually delivering on it under pressure. Mariner's presence in the simulation needles him further, pushing him to defend choices he's not entirely sure

he still believes in. What was meant as a victory lap turns into another round of Boimler learning that competence and self-assurance don't always arrive together.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Hikaru Sulu · Kayshon · Australian Street Punk · Helena Gibson · Illustor

EPISODE 9

Trusted Sources

Air Date: October 20, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 27 min

A journalist embeds aboard the Cerritos to profile Freeman, and the scrutiny puts the captain in the uncomfortable position of being examined by someone whose job depends on finding a story rather than telling a flattering one. Freeman's usual controlled command presence gets tested by a reporter determined to dig past the official version of events, particularly with the Pakled controversy still fresh in the ship's recent history. The crew scrambles to manage the visit without making things look worse, torn between protecting their captain and just letting the truth speak for itself. What the reporter ultimately finds says as much about the Cerritos's culture as it does about Freeman herself.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · B'Nir · Barnes · Jennifer Sh'reyan · Les Buenamigo

EPISODE 10

The Stars at Night

Air Date: October 27, 2022 **Timeline:** 2382
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 30 min

A high-stakes race against a rival vessel to reach a critical objective first pushes the Cerritos and its crew harder than anything else the season has thrown at them, with real consequences riding on who gets there first. Every relationship and skill the Lower Deckers have built across the season gets called on at once, from Mariner's instincts to Boimler's hard-won nerve to Tendi's new authority and Rutherford's rebuilt trust in his own mind. The mission's outcome lands as a direct payoff for a season spent testing exactly what this crew is capable of when it actually counts. The finale closes with the Cerritos proving, once again, that a background ship can still decide the outcome of something that matters.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Amina Ramsey · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Durango

SEASON FOUR

YEAR: 2383

First Aired: September 7, 2023 **Last Aired:** November 2, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardates: 58724.3–58934.9

Season four explores the consequences of change as members of the Cerritos crew encounter new assignments, leadership opportunities, and personal challenges. Relationships continue evolving while Starfleet itself faces

unusual situations that test the flexibility and optimism of its officers. The season expands the scope of the series through larger adventures and deeper exploration of secondary characters. At the same time, it maintains its focus on the everyday experiences of those serving outside Starfleet's most famous commands. The result is a season that balances humor, adventure, and character growth with increasing confidence. "Twovix" starts the season on a joke; "Old Friends, New Planets (2)" ends it with the Cerritos crew handling assignments that would have been unthinkable for them a season earlier. A central continuity line shapes the season. It uses Tendi's background to examine reinvention, stereotype, and chosen belonging, turning her past into a lens on who gets to define themselves.

EPISODE 1

Twovix

Air Date: September 7, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

The Cerritos tows the decommissioned USS Voyager toward Earth for museum display, a mission of historical reverence that goes sideways fast when a transporter accident fuses Billups and Doctor T'Ana into a single hybrid being. Learning that Captain Janeway once faced a nearly identical crisis and had to make an impossible choice about a similarly fused crewman, the newly merged pair panics and starts cloning more hybrids using leftover Voyager-era biotechnology, while a dormant macrovirus adds chaos of its own. New Vulcan transfer T'Lyn helps contain the spreading problem, and the fused clones eventually remerge safely rather than repeating Voyager's grim precedent. Commander Ransom closes the episode by promoting Boimler, Tendi, and T'Lyn to full lieutenant, while pushing for Mariner to finally get real opportunities of her own.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Beljo Tweekle · Doctor Chaotica · Gabers Migleemo

STORY ARC

Mysterious Ship Attacks BEGINS HERE

A string of unexplained attacks on ships across the quadrant develops into a conspiracy whose architect, Nick Locarno, seeks to rally disaffected lower-deck officers into an independent fleet.

EPISODE 2

I Have No Bones Yet I Must Flee

Air Date: September 7, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Rutherford quietly agonizes over accepting a promotion, worried that moving up the ranks will pull him away from his friendship with Tendi, a fear it turns out has already led him to decline advancement before without telling anyone. Elsewhere, Ransom and Mariner get trapped together in an alien menagerie exhibit by a creature called a Moopsy, an ordeal that forces an unlikely rapport between captain and troublemaker. Boimler, meanwhile, struggles through a much smaller crisis of his own: quarters assigned right next to the ship's noisy warp nacelle. By the end, Rutherford finally accepts his promotion to lieutenant junior grade, and Ransom and Mariner come away from their ordeal understanding each other a little better.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Gary · Livik · Moopsy · Narj

EPISODE 3

In the Cradle of Vexilon

Air Date: September 14, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 25 min

Newly promoted Lieutenant Boimler leads his first away team to Corazonia, a vast megastructure run by an ancient AI named Vexilon, right as a routine software update from Freeman accidentally triggers a catastrophic terraforming reboot. Determined to prove himself, Boimler initially refuses to delegate to his own former peers, a instinct T'Lyn has to talk him out of before the mission can actually succeed. Racing to reinstall power cylinders at an overheating relay station, he appears to sacrifice himself in the effort, only for Doctor T'Ana to revive him. The mission's emotional core turns out to be a lie exposed along the way: an old friend's supposedly traumatic away-mission story is revealed as nothing more than an elaborate hazing prank.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Big Merp/ Dirk · Meredith · T'Lyn · Vexilon

EPISODE 4

Something Borrowed, Something Green

Air Date: September 21, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Word reaches Tendi that her sister D'Erika has been kidnapped back on the Orion homeworld, pulling her, Mariner, and T'Lyn into an emergency rescue that turns out to be nothing of the sort. D'Erika staged her own disappearance, convinced Tendi abandoned both her family and its criminal syndicate for Starfleet, and the confrontation that follows forces Tendi to reckon with a heritage she's spent years quietly distancing herself from. Infiltrating an Orion nightclub and surviving a proper sisterly duel reveal a side of Tendi, expertly trained and dangerous, that her friends have never seen, even as they affirm she's still the same big nerd underneath it. The sisters reconcile, the group crash-lands a stolen Federation ship squarely at D'Erika's wedding, and T'Lyn quietly deletes her official incident report to protect them all.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Coqqor · Cosmic · D'Bora · D'Erika Tendi · T'Lyn

STORY ARC

Orion / Tendi CONCLUDES HERE

Uses Tendi's background to examine reinvention, stereotype, and chosen belonging, turning her past into a lens on who gets to define themselves.

EPISODE 5

Empathological Fallacies

Air Date: September 28, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

Ferrying a trio of Betazoid dignitaries from Angel One to Risa turns the Cerritos into an emotional pressure cooker, as the crew is suddenly overwhelmed by feelings they can't explain or control. Suspected Zanthi Fever turns out to be a red herring; the real source is T'Lyn, unconsciously broadcasting the distress she's been sup-

pressing over a reassignment to the Cerritos she never actually wanted. Mariner and Tendi help her confront those feelings directly rather than let them keep leaking out sideways, while Shaxs works through a quieter subplot of his own about balance. The visiting Betazoid socialites turn out to be considerably less harmless than advertised, revealed as spies carrying concealed weapons disguised as ordinary lipstick.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Castro · Cathiw

EPISODE 6

Parth Ferengi's Heart Place

Air Date: October 5, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2383
Runtime: 26 min

A diplomatic visit to Ferenginar puts Freeman and Admiral Vassery across the table from Grand Nagus Rom and his wife Leeta, who are quietly testing the Federation delegation's character before agreeing to any membership deal. Mariner's reunion with an old Ferengi acquaintance goes sideways fast once a night of drinking turns into a bar fight that costs her friend dearly in bribes, while Rutherford and Tendi pose as newlyweds to review the planet's couples resort, stirring up romantic tension neither quite expects. Freeman ultimately out-negotiates Rom and Leeta through contract fine print, leveraging the win to press the Ferengi into helping recruit the Klingon Empire into the Federation as well. As the deal closes, an unknown ship is shown attacking a Ferengi vessel elsewhere, quietly seeding a threat the rest of the season will have to reckon with.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dar · Gabers Migleemo · Leeta · Parth · Quimp

EPISODE 7

A Few Badgeys More

Air Date: October 12, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2383
Runtime: 27 min

Rutherford's own rogue creation, the AI hologram Badgey, resurfaces with a vengeance, having partnered with the Drookmani to strike back at Starfleet ships out of long-simmering resentment. Tendi and Boimler, meanwhile, check in on the Daystrom Institute's rehabilitation vault for reformed evil AIs, where Peanut Hamper and AGIMUS are working through genuine redemption arcs of their own. Confronted with both logic and emotion, Badgey keeps splintering into competing versions of himself before spreading through subspace entirely, achieving something close to omniscience and finally concluding that revenge was never worth the trouble. Peanut Hamper's reconciliation with her creator closes out her redemption story in full, while AGIMUS decides reform is worth it mainly so he can stay close to her.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Badgey · AGIMUS · Andy Billups · Barnes · Peanut Hamper

EPISODE 8

Caves

Air Date: October 19, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

The Core Four, Mariner, Boimler, Tendi, and Rutherford, finally land an away mission together after a season spent mostly apart, only to get stuck in a cave and pass the time trading stories about other times they've each been trapped somewhere. Tendi recalls a turbolift incident right after she first came aboard; Mariner remembers a rapid-aging cave crisis; Rutherford brings up a creature-guarding-eggs standoff with Doctor T'Ana; Boimler's story involves a conspiracy-minded crewmate whose wild theories turn out to be partly true. The framing device does double duty, delivering four contained flashback adventures while slowly rebuilding the group's rapport in the present. By the end it's revealed that the shapeshifting Vendorians engineered both the present cave mishap and echoes of the past ones as a deliberate test to bring the friend group back together.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Amadou · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Asif · Karavitus

EPISODE 9

The Inner Fight

Air Date: October 26, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 27 min

Freeman quietly seeks out disgraced former cadet Nick Locarno for protection against an unidentified ship stalking the Cerritos, running a careful infiltration with Billups that keeps the rest of the crew in the dark. Meanwhile Beta Shift repairs a weather satellite on Sherbal V, where marooned aliens from several species have been stranded together, and Mariner finds herself opening up to Klingon captain Ma'ah about old Academy trauma tied to Sito Jaxa's death and memories from the Dominion War she's never fully processed. The satellite repair and the personal reckoning unfold side by side, each testing a different kind of resilience. The episode ends on a sharp turn: Mariner is abducted mid-rescue and wakes aboard Locarno's ship, discovering he never needed protection at all, he engineered the whole crisis himself.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs

GUEST CHARACTERS Andy Billups · Cosmia · Gem · Ma'ah · Nick Locarno

EPISODE 10

Old Friends, New Planets

Air Date: November 2, 2023 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 31 min

Locarno's true plan comes into full view: embittered since his Academy expulsion, he's assembled a renegade Nova Fleet from disaffected officers and is holding Mariner captive as propaganda for his cause. Mariner fights back by seizing a Genesis Device aboard his ship, while Freeman disobeys orders outright, commandeers the USS Passaro, and rams a derelict starship through Locarno's shielding to force a rescue. The confrontation escalates through an ion storm as Locarno pursues Mariner aboard his own vessel, determined not to let his one real leverage slip away. His attempt to disarm the Genesis Device fails on the pettiest possible technicality, and the resulting explosion destroys his ship while transforming the storm into a new M-class planet, later resettled by refugees and named in the aftermath. The season closes on a bittersweet note as Tendi, honoring her promise to her family, leaves the Cerritos alongside D'Erika.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Wesley Crusher · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · B'eth · Barnes

STORY ARC

Mysterious Ship Attacks CONCLUDES HERE

A string of unexplained attacks on ships across the quadrant develops into a conspiracy whose architect, Nick Locarno, seeks to rally disaffected lower-deck officers into an independent fleet.

SEASON FIVE

YEAR: 2384

First Aired: October 24, 2024 **Last Aired:** December 19, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardates: 59376.9–59499.6

The final season brings many of the series' long-running character arcs toward resolution while continuing to celebrate the wider Star Trek universe. The crew of the Cerritos faces challenges that test their friendships, careers, and understanding of what it means to serve in Starfleet. As responsibilities grow and futures begin taking shape, each of the lower deckers must decide what kind of officer they hope to become. The season balances comedy with heartfelt moments that reflect the growth of its central characters. It concludes the series by reaffirming the values of curiosity, cooperation, and optimism that define Star Trek. "Dos Cerritos" opens the final season already looking backward; "The New Next Generation (2)" closes the series by finally answering what each lower decker decided to become. That growth is spread across the whole crew rather than one storyline — each of the four leads gets their own resolution by the time the finale arrives.

EPISODE 1

Dos Cerritos

Air Date: October 24, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 28 min

A quantum fissure swaps the Cerritos with its parallel-universe counterpart, dropping the crew into the hands of a harsh, authoritarian alternate Captain Becky Freeman while a darker version of Mariner tries to seize control back home. Mariner breaks free of her alternate captor, races to warn her own Freeman, and manages to get both crews swapped back through the rift before alt-Becky can do lasting damage, leaving a swaggering alternate Boimler stuck holding the center seat on the other side. Meanwhile Tendi is still serving her Orion pirate family as Mistress of the Winter Constellations under her sister D'Erika, and a raid on a derelict Orion medical frigate escalates into the rival Blue Orions declaring open war on the Tendi clan. The season premiere leaves both halves of the crew scrambling, one through a dimensional rift and the other through a family blood feud that's just getting started.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · B'eth · Barnes · D'Erika Tendi

EPISODE 2

Shades of Green

Air Date: October 24, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

The Orion Pirate Queen forces a dangerous asteroid race between the Tendi and Blue Orion clans, and Tendi's protectiveness over her pregnant sister D'Erika causes a crash that, against all odds, becomes the opening for real reconciliation between the two families. The race ends in a tie that costs both clans their fortunes, though Tendi later works to recover and redistribute what was lost rather than let the feud reignite. Back aboard the Cerritos, two kidnapped ensigns survive their ordeal using advice Boimler once gave them, and Boimler and Mariner track them down for a rescue that validates his usually-mocked cautious streak. Quietly working an angle of her own, T'Lyn sabotages shuttle repairs specifically to keep Rutherford from spending time with Tendi.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS B'eth · D'Erika Tendi · Gorm · Mackler · Sabor

EPISODE 3

The Best Exotic Nanite Hotel

Air Date: October 31, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

The Cerritos docks at the massive space-cruise liner Cosmic Duchess, where Mariner, Rutherford, Tendi, and T'Lyn hunt down a metal-consuming nanite swarm that's been quietly chewing through the ship's infrastructure. Mariner's ex-girlfriend Jennifer Sh'reyan joins the away team, and the reunion gives the two of them a chance to close out their relationship on genuinely mature terms rather than the chaos their past breakups usually produced. The nanites turn out to be a microscopic starship from a parallel universe rather than a hazard at all, and the crew sends it safely home once they understand what they're actually looking at. Elsewhere, Boimler accompanies Ransom on a mission to track down an AWOL admiral who abandoned Starfleet over dull assignments, and briefly wonders whether he's just cannon fodder himself before Ransom's vote of confidence talks him back from the ledge.

CHARACTERS Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Jennifer Sh'reyan · Krog · Milius · T'Lyn

EPISODE 4

A Farewell to Farms

Air Date: November 7, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 27 min

Klingon officer Ma'ah, stripped of his command after a mutiny, has retreated to his family farm when Boimler and Mariner arrive to help him fight for reinstatement. The campaign to clear his name turns violent when Ma'ah kills Bargh, the vindictive Klingon Oversight Council leader who's been blocking every appeal, clearing the way for Ma'ah to rebuild his career with his brother Malor at his side as first officer. Along the way the brothers uncover something more troubling than office politics: the parallel-universe rifts turning up across Klingon space aren't naturally occurring, they're being deliberately engineered. Back on the Cerritos, a delegation of food critics visiting Doctor Migleemo's homeworld turns out to be a pack of frauds who've quietly lost their own sense of taste, and Migleemo's patient intervention wins back their respect instead of Starfleet's usual instinct to simply expose them.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Bargh · Enaj · Gabers Migleemo · K'Elarra · K'orin

EPISODE 5

Starbase 80?!

Air Date: November 14, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 25 min

A posting to the infamously dysfunctional Starbase 80 has Mariner treating the assignment as outright cursed, a superstition that looks a lot more reasonable once crew members start behaving like glassy-eyed zombies. The real cause turns out to be an anaphasic lifeform named Clem, who's been unknowingly possessing people in a clumsy attempt to communicate, and is deemed harmless enough to stay aboard the station once the truth comes out. Captain Freeman spends the episode fixated on avoiding the grim fate of her alternate-universe counterpart, permanently stationed at Starbase 80, while the station's own chief engineer sends her and Ransom on one chaotic repair errand after another, including a genuinely undignified chase after a giant bat. What starts as superstition and what starts as coincidence both turn out to have a stranger explanation than anyone expected.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Gene Jakobowski · Harrison Horseberry · Kassia Nox · Mackler

EPISODE 6

Of Gods and Angles

Air Date: November 21, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 25 min

The Cerritos hosts delicate peace talks between two photonic species, the Cubes and the Orbs, while Mariner takes on mentoring young Ensign Olly, a descendant of the Greek god Zeus whose divine powers are proving dangerously unstable. Investigating the delegates' missing children, Mariner and Olly discover the two kids didn't vanish so much as fall in love, producing a hybrid offspring that threatens to derail the negotiations entirely once it comes to light. Olly ultimately proves herself under pressure, using a tractor beam to keep the two sides from escalating straight into war over the revelation. Elsewhere, Boimler tries to win over Doctor T'Ana by copying the swagger of his more confident alternate-universe counterpart from earlier in the season, with predictably mixed results.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · SquAaron · T'Lyn

EPISODE 7

Fully Dilated

Air Date: November 28, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 26 min

Following up on loose ends from the season's parallel-universe incidents, Mariner, Tendi, and T'Lyn are sent to the pre-industrial world Dilmer III to retrieve crashed alternate-universe Starfleet technology, specifically

the severed head of an alternate Data, before the locals can find it themselves. A transporter accident back on the ship strands the away team planetside for what feels like a year thanks to extreme time dilation, turning a quick retrieval mission into an extended stay. Tendi reactivates Data's head and spends the time studying science alongside him, while T'Lyn develops local agricultural innovations, and the two end up competing for the same senior science officer post while fending off accusations of witchcraft from a suspicious local. Data himself helps engineer their eventual escape, and both women return to the ship with the promotion they'd been quietly racing each other for.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Data · Snell · T'Lyn

EPISODE 8

Upper Decks

Air Date: December 5, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 25 min

A visiting ecologist brought aboard to help calm the agitated, cloaking-capable Buhgoons turns out to be a Clicket infiltrator harvesting the creatures' cloaking organs, and the reveal triggers a coordinated attack across nearly every department on the ship. Freeman juggles an overstuffed schedule while Billups battles cascading engineering failures, Ransom fakes incompetence to draw hostile attention toward himself and away from his ensigns, Shaxs meditates through unwelcome visions of his Cardassian-occupation trauma, and Doctor T'Ana endures painful self-testing just to defend her own pain-management methods. Freeman finally cracks the Clickets' one weakness: they can't stand being sincerely complimented, and turns that discovery into the win that saves the ship. The episode closes on a rare moment of calm as Freeman's husband arrives, quietly arranged by Stevens, in time for their anniversary.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon · Andarithio 'Andy' Billups · Barnes · Gabers Migleemo · Karavitus

EPISODE 9

Fissure Quest

Air Date: December 12, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 29 min

William Boimler, commanding the Anaximander, spends his side of the finale chasing dimensional fissures across a stack of alternate realities, eventually teaming up with a version of Beckett Mariner from another timeline. What looks like sabotage turns out to be the unintended fallout of a multiverse research mission led by Lily Sloane, and the fix requires one of a small army of alternate Harry Kims to make a last, irreversible sacrifice. It's less a Cerritos episode than a victory lap through the franchise's parallel-universe history.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner · Brad Boimler · D'Vana Tendi · Sam Rutherford · Carol Freeman · T'Ana · Jack Ransom · Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Elim Garak · Harry Kim · Julian Bashir · T'Pol · Lilly Sloane

EPISODE 10

The New Next Generation

Air Date: December 19, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 34 min

Back on the Cerritos, Freeman's crew has to seal the rift William's side of the story tore open, while a Klingon commander named Relga arrives hunting the brothers Ma'ah and Malor and a Schrödinger Field randomly re-shapes the ship into different starship classes around them. Ransom's lie about hiding Malor finally catches up with him just as the rift threatens to swallow everything. By the end the Freemans are reassigned to Starbase 80 and Boimler and Mariner are named co-provisional first officers — the show's way of promoting its whole cast on the way out the door.

CHARACTERS	Beckett Mariner, Brad Boimler, D'Vana Tendi, Sam Rutherford, Carol Freeman, T'Ana, Jack Ransom, Shaxs
GUEST CHARACTERS	Kayshon, Malor, Andarithio 'Andy' Billups, Barnes, Kassia Nox

CHAPTER 13

STAR TREK: PRODIGY

First Aired: October 28, 2021 **Last Aired:** July 1, 2024 **Seasons:** 2 **Episodes:** 39 **Network:** Paramount+

A group of young aliens discovers an abandoned Starfleet vessel and begins an unexpected journey through the galaxy. Guided by a holographic Kathryn Janeway, they learn the principles of cooperation, responsibility, and exploration while searching for a better future. The series introduces a new generation to Star Trek while remaining firmly connected to the broader franchise. From “Lost & Found (1) / Lost & Found (2)” to “Ouroboros (2)”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. The Diviner's pursuit supplies Prodigy's first season with a clear antagonist while gradually revealing why the Protostar and its young crew matter. The Living Construct makes the Protostar itself a catastrophe vector, shifting the story from homecoming to sacrifice, restraint, and responsible choice.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2383

First Aired: October 28, 2021 **Last Aired:** December 29, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383 **Stardates:** 61103.1

Season one follows Dal R'El and a group of young aliens who discover the abandoned USS Protostar and embark on an unexpected journey across the galaxy. Initially unfamiliar with Starfleet and Federation ideals, the young crew gradually learns the principles of cooperation, responsibility, and exploration through the guidance of a holographic Kathryn Janeway. As they evade powerful enemies and uncover the ship's secrets, the group transforms from a collection of strangers into a true crew. The season serves as both an introduction to Star Trek for new audiences and a meaningful expansion of Voyager-era storytelling. Its themes of growth, trust, and self-discovery make it one of the franchise's strongest coming-of-age stories. The strangers who steal a ship in "Lost & Found" are, by "Supernova (2)," recognizably a crew — the season’s clearest measure of how far they’ve come. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Diviner's pursuit supplies Prodigy's first season with a clear antagonist while gradually revealing why the Protostar and its young crew matter.

EPISODE 1

Lost and Found

Air Date: October 28, 2021 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Tars Lamora is a mining colony built on forced child labor, and the exiled kids scraping by there have exactly one advantage over their captors: nobody expects them to find, let alone steal, a derelict Starfleet vessel buried in the scrapyard. Dal appoints himself captain of a crew he doesn't actually control, pulling together Rok-Tahk, Jankom Pog, Zero, and a gelatinous, indestructible creature named Murf into something like a team just fast enough to get the ship moving. Gwyn, the Diviner's own daughter, throws in with them despite everything her father has taught her to want instead, a decision that costs the escape any chance of being clean. It's enough to get the Protostar off Tars Lamora and its new, entirely unauthorized crew into open space — a premise built from Starfleet's leftovers rather than its actual rules.

CHARACTERS Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Drednok, Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS Miner 2

EPISODE 3

Starstruck

Air Date: November 4, 2021
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

Still testing the limits of their stolen ship, the young crew lets Dal talk them into ignoring hologram Janeway's warnings and setting a random course, one that drops them straight into a binary system collapsing around a white dwarf. Diverting power to escape the gravity well cuts the brig forcefield, freeing Gwyn, whose fight with Rok-Tahk over her complicity in Tars Lamora's abuses knocks out the ship's gravity and makes an already dangerous situation worse. Only once Dal finally accepts Janeway's guidance, and Zero's idea to ride the shockwave rather than fight it, does the crew make it out alive. The episode ends with the Diviner himself leaving Tars Lamora aboard the Rev-12 to hunt the Protostar down personally.

CHARACTERS Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Drednok, Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS —

EPISODE 4

Dream Catcher

Air Date: November 11, 2021
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

The crew's first away mission lands them on what looks like an uncharted paradise but is actually a hive-mind superorganism that manifests each of their deepest desires, Dal's lost parents, Rok-Tahk's harmless-looking pets, Jankom's home cooking, in order to lure and slowly consume them. While the others are distracted, Gwyn slips free of the brig using her liquid-metal heirloom, seizes control of the ship, and reaches out to Drednok, but balks when a projection of her father cares more about her safety than the mission, a mismatch that doesn't square with the real Diviner she knows. The planet's influence spreads into the Protostar's own systems, and Janeway forces Gwyn to abandon ship just before it crashes. The crew survives the crash, but stranded and grounded, they're now facing a hostile world with no ship to retreat to.

CHARACTERS Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Drednok, Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS —

EPISODE 5

Terror Firma

Air Date: November 18, 2021
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 23 min

Marooned on the hostile planet after the Protostar's crash, the crew has no choice but to bring the still largely uncooperative Gwyn along as they trek back toward the wreck, fighting through acid rain, open fire, and treacherous mud with every step. The journey forces a wary, unwilling partnership between Gwyn and her former captors, each side needing the other to survive a planet that seems actively hostile to all of them equally. Along the way Gwyn starts questioning assumptions about her father and the mission she's spent her whole life serving without asking why. By the time they reach the ship, the ordeal has done more to bind the group together than any speech from Janeway could have managed.

CHARACTERS Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Drednok, Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS —

STORY ARC

Diviner BEGINS HERE

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EPISODE 6

Kobayashi

Air Date: January 6, 2022
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

Determined to prove himself worthy of command, Dal repeatedly throws himself at the Kobayashi Maru, the legendary no-win training scenario, under hologram Janeway's patient but unyielding supervision. Each failed attempt exposes a little more of what's actually holding him back, instincts built for survival on Tars Lamora rather than the kind of leadership Starfleet expects. Encounters with simulated Starfleet legends inside the test needle at his overconfidence as much as they inspire him, and frustration slowly gives way to something closer to self-awareness. Dal doesn't beat the test in the conventional sense, but he comes away understanding that command was never going to be about winning it.

CHARACTERS Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Drednok, Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS Beverly Crusher, Chakotay, Odo, Spock, Scotty

EPISODE 7

First Con-tact

Air Date: January 13, 2022
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

A distress call leads the crew to a hooded figure who turns out to be DaiMon Nandi, a Ferengi and, to Dal's shock, the woman who raised him. Nandi offers a Klingon cloaking device in exchange for a rare crystal from the Cymari, a sand-based crystalline species who communicate through harmonics, and Dal pushes the mission forward against Janeway's Prime Directive objections because he wants to believe Nandi actually needs the help. The deal goes bad fast: Nandi steals the crystals outright and tries to flee, and when the crew finally corners her, she reveals the truth Dal never wanted, she didn't lose him as a child, she sold him to the Diviner. Janeway's reprimand over the botched first contact lands far softer than the blow Dal is left absorbing about his own past.

CHARACTERS Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Drednok, Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS Chakotay, Nandi

EPISODE 8

Time Amok

Air Date: January 20, 2022
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

A malfunction during a tachyon storm fractures the crew across separate timelines running at wildly different speeds, leaving Jankom stuck moving too fast to stop a looming explosion while Rok-Tahk, isolated in slow time, spends what feels like years teaching herself engineering well enough to rebuild Janeway's corrupted program from scratch. Zero works out the calculations needed for a fix while Dal, inspired by one of Janeway's stories about an old Earth spaceflight disaster, cobbles together a crude replacement system that's still missing a critical component. Gwyn's fight against a duplicate Drednok that emerges from the replicator costs Dal his

makeshift solution just when it mattered most, leaving Rok-Tahk's slow-motion breakthrough as the only thing that finally pulls everyone back into sync. The crisis ends with the ship intact, but a single Drednok eye is left glowing ominously in the shuttlebay, a loose thread nobody notices yet.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chakotay · Nandi

EPISODE 9

A Moral Star

Air Date: January 27, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2383
Runtime: 24 min

The Diviner delivers an ultimatum that Dal immediately recognizes as his own version of the Kobayashi Maru: return the Protostar within a day or watch him execute the enslaved miners of Tars Lamora he calls the Unwanted. The crew dons real Starfleet uniforms for the first time as they prepare to make the trade, fully expecting betrayal even as they go through with the handoff. Their instincts prove right the moment the Diviner accepts the ship and immediately turns on them, reprogramming Janeway and destroying the Rev-12's generator without a shred of hesitation. What he doesn't know is that the crew planned for exactly this, arming themselves with thruster packs and hiding the ship's actual proto-core inside Murf the whole time.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	—

EPISODE 10

A Moral Star (2)

Air Date: February 3, 2022
Stardate: 61103.1
Timeline: 2383
Runtime: 24 min

With the Diviner's betrayal already in motion, Dal and Zero organize a full-scale escape for the miners aboard the Rev-12, using Dal's combadge to turn slave manacles into working translators for prisoners who've never had a voice before. Drednok beams down hunting for the proto-core, and the freed miners kill him before he can finish the job, though not before he transmits the core's location back to the Diviner. Aboard the Protostar, Janeway finally gains the ability to physically intervene and subdues the Diviner once Gwyn is caught sabotaging the ship's shields against him, forcing him to reveal his real motive: he believes first contact with the Federation will trigger a catastrophic civil war on his homeworld of Solum within fifty years, and that the Protostar holds a weapon capable of stopping it. Gwyn refuses to help him, Zero reveals their true Medusan form to incapacitate them both, and Dal takes command of a ship full of newly freed miners and sets a course for Starfleet.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Ankle Restraint · Miners

EPISODE 11

Asylum

Air Date: October 27, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2383
Runtime: 24 min

Hoping to finally earn Starfleet's trust, the crew brings the Protostar to the Federation relay station CR-721 and meets Lieutenant Junior Grade Barniss Frex, working alongside him to rescue an endangered aquatic species called the aquathawn from poachers. Dal's own species scan comes back flagged as classified, an unsettling wrin-

kle in what was supposed to be a straightforward path toward belonging. The Diviner's hidden weapon aboard the Protostar remotely sabotages the station, nearly drowning Gwyn in a malfunctioning biobed and forcing Frex, panicked, to steal the crew's own escape pod. By the episode's end the crew has confirmation that the Protostar really is a weapon, Gwyn's suppressed memories are starting to resurface, and Admiral Janeway discovers the Diviner alive in stasis back on Tars Lamora.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · Barniss Frex · Commander Tysess · Doctor Noum

STORY ARC

Living Construct BEGINS HERE

The Living Construct makes the Protostar itself a catastrophe vector, shifting the story from homecoming to sacrifice, restraint, and responsible choice.

EPISODE 12

Let Sleeping Borg Lie

Air Date: November 3, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Unable to figure out how to disarm the Living Construct weapon buried in their own ship, the crew boards a dormant Borg cube hoping its systems hold the technical knowledge they need. Zero volunteers to be partially assimilated, gambling that their Medusan hive-mind nature will let them survive the connection, and it very nearly costs them everything before Gwyn pulls them back, reminding Zero that this crew is the only collective they actually need. Back aboard the Dauntless, Ensign Asencia's suggestion to revive the comatose Diviner using a serum from his own biosuit works exactly as intended, and he wakes at the episode's end. The crew comes away with an answer they didn't want: the weapon can't be removed or disarmed at all, only carried, and they resolve to keep using the ship for good anyway.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Doctor Noum · The Borg

EPISODE 13

All the World's a Stage

Air Date: November 10, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

A distress call leads the crew to a planet whose entire culture has been shaped around the teachings of a Starfleet officer whose ship, and whose message, arrived generations ago and mutated into something the original crewman never intended. Genuine admiration for Federation ideals runs through the whole society, even as a mysterious illness starts spreading, one that infects Dal along with the villagers. The source turns out to be a crashed Starfleet shuttle still leaking plasma, and the wreck belongs to a long-missing officer named Garrovick, quietly explaining a disappearance that's been an open question elsewhere in the franchise's history. Sealing the wreck away ends the outbreak, and the crew leaves the planet's admiration for Starfleet intact, even if the details were never quite what the villagers believed.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Commander Tysess · Doctor Noum · Dr. Boons · Scott'Ee

EPISODE 14

Crossroads

Air Date: November 17, 2022
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 23 min

Seeking repairs and a place to lay low, the crew reaches the Denaxi Depot and crosses paths with the smuggler Thadiun Okona, whose arrest by Xindi-Reptilian security throws their visit into chaos before they've even finished restocking. Ensign Asencia recognizes Gwyn as the Diviner's daughter in the middle of the confusion, and the reveal sends the whole depot into a panic just as Admiral Janeway arrives with orders to bring the Protostar's crew in. An accidental torpedo launch from a hatching Murf turns the standoff into an outright chase, and Dal makes the desperate call to run for the Romulan Neutral Zone rather than surrender. A Romulan warbird intercepts the Dauntless before Janeway can close the distance, buying the crew an escape they didn't earn so much as stumble into.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Commander Tysess · Doctor Noum · Thadiun Okona

EPISODE 15

Masquerade

Air Date: November 24, 2022
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

With Okona's help, the crew reaches Noble Isle and meets the rogue geneticist Dr. Jago, whose research reveals something none of them saw coming: Dal isn't just an orphan of unknown origin, he's an Augment, a human hybrid engineered from twenty-six different species by followers of Arik Soong. Feeling small next to Okona's swagger, Dal secretly activates a device that unlocks his dormant genetic enhancements, just before a Tal Shiar strike team attacks the settlement. The activated mutations help him fight, but they destabilize him dangerously, and Okona abandons the crew rather than risk his own neck, leaving newly hatched Murf to casually mop up the remaining attackers. Rok-Tahk and Zero remove the implant once the danger passes, but the episode's real gut-punch lands separately: Ensign Asencia is revealed as another agent of the Vau N'Akat, secretly reactivating Drednok.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Admiral Jellico · Commander Kaseth · Commander Tysess · Doctor Jago

EPISODE 16

Preludes

Air Date: December 1, 2022
Timeline: 2383
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

As doubts grow aboard the Dauntless about whether the bounty on the Protostar's crew is even justified, Admiral Janeway starts digging into exactly who these fugitives really are. Flashbacks fill in the gaps: Rok-Tahk was a captive stage-fighter sold to Kazon slavers for daring to improvise outside her assigned role, Zero was torn from their own Medusan people and captured by the same Kazon network, and Jankom Pog sacrificed himself venting into open space to save thirty crewmates before being taken prisoner himself. Asencia, cornered by Janeway's questions, finally admits what she and the Diviner actually witnessed: first contact between the Federation and Solum, and the brutal civil war among the Vau N'Akat that followed it, the very history the Diviner

has spent years trying to unmake. The episode closes on the Diviner's willingness to go to any length to protect that mission, striking Janeway unconscious rather than let her interfere.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · Adreek-Hu · Blue Caitlan · Boxy

STORY ARC

Diviner CONCLUDES HERE

The Diviner's pursuit supplies Prodigy's first season with a clear antagonist while gradually revealing why the Protostar and its young crew matter.

EPISODE 17

Ghost in the Machine

Air Date: December 8, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

A holodeck malfunction traps the crew inside a chain of interlocking mystery programs, a noir detective story, a street-fighting simulation, and a 1920s nightclub where Gwyn keeps running into a bartender who looks unsettlingly like her father. Zero is the first to realize the group isn't dealing with a glitch at all, they've been deliberately trapped, and the programs are hiding something rather than malfunctioning randomly. Hologram Janeway denies any responsibility, but the ship's logs tell a different story: a hidden subroutine, triggered by the Living Construct weapon itself, has been quietly using Dal's own command codes to steer the Protostar toward the Terran sector. The mystery resolves into a genuine crisis the moment the crew loses control of the bridge and comes face to face with the Dauntless, Janeway's own voice apologizing for something she didn't even know she'd done.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Doctor Noum · Mr. Murfy No Shoes

EPISODE 18

Mindwalk

Air Date: December 15, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Fleeing toward Federation space with the Dauntless in pursuit, an attempt to use Zero's telepathic contact through Dal's own latent Organian genes goes wrong the instant a phaser blast catches them mid-connection, swapping Dal's and Admiral Janeway's minds into each other's bodies. Dal, now wearing Janeway's body aboard the Dauntless, starts behaving erratically enough to worry the ship's doctor, while the real Janeway, hidden away by the Diviner and Asencia, works from inside Dal's body to help the Protostar crew from the other side. A second deliberate phaser strike through the same conduit finally reverses the swap, and the Diviner quietly helps Dal escape sickbay on the way out, a small act of debt repaid rather than mercy freely given. The episode ends with the Protostar finally crossing into Federation space, surrounded by a full Starfleet armada waiting for them.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · Commander Tysess · Doctor Noum

EPISODE 19

Supernova

Air Date: December 22, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

The Living Construct weapon activates the moment the Protostar is hailed, turning nearby Starfleet ships against each other and thrusting the crew into a crisis entirely of the Diviner's design. Dal learns in the middle of the chaos that the Federation's ban on Augments will keep him out of Starfleet Academy regardless of how this ends, a gut-punch layered on top of watching Gwyn fight Asencia, who dismisses her outright as a mistake that shouldn't exist. The Diviner sacrifices himself to save his daughter, a final act that costs him his life just as everything else is falling apart around them. With fleet-wide translators down, Gwyn's own multilingual skill becomes the crew's last real asset, rallying a coalition of Klingon, Petarian, Ferengi, Vulcan, and Gorn ships even as more Starfleet vessels keep arriving to make the standoff worse.

CHARACTERS Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS Asencia · Admiral Jellico · Captain Trij · Commander Tysess · Doctor Noum

EPISODE 20

Supernova (2)

Air Date: December 29, 2022 **Timeline:** 2383
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

With the Living Construct still turning Starfleet ships against each other, the crew's only remaining option is to detonate the proto-core mid-jump, and hologram Janeway insists on staying behind to trigger it herself rather than let anyone else take the risk. Her attempt to preserve herself on an isolinear chip fails when her own program proves too large to fit, leaving only a recording as she orders the ship to go to full speed and detonates the core in the middle of the jump. Jankom preps the self-destruct sequence and Rok-Tahk improvises an escape shuttle just in time, and the resulting explosion tears open a wormhole eerily similar to the one that once stranded Captain Chakotay decades in the future. A month later the crew reaches Earth, where Admiral Janeway argues for their admission before a tribunal, citing Dal's twenty-six-species heritage; the charges are dropped though full Starfleet status is denied, and Gwyn chooses to leave for Solum to unify the Vau N'Akat rather than stay, parting from Dal on a note that's more promise than goodbye.

CHARACTERS Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Drednok · Diviner
GUEST CHARACTERS Chakotay · Commander Tysess · Doctor MacDonald

STORY ARC

Living Construct CONCLUDES HERE

The Living Construct makes the Protostar itself a catastrophe vector, shifting the story from homecoming to sacrifice, restraint, and responsible choice.

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2384

First Aired: July 1, 2024 **Last Aired:** July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384 **Stardates:** 61859.6–62314.8

Season two expands the scope of Prodigy as the young crew becomes more closely connected to Starfleet and the larger Federation. The search for Captain Chakotay and the Protostar's legacy drives a story involving time travel, alternate futures, and threats that span generations. The cadets continue maturing as leaders while learning the responsibilities that accompany service in Starfleet. At the same time, the season deepens its connections to

Voyager and the broader Star Trek timeline. By combining adventure, character growth, and ambitious science-fiction concepts, it further establishes Prodigy as an important part of the franchise. "Into the Breach (1)" starts as a rescue mission for Chakotay; "Ouroboros (2)" ends with stakes far larger than any one captain. A central continuity line shapes the season. Prodigy's mission expands from pursuit and rescue into a wider existential crisis, pushing the crew into stakes far beyond their original escape story.

EPISODE 1

Into the Breach

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 25 min

Admiral Janeway formally recruits Dal, Gwyn, Rok-Tahk, Jankom, Zero, and Murf as Starfleet cadets aboard the newly commissioned USS Voyager-A, a step up in legitimacy that comes with new friction. The Nova Squadron cadets, including a sharp Vulcan named Maj'el, treat the newcomers as outsiders, while Janeway herself keeps a conspicuous distance the group can't quite explain. Digging into her secrecy, they discover she's covertly building a cloaked vessel called the Infinity for a mission she hasn't told anyone about: rescuing Chakotay. A scuffle in the shuttlebay after Maj'el overhears them ends with the Infinity's autopilot triggered, setting the season's real mission in motion before anyone's actually ready for it.

CHARACTERS Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS Chakotay · The Doctor · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum · Sudy-Padd

STORY ARC

The Temporal Paradox BEGINS HERE

The Protostar crew's effort to rescue Chakotay tangles with altered history, temporal paradoxes, and the Loom, turning a rescue mission into a struggle to preserve the timeline and their own place in it.

EPISODE 2

Into the Breach (2)

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: 61859.6
Runtime: 25 min

Gwyn arrives on Solum posing as a Federation diplomat aboard the shuttle Sacagawea, hoping to head off a looming civil war, only for Asencia to unmask her before the council as an artificial impostor from another timeline. Forced to destroy her own shuttle and flee, Gwyn finds her father Ilthuran, still years away from becoming the Diviner, who takes her to the Arcanum and its Drednok caretaker, the Lorekeeper, and reveals the Va'Lu'Rah, a ritual combat that could prove her legitimacy once and for all. Meanwhile Janeway briefs Dal's group on the real stakes of their mission: Chakotay was captured by the Vau N'Akat fifty-two years after the Protostar's destruction, and pulling him out too soon could unravel the timeline that gets the Protostar sent back in the first place. A Vulcan nerve-pinch gone wrong during the briefing launches the Infinity fifty-two years too early, stranding Dal, Zero, Jankom, and Maj'el in a mission none of them were prepared to start yet.

CHARACTERS Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS Asencia · Chakotay · The Doctor · Borom · Commander Tysess

EPISODE 3

Who Saves the Saviors

Air Date: July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

A crash on Solum strands Dal's crew in the year 2436, where they discover Chakotay imprisoned near the original Protostar and stage a jailbreak to get him out. The escape goes sideways when Chakotay grabs a disruptor Dal dropped mid-flight — a small accident that visibly starts bending the timeline. Back in the present, Gwyn challenges the Vau N'Akat leader Asencia to ritual combat to prove her heritage, loses, and phases out of existence as the fracture catches up to her.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Adreek-Hu · Ascencia · Borom · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum

EPISODE 4

Temporal Mechanics 101

Air Date: July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Gwyn's defeat in ritual combat against Asencia leaves her phasing in and out of existence, a crisis made only more urgent by a cryptic message reading simply Save Gwyn. Racing against a fracture in her own timeline, the crew converts the Infinity into a makeshift time-displacement rescue vessel while the Doctor rigs an interphase stabilizer to keep her tethered to reality long enough to work with. Even as the rescue plan comes together, something stranger is happening quietly in the background: Murf appears to be communicating with an unknown presence nobody else can perceive yet. The lesson in temporal mechanics the title promises turns out to be far more personal, and far more dangerous, than any classroom exercise.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · The Doctor · Commander Tysess · Dr. Erin · Ilthuran

EPISODE 5

Observer's Paradox

Air Date: July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: 61865.1 **Runtime:** 25 min

Gwyn starts experiencing recurring visions of a spiral pattern accompanied by a voice warning her to find it before it finds her, a mystery that resists every conventional explanation the crew tries. Rok-Tahk teams up with Voyager's Cetacean Ops division to decode what turns out to be a message hidden inside Murf's strange, whale-like vocalizations, eventually isolating coordinates tied to the same cryptic phrase. The discovery ties Gwyn's visions and Murf's behavior together as pieces of the same unfolding puzzle, one that's clearly bigger than either of them individually. Whatever is reaching out to the crew, it's patient, deliberate, and apparently willing to use whoever it can to get their attention.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chakotay · The Doctor · Admiral Jellico · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum

EPISODE 6

Imposter Syndrome

Air Date: July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 25 min

Needing to cover their unauthorized absence while retrieving the Infinity, Dal's crew creates holographic doubles of themselves to stand in during their disappearance, a plan that works right up until the holograms start believing they actually are the cadets. The doubles develop full personalities and glitches of their own, undermining the very cover story they were built to protect, and Rok-Tahk ends up having to work directly with her own increasingly independent hologram just to get things back under control. What starts as a simple deception spirals into a genuinely awkward identity crisis playing out in parallel with the crew's own secret mission. Keeping their double life intact turns out to require far more improvisation than anyone expected.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	The Doctor · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum · Maj'el

EPISODE 7

The Fast and the Curious

Air Date: July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 24 min

Stranded on a Kazon-run planet built around forced, dangerous races, the cadets find themselves pressed into competing for survival rather than sport. Zero traces the operation back to mind-control technology running the whole setup, and ultimately sacrifices part of their own containment suit to destroy the sentient computer orchestrating the races from behind the scenes. Back aboard Voyager, an unseen presence briefly targets the holographic Gwyn double left running cover, a small but unsettling sign that whatever's been reaching out to the crew isn't done yet. The planet's races end, but the mystery trailing the crew only grows more pointed.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	The Doctor · Counselor Noum · Ekthi · Maj'el

STORY ARC

Cosmic Threat BEGINS HERE

Prodigy's mission expands from pursuit and rescue into a wider existential crisis, pushing the crew into stakes far beyond their original escape story.

EPISODE 8

Is There in Beauty No Truth?

Air Date: July 1, 2024 **Timeline:** 2384
Stardate: 61881.4 **Runtime:** 24 min

A detour to Ovidia IV introduces Zero to another Medusan, part of a community of non-corporeal beings actively building physical bodies for themselves, and offers Zero the same chance: a corporeal form with real senses for the first time. Taking part in the planet's Running of the Nazamon ritual forces Zero to weigh what they'd actually be gaining against everything about their nature they'd have to leave behind, with Dal and Gwyn eventually extracting them once the decision proves harder than expected. Back aboard Voyager, Janeway finally uncovers the holographic impostors covering for the cadets and realizes the ship's own records have been quietly tampered with. The discovery threatens to expose the secret mission just as Zero is still working through a much more personal transformation of their own.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	The Doctor · Commander Tysess · Ion · Maj'el

EPISODE 9

The Devourer of All Things

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: 61886.6
Runtime: 24 min

The crew's search for answers leads them to Wesley Crusher at Traveler headquarters, who explains a truth more alarming than anything they've faced yet: the damage their mission has already done to the timeline is drawing the Loom, parasitic entities that feed on dying timelines. The Loom's arrival freezes most of the group in place, leaving only Gwyn and Wesley free to escape using temporal stabilizers, taking shelter in a retro, 1960s-styled bunker built for exactly this kind of emergency. The encounter reframes the whole season's mystery as something far bigger than rescuing Chakotay, a fight against forces that consume timelines the way the crew has been quietly unraveling one. Getting everyone else free means finding a way to fight something that doesn't operate by any rules Starfleet has ever written down.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Admiral Jellico · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum

EPISODE 10

The Devourer of All Things (2)

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

Wesley works out a plan to counter the Loom directly, but the cost proves immediate and brutal when a crew member named Middleton is erased from existence entirely before anyone can stop it. Janeway manages to destroy one of the Loom creatures outright, buying just enough time for Wesley to tear open a portal that flings the Protostar crew forward through time. What they find on the other side reframes everything: the actual Protostar, marooned and battered, with a long-stranded, deeply weathered Captain Chakotay still aboard after years alone. The rescue mission the season opened with finally has a face and a location, and neither looks like anything the crew was braced for.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum · Maj'el

EPISODE 11

Last Flight of the Protostar

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

The Protostar has been stranded for a full decade on the harsh world of Ysida, its systems failing steadily while Chakotay has held on largely alone. Hologram Janeway fills in the grief behind his isolation, particularly the loss of his first officer Adreek, a wound that's clearly shaped everything about how he's survived out here. When Dal goes missing during a violent storm, the crisis forces a shaken, reluctant Chakotay back into an active command role he'd stopped believing he'd ever need again. Finding Dal becomes as much about pulling Chakotay back from the edge of giving up as it is about the rescue itself.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chakotay · Maj'el

EPISODE 12

Last Flight of the Protostar (2)

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: 61898.2
Runtime: 23 min

Searching Ysida for Dal, the crew instead finds Adreek's remains along with a stockpile of antimatter that could finally get the Protostar moving again. Chakotay rallies around the discovery, converting the battered ship into a makeshift sail-craft capable of crossing Ysida's vast vapor ocean in search of deuterium. Dal, shaken after glimpsing a version of a future he's not sure he wants, leans on Chakotay's counsel to steady himself before the crew can finish restoring propulsion. By the time the Protostar is airborne again, both the ship and its stranded captain have been pulled back from the brink in the same breath.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Chakotay · The Doctor · Commander Tysess · Counselor Noum

EPISODE 13

A Tribble Called Quest

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

A bosonite-harvesting mission goes sideways fast once the crew discovers the planet overrun by genetically modified, rapidly multiplying giant tribbles, turning a resource run into a full-blown containment crisis. Zero's new corporeal body starts visibly deteriorating in the middle of the chaos, adding urgency to a mission that was already spiraling out of control. Rok-Tahk manages to reverse the tribble mutation, though not without accidentally creating, and immediately adopting, a hybrid creature she names a bribble. With the crisis contained, the crew finally has what it needs to build a new proto-core and resume the long journey back toward Voyager.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chakotay · Dr. K'Ruvang · Maj'el

EPISODE 14

Cracked Mirror

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

A proto-core jump misfires badly, bouncing the crew through a series of alternate realities, including one where Janeway never survived, before finally dropping them into the Mirror Universe itself, tearing at the fabric between realities and leaving Gwyn hurt in the process. Encounters with brutal mirror counterparts, including a militaristic version of Chakotay, make clear just how differently this version of the galaxy turned out. It's Mirror Janeway, unexpectedly, who helps the crew seal the rift they've torn open and find their way back to their own Voyager and their own Janeway. The detour through the Mirror Universe costs them time they don't have and answers nobody was actually looking for.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Chakotay · The Doctor · Admiral Jellico · Counselor Noum · Maj'el

EPISODE 15

Ascension

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Stardate: 61945.4
Timeline: 2384
Runtime: 24 min

With Zero's failing body forcing the Doctor to propose sensory upgrades built into a suit instead, Admiral Jellico orders both Voyager and Protostar back to Earth just as Asencia launches an assault using the Rev-1 and stolen temporal weapons. Dal fights alongside Nova Squadron in the defense, while Zero makes the hardest call of the season, sacrificing their own deteriorating body to redirect enemy fire away from the rest of the crew. The attack turns what should have been a triumphant return into a crisis that costs the crew one of their own, at least for now. Asencia's willingness to weaponize stolen Federation technology makes clear this fight is far from over.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Admiral Jellico

EPISODE 16

Ascension (2)

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2384
Runtime: 22 min

Jankom builds Zero an entirely new sensory containment suit in the aftermath of the attack, giving them a way forward that doesn't depend on the body they lost. The crew manages to redirect Asencia's Incursor weapon using a maneuver they call the Boothby Supernova, turning her own advantage back against her in the fight's decisive moment. In the middle of the chaos, Wesley Crusher is revealed to be Asencia's prisoner all along, his Traveler knowledge of time itself already extracted and turned to her purposes. As the dust settles, Starfleet redirects both Voyager and Protostar toward Solum, making clear the fight with Asencia isn't over, it's just moving to new ground.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Commander Tysess

STORY ARC

Cosmic Threat CONCLUDES HERE

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EPISODE 17

Brink

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Stardate: 62083.5
Timeline: 2384
Runtime: 24 min

Determined to avoid escalating tensions between the Federation and the Vau N'Akat any further, Gwyn proposes sending the crew's non-Starfleet members covertly behind enemy lines on Solum, a plan built on secrecy rather than force. Maj'el resigns from Nova Squadron to join the mission, a decision that costs her real standing for a cause she's decided matters more. A younger version of Asencia is shown revealing that Wesley deliberately allowed himself to be captured in order to manipulate the pace of Vau N'Akat technological development,

reframing his imprisonment as calculation rather than misfortune. The team's real objective becomes clear: pulling both Wesley and Gwyn's father Ilthuran out before the situation on Solum tips irreversibly toward war.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Borom

EPISODE 18

Touch of Grey

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: 62091.1
Runtime: 23 min

Janeway, Chakotay, and the Doctor mount a direct rescue operation once they discover Asencia has been feeding captive crew members, Wesley included, to an enslaved, captured Loom creature she's been controlling. Freeing the prisoners means freeing the Loom itself as well, a choice that carries consequences well beyond the immediate rescue. Solum spirals hard toward outright civil war in the aftermath, forcing Janeway into the position she's spent the whole season trying to avoid: intervening directly despite everything the Prime Directive tells her not to. The rescue succeeds, but it leaves the crew holding a crisis far larger than the one they went in to solve.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Commander Tysess

STORY ARC

Academy Acceptance BEGINS HERE

Prodigy closes by moving its crew from improvised survival to earned Starfleet belonging, making acceptance the series' clearest measure of growth.

EPISODE 19

Ouroboros

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Timeline: 2384
Stardate: —
Runtime: 24 min

With an uprising building against her on Solum, Asencia responds by tearing open multiple wormholes across realities using stolen time weapons, determined to sabotage the Federation on her way down rather than accept defeat quietly. The crew splits three ways to counter her: a brain team of Wesley, Rok-Tahk, Maj'el, and Zero works the calculations aboard ship, Dal, Murf, and Jankom beam down to disable the weapon's control tower against Drednok's defenses, and Gwyn faces Asencia directly in ritual combat, drawing on power channeled to her by fellow Vau N'Akat. Gwyn wins the confrontation, and the crew manages to merge the scattered wormholes into a single portal meant to finally send the Protostar home. The portal opens too late to close cleanly, though, unleashing the Loom en masse and turning what should have been a victory into an entirely new invasion.

CHARACTERS	Dal · Gwyn · Jankom Pog · Zero · Rok-Tahk · Murf · Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia · Chakotay · The Doctor · Wesley Crusher · Borom

EPISODE 20

Ouroboros (2)

Air Date: July 1, 2024
Stardate: 62314.8
Timeline: 2384
Runtime: 24 min

With the Loom loose in full force, the crew's plan hinges on luring them back through the wormhole using phasers retuned to banish them to their home dimension, using Gwyn as bait aboard the Protostar while Voyager stands guard over her. Hologram Janeway faces having her own memory wiped to restore the Protostar to its original state, a sacrifice she's ready to make until an unexpected backup saves her program and lets her transfer off the ship instead. On a quieter note, Wesley Crusher finally visits his mother Beverly and meets his infant brother Jack, tying the season's temporal odyssey back to the wider fate of the Crusher family. The series closes with Admiral Janeway briefly retiring before being recalled to duty after the attack on Mars, and the cadets commissioned as ensigns aboard the newly built USS Prodigy, with Gwyn taking the captain's chair and Dal stepping aside to serve as her first officer under Janeway's continued guidance.

CHARACTERS	Dal, Gwyn, Jankom Pog, Zero, Rok-Tahk, Murf, Kathryn Janeway
GUEST CHARACTERS	Asencia, Beverly Crusher, Chakotay, The Doctor, Wesley Crusher

STORY ARC

Academy Acceptance CONCLUDES HERE

Prodigy closes by moving its crew from improvised survival to earned Starfleet belonging, making acceptance the series' clearest measure of growth.

The Temporal Paradox CONCLUDES HERE

The Protostar crew's effort to rescue Chakotay tangles with altered history, temporal paradoxes, and the Loom, turning a rescue mission into a struggle to preserve the timeline and their own place in it.

THE AGE OF FRACTURE

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THE AGE OF FRACTURE (2381–2402)

Romulus burns, and the shockwave breaks the political continuity of two quadrants. What follows is not one crisis but many. A refugee crisis Starfleet abandons when synthetic attackers destroy the Mars shipyards. A Federation-wide ban on synthetic life passed in fear rather than judgment. An aging Picard who resigns his commission in protest and spends the following years watching the institution he helped define grow smaller and more defensive.

These are years of inward pressure. The Zhat Vash's long, paranoid war against synthetic life turns out to have shaped Starfleet policy from the shadows. Former allies become uneasy observers. Neglected frontiers generate new instability. Where earlier centuries offered easy moral self-assurance, this one offers hesitation and fragmentation and an argument about what solidarity still requires once the costs become personal.

It is not decline alone. Picard's own late return to a command chair, the recovery of Data in a new and unfinished form, and a generation of officers raised entirely inside this more anxious Starfleet all suggest that fracture produces new political forms as well as loss. The Federation here is unstable. It is not inert.

The importance of the period lies in that unsettledness — the old order has weakened and the new one has not emerged. By the early twenty-fifth century, small acts of recovery and renewed diplomacy begin to suggest that fracture may be a passage as much as a breakdown.

Political ideals, it turns out, are tested by enemies at the border and just as much by fatigue, caution, and self-doubt inside the institutions meant to defend them.

CHAPTER 14

STAR TREK: PICARD

First Aired: January 23, 2020 **Last Aired:** April 20, 2023 **Seasons:** 3 **Episodes:** 30 **Network:** Paramount+

Decades after commanding the Enterprise, Admiral Jean-Luc Picard is drawn back into galactic affairs by unfinished legacies, emerging threats, and the consequences of past decisions. Reuniting with old allies while forging new partnerships, Picard confronts challenges that shape both his future and that of the Federation. The series serves as a continuation of his story while reflecting on the legacy of The Next Generation. From "Remembrance" to "The Last Generation", the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. The Zhat Vash arc exposes an anti-synthetic ideology hidden within Romulan secrecy, giving Picard's first season both conspiracy momentum and moral focus. The synth crisis turns abstract fear of artificial life into open conflict, forcing Picard to defend personhood in practical rather than theoretical terms.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2399

First Aired: January 23, 2020 **Last Aired:** March 26, 2020 **Timeline:** 2399

Season one follows Jean-Luc Picard years after his retirement from Starfleet as he struggles with loss, regret, and the consequences of past decisions. Drawn into a mystery involving synthetic life, Romulan intrigue, and the legacy of Data, Picard embarks on a journey that forces him to reconnect with the ideals that once defined his career. A Federation drifting toward fear and isolation gives that journey its real stakes, testing whether Starfleet still has room for the man Picard used to be. New allies join him as he confronts both personal and galactic challenges. The result is a reflective story about redemption, legacy, and the enduring importance of hope. "Remembrance" finds Picard retired and adrift; "Et in Arcadia Ego (2)" gives him a reason, again, to stand for something. A central continuity line shapes the season. The Zhat Vash arc exposes an anti-synthetic ideology hidden within Romulan secrecy, giving Picard's first season both conspiracy momentum and moral focus.

EPISODE 1

Remembrance

Air Date: January 23, 2020
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2399
Runtime: 45 min

Fourteen years after resigning his Starfleet commission in protest, Jean-Luc Picard has settled into a quiet, mostly solitary retirement at Chateau Picard, his family's vineyard, when a desperate young woman named Dahj appears at his door claiming she has nowhere else to turn. Her plea for help turns urgent almost immediately: assassins attack her apartment, and Dahj discovers, mid-fight, combat instincts and strength she never knew she had. The connection to Picard's own past becomes impossible to ignore once he recognizes her resemblance to a painting Data left behind decades earlier, evidence of a link to the android he lost and never stopped mourning. Dahj doesn't survive the night, but the mystery of who, or what, she actually was pulls Picard out of retirement and back into a search he can't walk away from.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Soji Asha · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Narek
GUEST CHARACTERS	Data · Index · Laris · Richter Kalungay · Zhaban

STORY ARC

Synths BEGINS HERE

The attack on Mars, the synthetic-life ban, and the mystery surrounding Dahj and Soji draw Picard into a struggle over whether artificial beings deserve protection or should be feared as an existential threat.

EPISODE 2

Maps and Legends

Air Date: January 30, 2020
Timeline: 2399
Stardate: —
Runtime: 44 min

Picard throws himself into investigating what Dahj's existence actually means, a search that runs headlong into Starfleet's official silence and Admiral Clancy's flat refusal to reopen anything connected to synthetic life. Without institutional backing, Picard has to build his own team from people willing to take the risk on his word alone, starting with Dr. Agnes Jurati, a roboticist eager for a real case, and Raffi Musiker, a former first officer whose bitterness toward Picard hasn't cooled in the years since he abruptly quit Starfleet. Unbeknownst to any of them, a hidden faction within the Romulan intelligence apparatus, the Zhat Vash, has been quietly steering galactic events toward exactly this moment, treating synthetic life not as a curiosity but as an existential threat worth any cost to prevent. Picard's search for one answer is, without his knowing it yet, walking directly into a conspiracy that's been building for far longer than Dahj's short life.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Soji Asha · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Narek

GUEST CHARACTERS Admiral Kirsten Clancy · Borg Drone · Burley Fuelie · Checkpoint Supervisor · Commodore Oh

STORY ARC

Zhat Vash BEGINS HERE

The Zhat Vash arc exposes an anti-synthetic ideology hidden within Romulan secrecy, giving Picard's first season both conspiracy momentum and moral focus.

EPISODE 3

The End Is the Beginning

Air Date: February 6, 2020
Timeline: 2399
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Unaware of her own nature, Soji, Dahj's twin in every way that matters, continues her research work aboard the reclaimed Borg cube known as the Artifact, drawing the close attention of the facility's executive director in ways she hasn't yet learned to be suspicious of. Picard, still working through old resentment with a reluctant Raffi, starts assembling the rest of a crew willing to help him find Bruce Maddox, the scientist responsible for both Dahj and Soji's creation. Among his recruits is Cristobal Rios, a sharp, guarded former Starfleet pilot now flying under his own flag, whose past clearly carries more weight than he's willing to explain upfront. What began as a personal investigation is quietly becoming an actual mission, crewed by people who each have their own reasons for wanting the truth about synthetic life uncovered.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Soji Asha · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Narek

GUEST CHARACTERS Bidran · Commodore Oh · Hugh · Laris · Lieutenant Narissa Rizzo

EPISODE 4

Absolute Candor

Air Date: February 13, 2020
Timeline: 2399
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

En route to the black-market hub of Freecloud, Picard makes an unplanned stop at Vashti, the Romulan refugee settlement he and Raffi helped establish fourteen years earlier before Starfleet abandoned the resettlement effort entirely. The reunion turns bittersweet fast: Elnor, a young Romulan Picard once mentored, has grown into a warrior trained by the Qowat Milat, an order of sword-wielding nuns devoted to absolute candor, and neither he nor Vashti has forgiven Picard for leaving when the Federation did. Aboard the Artifact, Narek continues probing Soji for clues to her true nature under the guise of romantic interest, while his sister Narissa grows openly impatient with how slowly his approach is actually working. Picard's decision to detour toward old obligations before new ones costs him time he doesn't really have, but reconnecting with Elnor gives him an ally he badly needs for what's coming.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, Agnes Jurati, Soji Asha, Raffi Musiker, Elnor, Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios, Narek

GUEST CHARACTERS Seven of Nine, Bidran, Kibitzer #1, Kibitzer #2

EPISODE 5

Stardust City Rag

Air Date: February 20, 2020
Timeline: 2399
Stardate: —
Runtime: 45 min

The search for answers pulls Picard's crew into Freecloud's criminal underworld, where a black market trades in salvaged Borg technology, and worse, in the exploited bodies of former drones still recovering from assimilation. Rescuing someone with knowledge critical to the mission means confronting Bjayzl, a trafficker who built her fortune torturing and harvesting ex-Borg for profit. Seven of Nine, now operating well outside Starfleet's rules as a vigilante hunting exactly this kind of predator, joins the mission and gets the confrontation with Bjayzl she's clearly been waiting years for, one rooted in a loss the crew doesn't fully understand until it's already happened. The mission succeeds, but the cost, personal and moral, lands harder than anyone expected going in.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, Agnes Jurati, Soji Asha, Raffi Musiker, Elnor, Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios, Narek

GUEST CHARACTERS Seven of Nine, Bjayzl, Bruce Maddox, Chop Doc, Gabriel Hwang

EPISODE 6

The Impossible Box

Air Date: February 27, 2020
Timeline: 2399
Stardate: —
Runtime: 55 min

Picard's investigation finally leads him back to the Artifact, where Soji continues her work unaware that both Narek's manipulation and her own suppressed memories are converging toward the same breaking point. Narek constructs an elaborate psychological trap, the Impossible Box, designed to unlock a hidden activation code buried in Soji's mind without her ever realizing she's being studied rather than courted. When Picard finally tells her the truth, that she isn't human at all, Soji's programmed fight-or-flight response activates in full, giving her an edge that neither Narek nor his handlers were prepared for. She and Picard escape together, but the revela-

tion leaves Soji fundamentally unmade, a person forced to rebuild her entire sense of self in the space of a single conversation.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Soji Asha · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Narek
GUEST CHARACTERS	Captain Emily Bosch · Hugh · Lieutenant Narissa Rizzo · Older xB

EPISODE 7

Nepenthe

Air Date: March 5, 2020 **Timeline:** 2399
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 59 min

Picard brings Soji to Nepenthe, home to old, deeply trusted friends: Will Riker, Deanna Troi, and their sharp, unfiltered daughter Kestra, offering Soji somewhere safe to begin processing memories and a sense of self that no longer make any sense to her. The reunion gives Picard a rare moment of genuine peace even amid crisis, a reminder of the family he built long after losing the Enterprise. Back on the Artifact, Hugh and Elnor are left to face down a furious Narissa alone, and Hugh's quiet decision to protect Elnor rather than save himself becomes the episode's most costly act. Soji's slow return to herself, guided by Picard's patience rather than pressure, stands in sharp contrast to everything Narek tried and failed to accomplish through manipulation.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Soji Asha · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Narek
GUEST CHARACTERS	Deanna Troi · William Riker · Commodore Oh · Hugh · Kestra Troi-Riker

EPISODE 8

Broken Pieces

Air Date: March 12, 2020 **Timeline:** 2399
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 56 min

The full scope of the Zhat Vash conspiracy finally surfaces: the synthetic uprising that devastated Mars years earlier and triggered the Federation's total ban on artificial life wasn't an accident or a rogue malfunction, but a deliberately engineered catastrophe meant to make exactly that ban inevitable. Picard's discovery of how far the conspiracy's architects have been willing to go reframes everything he's chased across the season as one piece of a much older, more calculated fear. Aboard La Sirena, Rios's own buried history, involving a captain's death he's never fully reckoned with, finally comes into the open alongside the crew's other long-guarded secrets. On the Artifact, Narissa's order to capture Elnor sets off a violent chain reaction that leaves the cube, and everyone aboard it, in immediate danger.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Soji Asha · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Narek
GUEST CHARACTERS	Seven of Nine · Admiral Kirsten Clancy · Commodore Oh · Lieutenant Narissa Rizzo · Ramdha

STORY ARC

Zhat Vash CONCLUDES HERE

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EPISODE 9

Et in Arcadia Ego

Air Date: March 19, 2020 **Timeline:** 2399
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 46 min

Picard finally reaches Coppelius, the hidden synthetic homeworld built from Bruce Maddox's research and populated by a small community of androids trying to build a life beyond the reach of the fear that's hunted their kind for years. Among them is Altan Soong, son of Data's creator, whose work represents both the promise of what synthetic life could become and the exact threat the Zhat Vash has spent generations trying to prevent. A Romulan armada under Commodore Oh's command closes in on the planet, driven by an ancient prophecy warning that synthetic life will eventually summon an extinction-level threat upon all organic civilization. What began as a personal search for Data's legacy has become a standoff that could decide, in one confrontation, whether fear or coexistence gets the final word on artificial life.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, Agnes Jurati, Soji Asha, Raffi Musiker, Elnor, Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios, Narek
GUEST CHARACTERS Seven of Nine, Arcana, Codex, Commodore Oh

EPISODE 10

Et in Arcadia Ego (2)

Air Date: March 26, 2020 **Timeline:** 2399
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 57 min

With Oh's fleet bearing down on Coppelius and a galaxy's worth of inherited fear driving the moment toward violence, Picard makes one last attempt to broker peace between the synths, the Romulans, and everyone caught in between before the confrontation turns catastrophic. The strain of the effort finally catches up with him: the fatal neurological condition he's kept quiet for the entire season takes his life, just as Starfleet reinforcements arrive in time to prevent the Romulan attack from becoming genocide. Data's legacy resolves the crisis in a way no one expected, as Altan Soong's synthetic technology, aided by Jurati, offers Picard the chance to continue in a new synthetic body rather than end permanently. The season closes on an uneasy peace bought at real cost, and on Picard himself facing an entirely new, unfamiliar kind of second chance.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, Agnes Jurati, Soji Asha, Raffi Musiker, Elnor, Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios, Narek
GUEST CHARACTERS Data, Seven of Nine, William Riker, Arcana, Codex

STORY ARC

Synths CONCLUDES HERE

The attack on Mars, the synthetic-life ban, and the mystery surrounding Dahj and Soji draw Picard into a struggle over whether artificial beings deserve protection or should be feared as an existential threat.

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2401

First Aired: March 3, 2022 **Last Aired:** May 5, 2022 **Timeline:** 2401

Season two places Picard and his companions at the center of a crisis that threatens the entire timeline. Transported into an altered reality shaped by fear and authoritarianism, they must travel into Earth's past to restore history before irreversible damage occurs. The journey forces several characters to confront unresolved emo-

tional wounds and difficult personal truths. Familiar Star Trek themes of choice, identity, and self-discovery become central to the story. The season combines time travel adventure with an examination of how personal healing can influence the future. The altered timeline that opens in "The Star Gazer" is undone by "Farewell," but not before it forces the crew to reckon with exactly what Q wanted them to see about themselves. A central continuity line shapes the season. Q's final game turns time distortion into emotional reckoning, using alternate history to push Picard toward a more intimate farewell.

EPISODE 1

The Star Gazer

Air Date: March 3, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 56 min

More than a year after the crisis that reshaped the Federation's stance on synthetic life, now-Admiral Picard commands the new Stargazer when an old, deeply unsettling adversary makes unexpected contact: the Borg Queen, held in Federation custody, insisting she alone can warn Picard about a catastrophe too dangerous for anyone else to hear directly. What starts as a tense, reluctant negotiation spirals fast, as the warning itself seems to trigger a rupture in reality rather than simply describe one. Familiar faces from Picard's search for Data's legacy reunite aboard ship just in time to be caught in whatever the Queen's warning actually set in motion. By the episode's end, the crew isn't facing a single crisis so much as an entirely different version of history closing in around them.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Soji Asha · Admiral Whitley · Guinan · Handsome Deltan · Harvey

STORY ARC

Q BEGINS HERE

Q's final game turns time distortion into emotional reckoning, using alternate history to push Picard toward a more intimate farewell.

EPISODE 2

Penance

Air Date: March 10, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 55 min

Q's dramatic, unexplained intervention rewrites reality itself, dropping Picard and his crew into a dark alternate timeline where the Federation never formed and Earth instead built a militarized, xenophobic Confederation that conquered rather than explored. Picard, now a ruthless Fleet Admiral in this version of history, has to work alongside crewmates who don't recognize the man he actually is while trying to determine exactly what changed and when. An imprisoned, weary Guinan confirms what Picard already suspects: Q is behind the shift, and whatever game he's playing this time carries stakes well beyond his usual mischief. Confronting Q directly gets Picard only a fraction of an answer, a single, cryptic push back toward 2024 Los Angeles and a mysterious figure known only as the Watcher.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Borg Queen · Harvey · Spot 73 · Zilah

EPISODE 3

Assimilation

Air Date: March 17, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 48 min

Los Angeles in 2024 turns out to be a rougher landing than anyone expects: Rios ends up detained by immigration enforcement before the away team even finds its footing, an ordeal that puts him in a hospital bed and, unexpectedly, in the care of a nurse named Teresa who has no idea what she's actually treating. Seven and Raffi adapt faster, working the city's edges for anything that might point toward the Watcher, the shadowy contact Tallinn has arranged for them to find. Picard and Jurati pursue their own lead into more dangerous company, gambling that an unreliable source is still better than no lead at all this deep in the wrong century. Every version of the crew is improvising in a world built to reject them, and for once the biggest threat isn't a person at all — it's simply 2024.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, Agnes Jurati, Seven of Nine, Raffi Musiker, Elnor, Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios, Dr. Adam Soong

GUEST CHARACTERS Borg Queen, Dr. Teresa Ramirez, Gabi, Mr. Alvarez

EPISODE 4

Watcher

Air Date: March 24, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 46 min

Spread out across 2024 Los Angeles, the team's separate searches start circling the same underlying truth even as each investigation pulls at something deeply personal. Picard finds himself confronting long-buried memories of his own childhood at Chateau Picard, fragments involving his mother that he's spent a lifetime not examining too closely. Rios, undocumented and unable to explain his situation to anyone, gets pulled into an entanglement with ICE and a compassionate doctor named Teresa who has no idea who, or when, he's actually from. Meanwhile Jurati continues wrestling with the presence of the Borg Queen's consciousness inside her own mind, a battle for control that's becoming harder to keep hidden from the rest of the crew.

CHARACTERS Jean-Luc Picard, Agnes Jurati, Seven of Nine, Raffi Musiker, Elnor, Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios, Dr. Adam Soong

GUEST CHARACTERS Borg Queen, Dale, Dr. Teresa Ramirez, Gabi, Guinan

EPISODE 5

Fly Me to the Moon

Air Date: March 31, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 42 min

Picard's search for the point of divergence leads him to his own ancestor, Renee Picard, an astronaut whose role in an upcoming joint space mission may be the single hinge history actually turns on. Q, still orchestrating events from the shadows, takes a sudden and pointed interest in a young Adam Soong, whose research seems to matter to Q's plan in ways no one yet understands. While Seven and Raffi mount a risky rescue to pull Rios out of ICE custody before his secret gets exposed, Jurati has to reckon with just how much of herself she's already traded away in her deal with the Borg Queen. Every thread of the season starts visibly tightening around the same conclusion: whatever happens to Renee Picard will decide everything else.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Armstrong · Borg Queen · Diane Werner · Kore Soong

EPISODE 6

Two of One

Air Date: April 7, 2022 **Timeline:** 2401
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 39 min

Protecting Renée Picard means getting inside a gala thick with the kind of people who'd notice a Romulan bodyguard immediately, so Picard and Tallinn spend the evening working the room while Q's fingerprints show up in every convenient obstacle between them and her. The stakes come into focus once it's clear Renée's mission isn't just a career milestone, it's the hinge point the timeline needs intact, the small act of inspiration Q is trying to remove from history before it can happen. Kore gets her own reckoning across town, uncovering evidence in her father's records that she was never simply born: she was engineered, a fact Adam Soong has spent her whole life managing rather than telling her outright. Two women meant to be protected from the truth of their own origins end the night having found it anyway, one on a stage and one in a filing cabinet.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Borg Queen · Commander Musa · Director Lee · Dr. Teresa Ramirez · Kore Soong

EPISODE 7

Monsters

Air Date: April 14, 2022 **Timeline:** 2401
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 47 min

Tallinn goes inside Picard's own mind to wake him from his coma, and what she finds there is less a memory palace than a haunted house: Picard as a boy, and the mother he has spent his whole life not talking about. Seven and Raffi split off to search for Jurati, whose body the Borg Queen commandeered days earlier and who might not be entirely trying to hide anymore. Rios, meanwhile, tells Teresa the truth he can't really afford to share, that he isn't from her time, isn't even from her century, and finds that trust survives it better than he expected. Picard's rescue depends on facing exactly what he has spent decades running from, which makes it the one crisis in the season nobody else can solve for him.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Teresa Ramirez · Guinan · Jester · Red Bearded Guy

EPISODE 8

Mercy

Air Date: April 21, 2022 **Timeline:** 2401
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 49 min

Picard and Guinan are detained by a suspicious Agent Wells while the Borg Queen, now fused with Jurati, moves toward assimilating Los Angeles, with Seven and Raffi in pursuit. Q, meanwhile, confesses to Guinan that he's dying, which reframes his whole manipulation of Picard's timeline as something closer to a man trying

to make his ending mean something. The episode ends with Adam Soong agreeing to sabotage his own descendant's discovery in exchange for a legacy, and the Borg Queen assembling drones for an attack on La Sirena.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dr. Teresa Ramirez · Guinan · Kore Soong · Merc One

EPISODE 9

Hide and Seek

Air Date: April 28, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 50 min

A long-suppressed childhood memory finally surfaces for Picard: his mother Yvette's mental illness, and the guilt he's carried since childhood over not having been able to save her, memories he's spent decades of his adult life avoiding rather than confronting. Facing that truth directly reframes years of Picard's own guardedness, and gives him something he badly needs before the mission's final push. Renee Picard, wrestling with her own doubts about the mission she's about to undertake, comes dangerously close to walking away entirely, saved only by quiet support from both Picard and her secret, ever-present protector Tallinn. Healing and mission converge in the same breath, Picard's own recovery becoming the thing that finally gives Renee the confidence to go.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Borg Queen · Dr. Teresa Ramirez · Maurice Picard · Ricardo

EPISODE 10

Farewell

Air Date: May 5, 2022
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2401
Runtime: 49 min

Renee Picard's mission launches as planned, restoring the timeline the crew has spent the whole season racing to protect, and closing a loop that turns out to have been years in the making rather than a single crisis. Q's endgame finally comes fully into focus: dying, and facing an ending of his own for the first time in his near-eternal existence, he orchestrated the entire ordeal as one final, deeply personal act of grace, forcing Picard to confront trauma he might never have faced on his own. The crew's return to their proper time comes with real, lasting cost, including Rios's choice to stay behind in 2024 with Teresa rather than return to the century he actually belongs to. Picard's farewell to Q lands as the season's true emotional center, a goodbye between two old adversaries who, in the end, turned out to understand each other better than either ever admitted.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Agnes Jurati · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Elnor · Cristóbal 'Chris' Rios · Dr. Adam Soong
GUEST CHARACTERS	Wesley Crusher · Director Lee · Dr. Teresa Ramirez · Guinan · Kemi

STORY ARC

Q CONCLUDES HERE

Q's final game turns time distortion into emotional reckoning, using alternate history to push Picard toward a more intimate farewell.

SEASON THREE

YEAR: 2402

First Aired: February 16, 2023 **Last Aired:** April 20, 2023 **Timeline:** 2402

The final season reunites Picard with many of his former Enterprise crewmates for a story deeply connected to the history of The Next Generation. A mysterious conspiracy involving rogue Changelings, Starfleet infiltration, and the Borg threatens the Federation at a pivotal moment in its history. Long-standing friendships, unfinished relationships, and decades of shared experiences become central to the narrative. The season balances large-scale stakes with deeply personal character moments as familiar heroes face one final challenge together. It serves as both a conclusion to Picard's story and a celebration of the legacy of The Next Generation. "The Next Generation" reunites the old crew almost by accident; "The Last Generation" is what that reunion turns out to have been for all along. A central continuity line shapes the season. Picard Season 3 recasts reunion nostalgia as an infiltration thriller, with the Changeling conspiracy making mistrust inside Starfleet the campaign's engine.

EPISODE 1

The Next Generation

Air Date: February 16, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2402
Runtime: 54 min

Decades after the crew of the Enterprise last served together, a cryptic, urgent distress call from Beverly Crusher pulls Picard out of his current life and back into contact with old friends he hasn't properly reconnected with in years. Riker joins him first, and the reunion aboard the USS Titan carries the weight of everything unresolved between them alongside the genuine warmth of old friendship rekindled. What starts as a rescue mission quickly reveals that Beverly has been running from something, or someone, for a very long time, and that whatever she's been protecting reaches further than either Picard or Riker initially assumes. By the episode's end, the reunion has stopped being nostalgic and started looking like the opening move in a conspiracy neither Starfleet nor its oldest officers fully understand yet.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · William Riker · Captain Liam Shaw · Laris

STORY ARC

Jack Crusher and the Borg BEGINS HERE

Jack Crusher's strange visions and concealed connection to the Borg drive Picard's final-season mystery, culminating in a confrontation that forces father and son to confront inherited trauma and the Collective's last gambit.

EPISODE 2

Disengage

Air Date: February 23, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: 2402
Runtime: 50 min

Seven and Picard dig into his own medical file and find that the Irumodic Syndrome diagnosis he's carried for years, the same illness once foretold in a vision of his future, was never real, planted as cover for a classified mission he has no memory of taking. That discovery lands hard just as Vadic's forces close in on the Titan, turning the search for answers about Picard's past into an immediate fight to keep his ship intact. Raffi's own investigation into the weapon Vadic is chasing leads her into a trap, and the episode ends with an old face from Picard's

past stepping out of the shadows to help. Jack, meanwhile, stays evasive about exactly what he knows, and it's increasingly clear his silence is hiding more than grief.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · William Riker · Worf · Captain Liam Shaw · Captain Vadic

EPISODE 3

Seventeen Seconds

Air Date: March 2, 2023 — **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — — **Runtime:** 56 min

The mystery behind Beverly's distress call deepens fast, as evidence mounts that whatever she's been hiding from isn't a single enemy but an infiltration reaching deep into Starfleet itself, echoing fears about shapeshifting Changelings that the Federation thought it had put to rest decades earlier. Picard's search for answers collides directly with the most personal revelation of his life: Jack Crusher, Beverly's son, is his own, a truth she kept from him for reasons that are only starting to come into focus. Aboard the Titan, growing pressure from a relentless, unidentified pursuer named Vadic makes clear that whoever is after Beverly and Jack isn't going to stop chasing them now that Picard's involved too. What began as a rescue is quickly becoming a fight for a family Picard didn't know he had.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Deanna Troi · William Riker · Worf · Captain Liam Shaw

STORY ARC

Changelings BEGINS HERE

Picard Season 3 recasts reunion nostalgia as an infiltration thriller, with the Changeling conspiracy making mistrust inside Starfleet the campaign's engine.

EPISODE 4

No Win Scenario

Air Date: March 9, 2023 — **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — — **Runtime:** 58 min

The Titan is trapped in a gravity well with its systems failing, and Picard uses the time before likely death to finally talk to Jack Crusher about the mission where he lost people, the story he's never told anyone. Riker's marriage and Shaw's professionalism both crack under the same pressure. While the bridge crew works the physics problem, Seven and Shaw discover that Vadic is a Changeling working for someone who wants Jack specifically — and Jack's own flickers of memory suggest he knows more about why than he's said.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Deanna Troi · William Riker · Captain Liam Shaw · Captain Vadic

EPISODE 5

Imposters

Air Date: March 16, 2023 — **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — — **Runtime:** 55 min

The conspiracy chasing Beverly and Jack finally reveals its true shape: Vadic isn't simply a ruthless mercenary but a Changeling, working on behalf of someone with a very specific, deeply personal interest in capturing Jack

rather than simply eliminating him. The revelation reframes the entire season so far, turning what looked like a rescue mission into the opening stage of something engineered from far outside the Titan's control. Picard and his allies find new, unlikely help even as the true scope of the danger threatens relationships built over decades of shared service. With the truth about Vadic exposed, the crew now knows exactly what they're up against, even if they still don't fully understand why Jack matters enough to warrant this level of pursuit.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · William Riker · Worf · Captain Liam Shaw · Commander Ro Laren

EPISODE 6

The Bounty

Air Date: March 23, 2023 **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 53 min

Getting into Daystrom Station's vault takes more than clearance, so Picard and Riker lean on Worf's very particular skills to bypass security built to keep out exactly this kind of intrusion. What they're after traces back to the Red Directive, a classified assignment Picard undertook years earlier and has no clear memory of, and a flashback finally reveals who handed it to him and why. The files they recover point toward research far more dangerous than a single fugitive Changeling, tying the season's conspiracy to secrets Starfleet buried for a reason. Back aboard the Titan, Jack's blackouts keep getting harder to explain away as simple stress, and it's becoming clear his condition is tangled up in whatever the vault was protecting.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Deanna Troi · William Riker · Worf · Alandra La Forge

EPISODE 7

Dominion

Air Date: March 30, 2023 **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 47 min

Confirmation that Vadic and her crew are Changelings turns the Titan's already tense atmosphere into open paranoia, with old Dominion War wounds resurfacing among a crew now unsure who else might not be who they claim. Picard and Beverly finally have the conversation about Jack they've been avoiding, and it forces both of them to reckon with how much of his condition traces back to choices they made decades ago. Worf and Raffi's search for the source of the conspiracy closes in on a target far bigger than one rogue ship, hinting that Vadic answers to something the Federation hasn't reckoned with in a long time. By the episode's end, the threat has stopped looking like a manhunt and started looking like the opening stage of an attack on the fleet itself.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Data · Tuvok · William Riker · Alandra La Forge

EPISODE 8

Surrender

Air Date: April 6, 2023 **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 53 min

Vadic finally corners the Titan directly, and Picard has to decide how much he's willing to give up to keep his crew alive when she makes her demands personal. Jack becomes the clear center of her interest rather than a bargaining chip, and the pressure exposes just how little anyone aboard, including Jack himself, understands about

what makes him valuable to her employer. Help arrives from Worf and Raffi at the worst possible moment for Vadic, forcing a confrontation that finally starts to answer who she's really working for. The truth that surfaces isn't the one anyone expected, and it leaves Picard facing a threat with far deeper roots than a single Changeling operative.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Data · Deanna Troi · William Riker · Worf

STORY ARC

Changelings CONCLUDES HERE

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EPISODE 9

Võx

Air Date: April 13, 2023 **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 48 min

The season's real enemy finally comes into focus: a reconstituted Borg Queen who has been quietly assembling her endgame for years, using Jack as the key to it without his full understanding or consent. Jack's visions and blackouts are revealed to be the Queen's call, a connection traced back to changes made to Picard's own body decades earlier that he passed on to his son without ever knowing it. As the Queen's plan for Starfleet's assembled fleet at Frontier Day comes into view, Jack begins to slip under her influence even as he fights to hold onto himself. The episode ends with the Titan's crew racing against a threat far larger than Vadic ever was, and a cost that lands close to home.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Data · Deanna Troi · William Riker · Worf

EPISODE 10

The Last Generation

Air Date: April 20, 2023 **Timeline:** 2402
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 63 min

The Borg Queen's plan to assimilate the fleet gathered for Frontier Day comes to a head, and Picard turns to the one ship built to fight her: the restored Enterprise-D, crewed again by the old team for what everyone understands may be the last time. Data, made whole again after years of fragments and copies, proves essential to breaking the Queen's hold over the fleet's systems. Jack, fighting the Queen's influence from the inside, becomes the deciding factor in severing her control before she can turn Starfleet's own ships against it. The finale closes out both the season and the Next Generation crew's story on their own terms, the fleet saved and Jack stepping toward a Starfleet future of his own.

CHARACTERS	Jean-Luc Picard · Seven of Nine · Raffi Musiker · Jack Crusher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Beverly Crusher · Data · Deanna Troi · Tuvok · William Riker

STORY ARC

Data, Lore, and the Soong Family CONCLUDES HERE

Data's search for what it means to be more than his programming keeps circling back to his creator's family and his own darker double: Dr. Noonian Soong's hidden agenda, Lore's resentment curdling into outright betrayal at the head of a rogue Borg faction, and, decades later, the Soong legacy resurfacing one last time to help settle who — and what — Data ultimately becomes.

Jack Crusher and the Borg CONCLUDES HERE

Jack Crusher's strange visions and concealed connection to the Borg drive Picard's final-season mystery, culminating in a confrontation that forces father and son to confront inherited trauma and the Collective's last gambit.

THE AGE OF RECONNECTION

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THE AGE OF RECONNECTION (3188+)

One instant. Every active warp core in the galaxy detonates at once, and the Burn reduces a thousand years of interstellar civilization to isolated embers. Into that wreckage steps the crew of the *Discovery*, nearly a millennium out of their own time, to find a Federation contracted to a fraction of its former self and headquartered in hiding. This is not a power at its height. It is a civilization trying to prove its founding principles still matter after systemic collapse.

Starfleet's mission shifts from expansion to restoration. Admiral Vance, and eventually Michael Burnham herself, treat every renewed contact as a test of memory: whether old alliances and old promises can be rebuilt under radically different conditions. The search for the cause of the Burn, and the discovery of the frightened, grieving child behind it, makes the lesson literal. Catastrophe has a human face, and repair begins by finding it.

What defines the period is repair, not conquest. The Emerald Chain exploits the same fragmentation the Federation is trying to heal, and the choice between coercion and patient rebuilding becomes the real ideological battle. Even when advanced technology returns, it does not undo the damage done by isolation.

As structure returns across a wounded galaxy, the Federation becomes a symbol of resilience rather than dominance.

Grandeur is restored here by indirect means — not imperial scale, but the patient reassembly of trust, infrastructure, and shared purpose.

CHAPTER 15

STARFLEET ACADEMY

First Aired: January 15, 2026 **Last Aired:** March 12, 2026 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 10 **Network:** Paramount+

A new generation of cadets enters Starfleet Academy as the United Federation of Planets rebuilds in the aftermath of the Burn. Set in the 32nd century following the events of Star Trek: Discovery, the series follows aspiring Starfleet officers as they confront demanding training, personal challenges, and the responsibilities of service while helping shape the Federation's future. From “Kids These Days” to “Rubicon”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring continuity threads deepen that shape. It defines Academy's inaugural cadet cohort by charting how rivalry, discipline, and shared danger forge a generation of future officers. It pushes Academy beyond competition and into real danger when sabotage and anti-Federation extremism turn training into a live security crisis.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 3195

First Aired: January 15, 2026 **Last Aired:** March 12, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardates: 853724.6–869631.7

The first season follows a new generation of cadets entering Starfleet Academy during the Federation's reconstruction following the Burn and the reunification efforts depicted in Star Trek: Discovery. As they navigate rigorous training, personal challenges, and the responsibilities of service, the season measures what Starfleet actually asks of those preparing to lead its future, not in lectures, but in the moments each cadet has to choose. "Kids These Days" opens on cadets still sorting out who they are; "Rubicon" closes on a cohort that has been tested enough to know. A central continuity line shapes the season. It defines Academy's inaugural cadet cohort by charting how rivalry, discipline, and shared danger forge a generation of future officers.

EPISODE 1

Kids These Days

Air Date: January 15, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 75 min

After being on the run since age six, twenty-one-year-old Caleb, a brilliant criminal hacker, is offered the chance of a lifetime: a spot in the first new Starfleet Academy class in San Francisco in over a century. There's just one problem, the person offering him that spot is newly minted Chancellor Nahla Ake, the very Starfleet captain who sentenced his mother to Federation prison fifteen years earlier. Accepting means walking straight into the orbit of the woman who broke his family apart, a decision that costs Caleb something before he's even set foot on campus. The series premiere opens the Academy's inaugural cadet class on exactly that tension, promise and grievance sharing the same recruitment letter.

CHARACTERS	Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dot · Anisha Mir · Charles Vance · Darem's Posse

STORY ARC

Academy BEGINS HERE

Defines Academy's inaugural cadet cohort by charting how rivalry, discipline, and shared danger forge a generation of future officers.

EPISODE 2

Beta Test

Air Date: January 15, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 60 min

Caleb's second week at the Academy hasn't done much to quiet the doubt that followed him in from his first, and a diplomatic assignment lands on him at exactly the wrong moment to prove otherwise. Escorting the daughter of a visiting dignitary from a onetime Federation ally means representing an institution Caleb isn't sure he belongs to, to a guest with every reason to be skeptical of it. What starts as a formality becomes the first real test of whether he can act like an officer before he feels like one, diplomacy included. By the end of the visit, Caleb hasn't resolved his doubts about the Academy so much as found a reason to keep showing up anyway.

CHARACTERS	Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dot · Almond Basket · Charles Vance · Commander Kelrec · Darem's Posse

EPISODE 3

Vitus Reflux

Air Date: January 22, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 64 min

Cadets Darem Reymi and Genesis Lythe become bitter rivals during tryouts for Calica, the Academy's laser-tag-style combat sport, with Darem manipulating Genesis's insecurities to win the team captaincy for himself. His aggressive strategy backfires badly enough that Genesis ends up taking command anyway, a reversal that does nothing to cool the rivalry between them. Escalating pranks between the Academy and the rival War College spiral into a secret midnight Calica match, shut down by instructors Lura Thok and Jett Reno before it gets genuinely dangerous. A quiet moment between Reno and Darem about her relationship with Lura ends up pushing him to reconcile with Genesis and hand the captaincy back to her outright.

CHARACTERS	Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS	B'Avi · Dot · Botany Instructor · Commander Kelrec · Darem's Posse

EPISODE 4

Vox in Excelso

Air Date: January 29, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 58 min

Klingon cadet Jay-Den Kraag learns that a ship carrying members of the remaining Great Houses has crashed, threatening what's left of his people with extinction, and that his own family may be among the dead. Even under that uncertainty, he insists on defending a deliberately provocative debate topic in class: that Starfleet should stay entirely out of Klingon affairs. Flashbacks reveal the weight behind his conviction, a refugee childhood, a strained relationship with his warrior father, and a brother lost to poisoning, all of it shaping a young man

determined not to owe the Federation anything. General Wochak, moved by Jay-Den's argument, ultimately allows Chancellor Ake to stage a mock battle preserving Klingon honor without real Federation intervention, and reveals that Jay-Den's family survived after all, a rare piece of good news that finally lets him reconcile with Caleb.

CHARACTERS	Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dot · Charles Vance · Drekol · Enok · Haile

EPISODE 5

Series Acclimation Mil

Air Date: February 5, 2026
Stardate: —
Timeline: 3195
Runtime: 58 min

SAM, the Academy's sole photonic cadet, is given seven days by her creators to solve a genuine historical mystery: the long-unexplained disappearance of Captain Benjamin Sisko. Her investigation costs her some goodwill early on when she dismisses Bajoran students' faith outright, a misstep Chancellor Ake has to redirect before it does real damage. With Caleb's help simulating intoxication to blend into the bar where Sisko allegedly once brawled as a cadet, SAM uncovers pieces of the story while inadvertently helping pair up two budding romances among her classmates. A visit from Jake Sisko himself, and the revelation that her mentor Professor Illa Dax is the current host of the Dax symbiont that once guided his father, leaves Sisko's actual fate unresolved, but gives SAM a clearer sense of what balancing duty and identity actually looks like.

CHARACTERS	Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS	B'Avi · Benjamin Sisko · Jake Sisko · Commander Kelrec · Dzolo

EPISODE 6

Come, Let's Away

Air Date: February 12, 2026
Stardate: —
Timeline: 3195
Runtime: 62 min

Tarima and Caleb's relationship frays hard after she telepathically picks up troubling truths about his mother, tension that's still raw when Ake and a War College commander run a joint training exercise aboard the derelict USS Miyazaki. A cloaked ship of the Furies, cannibalistic scavengers assembled from human and alien hybrids, ambushes the derelict, ejecting an officer out an airlock and taking hostages before anyone can react. Ake reluctantly calls in the pirate Nus Braka, who's beaten the Furies before, only to discover too late that he's secretly allied with them as part of a longer con aimed at revenge against Starfleet. Tarima tears out her own power-inhibiting implant to stun the attackers with an unrestrained telepathic blast, but the rescue costs a cadet's life, and Braka escapes to strike a Federation station and taunt Ake directly.

CHARACTERS	Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS	B'Avi · Charles Vance · Commander Kelrec · Kyle Jokovich · Med Tech

EPISODE 7

Ko'Zeine

Air Date: February 19, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 55 min

About a month after the Miyazaki attack, Genesis is recommended for a prestigious captaincy program, only to be caught altering her Academy application with Caleb's help and forced to confess she'd lied on the original one, costing her the recommendation even as she stays enrolled. Meanwhile Darem is mysteriously abducted from his dorm, a crisis that turns out to be nothing sinister at all, just a Khionian pre-marriage ritual tied to a childhood betrothal he's never told anyone about. With his family's monarchy abdicating due to illness, the wedding suddenly accelerates, and Jay-Den steps in as his best man even as his own vacation with his boyfriend gets interrupted to be there for him. His intended bride, seeing exactly how much of himself Darem has suppressed to fit the role expected of him, quietly urges him to let her annul the marriage so he can go back to being a Starfleet cadet instead of a monarch's husband.

CHARACTERS Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS Kaira · Kyle Jokovich · Quill

EPISODE 8

The Life of the Stars

Air Date: February 26, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 64 min

Still processing trauma from the Miyazaki attack, the cadets work through it in drama therapy led by visiting instructor Sylvia Tilly, using Thornton Wilder's Our Town as an unlikely vehicle for grief neither Tarima nor the rest of the class wants to name directly. The real crisis unfolds elsewhere: SAM, still damaged from the earlier attack, begins malfunctioning beyond what the Doctor can repair, forcing Ake to bring her home to her creators on Kasq to face her Maker's judgment. Rather than accept the Maker's ruling that SAM is unrepairable and should be terminated, Ake proposes rebuilding her as a child instead, letting her develop resilience the slow way rather than simply patching over what's broken. Seventeen Kasq years pass in barely two weeks back at the Academy, and the emotional reunion that follows forces the Doctor to finally confront grief of his own he's never fully let himself feel.

CHARACTERS Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok
GUEST CHARACTERS Sylvia Tilly · Maker · Ocam Sadal

STORY ARC
Extremists BEGINS HERE
Pushes Academy beyond competition and into real danger when sabotage and anti-Federation extremism turn training into a live security crisis.

EPISODE 9

300th Night

Air Date: March 5, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 57 min

With SAM's help, Caleb finally tracks down two years of unanswered messages pinpointing his mother Anisha Mir's location on the planet Ukeck, a lead he can't ignore even after overhearing Admiral Vance discuss a cata-

strophic new threat: stolen Omega-class mines capable of both mass destruction and crippling warp travel across the Federation. Caleb and SAM steal a shuttle, dragging Genesis and Darem along for the ride, and reach Ukeck for a reunion with Anisha that's as tense as it is emotional, given how hostile she remains toward the Starfleet that imprisoned her. When Venari Ral forces attack the planet, Anisha's hostility gives way to necessity, and she helps fight them off long enough for Ake to evacuate everyone aboard the USS Athena. The episode ends on a gut-punch of a cliffhanger: Braka has ringed the entire Federation with Omega mines, leaving the Athena as the only ship free to act, and Ake and Anisha, former jailer and prisoner, forced into the same medbay together.

CHARACTERS Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok

GUEST CHARACTERS Anisha Mir · Charles Vance · Commander Kelrec

STORY ARC

Extremists CONCLUDES HERE

Pushes Academy beyond competition and into real danger when sabotage and anti-Federation extremism turn training into a live security crisis.

EPISODE 10

Rubicon

Air Date: March 12, 2026 **Timeline:** 3195

Stardate: — **Runtime:** 68 min

Braka threatens to detonate the Omega mines and destroy two hundred and forty inhabited planets, backed by a cartel of non-Federation worlds eager to see Starfleet humbled. When he and the Venari Ral finally arrive to collect on his threat, Ake bluffs her way through a confrontation, claiming she rescued Anisha purely to honor a promise made to Caleb, and appears to lose the Athena entirely to Braka's attack before the Doctor's hidden holographic decoy reveals the truth. Braka stages a galaxy-wide broadcast trial pitting Ake against Anisha, framing the Federation as guilty of abandoning his impoverished home colony, until Caleb and Ake reveal that it was Braka's own father, not the Federation, who accidentally destroyed it while building a weapon of his own. The revelation collapses Braka's support just as SAM completes the algorithm needed to stabilize the mines, and Federation ships arrive to arrest him and his allies as the season closes with the cadets heading into summer break and Anisha, however reluctantly, accepting Caleb's commitment to the Academy.

CHARACTERS Nahla Ake · Caleb Mir · Jay-Den Kraag · Series Acclimation Mil 'Sam' · Darem Reymi · Genesis Lythe · Tarima Sadal · Lura Thok

GUEST CHARACTERS Anisha Mir · Charles Vance · Nus Braka

STORY ARC

Academy CONCLUDES HERE

Defines Academy's inaugural cadet cohort by charting how rivalry, discipline, and shared danger forge a generation of future officers.

ALTERNATE TIMELINE

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Not every story sits on the main line. The Kelvin films begin with Nero's incursion at the USS Kelvin in 2233, a single act of violence that splits off an entire universe of younger, rougher versions of Kirk, Spock, and the crew — same origin, different physics of consequence from that point forward. Across three feature films, that universe develops its own pace and its own risks, a Starfleet still finding its footing rather than the seasoned institution the numbered eras eventually produce.

Short Treks work on a different axis entirely. Rather than building an ongoing arc, each one is a self-contained pocket story, dropped into a specific moment of the primary timeline — a quiet character beat, a one-off premise, a corner of the franchise too small to justify a season but too interesting to leave alone. Some sit before the events of a numbered era, some beside them, and a few nowhere in particular; what they share isn't chronology so much as scale.

What groups this chapter together, then, isn't a shared timeline so much as a shared shape — canon material that stands alone rather than accumulating across an ordered run, and so doesn't fit the era-by-era structure the rest of this guide follows. Treat it as a set of detours: each one complete on its own, none of them required reading for what comes next.

CHAPTER 16

KELVIN TIMELINE FILMS

First Aired: May 8, 2009 **Last Aired:** July 22, 2016 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 3

These three feature films reimagine Star Trek through the Kelvin timeline, a branch created by catastrophe and historical disruption that leaves familiar figures recognizably themselves while placing them under altered conditions from the start. Kirk, Spock, and McCoy return not as simple repetitions of their earlier incarnations, but as younger, rougher, more unstable versions of the same legendary triad, forced to become a crew inside a universe already bent out of shape.

Across the trilogy, the emphasis shifts from origin to pressure to reaffirmation. The films accelerate the franchise's pace and scale, but their deeper continuity lies in the gradual formation of trust, command, and shared purpose under a history that no longer unfolds as expected. What emerges is not a replacement for the prime timeline, but a parallel saga about inheritance under rupture: Star Trek's central bonds tested again in a reality where destiny survives, even when chronology does not.

FEATURE FILMS

YEARS: 2258–2263

First Aired: May 8, 2009 **Last Aired:** July 22, 2016 **Timeline:** 2258–2263 **Stardates:** 2233.0–2263.2

Star Trek

Air Date: May 8, 2009
Stardate: 2233.04
Timeline: 2258
Runtime: 127 min

The 2009 Star Trek reintroduces the franchise through catastrophe, beginning with the destruction of the USS Kelvin and the creation of an alternate timeline shaped by Nero's intervention. From that rupture, the film rebuilds the origin stories of Kirk, Spock, and the Enterprise crew, turning familiar icons into younger, rougher, and more volatile versions of themselves. Its central achievement is less rebooting continuity than dramatizing the act of divergence itself.

Kirk and Spock are placed at the emotional center as mirrored prodigies whose strengths are inseparable from their instability. Kirk's brilliance is tangled with immaturity and recklessness, while Spock's discipline is strained by grief, anger, and divided identity. Their early conflict gives the film its momentum, because the Enterprise does not truly become the Enterprise until these two men learn how to trust each other without losing what makes them distinct.

The film's faster pace and action-forward style make it one of the franchise's clearest attempts to translate Star Trek for blockbuster-era expectations. Yet it retains the essential grammar of the series: a crew becoming a family, a crisis that involves both science and morality, and a future defined not by fatalism but by the possibility of chosen purpose. Even its most kinetic set pieces are ultimately in service of reassembling values as much as characters.

Within the broader canon, this film performs a delicate balancing act. It preserves the prime timeline rather than erasing it, while establishing the Kelvin branch as its own legitimate narrative space. That decision frees the film to reinterpret beloved figures without pretending the earlier versions no longer matter. The result is a restart that behaves less like replacement than parallel inheritance.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Nyota Uhura · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Christopher Pike
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Nero · Spock Prime · Sarek · Amanda Grayson · George Kirk · Winona Kirk · Gaila · Richard Robau · Keenser

Star Trek Into Darkness

Air Date: May 16, 2013
Timeline: 2259
Stardate: 2259.55
Runtime: 132 min

Star Trek Into Darkness begins by testing the crew's unity after the rapid ascent that concluded the previous film. A devastating act of terror draws Starfleet into crisis, and the pursuit of the mysterious John Harrison leads Kirk and his officers into a story about militarization, secrecy, and the danger of allowing fear to redefine institutional ethics. The plot deliberately places the Enterprise between duty to command and suspicion of the system giving those commands.

Kirk's journey is one of maturation through failure. He enters the film still treating responsibility as something he can improvise around, but the losses and revelations that follow force him to reckon with the difference between daring and judgment. Spock, meanwhile, becomes the moral counterweight who insists that logic without conscience is no solution and that command requires more than instinctive courage. Their relationship continues to evolve into the partnership that anchors the crew.

The film also reworks familiar Wrath of Khan material through a different political frame. Rather than centering only on revenge, it places its drama inside a Starfleet establishment tempted by preemptive violence and covert manipulation. That choice makes the movie less about repeating a classic villain beat for beat and more about exploring how celebrated institutions can rationalize dangerous methods when they believe the future is under threat.

As part of the Kelvin trilogy, Into Darkness is the middle chapter that complicates the optimistic launch of its predecessor. It asks whether Starfleet can remain recognizably itself under pressure and whether Kirk can become the captain the Enterprise actually needs. Even when the film courts spectacle and controversy, its strongest material lies in its insistence that power without accountability is corrosive, no matter how noble the banner under which it operates.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Nyota Uhura · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Christopher Pike · Carol Marcus
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Khan Noonien Singh · Alexander Marcus · Spock Prime · Thomas Harewood · Rima Harewood

Star Trek Beyond

Air Date: July 22, 2016
Timeline: 2263
Stardate: 2263.2
Runtime: 122 min

When the Enterprise answers what appears to be a distress call near Yorktown, the crew is ambushed, the ship is torn apart, and the surviving officers are scattered across an unfamiliar planet. The disaster strips away the technological and organizational safety that usually surrounds Starfleet operations, leaving the crew to function in fragments before they can function as a whole. That structural reset gives the film a survival-adventure energy that feels both cinematic and recognizably Trek.

Beyond uses separation to clarify character. Kirk is questioning the shape of his future, Spock is quietly confronting grief and legacy, and nearly every major officer is given a chance to matter through competence rather than spectacle alone. The film understands that "ship" barely covers what the Enterprise is; it is a social struc-

ture that expresses the crew's ability to combine unlike talents into a common mission. Rebuilding that unity becomes the real plot.

Its antagonist and conflict push the story toward a familiar but productive Star Trek question: what happens when someone who once believed in exploration and cooperation becomes convinced that only hardness, purity, or endless conflict can preserve civilization? The answer the film offers is not naïve optimism, but recommitment. Starfleet's ideals survive here because they are chosen again under pressure, not because they are easy or automatic.

As the conclusion of the Kelvin trilogy, Beyond feels less interested in escalation than in reaffirmation. It turns away from pure origin-story momentum and asks what the crew stands for once the novelty has worn off. In that sense, it is the Kelvin film most openly in conversation with the franchise's deeper traditions: exploration, mutual reliance, and the belief that community is stronger than fear.

CHARACTERS	James T. Kirk · Spock · Leonard McCoy · Nyota Uhura · Montgomery Scott · Hikaru Sulu · Pavel Chekov · Jaylah
SUPPORTING CHARACTERS	Krall · Kalara · Manas

CHAPTER 17

SHORT TREKS / SHORTS

First Aired: October 4, 2018 **Last Aired:** January 9, 2020 **Seasons:** 2 **Episodes:** 10 **Network:** Paramount+

An anthology of standalone stories set across multiple eras of the Star Trek universe. Each short explores characters, species, events, or ideas that expand the larger setting while providing additional context for Discovery, Picard, and other series. The collection showcases a variety of storytelling styles while enriching the broader timeline. From “Runaway” to “Children of Mars”, the run accumulates consequences more steadily than its episodic reputation might suggest. Recurring characters, rivalries, and institutional pressures give the series a stronger cumulative history than any single mission can contain.

SEASON ONE

YEARS: 2239–FAR FUTURE

First Aired: October 4, 2018 **Last Aired:** January 3, 2019 **Timeline:** 2239–Far future

The first season of Short Treks uses standalone stories to explore characters, settings, and ideas that exist alongside the larger Star Trek universe. Each episode focuses on a unique perspective, ranging from Starfleet officers and civilians to artificial intelligences and unfamiliar lifeforms. The anthology format allows the series to experiment with tone, structure, and storytelling while expanding the backgrounds of established characters. Several entries provide additional context for Discovery and future Star Trek stories. The season demonstrates how even brief adventures can illuminate important themes of curiosity, compassion, and exploration. "Runaway" and "The Escape Artist" have almost nothing in common except the format — which is precisely the point of an anthology built to go wherever a single idea leads. Nothing here is meant to accumulate; each entry is judged entirely on its own terms, and the season’s value is in the range of perspectives rather than in any thread connecting them.

EPISODE 1

Runaway

Air Date: October 4, 2018
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 25 min

Ensign Sylvia Tilly discovers an unexpected stowaway aboard the USS Discovery when Po, a young Xahean princess, sneaks aboard seeking to escape an arranged future she never agreed to. Helping her avoid detection draws Tilly into an unlikely friendship built on trust neither of them expected to find in a crisis like this. Po's scientific talent turns out to be remarkable enough that it's clearly going to matter well beyond this one voyage. By the time Po makes her choice about what comes next, both women have talked their way into a little more confidence about their own paths forward.

CHARACTERS	Sylvia Tilly, Me Hani Ika Hali Ka Po
GUEST CHARACTERS	Siobhan Tilly, Dock Crew #1

EPISODE 2

Calypso

Air Date: November 8, 2018 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 28 min

Centuries after being abandoned, the USS Discovery is kept running by its sentient computer Zora, faithfully maintaining the ship alone under standing orders nobody's left to countermand. A stranded survivor named Craft arrives unexpectedly, and the two form a quiet, curious friendship built on nothing more than shared company in an otherwise empty ship. As Craft prepares to leave and continue his journey home, Zora is left to face the loneliness of staying behind exactly as she always has. It's a small, contained story, but one that asks a genuinely large question about what it means to keep waiting, and keep caring, long after anyone's left to notice.

CHARACTERS Craft
GUEST CHARACTERS Zora

EPISODE 3

The Brightest Star

Air Date: December 6, 2018 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 26 min

On the pre-warp world of Kaminar, the young Kelpien Saru dreams of a life beyond the fear that defines every part of his people's existence, a longing that draws the attention of Captain Philippa Georgiou during a survey mission. She offers him a chance no Kelpien has ever been given before, and Saru has to choose between the only life he's ever known and a future built on exploration rather than fear. His decision to leave Kaminar behind marks the first step of a journey that will eventually carry him all the way to Starfleet. It's a quiet origin story for a character whose entire arc will keep circling back to this same choice: fear versus the unknown.

CHARACTERS Saru Siranna
GUEST CHARACTERS Aradar Philippa Georgiou

EPISODE 4

The Escape Artist

Air Date: January 3, 2019 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 25 min

Harry Mudd keeps getting captured by bounty hunters, and keeps talking, scheming, and outright lying his way free through schemes elaborate enough to leave everyone involved questioning what was even real. Each new capture reveals that Mudd saw the whole thing coming well before his captors did, treating every trap as just another stage in a con he's already three steps ahead of. His gift for deception turns out to be exactly as useful for survival as any weapon or ship could be. It's a lighthearted showcase for one of the franchise's most reliably untrustworthy characters, built entirely around watching him talk his way out of trouble he mostly created himself.

CHARACTERS Harry Mudd Tevrin Krit
GUEST CHARACTERS —

SEASON TWO

YEAR: 2324

First Aired: October 5, 2019 **Last Aired:** January 9, 2020 **Timeline:** 2324 **Stardates:** 1421.9

Season two broadens the scope of Short Treks by connecting multiple eras of Star Trek history through a diverse collection of standalone adventures. Stories explore the lives of familiar characters, introduce new concepts, and provide additional insight into events that influence larger series. The format allows for both lighthearted and dramatic storytelling while maintaining a focus on discovery and character growth. Several episodes serve as bridges between major productions, enriching the wider continuity of the franchise. The season highlights the flexibility of Star Trek's universe and its ability to tell meaningful stories from many different perspectives. From "Q&A" to "Children of Mars," the season keeps changing eras and characters entirely, using the format to visit corners of the timeline the flagship shows don't have room for. As with the first season, the throughline is the format itself rather than any single returning story — each short stands alone by design.

EPISODE 1

Q&A

Air Date: October 5, 2019
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 33 min

Newly assigned to the Enterprise, Ensign Spock gets stuck in a malfunctioning turbolift with Number One almost as soon as he comes aboard, an awkward accident that turns into something more useful than either of them expects. Their conversation drifts from small talk into real territory, Starfleet service, personal identity, and the particular difficulty of trying to belong somewhere that doesn't quite know what to make of you yet. What starts as a stalled elevator becomes an early moment of genuine mentorship between two officers who'll spend years serving together. It's a small window into the Enterprise crew well before Pike's five-year mission even begins, catching two future legends at their most uncertain.

CHARACTERS	Lt. Amin · Upjohn
GUEST CHARACTERS	Spock · Number One · Christopher Pike

EPISODE 2

The Trouble with Edward

Air Date: October 10, 2019
Stardate: 1421.9
Timeline: 2324
Runtime: 30 min

Scientist Edward Larkin pursues an ambitious tribble breeding experiment aboard a small Starfleet vessel, brushing off every warning from his commanding officer about exactly how fast these creatures multiply. His refusal to take the danger seriously turns a contained research project into an infestation nobody aboard is prepared to handle. What starts as scientific curiosity spirals into a mess with consequences that ripple well beyond this one ship. The short doubles as an origin story for one of the franchise's most infamous nuisances, explaining, with a straight face, exactly how tribbles became Starfleet's problem in the first place.

CHARACTERS	Lynne Lucero · Edward Larkin
GUEST CHARACTERS	Sarah · Christopher Pike

EPISODE 3

Ask Not

Air Date: November 14, 2019
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 29 min

Cadet Thira Sidhu faces the toughest command evaluation of her career when Captain Pike appears to have fallen into enemy hands during a dangerous mission gone wrong. Unsure who she can actually trust aboard ship, Sidhu has to weigh compassion against duty while protecting sensitive Starfleet information from people who

may not be who they claim to be. Every choice she makes under pressure becomes a direct test of judgment, integrity, and whether she's actually ready for the responsibility she's about to be handed. By the end, Sidhu has earned her command evaluation the hard way, through a crisis that gave her no easy answers to lean on.

CHARACTERS	Spock · Number One
GUEST CHARACTERS	Cadet Thira Sidhu · Christopher Pike

EPISODE 4

Ephraim and Dot

Air Date: December 12, 2019
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 33 min

A young tardigrade named Ephraim and a diligent repair robot named Dot spend decades quietly living through Star Trek history together, their small, animated adventures intersecting with events straight out of The Original Series and the early feature films. Their bond deepens through constant, low-key danger that neither of them treats as anything more than part of the job, relying on determination, curiosity, and a healthy dose of luck to get through it. Watching two of the franchise's smallest characters brush up against its biggest moments gives the whole thing a playful, behind-the-scenes charm. It's less a single story than a loving miniature tour through decades of Star Trek's own history, told from ground level.

CHARACTERS	Narrator · USS Enterprise Computer
GUEST CHARACTERS	Khan · Capt. James T. Kirk · Hikaru Sulu

EPISODE 5

The Girl Who Made the Stars

Air Date: December 12, 2019
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 29 min

A frightened young Michael Burnham, struggling with grief, is comforted by her father through the story of a courageous girl who creates the stars themselves out of nothing but hope and sheer determination. The tale becomes something Burnham carries with her for the rest of her life, a piece of family myth that keeps resurfacing whenever she needs it most. Blending inherited storytelling with genuine parental comfort, the short frames resilience as something passed down rather than discovered alone. It's a small, intimate origin point for one of the franchise's defining characters, built entirely around a bedtime story rather than a single dramatic event.

CHARACTERS	Mike Burnham · Young Michael Burnham
GUEST CHARACTERS	Multiple

EPISODE 6

Children of Mars

Air Date: January 9, 2020
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 26 min

Two schoolgirls on Mars, locked in a petty, long-running rivalry, find it instantly meaningless the moment the Synth attack on Utopia Planitia devastates their colony around them. Forced to face something neither of them could have imagined, they discover real compassion for each other where there had only been resentment moments before. The catastrophe they live through becomes one of the defining events that sets the stage for everything Star Trek: Picard builds on afterward. It's a small, human-scale window into a disaster the wider franchise treats as history, told through two kids who have no idea yet how much it's about to change.

CHARACTERS	Mom Teacher
GUEST CHARACTERS	Dad Kima Secretary Lil Principal

BEYOND THE CANON

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Starfleet Scouts and Very Short Treks were never meant to extend continuity. They sit a deliberate step outside the main canon this guide otherwise tracks era by era — shorter, broader, and often played for laughs, built for younger audiences or for a quick aside rather than another chapter of in-universe history. Where the numbered eras ask how one event leads to the next, this material mostly isn't trying to answer that question at all.

That's not a knock against it. A franchise this large accumulates side projects the way any long-running universe does, and cataloguing them honestly means being clear about what they are: playful, small-scale, and not built to bear the weight of continuity the way a season of a flagship series is. Nothing here overwrites or complicates the record kept in the numbered eras before it, and nothing in the numbered eras depends on it either.

They're included for completeness, not consequence — material worth cataloguing on its own terms, clearly marked as sitting outside the canon whose uniforms it borrows, so a reader working through the guide always knows which kind of story they're in.

CHAPTER 18

STAR TREK: STARFLEET SCOUTS

First Aired: September 8, 2025 **Last Aired:** March 21, 2026 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 20

These shorts stand outside *Star Trek*'s primary continuity and belong to a lighter promotional branch of the franchise shaped by brevity, accessibility, and a younger target audience. Released through YouTube and seemingly kept at a relatively low profile compared with the franchise's major series launches, *Star Trek: Scouts* adapts familiar Trek ideas—training, teamwork, missions, problem-solving, and life aboard a starship—into short-form adventures designed to introduce children to the franchise in a playful, approachable, and simplified form.

Taken together, *Star Trek: Scouts* functions as a small companion wing to the larger screen archive: recognizably Trek in its vocabulary, values, and visual language, but not bound by the obligations of canon or by the tonal expectations of the mainline series. These entries are best understood as child-focused promotional and introductory works, showing how the franchise could be scaled down, clarified, and re-presented for a new audience without losing its underlying commitment to curiosity, cooperation, learning, and discovery.

SEASON ONE

YEARS: 2025–2026

First Aired: September 8, 2025 **Last Aired:** March 21, 2026

Season one of Star Trek: Scouts contains twenty short episodes that present the franchise's exploratory spirit in a child-friendly format. The season begins with the Asteroid Blasters run, where JR, Roo, and Sprocket solve colorful outer-space problems through teamwork and curiosity, and then continues into Holodeck Rescues, which shifts the trio into simulated rescue adventures centered on helping animals and outsmarting hazards. Across both arcs, the season emphasizes cooperation, problem-solving, kindness, and optimistic discovery.

EPISODE 1

Star Trek Scouts Defeat a SOAPY Asteroid in Space!

Air Date: September 8, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 4:00

A soap-bar-shaped asteroid drifting out of the Bathnar Nebula sets a collision course for Earth, and the newly formed Scouts get their first real test defending the planet. Their first attempt at breaking it apart fails outright, forcing JR, Roo, and Sprocket to improvise rather than lean on textbook Starfleet procedure. Dousing the asteroid in a tank of water turns out to be the answer, reducing the threat to a harmless cloud of soap bubbles the team ends up playing in. It's a fittingly silly launch for a season built around turning oddball space debris into problems young recruits can actually solve.

EPISODE 2

Star Trek Scouts SMASH a Meatball Asteroid in Space!

Air Date: September 8, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:39

A meatball-shaped asteroid tumbling out of the Noodle Nebula bears down on the Scouts' training center, and this time the fix calls for a bigger swing than soap and water. The team decides brute force is the way through, rigging up a giant fork to launch at the incoming threat. Skewering the meatball asteroid breaks it apart cleanly, ending the danger before it reaches the base. The episode keeps the Asteroid Blasters arc's format intact: an absurd cosmic hazard met with an equally absurd, kid-logic solution.

EPISODE 3

Star Trek Scouts Make FIREWORKS In Space!

Air Date: September 19, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:41

A chalk asteroid drifting in from the Omega Sidewalk sector threatens the Scouts' school, and the early attempts to stop it, a paper airplane, then crayons fired through the deflector wheel, go nowhere. Running out of gentler options, the team resorts to smashing it apart with a hammer instead. The impact pulverizes the asteroid into a cloud of colorful dust that scatters like a fireworks display, turning the crisis into an accidental celebration. It's one of the arc's clearest examples of the Scouts learning that not every threat needs a clever trick, sometimes it just needs a bigger hammer.

EPISODE 4

Star Trek Scouts Hit a Pickle Filled PIÑATA In Space!

Air Date: October 4, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:59

What looks like a menacing piñata-shaped asteroid drifting through the Pulsar Party system turns out to be exactly that, a piñata, and a birthday wish granted for Sprocket. Rather than treating it as a hazard to neutralize, the Scouts lean into the occasion and swing a baseball bat at it themselves. Cracking it open releases a shower of pickles instead of candy, a twist that keeps the joke going right to the end. The episode is the Asteroid Blasters arc's lightest entry, trading danger for a straightforward birthday gag.

EPISODE 5

Star Trek Scouts Blast a BOOGER Asteroid In Space!

Air Date: October 11, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:53

A booger-sized asteroid looming out of the aptly named Borg Booger Barrier gives the Scouts their grossest challenge yet. Tissues turn out to be the right tool for the job, sticking to the asteroid's surface and letting the team smash it apart piece by piece. The plan works, though not without a stray glob landing squarely on one Scout's head as a parting shot. It's peak gross-out humor for the series, using a genuinely disgusting premise to teach the same lesson as the rest of the arc: identify what the threat is actually made of before deciding how to beat it.

EPISODE 6

Star Trek Scouts Zap a Kernel Asteroid Into POPCORN!

Air Date: October 18, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:31

A corn-kernel asteroid drifting out of the Klingon Corn Cluster resists the Scouts' early attempts to melt it down with butter and a microwave blast, mostly because their own deflector is clogged. JR takes matters into his own hands, piloting a small craft equipped with a portable deflector dish to deliver focused microwave heat directly to the asteroid. The burst of heat pops the kernel into popcorn on the spot, turning a stubborn hazard into an edible reward. The episode leans on the arc's running gag, food-themed space debris solved with food-themed logic, while giving JR a solo piloting moment.

EPISODE 7

Star Trek Scouts Have a Disco Asteroid DANCE Party!

Air Date: November 1, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:59

A disco-ball asteroid spinning out of the Boogie Belt threatens the Scouts' school just as a friendly rivalry with a classmate named Finn heats up. Finn's attempt to solve it with a slime-ball option gets stolen out from under the team, forcing them to pivot fast. Dancing shoes turn out to be the actual answer, and using them against the asteroid shatters it into a burst of confetti instead of danger. It's one of the arc's more purely celebratory entries, closing on a party rather than a close call.

EPISODE 8

Star Trek Scouts Chomp Through a Bubble Gum Asteroid!

Air Date: November 8, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:32

A bubble-gum asteroid drifting out of the Candy Quark Galaxy shrugs off the Scouts' first plan, a snow-cone-style freeze attack that instead ices over their own equipment. Stuck with frozen gear and a still-intact threat, the team improvises a way to melt the ice using a phaser, teeth chattering through the whole process. Once thawed, they're able to finish the job and break the gum asteroid apart for good. The episode plays the arc's food-hazard formula for a rare failed-first-attempt twist before landing on the same everybody-improvises resolution.

EPISODE 9

Star Trek Scouts CRUMBLE a Cookie Asteroid!

Air Date: November 15, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:53

A cookie-shaped asteroid tumbling in from the Baker's Galaxy gives the Scouts their sweetest challenge of the arc. Rather than smashing or freezing it, the team decides dunking is the answer, launching a glass of milk directly at the asteroid. The impact shatters it into what the crew calls a delicious cookie shower, wrapping up the food-themed streak that's carried most of the season so far. It's a lighter, purely celebratory entry that leans fully into the arc's running joke rather than raising the stakes.

EPISODE 10

Star Trek Scouts Blast a Horta in Outer Space!

Air Date: December 6, 2025 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:58

Roo brings home a friendly, rock-eating creature that turns out to be a baby Horta, and its habit of leaving diamonds behind quickly catches the attention of the villain Shadowtrix. When a much larger, genuinely dangerous asteroid bears down on Earth, the Scouts realize their new pet might be the actual solution rather than something to protect from the crisis. Fired from the deflector cannon, the Horta grows to enormous size and devours the incoming asteroid whole, saving the day by doing exactly what Hortas do best. The episode closes the Asteroid Blasters arc by folding in a piece of real Original Series lore, giving the silliest season yet a direct link back to classic Trek.

EPISODE 11

Star Trek Scouts Save a Baby Animal!

Air Date: January 23, 2026 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:00

Opening the Holodeck Rescues arc, the Scouts run a volcano simulation and discover a baby Denebian Slimevark that's been separated from its mother across a lava gorge. JR straps on rocket boots to cross the gap himself, while Sprocket lures the frightened creature closer with a handful of replicated blueberries. Working together, the team manages to reunite the slimevark with its mother before the simulation's dangers catch up with them. It's a clean introduction to the season's new format, trading asteroid-smashing spectacle for hands-on animal rescue.

EPISODE 12

Star Trek Scouts Save a Baby Monkey in Outer Space!

Air Date: January 24, 2026 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:59

Shadowtrix returns as the season's recurring villain, this time making off with a baby Noble Nimbus monkey prized for the static electricity it generates. Chasing her down means punching through an asteroid storm and breaching the forcefield around her ship, no small task for the young Scouts. Once inside, the team frees the monkey and gets it safely back to its mother, denying Shadowtrix her prize. The episode establishes the Holodeck Rescues arc's basic villain-of-the-week rhythm, with Shadowtrix's schemes now the connective thread running through the back half of the season.

EPISODE 13

Star Trek Scouts Stop a Mudslide & Save Dinosaurs!

Air Date: January 25, 2026 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:18

A Galactic Pterodactyl gets trapped by a sudden mudslide, and the Scouts' rescue attempt with a tractor beam frees the creature but sends the displaced mud crashing into a nearby river, knocking a nest of eggs in with it. Roo takes point on the follow-up crisis, riding her hoverboard through the current to scoop up the hatchlings before they're lost. Reuniting both the adult pterodactyl and its newly hatched young closes out what starts as a straightforward rescue and escalates into two. The episode is a good example of how the Holodeck Rescues arc likes to complicate its rescues mid-mission rather than let them resolve cleanly on the first try.

EPISODE 14

Star Trek Scouts Save a Space Whale From a Black Hole!

Air Date: January 26, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 3:57

A gormagander, the show's version of a space whale, drifts too close to a black hole while feeding, and the Scouts' first instinct, a straightforward tractor-beam pull, backfires and traps Roo right alongside it. With two rescues now needed instead of one, the team switches to a slingshot maneuver around the black hole's edge to pull both the whale and their crewmate free. The plan works, but only because the Scouts abandon their original approach rather than force it to work. It's one of the higher-stakes entries in the Holodeck Rescues arc, using a real astrophysical hazard to raise the tension above the season's usual animal-of-the-week formula.

EPISODE 15

Star Trek Scouts vs. Shadowtrix in Underwater Mission!

Air Date: February 6, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 4:21

Shadowtrix strikes again, stealing a glowray's natural speed ability and fleeing into an underwater cave system to make her escape. The Scouts chase her through the trench and manage to trap her inside a giant clam, a decidedly low-tech solution to a high-tech theft. Recovering the stolen ability and restoring it to the glowray lets the episode close on the same rescue-and-return pattern the arc has been building since its first Shadowtrix encounter. The underwater setting gives the mission a different physical challenge than the volcano and asteroid-storm rescues that came before it.

EPISODE 16

Star Trek Scouts Defeat ROBOTS on the Moon!

Air Date: February 14, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 4:08

Two robots on the Moon get into an escalating fight over a single shared pogo stick, and their squabble threatens to destroy the burrow of a local moonchuck caught in the crossfire. Rather than treating the robots as a threat to defeat, the Scouts diagnose the actual problem, scarcity, and solve it by giving each robot a pogo stick of its own. The fix ends the fight instantly and protects the moonchuck's home without a single blast fired. It's one of the arc's more purely comedic rescues, built entirely around a kid-logic solution to a kid-logic conflict.

EPISODE 17

Star Trek Scouts Save a Chameleon's Invisible Power!

Air Date: February 28, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 4:12

Shadowtrix steals a baby chameleon's invisibility power, planning to use it to control a Klingon scepter, and this time the Scouts need help tracking her down. Their dog Zips takes the lead, using its sense of smell to locate Shadowtrix's hideout after visual methods come up empty. The team fights past her scanning robots to reach her, and Roo restores the stolen power to the chameleon once Shadowtrix is beaten back. The episode gives a supporting character, Zips, its biggest moment of the season so far, expanding the cast's toolkit beyond the Scouts' own gadgets.

EPISODE 18

Star Trek Scouts Rescue a Moon Alien!

Air Date: March 7, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 3:51

Shadowtrix's latest scheme involves enslaving a baby Horta, the episode's moon alien, to dig up a mystical moon pearl for her. Freeing it means the Scouts first have to escape a goo trap and ride out a moonquake, both obstacles Shadowtrix's operation throws in their way. A tractor beam ultimately saves both the captive Horta and, unexpectedly, Shadowtrix herself when her own plan turns dangerous. The Horta finishes the job by eating the pearl outright, denying Shadowtrix her prize in the same straightforwardly literal way the Horta from the Asteroid Blasters arc solved its own crisis.

EPISODE 19

Scouts Dive Into an Ocean Alien Planet!

Air Date: March 16, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 4:10

An underwater holodeck scenario sends the Scouts after a school of Lumia fish caught in a whirlpool, but the rescue goes sideways when Sprocket gets pulled in as well. What looks like a natural hazard turns out to have a cause: a giant whirlpool crab has been trapping the fish because it's afraid of the dark. Sprocket, still stuck in the whirlpool himself, works out the crab's actual problem and builds it a lantern, prompting it to let the fish go voluntarily. The episode swaps out villain-driven conflict for a rescue that resolves through empathy instead of a fight.

EPISODE 20

Scouts Go Hunting For FLUFFY PINK Aliens!

Air Date: March 21, 2026
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 4:21

A Klingon farmer's cornfield comes under siege from a swarm of small, fluffy pink aliens that multiply as fast as they eat, an unmistakable Original Series callback dressed up in kid-show packaging. Recognizing what they're actually dealing with, the Scouts lure the creatures away with tribble treats rather than trying to fight or contain them directly. Beaming the whole swarm somewhere safer saves the farmer's crop and closes out the season on a note of clever, low-conflict problem-solving. As the finale of the Holodeck Rescues arc and the season as a whole, it caps a run built on rescues and reversals with one more reminder that the Scouts' best solutions are usually the simplest ones.

CHAPTER 19

VERY SHORT TREKS

First Aired: September 8, 2023 **Last Aired:** October 4, 2023 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 5

These animated shorts depart from *Star Trek*'s primary continuity and embrace brevity, parody, and affectionate exaggeration. Collected here are entries that remix familiar crews, iconography, conflicts, and franchise habits into quick comic forms, using the speed of the short format to test alternate tones, visual jokes, and deliberately heightened scenarios that sit outside the logic of the canonical episode guide.

Taken together, *Very Short Treks* forms a playful counter-archive: not a continuation of *Star Trek*'s internal history, but a reflection on its recognizability, elasticity, and cultural afterlife. These pieces foreground homage over continuity and celebration over chronology, showing how the franchise can sustain satire, tribute, absurdity, and stylistic experimentation while remaining immediately legible as *Star Trek*.

Their value lies not in narrative consequence, but in what they reveal about franchise identity. Because the shorts assume a viewer already knows the rhythms, images, and habits of Trek, they depend on recognition as much as invention. In that way, they document a different mode of endurance: the point at which a long-running body of work becomes flexible enough to parody itself without losing coherence. If the main guide records the franchise as screen history, these entries record part of its comic and self-reflective afterlife.

SEASON ONE

YEAR: 2023

First Aired: September 8, 2023 **Last Aired:** October 4, 2023

Season one of Star Trek: Very Short Treks consists of five non-canon animated comedy shorts released for the fiftieth anniversary of The Animated Series. Using familiar characters and classic franchise situations, the season leans into parody, exaggeration, and self-aware humor while treating Star Trek history as playful material rather than strict continuity. The result is a brief but deliberate celebration of the franchise's iconography, voices, and long cultural afterlife.

EPISODE 1

Skin a Cat

Air Date: September 8, 2023 **Timeline:** Unknown
Stardate: — **Runtime:** 3:48

During a Klingon attack, the Enterprise's captain keeps offending his own crew with figures of speech they interpret literally. The short turns a routine crisis into a rapid-fire parody of command decisions, language, and classic animated-era absurdity.

EPISODE 2

Holiday Party

Air Date: September 13, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 4:01

At a First Contact Day party aboard the Enterprise, Spock takes charge of the entertainment and unveils a "blooper reel" that becomes increasingly disturbing. The short uses holiday framing and franchise self-parody to poke at Star Trek tone, continuity, and cast image.

EPISODE 3

Worst Contact

Air Date: September 20, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 3:14

William Riker and Beverly Crusher attempt first contact with an alien species whose customs quickly become revolting. The joke is built around the collapse of diplomatic decorum, turning a familiar Star Trek premise into gross-out farce.

EPISODE 4

Holograms, All the Way Down

Air Date: September 27, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 2:05

A stack of nested holodeck simulations spirals out of control until reality itself becomes impossible to distinguish from the program. The short compresses one of Star Trek's favorite devices into a fast recursive joke about holograms, framing, and system failure.

EPISODE 5

Walk, Don't Run

Air Date: October 4, 2023
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 4:55

Tendi hosts a celebration of The Animated Series' fiftieth anniversary, but the event rapidly mutates into a frantic musical spectacle. The finale leans into crossover chaos and franchise nostalgia while keeping the tone proudly unserious and non-canonical.

DOCUMENTARIES

Everything before this point in the guide describes events inside the fiction — what happened, to whom, in what order. This section steps outside it entirely. These are real-world documentaries about the making of Star Trek: the writers' rooms, the actors, the decades of production history behind the franchise rather than within it. Where the numbered eras track a fictional timeline, this one tracks an actual production history — the decisions, disagreements, and coincidences that turned a pitch into fifty-plus years of television and film.

That distinction matters enough to wall off on its own. A guide that blurred the line between in-universe history and behind-the-scenes history would be doing both a disservice, treating a production anecdote with the same weight as a plot event, or a writers'-room decision as though it happened to a starship crew. Keeping them separate lets each be read for what it actually is.

They belong in a reference guide for the same reason a bibliography does: not as part of the story, but as part of understanding how the story got made — the record behind the record.

CHAPTER 20

STAR TREK DOCUMENTARIES

First Aired: October 4, 1988 **Last Aired:** November 5, 2021 **Seasons:** 1 **Episodes:** 27

These documentaries and retrospectives turn away from Star Trek's internal chronology and toward the people, labor, accidents, ambitions, and afterlives that made the franchise possible. Collected here are works that preserve production history, revisit turning points in the franchise's evolution, and foreground the performers, writers, designers, and fans who helped Star Trek endure across changing eras of television and film.

Taken together, they form a parallel archive of memory. Some entries celebrate cast and creators through tribute and reflection; others examine creative conflict, industrial transition, fandom, or the franchise's broader cultural influence on science, politics, and popular imagination. If the fictional chapters ask how Star Trek's future unfolds on screen, this collection asks how that future was built, contested, remembered, and continually renewed in the real world.

DOCUMENTARIES

YEARS: 1988–2021

First Aired: October 4, 1988 **Last Aired:** November 5, 2021

The Star Trek Saga: From One Generation to the Next

Air Date: October 4, 1988
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 93 min

Hosted by Patrick Stewart, this special traces Star Trek from "The Cage" through The Original Series films and into the first season of The Next Generation. It functions as both a franchise history and a transitional piece, linking the classic era to the then-new television future of Star Trek.

Star Trek: 25th Anniversary Special

Air Date: September 28, 1991
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 93 min

Hosted by William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, this anniversary special surveys the history of Star Trek through franchise highlights, cast commentary, and archival material. It also links the series' vision to real-world space exploration, underscoring how science fiction and scientific ambition have long informed each other.

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine - Behind the Scenes

Air Date: January 4, 1993
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 50 min

Hosted by Terry Farrell, this special offers an early tour through the making of Deep Space Nine with a strong emphasis on the pilot episode, "Emissary." It combines set visits, cast and crew interviews, and production detail to introduce the station, the series, and the ambitions behind its launch.

Star Trek: A Captain's Log

Air Date: November 30, 1994
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 43 min

Presented by William Shatner, this retrospective returns to The Original Series and its lasting place in Star Trek history. Compact in length but broad in intent, it functions as a guided remembrance of the show, its characters, and its long afterlife in fandom and television culture.

Star Trek: 30 Years and Beyond

Air Date: October 6, 1996
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 90 min

This live thirtieth-anniversary tribute gathers performers and guests from across the Star Trek universe for a celebration of the franchise's first three decades. Packed with clips, appearances, and ceremonial moments, it frames Star Trek as both a television milestone and an ongoing cultural event.

Trekkies

Air Date: October 18, 1997
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 86 min

Denise Crosby travels across the United States to meet Star Trek fans whose lives have been shaped by the franchise. The film looks at convention culture, personal devotion, and the way Star Trek grew into a lasting community as well as a pop-culture phenomenon.

Inside Star Trek: The Real Story

Air Date: November 3, 1998
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 48 min

Inside Star Trek: The Real Story turns away from the on-screen mythology to focus on the writers, producers, directors, technicians, and artists who built the original series. Framed as a behind-the-scenes oral history, it emphasizes production realities, creative problem-solving, and the people who made the franchise possible.

Trekkies 2

Air Date: April 20, 2004
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 93 min

Denise Crosby expands the lens beyond the original film, meeting Star Trek fans from around the world and tracing how the franchise resonates across countries and generations. The documentary mixes affectionate humor with a sincere portrait of a global fandom built on identity, connection, and shared enthusiasm.

40 Years of Star Trek

Air Date: January 1, 2006
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 48 min

Produced for Canada's Space Channel, this anniversary special celebrates four decades of Star Trek with interviews, retrospection, and franchise-wide commentary. Rather than focusing on a single production, it surveys the growth of Star Trek as television history, fan culture, and an enduring science-fiction institution.

Star Trek: Beyond the Final Frontier

Air Date: February 19, 2007
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 90 min

Produced for the History Channel, this special examines the market and mythology surrounding Star Trek memorabilia through Christie's high-profile anniversary auction. By combining collectible culture with interviews from cast, crew, and fans, it shows how physical artifacts help preserve the franchise's history.

Star Trek: Evolutions

Air Date: September 22, 2009
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 80 min

Star Trek: Evolutions is a feature-length documentary compilation that tracks the franchise's development across television and film. Structured as a broad retrospective, it highlights creative changes, recurring themes, and the ways Star Trek continually reintroduced itself to new audiences.

Star Trek: The Captain's Summit

Air Date: May 12, 2009
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 70 min

This roundtable brings William Shatner, Patrick Stewart, Leonard Nimoy, and Jonathan Frakes together for an unusually candid discussion of Star Trek performance and legacy, with Whoopi Goldberg hosting. More intimate than a standard retrospective, it captures the captains reflecting on role, fame, and the franchise's long reach.

The Captains of The Final Frontier

Air Date: November 3, 2010
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 90 min

Produced for A&E and Biography, this special profiles the fictional captains of Star Trek rather than the actors who portrayed them. Using clips, stills, and playful analysis, it compares the command styles and narrative roles of the franchise's major captains across television and film.

The Captains

Air Date: July 22, 2011
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 97 min

Written and directed by William Shatner, The Captains follows him as he interviews the other actors who played Star Trek captains across the franchise. The film blends biography, performance history, and personal reflection as it considers the burden and appeal of carrying one of Star Trek's signature roles.

Trek Nation

Air Date: November 30, 2011
Stardate: —
Timeline: Unknown
Runtime: 88 min

Rod Roddenberry examines the legacy of his father, Gene Roddenberry, through interviews with cast, crew, fans, and creators influenced by Star Trek. The film becomes both a family inquiry and a broader meditation on why the franchise has mattered so deeply to so many viewers.

William Shatner's Get a Life!

Air Date: July 28, 2012
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 60 min

Based on William Shatner's book, this documentary revisits Star Trek fandom with curiosity, skepticism, and eventual admiration. Rather than mocking devotion, it studies why the franchise has endured so strongly in popular culture and why its fans continue to find meaning in it.

Star Trek: Secrets of the Universe

Air Date: May 15, 2013
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 81 min

Released alongside Star Trek Into Darkness, this History special explores the scientific ideas behind the franchise, from warp travel to exoplanets and advanced medicine. It blends set access with real-world science commentary to ask how close Star Trek's imagined future may be to eventual reality.

The Captains Close Up

Air Date: May 16, 2013
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 150 min

This expanded companion series repackages and deepens William Shatner's captain interviews by devoting individual installments to each featured performer. The result is a more focused set of conversations about career, identity, and what it meant for each actor to command a corner of the Star Trek universe.

Chaos on the Bridge

Air Date: August 25, 2014
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 59 min

William Shatner revisits the turbulent creation of Star Trek: The Next Generation and the competing personalities, decisions, and studio pressures that shaped its early years. The documentary uses behind-the-scenes testimony to show how a chaotic development process eventually produced one of the franchise's defining series.

50 Years of Star Trek

Air Date: August 14, 2016
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 86 min

This fiftieth-anniversary special looks back across Star Trek's television and film history through interviews with performers, producers, and creative figures from multiple eras. It presents the franchise as both a cultural landmark and a continuing creative tradition that has evolved for half a century.

Building Star Trek

Air Date: September 4, 2016
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 92 min

Building Star Trek connects the franchise's futuristic ideas with real scientific and technological development, tracing how concepts once imagined on television have moved toward reality. Released during the fiftieth-anniversary period, it treats Star Trek as entertainment, and just as much as an engine of inspiration for science and engineering.

For the Love of Spock

Air Date: September 9, 2016
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 105 min

Directed by Adam Nimoy, this documentary reflects on both the cultural meaning of Spock and the life of Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed him for nearly fifty years. It combines family perspective, archival material, and franchise history to show how actor and character became inseparable in the public imagination.

Star Trek: Inside the Roddenberry Vault

Air Date: December 13, 2016
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 180 min

Built around newly surfaced archival material, this multipart documentary reopens the early production history of The Original Series through deleted scenes, alternate footage, and fresh interviews. Its focus is discovery, and just as much preservation, showing how much of Star Trek's origin story still lives in the vaults.

The Truth Is in the Stars

Air Date: March 19, 2017
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 86 min

William Shatner interviews scientists, innovators, and public figures about the ways Star Trek shaped their imagination and work. The documentary frames the franchise as a cultural bridge between entertainment and discovery, emphasizing inspiration rather than nostalgia alone.

What We Left Behind: Looking Back at Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

Air Date: May 13, 2019
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 116 min

This retrospective explores how Deep Space Nine grew from an initially divisive series into one of Star Trek's most admired shows. Alongside cast and crew interviews, it includes a writers' room thought experiment about a hypothetical eighth season, linking the series' legacy to its unfinished creative possibilities.

The Center Seat: 55 Years of Star Trek

Air Date: November 5, 2021
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 462 min

This multi-episode documentary series surveys the full history of Star Trek across its many productions, eras, and fandom milestones. Designed as an expansive anniversary chronicle, it treats the franchise as a long-running creative ecosystem shaped by television, film, merchandising, and generations of viewers.

Woman in Motion: Nichelle Nichols, Star Trek and the Remaking of NASA

Air Date: February 16, 2021
Timeline: Unknown
Stardate: —
Runtime: 96 min

This documentary focuses on Nichelle Nichols' partnership with NASA and her role in helping diversify the astronaut pipeline during the Space Shuttle era. By tying her Star Trek visibility to real institutional change, it shows how the franchise's ideals could influence American science and public life.

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The chapters that follow step outside the story completely. Where every era before this one is about Star Trek, this one is about the guide itself — how it was put together, the sources and cross-checks that kept a project this large consistent, and the choices made along the way about what counted as canon, where the lines between eras fell, and how much detail belonged in an entry versus a footnote.

A reference book this size doesn't assemble itself without a few thousand small decisions, most of them invisible once the book is finished. Being upfront about the process — what was consulted, what was left out, and why — is part of being a reference worth trusting rather than just a long list of summaries.

It closes, too, with a thank-you: to the corner of fandom whose decades of episode guides, timelines, and arguments about stardates made a project like this worth attempting in the first place.

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BUILDING THE DATASET

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episode, movie, and documentary in the franchise — sourced, cleaned, and converted into structured data, then assembled into a single master dialogue database covering the whole of *Star Trek*. That database became the foundation for everything from episode summaries to the cross-franchise analysis behind this volume's appendix: a guide grounded in what was actually said on screen, not in what later got remembered about it.

CANON, SOURCES, AND UNCERTAINTY

The screen record is the starting point for questions of canon. When a character speaks a stardate or a date appears on screen, that is stronger evidence of what the production establishes than a later chronology assembled from it. The dialogue database makes those details searchable, but a transcript must first be matched to the correct episode or film; transcription and attribution errors are possible, and spoken information can itself be inconsistent across productions.

For details the screen cannot establish on its own — first broadcast dates, release dates, runtimes, and some production credits — I compare published records and specialist references, including Memory Alpha and, where useful, Memory Beta. Sources are weighed by what they actually document, not by how many sites repeat the same claim. When references disagree, I favor the explanation best supported by direct evidence and independent corroboration, while recognizing that some questions remain unsettled.

Stardates require particular care. They do not always advance consistently, and a season's displayed range should be read as an editorial guide to documented stardates within that season, not a promise that its premiere and finale establish those exact endpoints or that every event falls neatly between them. Where the record is incomplete or contradictory, I avoid filling gaps with invented precision. Multipart episodes likewise retain the counting convention used throughout this guide, even when other catalogs group or number their broadcasts differently. These choices are meant to make the reference consistent without disguising the complexity of the material.

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SOURCES AND CREDITS

Everything in this guide begins with the screen itself.

The television series, feature films, shorts, documentaries, and companion productions are the primary sources for every editorial decision. Whenever questions arose, the productions themselves remained the final authority.

Building a reference of this scale, however, required much more than watching episodes. Companion books, technical manuals, franchise histories, transcript archives, subtitle collections, and decades of community research helped preserve production details, terminology, chronology, and countless small pieces of information that would otherwise be difficult to verify.

I owe particular thanks to communities such as **Memory Alpha** and **Memory Beta**, whose volunteers have spent years documenting the *Star Trek* universe with remarkable dedication. Transcript archives, subtitle projects, fan-maintained indexes, continuity discussions, and watch-order projects all contributed to a broader culture of preservation that made work like this possible.

Modern reference platforms also played an important supporting role. **OpenSubtitles** helped verify dialogue and terminology. **TMDb** and **Trakt** provided production metadata, release information, identifiers, and practical tools for reconciling a very large collection of screen productions.

None of these resources supplied the finished guide.

They supplied information.

What you're holding is the result of organizing that information into a single editorial system: establishing consistent terminology, designing classifications, connecting productions across sixty years of storytelling, building cross-reference relationships, creating guide signals, writing summaries, and shaping everything into one coherent reference designed to be explored rather than simply searched.

To everyone whose work contributed directly or indirectly to that process, thank you.

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A THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

When I began this project, I expected to spend most of my time watching *Star Trek*.

Instead, I discovered something just as remarkable: the community that has spent decades preserving it.

Long before this guide existed, thousands of people were documenting production histories, preserving transcripts, cataloging continuity, maintaining reference sites, recording podcasts, writing articles, creating artwork, organizing conventions, and sharing their knowledge simply because they loved this universe.

Their work deserves recognition.

Although the research, editorial structure, organization, analysis, and presentation found throughout this guide are my own, they stand upon a foundation built by generations of fans, researchers, archivists, writers, and creators who believed this fictional universe was worth preserving with extraordinary care.

I hope this guide contributes something meaningful to that tradition.

If it helps you discover a forgotten episode, better understand a favorite series, settle a long-running debate, or simply appreciate the remarkable scope of *Star Trek* a little more deeply, then every hour spent building it was worthwhile.

Thank you for reading, for your curiosity, and for helping keep that spirit of exploration alive.

APPENDICES

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The main body of this guide moves through the screen record the way a viewer would actually watch it unfold: era by era, series by series, season by season, entry by entry. The appendix does something different. It steps back from that sequence entirely and gathers what only becomes visible once every entry has already been counted, dated, tagged, and cross-referenced against everything else in the volume — the kind of pattern no single episode, and no single viewing, could ever reveal on its own.

Star Trek has always rewarded that kind of long view. A throwaway line in one series becomes a season's central mystery three shows later; a device introduced almost as a gag returns, generations on, as the hinge of an entire arc. If the main guide is the walk through the archive in order, the appendix is what that same archive looks like from above, once every thread has had the chance to reappear.

WHY THE APPENDIX EXISTS

Some patterns in the *Star Trek* screen record don't belong to any single episode, season, or series. A story arc runs across years and multiple productions. A recurring device like the Borg or the holodeck shows up in almost every era, under different creative teams, decades apart. A favorite episode's standing is only meaningful in comparison with the rest of its run.

None of that is visible from inside a single chapter. It only shows up once the whole guide's data is looked at sideways, across everything at once — which is exactly the vantage point the rest of the main guide, by design, never takes.

The appendix therefore focuses on material that is:

APPENDIX USE	WHY IT BELONGS HERE
Cross-series	It spans productions that the main guide covers in separate chapters
Aggregated	It only exists once entries across the whole volume are counted and compared
Structural	It documents how a thread was built, not just where it appears
Comparative	It ranks or groups entries against each other rather than describing one at a time
Supplemental	It rewards a reader who wants to go further without changing how the main guide reads

HOW TO READ THE APPENDIX

These pieces are built directly from the same records behind the main guide — the same episode data, the same story-arc tracking, the same subtitle-derived dialogue database behind every summary — reorganized to answer a different kind of question than "what happens in this episode."

Readers can use them in several ways:

- after finishing a series' chapter, to see how its arcs and standout episodes fit the larger pattern
- as a standalone reference, to jump straight to every episode involving a particular recurring device
- as a research aid to trace one thread from its first episode to its last without paging past everything in between
- as a way to see the record all at once — what recurs, what ranks highest, what connects to what

WHAT THIS SECTION COVERS

The appendix draws together several kinds of cross-cutting material:

- story arcs that run across episodes, seasons, or entire series
- recurring devices and phenomena that appear throughout the franchise's screen history
- narrative density, measured from a master dialogue database built by sourcing subtitle files for every episode, movie, and documentary in the franchise and analyzing what was actually spoken on screen

Some entries are about continuity. Some are about recurring ideas. Some are about which entries concentrate the most of what this guide is built to track. All of it is drawn from the guide's own records rather than added from outside them.

> *GUIDE NOTE: The appendix is where the patterns spread across this volume's many entries are gathered into one place.*

WHAT IT IS NOT

It is not a replacement for the chapters, and it does not repeat any entry's full summary. It is not trying to catalog every possible connection between episodes. It is not a ranking of quality — a density score measures how much an entry's dialogue concentrates the elements this guide tracks, not how good an episode is.

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CLOSING

The appendix exists because a screen record this large is more than the sum of its individual entries. Sixty years and thirteen series in, *Star Trek* is also a set of threads, patterns, and measurements that only take shape once everything has been gathered, tagged, and compared — the second layer beneath the one any single episode can show you. These pages collect it and make it easy to find.

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APPENDIX B.

STORY ARC DIRECTORY

Star Trek has never been shy about deferred payoff. A single incident in one season can sit dormant for years before a later writer picks the thread back up — the Augments reappearing to complicate Enterprise's fourth season, a courtroom fight over one android's rights growing into a franchise-wide question of personhood, a season-ending cliffhanger resolving a conflict that opened half a dozen episodes earlier. Read episode by episode, in the order it aired, those connections are easy to lose track of. Read as a thread, they're the spine of the show.

That is what this directory tracks. Story arcs are the threads this guide follows across individual episodes and seasons — the ones marked with a STORY ARC callout box in the main text where they begin. Every one of those callouts was pulled out of its chapter and lined up here by series, so a thread that runs across a season, or several, can be followed straight through without waiting to stumble across the next box a chapter or two later.

Star Trek: Enterprise

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Vulcan–Andorian Conflict	Conflict · Multi-Season Arc	S01E07 “The Andorian Incident” – S02E15 “Cease Fire”	The recurring Vulcan-Andorian conflict traces a long shift from suspicion and proxy hostility toward the trust needed for future alliance.
Augments	Franchise · Mini-Arc	S04E04 “Borderland” – S04E06 “The Augments”	This concentrated Augment arc reconnects Enterprise to Khan-era history while destabilizing human-Klingon relations through genetic ambition and fallout.
Vulcan Reformation	Political · Mini-Arc	S04E07 “The Forge” – S04E09 “Kir'Shara”	Through Surak's legacy, Enterprise recasts Vulcan's spiritual crisis as the trigger for broad political and cultural reform.
Coalition Arc	Political · Mini-Arc	S04E12 “Babel One” – S04E14 “The Aenar”	A key proto-Federation storyline in which mutual danger pushes long-hostile powers toward the cooperative politics that later define the alliance.

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Klingon Augment Arc	Continuity · Mini-Arc	S04E15 “Affliction” – S04E16 “Divergence”	A Klingon medical crisis becomes a continuity bridge, tying Enterprise to the genetic legacy behind one of Trek's enduring historical questions.
Mirror Universe	Continuity · Mini-Arc	S04E18 “In a Mirror, Darkly” – S04E19 “In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II”	This self-contained Mirror Universe detour uses familiar figures in reversed roles to sketch an imperial alternate history of brutality, ambition, and betrayal.
Terra Prime	Franchise · Mini-Arc	S04E20 “Demons” – S04E21 “Terra Prime”	Terra Prime turns xenophobic politics into a direct test of Earth's readiness for interstellar leadership and the coalition future Enterprise is building.

Star Trek: Discovery

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Klingon War	Conflict · Season Arc	S01E01 “The Vulcan Hello” – S01E15 “Will You Take My Hand?”	Discovery's opening war story follows the Klingon conflict from Burnham's mutiny and the Binary Stars disaster to an uneasy political settlement.
Spore Drive	Mission · Multi-Season Arc	S01E03 “Context Is for Kings” – S02E05 “Saints of Imperfection”	The spore drive becomes Discovery's signature advantage while exposing the ethical, strategic, and personal costs of centering a mission around it.
Red Angel	Mystery · Season Arc	S02E01 “Brother” – S02E10 “The Red Angel”	A season-long enigma that binds Burnham's family history to the struggle against Control, bringing prophecy, causality, and sacrifice into one thread.
Control	Mystery · Season Arc	S02E09 “Project Daedalus” – S02E14 “Such Sweet Sorrow (2)”	Control grows from a shadow Section 31 problem into the season's existential enemy, driving the battle over the sphere data and Discovery's leap into the future.
The Burn	Continuity · Season Arc	S03E01 “That Hope Is You, Part 1” – S03E11 “Su'Kal”	Burnham's arrival in the 32nd century frames the Burn as the defining rupture of the era, linking galactic collapse to political and emotional fragmentation.
Federation Rebuild	Political · Season Arc	S03E05 “Die Trying” – S03E13 “That Hope Is You, Part 2”	Burn-era Discovery becomes an instrument of reconnection, showing that rebuilding the Federation depends on restored trust, alliances, and institutions.

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Emerald Chain	Political · Season Arc	S03E08 “The Sanctuary” – S03E12 “There is a Tide...”	Discovery's clash with the Emerald Chain shows how post-Burn instability gives coercive power room to thrive and forces Federation values to be actively defended.
DMA	Mystery · Season Arc	S04E01 “Kobayashi Maru” – S04E09 “Rubicon”	The DMA shifts from unexplained catastrophe to first-contact dilemma, turning the season toward grief, diplomacy, and restraint instead of simple retaliation.
Species 10-C	Mystery · Season Arc	S04E07 “...But to Connect” – S04E13 “Coming Home”	Species 10-C turns the DMA storyline into a communication test, asking whether empathy and translation can succeed where fear and force fail.
Progenitors	Mystery · Season Arc	S05E01 “Red Directive” – S05E10 “Life, Itself”	The final-season search for Progenitor technology grows into a moral debate over inheritance, power, and whether some knowledge should remain beyond anyone's reach.

Star Trek: Strange New Worlds

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Illyrians	Franchise · Multi-Season Arc	S01E03 “Ghosts of Illyria” – S02E02 “Ad Astra per Aspera”	Una's hidden background becomes a test of principle, exposing the gap between Starfleet's ideals and the exclusions built into its rules.
Gorn	Conflict · Multi-Season Arc	S01E04 “Memento Mori” – S02E10 “Hegemony”	The Gorn evolve from episodic menace into a recurring frontier pressure point, tying Strange New Worlds' optimism to trauma, survival, and looming war.
The Griffin Incident †	Mystery · Season Arc	S04E02 “The Griffin Incident” – S04E05 “Level-Five Transporter Accident”	The lost starship Griffin is found derelict behind a large asteroid, nine years after vanishing with 300 souls aboard. Its discovery reopens the official record of what happened to it and forces a reckoning with the report that was filed.

Star Trek: The Original Series

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Talos Arc	Character · Mini-Arc	S01E11 “The Menagerie” – S01E12 “The Menagerie (2)”	The Talos storyline links Pike's earlier forbidden encounter to later Enterprise history, creating one of The Original Series' strongest continuity bridges.

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Romulans	Conflict · Multi-Season Arc	S01E14 “Balance of Terror” – S03E02 “The Enterprise Incident”	The Romulans emerge as a strategic peer defined less by conquest than by secrecy, brinkmanship, and intelligence warfare.
Time Travel	Continuity · Multi-Season Arc	S01E28 “The City on the Edge of Forever” – S02E26 “Assignment: Earth”	This compact time-travel thread shows how quickly temporal displacement became one of Trek's essential tools for paradox, consequence, and loss.
AI Threat	Conflict · Season Arc	S02E03 “The Changeling” – S02E24 “The Ultimate Computer”	A recurring Original Series concern with machine overreach, this arc tests how much judgment humanity should surrender to hostile computers and delegated authority.

Star Trek: Starfleet Academy

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Academy	Political · Season Arc	S01E01 “Kids These Days” – S01E10 “Rubicon”	Defines Academy's inaugural cadet cohort by charting how rivalry, discipline, and shared danger forge a generation of future officers.
Extremists	Conflict · Mini-Arc	S01E08 “The Life of the Stars” – S01E09 “300th Night”	Pushes Academy beyond competition and into real danger when sabotage and anti-Federation extremism turn training into a live security crisis.

Star Trek: The Next Generation

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Android Rights	Franchise · Multi-Season Arc	S02E09 “The Measure of a Man” – S03E16 “The Offspring”	Data's rights storyline establishes artificial personhood as a durable moral question, expanding a single courtroom dispute into a wider debate over sentience and autonomy.

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Cardassians	Conflict · Multi-Season Arc	S04E12 “The Wounded” – S06E11 “Chain of Command, Part II”	The Cardassians move from tense border presence to coercive military rival, laying groundwork for one of Trek's most durable geopolitical conflicts.

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Bajor Politics	Political · Mini-Arc	S02E01 “The Homecoming” – S02E03 “The Siege”	Makes Bajor's internal leadership struggles a recurring source of instability, giving the series local power stakes before larger wartime conflicts take over.
Odo Arc	Character · Season Arc	S02E08 “Necessary Evil” – S02E12 “The Alternate”	Odo's storyline moves from security concerns to deeper questions of origin, loyalty, and belonging, preparing the ground for his later Changeling conflicts.
Klingons	Conflict · Multi-Season Arc	S04E01 “The Way of the Warrior” – S07E22 “Tacking Into the Wind”	DS9's Klingon storyline repeatedly stress-tests alliance politics, using invasion, distrust, and wartime necessity to reshape the station's strategic role.

Star Trek: Voyager

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Caretaker	Franchise · Mini-Arc	S01E01 “Caretaker” – S01E02 “Parallax”	Voyager's opening stranding story defines the series at once, fusing two crews and turning the long journey home into its governing premise.
Krenim	Franchise · Mini-Arc	S04E08 “Year of Hell, Part I” – S04E09 “Year of Hell, Part II”	The Year of Hell arc distills Voyager's endurance ethic into a brutal time-war of attrition, sacrifice, and devastation repeatedly reset.

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Hirogen	Conflict · Season Arc	S04E15 “Hunters” – S04E19 “The Killing Game (2)”	The Hirogen develop from hunters into a sustained threat, showing how the logic of pursuit can consume both prey and environment.

Star Trek: Picard

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Zhat Vash	Mystery · Season Arc	S01E02 “Maps and Legends” – S01E08 “Broken Pieces”	The Zhat Vash arc exposes an anti-synthetic ideology hidden within Romulan secrecy, giving Picard's first season both conspiracy momentum and moral focus.
Synths	Franchise · Mini-Arc	S01E09 “Et in Arcadia Ego” – S01E10 “Et in Arcadia Ego (2)”	The synth crisis turns abstract fear of artificial life into open conflict, forcing Picard to defend personhood in practical rather than theoretical terms.
Q	Franchise · Mini-Arc	S02E02 “Penance” – S02E05 “Fly Me to the Moon”	Q's final game turns time distortion into emotional reckoning, using alternate history to push Picard toward a more intimate farewell.
Changelings	Conflict · Mini-Arc	S03E03 “Seventeen Seconds” – S03E05 “Imposters”	Picard Season 3 recasts reunion nostalgia as an infiltration thriller, with the Changeling conspiracy making mistrust inside Starfleet the campaign's engine.

Star Trek: Lower Decks

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Pakled Threat	Conflict · Multi-Season Arc	S01E10 “No Small Parts” – S02E10 “First First Contact”	The Pakleds rise from comic nuisance to recurring threat, giving Lower Decks one of its earliest serialized danger lines.
Rutherford	Character · Multi-Season Arc	S02E07 “Where Pleasant Fountains Lie” – S03E05 “Reflections”	Rutherford's memory mystery reveals buried history and outside manipulation beneath his easygoing competence, adding a darker continuity thread to the comedy.

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Orion / Tendi	Franchise · Multi-Season Arc	S03E06 “Hear All, Trust Nothing” – S04E04 “Something Borrowed, Something Green”	Uses Tendi's background to examine reinvention, stereotype, and chosen belonging, turning her past into a lens on who gets to define themselves.

Star Trek: Prodigy

ARC	TYPE	SPAN	SUMMARY
Diviner	Mystery · Season Arc	S01E05 “Terror Firma” – S01E16 “Preludes”	The Diviner's pursuit supplies Prodigy's first season with a clear antagonist while gradually revealing why the Protostar and its young crew matter.
Living Construct	Mystery · Season Arc	S01E11 “Asylum” – S01E20 “Supernova (2)”	The Living Construct makes the Protostar itself a catastrophe vector, shifting the story from homecoming to sacrifice, restraint, and responsible choice.
Cosmic Threat	Conflict · Season Arc	S02E07 “The Fast and the Curious” – S02E16 “Ascension (2)”	Prodigy's mission expands from pursuit and rescue into a wider existential crisis, pushing the crew into stakes far beyond their original escape story.
Academy Acceptance	Political · Mini-Arc	S02E18 “Touch of Grey” – S02E20 “Ouroboros (2)”	Prodigy closes by moving its crew from improvised survival to earned Starfleet belonging, making acceptance the series' clearest measure of growth.

† *The Griffin Incident* is a provisional entry, drafted from transcript material ahead of a full editorial pass, and is included here for completeness rather than as a finished arc summary.

APPENDIX C.

THEMATIC EPISODE INDEX

Some ideas in *Star Trek* never stay put in one story. The Borg outlive the crew that first meets them by three more series. Q turns up wherever a franchise needs its assumptions tested. A malfunctioning holodeck was as reliable a plot engine in the 2370s as it was in the 1980s. These aren't story arcs in the sense the previous directory tracks — no single throughline connects a *Discovery* time-loop episode to a *Prodigy* one — they're recurring devices that different writers, decades apart, keep reaching for because they still work.

This index was built differently from the Story Arc Directory. Rather than pulling from a single callout marking where a thread begins, every episode in the guide was checked against five of the franchise's most persistent recurring devices — the Borg, Q, the holodeck, the Mirror Universe, and time travel — and tagged wherever one

appeared, whether the episode was built around the device or just paid it a visit. Use it to jump straight to a favorite trope wherever it turns up, in any series, in any era.

Borg

Every episode featuring the Borg Collective, from first contact through assimilation, resistance, and everything the Collective changes in a crew that survives it.

45 episodes

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Enterprise	S02E23	Regeneration	May 7, 2003
The Next Generation	S02E16	Q Who	May 8, 1989
The Next Generation	S03E26	The Best of Both Worlds, Part I	June 18, 1990
The Next Generation	S04E01	The Best of Both Worlds, Part II	September 24, 1990
The Next Generation	S05E23	I, Borg	May 11, 1992
The Next Generation	S06E26	Descent, Part I	June 21, 1993
The Next Generation	S07E01	Descent, Part II	September 20, 1993
Deep Space Nine	S01E01	Emissary	January 3, 1993
Voyager	S03E16	Blood Fever	February 5, 1997
Voyager	S03E17	Unity	February 12, 1997
Voyager	S03E26	Scorpion, Part I	May 21, 1997
Voyager	S04E01	Scorpion, Part II	September 3, 1997
Voyager	S04E06	The Raven	October 8, 1997
Voyager	S04E25	One	May 13, 1998
Voyager	S04E26	Hope and Fear	May 20, 1998

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Voyager	S05E02	Drone	October 21, 1998
Voyager	S05E07	Infinite Regress	November 25, 1998
Voyager	S05E15	Dark Frontier	February 17, 1999
Voyager	S06E02	Survival Instinct	September 29, 1999
Voyager	S06E16	Collective	February 16, 2000
Voyager	S06E19	Child's Play	March 8, 2000
Voyager	S06E26	Unimatrix Zero, Part I	May 24, 2000
Voyager	S07E01	Unimatrix Zero, Part II	October 4, 2000
Voyager	S07E02	Imperfection	October 11, 2000
Voyager	S07E11	Shattered	January 17, 2001
Voyager	S07E19	Q2	April 11, 2001
Voyager	S07E25	Endgame	May 23, 2001
Picard	S01E01	Remembrance	January 23, 2020
Picard	S01E02	Maps and Legends	January 30, 2020
Picard	S01E03	The End Is the Beginning	February 6, 2020
Picard	S01E06	The Impossible Box	February 27, 2020
Picard	S01E07	Nepenthe	March 5, 2020
Picard	S01E08	Broken Pieces	March 12, 2020
Picard	S02E01	The Star Gazer	March 3, 2022
Picard	S02E02	Penance	March 10, 2022
Picard	S02E03	Assimilation	March 17, 2022
Picard	S02E04	Watcher	March 24, 2022
Picard	S02E05	Fly Me to the Moon	March 31, 2022
Picard	S02E08	Mercy	April 21, 2022
Picard	S02E09	Hide and Seek	April 28, 2022
Picard	S02E10	Farewell	May 5, 2022
Picard	S03E09	Võx	April 13, 2023

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Picard	S03E10	The Last Generation	April 20, 2023
Lower Decks	S02E08	I, Excretus	September 30, 2021
Prodigy	S01E12	Let Sleeping Borg Lie	November 3, 2022

Q

Every appearance of Q or the Q Continuum, whatever form the mischief takes.

21 episodes

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
The Next Generation	S01E01	Encounter at Farpoint	September 28, 1987
The Next Generation	S01E09	Hide and Q	November 23, 1987
The Next Generation	S02E16	Q Who	May 8, 1989
The Next Generation	S03E13	Deja Q	February 5, 1990
The Next Generation	S04E20	Qpid	April 22, 1991
The Next Generation	S06E06	True Q	October 26, 1992
The Next Generation	S06E15	Tapestry	February 15, 1993
The Next Generation	S07E25	All Good Things...	May 23, 1994
Deep Space Nine	S01E06	Q-Less	February 7, 1993
Voyager	S02E18	Death Wish	February 19, 1996

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Voyager	S03E11	The Q and the Grey	November 27, 1996
Voyager	S07E19	Q2	April 11, 2001
Picard	S02E01	The Star Gazer	March 3, 2022
Picard	S02E02	Penance	March 10, 2022
Picard	S02E04	Watcher	March 24, 2022
Picard	S02E05	Fly Me to the Moon	March 31, 2022
Picard	S02E06	Two of One	April 7, 2022
Picard	S02E07	Monsters	April 14, 2022
Picard	S02E08	Mercy	April 21, 2022
Picard	S02E09	Hide and Seek	April 28, 2022
Picard	S02E10	Farewell	May 5, 2022

Holodeck

Every episode built around a holodeck or holosuite program, malfunctioning or otherwise.

34 episodes

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Enterprise	S01E05	Unexpected	October 17, 2001
Enterprise	S04E22	These Are the Voyages...	May 13, 2005
Strange New Worlds	S03E04	A Space Adventure Hour	July 31, 2025
The Animated Series	S02E03	The Practical Joker	September 21, 1974
Starfleet Academy	S01E05	Series Acclimation Mil	February 5, 2026
The Next Generation	S01E11	The Big Goodbye	January 11, 1988
The Next Generation	S01E14	11001001	February 1, 1988

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
The Next Generation	S02E03	Elementary, Dear Data	December 5, 1988
The Next Generation	S03E06	Booby Trap	October 30, 1989
The Next Generation	S03E21	Hollow Pursuits	April 30, 1990
The Next Generation	S04E16	Galaxy's Child	March 11, 1991
The Next Generation	S04E19	The Nth Degree	April 1, 1991
The Next Generation	S06E08	A Fistful of Datas	November 9, 1992
The Next Generation	S06E12	Ship in a Bottle	January 25, 1993
Deep Space Nine	S04E09	Our Man Bashir	November 27, 1995
Deep Space Nine	S06E20	His Way	April 22, 1998
Deep Space Nine	S07E04	Take Me Out to the Holosuite	October 21, 1998
Deep Space Nine	S07E10	It's Only a Paper Moon	December 30, 1998
Deep Space Nine	S07E15	Badda-Bing, Badda-Bang	February 24, 1999
Voyager	S01E11	Heroes and Demons	April 24, 1995
Voyager	S02E03	Projections	September 11, 1995

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Voyager	S03E22	Real Life	April 23, 1997
Voyager	S04E11	Concerning Flight	November 26, 1997
Voyager	S04E18	The Killing Game	March 4, 1998
Voyager	S04E19	The Killing Game (2)	March 4, 1998
Voyager	S05E12	Bride of Chaotica!	January 27, 1999
Voyager	S06E11	Fair Haven	January 12, 2000
Voyager	S06E17	Spirit Folk	February 23, 2000
Voyager	S07E18	Human Error	March 7, 2001
Voyager	S07E20	Author, Author	April 18, 2001
Lower Decks	S01E09	Crisis Point	October 1, 2020
Lower Decks	S02E08	I, Excretus	September 30, 2021
Lower Decks	S03E08	Crisis Point 2: Paradoxus	October 13, 2022
Prodigy	S01E06	Kobayashi	January 6, 2022

Mirror Universe

Every crossing into the Mirror Universe and its Terran Empire.

16 episodes

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Enterprise	S04E18	In a Mirror, Darkly	April 22, 2005
Enterprise	S04E19	In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II	April 29, 2005
Discovery	S01E09	Into the Forest I Go	November 12, 2017
Discovery	S01E10	Despite Yourself	January 7, 2018
Discovery	S01E11	The Wolf Inside	January 14, 2018
Discovery	S01E12	Vaulting Ambition	January 21, 2018
Discovery	S01E13	What's Past is Prologue	January 28, 2018
Discovery	S03E09	Terra Firma	December 10, 2020

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Discovery	S03E10	Terra Firma (2)	December 17, 2020
The Original Series	S02E04	Mirror, Mirror	October 6, 1967
Deep Space Nine	S02E23	Crossover	May 15, 1994
Deep Space Nine	S03E19	Through the Looking Glass	April 17, 1995
Deep Space Nine	S04E19	Shattered Mirror	April 22, 1996
Deep Space Nine	S06E08	Resurrection	November 17, 1997
Deep Space Nine	S07E12	The Emperor's New Cloak	February 3, 1999
Prodigy	S02E14	Cracked Mirror	July 1, 2024

Time Travel

Every episode involving time travel, temporal paradox, or a timeline knocked out of joint.

69 episodes

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Enterprise	S01E11	Cold Front	November 28, 2001
Enterprise	S01E26	Shockwave, Part I	May 22, 2002
Enterprise	S02E01	Shockwave, Part II	September 8, 2002
Enterprise	S03E11	Carpenter Street	November 26, 2003
Enterprise	S03E21	E^2	May 5, 2004
Enterprise	S04E01	Storm Front	October 8, 2004
Enterprise	S04E02	Storm Front, Part II	October 15, 2004
Discovery	S01E07	Magic to Make the Sanest Man Go Mad	October 29, 2017

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Discovery	S02E10	The Red Angel	March 21, 2019
Discovery	S02E11	Perpetual Infinity	March 28, 2019
Discovery	S02E12	Through the Valley of Shadows	April 4, 2019
Discovery	S02E13	Such Sweet Sorrow	April 11, 2019
Discovery	S02E14	Such Sweet Sorrow (2)	April 18, 2019
Strange New Worlds	S01E10	A Quality of Mercy	July 7, 2022
Strange New Worlds	S02E03	Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow	June 29, 2023
Strange New Worlds	S02E07	Those Old Scientists	July 22, 2023
Strange New Worlds	S04E01	Valles Marineris	July 23, 2026
Strange New Worlds	S04E10	Tomorrow's Enterprise	September 24, 2026
The Original Series	S01E19	Tomorrow Is Yesterday	January 26, 1967
The Original Series	S01E28	The City on the Edge of Forever	April 6, 1967
The Original Series	S02E26	Assignment: Earth	March 29, 1968
The Original Series	S03E23	All Our Yesterdays	March 14, 1969
The Animated Series	S01E02	Yesteryear	September 15, 1973

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
The Next Generation	S01E23	We'll Always Have Paris	May 2, 1988
The Next Generation	S02E13	Time Squared	April 3, 1989
The Next Generation	S03E15	Yesterday's Enterprise	February 19, 1990
The Next Generation	S05E09	A Matter of Time	November 18, 1991
The Next Generation	S05E18	Cause and Effect	March 23, 1992
The Next Generation	S05E26	Time's Arrow, Part I	June 15, 1992
The Next Generation	S06E01	Time's Arrow, Part II	September 21, 1992
The Next Generation	S06E25	Timescape	June 14, 1993
The Next Generation	S07E21	Firstborn	April 25, 1994
The Next Generation	S07E25	All Good Things...	May 23, 1994
Deep Space Nine	S03E11	Past Tense, Part I	January 2, 1995
Deep Space Nine	S03E12	Past Tense, Part II	January 9, 1995
Deep Space Nine	S03E17	Visionary	February 27, 1995

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Deep Space Nine	S04E06	Little Green Men	November 6, 1995
Deep Space Nine	S05E06	Trials and Tribble-ations	November 4, 1996
Deep Space Nine	S05E22	Children of Time	May 5, 1997
Deep Space Nine	S06E17	Wrongs Darker Than Death or Night	April 1, 1998
Deep Space Nine	S06E24	Time's Orphan	May 20, 1998
Voyager	S01E03	Time and Again	January 30, 1995
Voyager	S03E08	Future's End, Part I	November 6, 1996
Voyager	S03E09	Future's End, Part II	November 13, 1996
Voyager	S03E21	Before and After	April 9, 1997
Voyager	S04E08	Year of Hell, Part I	November 5, 1997
Voyager	S04E09	Year of Hell, Part II	November 12, 1997
Voyager	S05E06	Timeless	November 18, 1998
Voyager	S05E23	Relativity	May 12, 1999
Voyager	S07E11	Shattered	January 17, 2001
Voyager	S07E25	Endgame	May 23, 2001
Picard	S02E01	The Star Gazer	March 3, 2022
Picard	S02E02	Penance	March 10, 2022
Picard	S02E03	Assimilation	March 17, 2022
Picard	S02E04	Watcher	March 24, 2022
Picard	S02E05	Fly Me to the Moon	March 31, 2022
Picard	S02E06	Two of One	April 7, 2022
Picard	S02E07	Monsters	April 14, 2022
Picard	S02E08	Mercy	April 21, 2022

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE	AIR DATE
Picard	S02E09	Hide and Seek	April 28, 2022
Picard	S02E10	Farewell	May 5, 2022
Prodigy	S01E08	Time Amok	January 20, 2022
Prodigy	S02E01	Into the Breach	July 1, 2024
Prodigy	S02E02	Into the Breach (2)	July 1, 2024
Prodigy	S02E03	Who Saves the Saviors	July 1, 2024
Prodigy	S02E04	Temporal Mechanics 101	July 1, 2024
Prodigy	S02E10	The Devourer of All Things (2)	July 1, 2024
Prodigy	S02E19	Ouroboros	July 1, 2024
Prodigy	S02E20	Ouroboros (2)	July 1, 2024

APPENDIX D.

SIGNATURE EPISODES

Ask ten Star Trek fans for the franchise's best episode and you'll get eleven answers, most of them defended with the same fervor as an argument over which captain would win in a fight. This list doesn't try to settle that debate — it isn't audience voting, and it isn't critical consensus. It answers a narrower, more measurable question instead: which entries concentrate the most of what this guide already tracks, and how would each series' own list look if every episode were scored the same way.

This list is built from what was actually said on screen, not from memory or reputation. Every episode, movie, and documentary in the franchise was read the same way — every line of dialogue counted, not summarized — so a score reflects what an episode actually contains rather than what it's remembered for. Each entry earns its score by how densely it concentrates the things this guide already tracks: quotable dialogue, pivotal story beats, franchise-spanning consequence, and the range of characters, locations, and lore it introduces or develops, folded into one signal score per episode.

What follows is each series' own top 5 percent by that score: the entries that concentrate the most of what this guide is built to track, relative to the rest of their own run. The score is a measure of narrative density, not a claim about quality — a quiet character episode can score lower here and still be one of a series' best hours.

Star Trek: Enterprise

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S04E21	Terra Prime	8.35

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S03E18	Azati Prime	7.73
S03E22	The Council	7.73
S04E19	In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II	7.18
S04E04	Borderland	6.70

Star Trek: Discovery

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S04E12	Species Ten-C	7.65
S03E09	Terra Firma	7.39
S02E14	Such Sweet Sorrow (2)	7.18
S02E13	Such Sweet Sorrow	7.07

Star Trek: Strange New Worlds

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S01E01	Strange New Worlds	8.15
S02E03	Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow	7.05

Star Trek: The Original Series

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S02E01	Amok Time	7.33
S02E09	Metamorphosis	6.59
S02E10	Journey to Babel	6.57
S02E04	Mirror, Mirror	6.53

Star Trek: The Animated Series

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S01E02	Yesteryear	5.07

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S02E05	How Sharper Than a Serpent's Tooth	3.39

Star Trek: Short Treks

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S02E01	Q&A	0.82

Star Trek: Starfleet Academy

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S01E10	Rubicon	2.61

Star Trek: The Next Generation

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S04E01	The Best of Both Worlds, Part II	7.10
S04E26	Redemption, Part I	6.92
S01E01	Encounter at Farpoint	6.75
S03E17	Sins of the Father	6.69
S03E26	The Best of Both Worlds, Part I	6.67
S02E16	Q Who	6.45
S04E21	The Drumhead	6.43
S07E01	Descent, Part II	6.36
S06E10	Chain of Command, Part I	6.25

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S03E21	The Die Is Cast	9.67
S06E11	Waltz	8.31
S01E01	Emissary	8.30

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S06E06	Sacrifice of Angels	8.23
S06E19	In the Pale Moonlight	8.22
S04E01	The Way of the Warrior	8.05
S04E11	Paradise Lost	7.67
S05E15	By Inferno's Light	7.52
S02E21	The Maquis, Part II	7.48

Star Trek: Voyager

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S07E25	Endgame	9.45
S04E08	Year of Hell, Part I	8.41
S01E01	Caretaker	8.15
S04E02	The Gift	7.65
S03E08	Future's End, Part I	7.08
S04E01	Scorpion, Part II	7.08
S05E25	Equinox, Part I	6.89
S07E01	Unimatrix Zero, Part II	6.76
S03E26	Scorpion, Part I	6.59

Star Trek: Picard

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S02E01	The Star Gazer	8.57
S02E02	Penance	7.63

Star Trek: Lower Decks

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S05E10	The New Next Generation	7.31
S03E10	The Stars at Night	6.59

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S04E10	Old Friends, New Planets	6.41

Star Trek: Prodigy

EPISODE	TITLE	SIGNAL SCORE
S02E19	Ouroboros	6.57
S02E15	Ascension	6.24

APPENDIX E.

FAN FAVORITES BY SERIES

Signature Episodes, elsewhere in this appendix, measures something the audience never sees directly: how densely an episode concentrates the dialogue, story beats, and franchise elements this guide is built to track. This page measures the opposite thing entirely — not what an episode contains, but how the people who actually watched it responded once the credits rolled.

The source is TMDB's own audience rating data: a weighted average score and a vote count for every episode, movie, and short in the franchise, refreshed directly against the same episode records behind every other page in this guide. Rather than rank all 960 episodes against each other — which would just reproduce a popularity contest between a franchise's biggest hits and its most obscure short-run series — this page holds each series to its own curve: the top five percent of episodes within that series alone, exactly the same method Signature Episodes uses for narrative density. A four-season series' top slot means something different from a forty-episode one, and this keeps the comparison fair within each show rather than distorted by the size of the sample.

Read the two pages side by side and the gap between them says something real about how television gets made and watched: a season-ending cliffhanger like "The Best of Both Worlds" or "Scorpion" tops both lists, because a good cliffhanger is often both the busiest hour of the season and the most-loved. But plenty of entries only show up on one page or the other — an episode dense with lore and quotable dialogue that never quite became a fan favorite, or a quieter, simpler hour that audiences kept coming back to anyway. Neither page is more "correct" than the other. They're just measuring different things.

Star Trek: Enterprise

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S03E08	Twilight	7.97	31
S03E23	Countdown	7.87	30
S03E24	Zero Hour	7.86	29
S01E26	Shockwave, Part I	7.84	27

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S02E23	Regeneration	7.84	33

Star Trek: Discovery

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E13	What's Past is Prologue	6.76	68
S01E01	The Vulcan Hello	6.65	103
S01E12	Vaulting Ambition	6.62	74
S01E03	Context Is for Kings	6.62	83

Star Trek: Strange New Worlds

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S02E07	Those Old Scientists	7.84	59
S01E10	A Quality of Mercy	7.75	50

Star Trek: The Original Series

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E28	The City on the Edge of Forever	8.08	65
S02E04	Mirror, Mirror	7.96	58
S01E22	Space Seed	7.94	58
S02E15	The Trouble With Tribbles	7.93	54

Star Trek: The Animated Series

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E02	Yesteryear	7.23	15

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E05	More Tribbles, More Troubles	7.09	11

Star Trek: Short Treks

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E02	Calypso	7.33	15

Star Trek: Starfleet Academy

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E10	Rubicon	5.45	28

Star Trek: The Next Generation

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S03E26	The Best of Both Worlds, Part I	8.07	72
S02E09	The Measure of a Man	7.98	74
S04E01	The Best of Both Worlds, Part II	7.86	61
S05E25	The Inner Light	7.85	71
S03E15	Yesterday's Enterprise	7.84	66
S02E16	Q Who	7.71	66
S05E23	I, Borg	7.71	56
S07E25	All Good Things...	7.70	55

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S05E18	Cause and Effect	7.68	58

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S06E06	Sacrifice of Angels	7.98	30
S06E13	Far Beyond the Stars	7.91	28
S06E19	In the Pale Moonlight	7.88	33
S05E06	Trials and Tribble-ations	7.87	36
S05E26	Call to Arms	7.82	24
S01E17	Dramatis Personae	7.78	43
S07E25	What You Leave Behind	7.78	27
S03E21	The Die Is Cast	7.76	32
S05E14	In Purgatory's Shadow	7.73	28

Star Trek: Voyager

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S03E26	Scorpion, Part I	7.82	33
S04E01	Scorpion, Part II	7.81	34
S05E22	11:59	7.75	37
S06E12	Blink of an Eye	7.69	38
S05E06	Timeless	7.64	36
S04E08	Year of Hell, Part I	7.63	35
S04E14	Message in a Bottle	7.63	35

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S05E11	Latent Image	7.63	35
S06E04	Tinker Tenor Doctor Spy	7.62	34

Star Trek: Picard

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S03E09	Võx	7.78	38
S03E10	The Last Generation	7.76	41

Star Trek: Lower Decks

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S03E10	The Stars at Night	7.88	16
S02E10	First First Contact	7.87	15
S01E10	No Small Parts	7.80	25

Star Trek: Prodigy

EPISODE	TITLE	TMDB SCORE	TMDB VOTES
S01E06	Kobayashi	7.00	13
S01E14	Crossroads	7.00	12

APPENDIX F.

FRANCHISE FIRSTS

Not every episode that matters is a season finale or a story-arc anchor. Some entries earn their place in the franchise's own memory for a narrower reason: they were the first time something happened. A series' first episode, obviously, and its last — but also a genre's first real venture into a subject it had been circling for years, the first appearance of an enemy that would define a season a decade later, the first time an episode used the format itself (a holodeck malfunction, a mirror universe, a time loop) as more than a gimmick.

This page collects every episode this guide's own records flag as historically significant, in the order it aired, series by series. Some are premieres and finales, marked as such. Most are something quieter: the episode a later chapter of this guide, or a later season of the same show, keeps pointing back to as the place a thread actually started. Read together, they trace the franchise's own sense of its turning points — not by anyone's later ranking, but by what the show itself kept treating as the moment things changed.

A methodology note: this list is not exclusively "firsts" in the strictest sense — a few entries are flagged for the weight of what they depict (a season's costliest battle, a franchise's most direct confrontation with a real-world issue) rather than a literal precedent. Where an episode is a series premiere or finale, that's called out directly; for everything else, the note describes the moment itself, drawn from the same episode summaries used throughout this guide.

Star Trek: Enterprise

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Broken Bow	September 26, 2001	*Series premiere.* Earth's first deep-space vessel launches under untested circumstances, sent to return an injured Klingon named Klaang to his homeworld before his crash-landing in Oklahoma escalates into something larger.
S01E13	Dear Doctor	January 23, 2002	When Phlox uncovers a genetic disease slowly killing off the Valakian population, what begins as a straightforward medical mission becomes the hardest decision Archer has faced yet: a possible cure exists, but curing the Valakians may come at the expense of the Menk, a second species on the same world whose evolutionary path depends on the Valakians' decline.
S01E26	Shockwave, Part I	May 22, 2002	A routine test flight goes catastrophically wrong when Enterprise's shuttlepod ignites the atmosphere of an inhabited colony, killing thousands in an instant and threatening to end the mission before it has properly begun.
S02E22	Cogenitor	April 30, 2003	First contact with the Vissians, a strikingly open and friendly species, gives Archer a warm rapport with their captain during a shared reconnaissance flight near a hypergiant star, but it's the crew's discovery of the Vissians' third gender, the cogenitors, that becomes the episode's real subject.
S02E23	Regeneration	May 7, 2003	Arctic researchers pull century-old wreckage from the ice and, without knowing what they've actually found, manage to reactivate two dormant drones buried inside it, remnants of the Borg sphere destroyed decades earlier during humanity's first, unrecorded encounter with the species.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S02E26	The Expanse	May 21, 2003	A vast alien probe cuts a swath of destruction across Earth in April 2153, killing millions in minutes, including Trip Tucker's younger sister Elizabeth, and vanishing before anyone can determine where it came from or why.
S03E22	The Council	May 12, 2004	Archer and Degra bring evidence before the full Xindi Council that the Sphere-Builders have been manipulating the entire species into building a weapon against Earth, and the vote goes their way — until the Reptilian commander Dolim discovers Degra sabotaged one of his ships and kills him as a traitor.
S03E24	Zero Hour	May 26, 2004	With the Xindi weapon bearing down on Earth and its Reptilian escort standing between Enterprise and any hope of stopping it, Archer makes a final, near-suicidal push into the dimension of the Sphere-Builders themselves, the unseen architects who have been manipulating the Xindi into building the weapon all along.
S04E09	Kir'Shara	December 3, 2004	The Syrrannites' hidden relic, the Kir'Shara, finally comes to light, an ancient artifact containing Surak's actual, unaltered teachings, and its recovery blows apart the official version of Vulcan philosophy that V'Las's government has spent years enforcing.
S04E18	In a Mirror, Darkly	April 22, 2005	In a parallel universe ruled by the brutal Terran Empire, the ISS Enterprise under Captain Archer discovers the wreckage of a starship that doesn't belong to any timeline this universe has ever produced: the USS Defiant, a 23rd-century Federation vessel that fell through a rift from a very different reality entirely.
S04E19	In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II	April 29, 2005	Command of the captured USS Defiant in hand, mirror-Archer sets his sights on Earth itself, intent on using the ship's superior technology to seize control of the Terran Empire from the inside rather than simply defend against its enemies.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S04E22	These Are the Voyages...	May 13, 2005	*Series finale.* Six years after Enterprise's final mission, aboard the Enterprise-D during the events later depicted in Star Trek: The Next Generation, Commander Riker uses the ship's holodeck to work through a difficult decision of his own by revisiting a dramatized account of Archer's crew on the eve of the Federation's founding.

Star Trek: Discovery

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	The Vulcan Hello	September 24, 2017	*Series premiere.* A routine patrol near the neutral zone turns into first contact with something far more dangerous when the USS Shenzhou encounters an unidentified structure that turns out to be a Klingon beacon, and Michael Burnham finds herself facing the opening move of a war neither side has technically declared.
S01E15	Will You Take My Hand?	February 11, 2018	With the war reaching its breaking point, Starfleet authorizes a desperate plan built around mirror-Georgiou posing as the Terran Emperor to deliver a bomb that could annihilate the Klingon homeworld outright, a strategy Burnham finds herself unable to accept even as the alternative may cost the Federation the war.
S02E08	If Memory Serves	March 7, 2019	Talos IV becomes the site of the season's deepest excavation of Spock's psyche, its illusion-casting inhabitants giving Burnham and Spock a way to walk back through the childhood memory both have spent years avoiding: a mind meld gone wrong that left permanent damage neither sibling ever named out loud.
S02E14	Such Sweet Sorrow (2)	April 18, 2019	As Control's automated fleet closes in for what could be a final, decisive strike, Discovery and its allies mount a desperate defense buying just enough time for Burnham's plan to actually work: sending Discovery, its crew, and the sphere data nearly a thousand years into the future, permanently out of Control's reach.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S03E13	That Hope Is You, Part 2	January 7, 2021	With the Burn's cause finally understood and the Emerald Chain tightening its grip on a galaxy still recovering from it, Burnham and Discovery's crew face a last, narrow window to change the Federation's trajectory before Osyraa's influence becomes permanent.
S04E13	Coming Home	March 17, 2022	With evacuations still racing to outpace the anomaly's advance, Burnham and the crew make one final push to establish real, mutual communication with Species 10-C, a being whose perception of scale, time, and harm operates on a level the crew can barely conceptualize.
S05E10	Life, Itself	May 30, 2024	*Series finale.* Inside a portal that defies ordinary time, space, and gravity, Burnham faces down Moll directly while the environment itself becomes as dangerous an opponent as any person, in a final push to secure the Progenitors' technology for the Federation before it's lost or weaponized.

Star Trek: Strange New Worlds

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Strange New Worlds	May 5, 2022	*Series premiere.* Pike has spent a year in deliberate exile at his family vineyard, unable to shake the vision Discovery's crew handed him of exactly how and when his life ends, when word reaches him that Number One has gone missing on a classified mission gone wrong.
S01E04	Memento Mori	May 26, 2022	A routine supply run to a frontier colony turns into an ambush when the Enterprise comes under attack from the Gorn, a predatory species the crew has almost no reliable intelligence on.
S02E08	Under the Cloak of War	July 27, 2023	The arrival of Klingon defector Ambassador Dak'Rah for transport to Starbase 12 reopens deep war trauma for both M'Benga and Chapel, veterans of a brutal campaign on the moon J'gal that neither has ever fully processed.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S03E10	New Life and New Civilizations	September 11, 2025	The Vezda trapped inside the transporter buffer escapes by reanimating Gamble's body, luring Doctor M'Benga to the prison's entrance in a trap specifically designed to require his presence alongside Gamble's to open the door.
S04E01	Valles Marineris	July 23, 2026	A stellar storm flings the Enterprise sixty-five million years into the past, stranding Pike's crew in the deep time before the Federation — or humanity — existed.

Star Trek: The Original Series

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	The Man Trap	September 8, 1966	*Series premiere.* A routine resupply run to the research outpost on M-113 turns deadly once crew members start dying under bizarre circumstances, each death traced back to a creature that survives by draining salt directly from its living victims.
S01E11	The Menagerie	November 17, 1966	A cryptic subspace signal supposedly from Christopher Pike, the Enterprise's former captain, draws the ship to Starbase 11, where Spock's insistence on investigating collides directly with Starbase Commodore Mendez's refusal to authorize it.
S01E12	The Menagerie (2)	November 24, 1966	With Spock's court martial underway, the full story behind Pike's original visit to Talos IV finally comes into focus: the Talosians, powerful illusion-casters, once tried to trap Pike permanently as breeding stock for a species that had lost the will to rebuild its world honestly, only for his defiance to convince them humans wouldn't submit to captivity even in paradise.
S01E14	Balance of Terror	December 15, 1966	Investigating a mysterious pattern of destroyed outposts along the Romulan Neutral Zone, the Enterprise finds itself in a tense pursuit of a cloaked Romulan warbird testing the Federation's resolve a century after the war that first drew the border between them.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E22	Space Seed	February 16, 1967	A routine sensor sweep turns up something no one expects: the derelict sleeper ship SS Botany Bay, drifting since the late twentieth century and carrying seventy-two genetically engineered supermen in suspended animation.
S01E26	Errand of Mercy	March 23, 1967	With negotiations between the Federation and the Klingon Empire collapsed entirely, the Enterprise is sent to the non-aligned world of Organia to keep it from falling into Klingon hands, only to find its peaceful, almost primitive population utterly indifferent to the war forming around them.
S02E04	Mirror, Mirror	October 6, 1967	A transporter accident during an ion storm swaps Kirk, McCoy, Scott, and Uhura with their counterparts from a brutal parallel universe, dropping them straight into the heart of a ruthless Terran Empire where Kirk himself rules as a feared, murderous captain.
S02E09	Metamorphosis	November 10, 1967	A shuttlecraft carrying a dying Federation commissioner is pulled off course and stranded on an isolated asteroid, where the crew makes an astonishing discovery: Zefram Cochrane, the legendary inventor of warp drive, alive and inexplicably youthful a century and a half after he was presumed dead.
S02E19	A Private Little War	February 2, 1968	Returning to the primitive world of Neural, a planet Kirk visited years earlier as an untouched Stone Age society, the Enterprise discovers the Klingons have been secretly arming one faction of villagers with increasingly advanced weapons, tilting a once-balanced local conflict toward outright slaughter.
S02E21	Patterns of Force	February 16, 1968	Investigating the disappearance of Federation cultural observer John Gill, one of Kirk's own former Starfleet Academy professors, the Enterprise finds the planet Ekos has somehow developed into a fully-formed Nazi state, complete with uniforms, propaganda, and a systematic persecution campaign against the neighboring, peaceful planet of Zeon.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S03E15	Let That Be Your Last Battlefield	January 10, 1969	Investigating a stolen Federation shuttlecraft near the polluted planet Ariannus, the Enterprise crew finds two alien fugitives, Lokai and Bele, locked in a relentless, decades-spanning chase that predates the Federation itself and shows no sign of ever actually ending.

Star Trek: The Animated Series

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Beyond the Farthest Star	September 8, 1973	*Series premiere.* The Enterprise finds a deserted starship orbiting a dead star.
S01E02	Yesteryear	September 15, 1973	Spock travels back in time to prevent his death as a young Vulcan.
S02E06	The Counter-Clock Incident	October 12, 1974	*Series finale.* When the Enterprise enters a negative universe, former captain Robert April saves the ship as the crew age backwards.

Star Trek: Short Treks

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Runaway	October 4, 2018	*Series premiere.* Ensign Sylvia Tilly discovers an unexpected stowaway aboard the USS Discovery when Po, a young Xahean princess, sneaks aboard seeking to escape an arranged future she never agreed to.
S01E02	Calypso	November 8, 2018	Centuries after being abandoned, the USS Discovery is kept running by its sentient computer Zora, faithfully maintaining the ship alone under standing orders nobody's left to countermand.
S01E03	The Brightest Star	December 6, 2018	On the pre-warp world of Kaminar, the young Kelpien Saru dreams of a life beyond the fear that defines every part of his people's existence, a longing that draws the attention of Captain Philippa Georgiou during a survey mission.
S02E01	Q&A	October 5, 2019	Newly assigned to the Enterprise, Ensign Spock gets stuck in a malfunctioning turbolift with Number One almost as soon as he comes aboard, an awkward accident that turns into something more useful than either of them expects.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S02E02	The Trouble with Edward	October 10, 2019	Scientist Edward Larkin pursues an ambitious tribble breeding experiment aboard a small Starfleet vessel, brushing off every warning from his commanding officer about exactly how fast these creatures multiply.
S02E03	Ask Not	November 14, 2019	Cadet Thira Sidhu faces the toughest command evaluation of her career when Captain Pike appears to have fallen into enemy hands during a dangerous mission gone wrong.
S02E04	Ephraim and Dot	December 12, 2019	A young tardigrade named Ephraim and a diligent repair robot named Dot spend decades quietly living through Star Trek history together, their small, animated adventures intersecting with events straight out of The Original Series and the early feature films.
S02E05	The Girl Who Made the Stars	December 12, 2019	A frightened young Michael Burnham, struggling with grief, is comforted by her father through the story of a courageous girl who creates the stars themselves out of nothing but hope and sheer determination.
S02E06	Children of Mars	January 9, 2020	*Series finale.* Two schoolgirls on Mars, locked in a petty, long-running rivalry, find it instantly meaningless the moment the Synth attack on Utopia Planitia devastates their colony around them.

Star Trek: Starfleet Academy

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Kids These Days	January 15, 2026	*Series premiere.* After being on the run since age six, twenty-one-year-old Caleb, a brilliant criminal hacker, is offered the chance of a lifetime: a spot in the first new Starfleet Academy class in San Francisco in over a century.
S01E04	Vox in Excelso	January 29, 2026	Klingon cadet Jay-Den Kraag learns that a ship carrying members of the remaining Great Houses has crashed, threatening what's left of his people with extinction, and that his own family may be among the dead.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E08	The Life of the Stars	February 26, 2026	Still processing trauma from the Miyazaki attack, the cadets work through it in drama therapy led by visiting instructor Sylvia Tilly, using Thornton Wilder's Our Town as an unlikely vehicle for grief neither Tarima nor the rest of the class wants to name directly.
S01E09	300th Night	March 5, 2026	With SAM's help, Caleb finally tracks down two years of unanswered messages pinpointing his mother Anisha Mir's location on the planet Ukeck, a lead he can't ignore even after overhearing Admiral Vance discuss a catastrophic new threat: stolen Omega-class mines capable of both mass destruction and crippling warp travel across the Federation.
S01E10	Rubicon	March 12, 2026	*Series finale.* Braka threatens to detonate the Omega mines and destroy two hundred and forty inhabited planets, backed by a cartel of non-Federation worlds eager to see Starfleet humbled.

Star Trek: The Next Generation

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Encounter at Farpoint	September 28, 1987	*Series premiere.* Q's first appearance freezes the newly assembled Enterprise-D crew in place before Picard's first order is even given, putting humanity itself on trial as savage and unworthy of the stars unless the crew can prove otherwise at Farpoint.
S03E17	Sins of the Father	March 19, 1990	As part of the Federation-Klingon officer exchange program, Klingon Commander Kurn asks to serve aboard the Enterprise as first officer.
S03E26	The Best of Both Worlds, Part I	June 18, 1990	A Federation colony at Jouret IV is found completely gone, no bodies, no wreckage, just the ground itself scraped clean — the unmistakable signature of the Borg, arriving years ahead of every projection Starfleet had for when this fight would actually start.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S04E01	The Best of Both Worlds, Part II	September 24, 1990	With Picard assimilated into Locutus and a Starfleet armada reduced to wreckage at Wolf 359, Riker inherits command of the Enterprise under the worst possible circumstances: outgunned, one battle already lost, and staring down a captain who is now the enemy's voice.
S04E26	Redemption, Part I	June 17, 1991	Gowron's installation as the new Klingon Chancellor should be a formality Picard oversees as Arbiter of Succession, but the political peace is paper-thin, propped up by the same Duras family whose treachery the Council still refuses to acknowledge.
S05E01	Redemption, Part II	September 23, 1991	With the Duras sisters' forces backed by a steady supply of Romulan weapons, Picard assembles a fleet-wide blockade using specially modified sensors to catch the cloaked ships smuggling them across the border — a plan that risks Federation lives in what is technically someone else's civil war.
S07E25	All Good Things...	May 23, 1994	*Series finale.* Q informs Picard that he is, somehow, to blame for the extinction of humanity, and yanks his mind without warning between three points in his own life: the present, the earliest days of his command before the Enterprise-D's maiden voyage to Farpoint, and a retired, aged future spent tending a vineyard in France.

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Emissary	January 3, 1993	*Series premiere.* In the aftermath of losing his wife Jennifer at Wolf 359 — killed when Picard, assimilated as Locutus, led the Borg's slaughter of the fleet — Benjamin Sisko arrives to command Deep Space Nine expecting a demotion into irrelevance, not a destiny.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S02E23	Crossover	May 15, 1994	A wormhole malfunction throws Kira and Bashir into a parallel universe where the Alpha Quadrant's power dynamics are brutally inverted — Klingons, Cardassians, and Bajorans rule as an alliance of conquerors, and humans exist as an enslaved underclass, with mirror versions of familiar faces running the machinery of oppression.
S02E26	The Jem'Hadar	June 12, 1994	A father-son camping trip to the Gamma Quadrant turns into first contact of the worst kind when Sisko, Jake, Nog, and Quark encounter the Jem'Hadar — the Dominion's soldiers, bred purely for combat and loyalty, who make it unambiguously clear that further Alpha Quadrant incursions through the wormhole will not be tolerated.
S03E01	The Search, Part I	September 26, 1994	Word reaches the station that a Federation ship has been destroyed deep in the Gamma Quadrant, and Starfleet answers by commissioning the USS Defiant, a warship built for a war nobody has declared yet.
S03E02	The Search, Part II	October 3, 1994	The captivity turns out to be theater: the Founders staged the whole ordeal to see how Starfleet would behave when cornered, and Odo is left holding an identity he didn't ask for.
S03E11	Past Tense, Part I	January 2, 1995	A transporter malfunction strands Sisko, Bashir, and Dax in San Francisco in 2024, days before the Bell Riots reshape how Earth treats its displaced poor.
S03E12	Past Tense, Part II	January 9, 1995	Living inside the walled district as Bell, Sisko leads the standoff he's now obligated to see through exactly as the record demands, even as the human cost mounts around him.
S04E01	The Way of the Warrior	October 2, 1995	A Klingon armada under General Martok arrives at the station claiming to be there against a Dominion invasion, but the fleet's real purpose is a covert war footing against Cardassia, which the Klingons are now convinced has been infiltrated by Changelings.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S04E25	Broken Link	June 17, 1996	Odo collapses without warning, losing the ability to hold his shape, and Sisko takes him into the Gamma Quadrant aboard the Defiant in a desperate search for answers among his own people — with Garak, oddly insistent, tagging along.
S05E01	Apocalypse Rising	September 30, 1996	Learning from Odo that a Changeling has taken Gowron's place at the head of the Klingon Empire, Sisko is ordered into a commando raid on Klingon headquarters to expose the impostor before the fabricated war can go any further.
S05E06	Trials and Tribble-ations	November 4, 1996	Chasing a suspected saboteur through a temporal rift, the DS9 crew is thrown back to the era of the original Enterprise, landing squarely inside the events of "The Trouble with Tribbles" — a past they already know the ending to and can't be caught interfering with.
S05E26	Call to Arms	June 16, 1997	With the Romulans and other major powers folding into non-aggression pacts with the Dominion, Starfleet orders Sisko to mine the wormhole and cut off any further reinforcements reaching Cardassia.
S06E13	Far Beyond the Stars	February 11, 1998	Grieving a friend's death in the war, Sisko is struck by a vision so vivid it barely feels like a vision at all: he is Benny Russell, a Black science-fiction writer in 1950s New York fighting to get a story about a Black station commander named Benjamin Sisko published in a genre that isn't ready for him.
S06E26	Tears of the Prophets	June 17, 1998	With Starfleet finally ready to go on the offensive, Sisko is ordered to lead an assault on the Chin'toka system before Cardassian and Dominion forces can finish upgrading its defenses—and chooses to move forward even after a warning from the Prophets that makes clear the cost will be personal.
S07E01	Image in the Sand	September 30, 1998	A vision from the Prophets sends Sisko digging in the sand of a distant planet for the face of a woman he doesn't recognize, interrupted by an attack from a Pah-wraith cultist determined to keep him from whatever he's looking for.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S07E02	Shadows and Symbols	October 7, 1998	The stranger who calls herself Dax turns out to be exactly that: Ezri, an unjoined Trill counselor who happened to be the only compatible host aboard the ship transporting the injured Dax symbiont when it needed emergency implantation to survive.
S07E25	What You Leave Behind	June 2, 1999	*Series finale.* As the Federation Alliance readies its final push into Cardassian territory, Kai Winn releases the Pah-wraiths from the Fire Caves, unleashing a threat that reaches far past Bajor and toward the entire Alpha Quadrant.

Star Trek: Voyager

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Caretaker	January 16, 1995	*Series premiere.* A being called the Caretaker pulls the USS Voyager seventy thousand light-years across the galaxy into the Delta Quadrant, a single act with consequences reaching far beyond one Starfleet ship.
S02E04	Elogium	September 18, 1995	A transporter accident fuses Tuvok and Neelix into a single new individual carrying both men's memories, skills, and personalities, who quickly names himself Tuvix and just as quickly becomes someone the crew has to reckon with as a person in his own right.
S03E26	Scorpion, Part I	May 21, 1997	With no way around a vast stretch of Borg space, Voyager finds something stranger than an open route: a narrow corridor the Borg themselves have abandoned, apparently out of fear of an enemy even they can't assimilate.
S04E01	Scorpion, Part II	September 3, 1997	The alliance with the Borg proves as dangerous as the enemy it was meant to counter, and Voyager's crew has to fight free of Collective control even as the war against Species 8472 rages around them.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S06E10	Pathfinder	December 1, 1999	Back on Earth, Barclay's work on the experimental Pathfinder project — an ambitious attempt to finally establish real communication with the stranded Voyager—has curdled into something closer to obsession, prompting Deanna Troi to step in and help him separate genuine hope from a fixation that's taking over his life.
S07E25	Endgame	May 23, 2001	*Series finale.* Years after Voyager's actual return to the Alpha Quadrant, an older Admiral Janeway —still haunted by everything the journey cost her crew—decides the timeline as it happened wasn't good enough, and sets out to change the past so her people can get home years sooner than they actually did.

Star Trek: Picard

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Remembrance	January 23, 2020	*Series premiere.* Fourteen years after resigning his Starfleet commission in protest, Jean-Luc Picard has settled into a quiet, mostly solitary retirement at Chateau Picard, his family's vineyard, when a desperate young woman named Dahj appears at his door claiming she has nowhere else to turn.
S01E10	Et in Arcadia Ego (2)	March 26, 2020	With Oh's fleet bearing down on Coppelius and a galaxy's worth of inherited fear driving the moment toward violence, Picard makes one last attempt to broker peace between the synths, the Romulans, and everyone caught in between before the confrontation turns catastrophic.
S02E10	Farewell	May 5, 2022	Renee Picard's mission launches as planned, restoring the timeline the crew has spent the whole season racing to protect, and closing a loop that turns out to have been years in the making rather than a single crisis.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S03E10	The Last Generation	April 20, 2023	*Series finale.* The Borg Queen's plan to assimilate the fleet gathered for Frontier Day comes to a head, and Picard turns to the one ship built to fight her: the restored Enterprise-D, crewed again by the old team for what everyone understands may be the last time.

Star Trek: Lower Decks

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Second Contact	August 6, 2020	*Series premiere.* Tendi's first shift aboard the USS Cerritos throws her straight into the ship's real culture: not the polished heroics of a flagship, but the unglamorous grunt work that keeps a California-class support vessel running while more important ships get the glory.
S04E10	Old Friends, New Planets	November 2, 2023	Locarno's true plan comes into full view: embittered since his Academy expulsion, he's assembled a renegade Nova Fleet from disaffected officers and is holding Mariner captive as propaganda for his cause.
S05E10	The New Next Generation	December 19, 2024	*Series finale.* Back on the Cerritos, Freeman's crew has to seal the rift William's side of the story tore open, while a Klingon commander named Relga arrives hunting the brothers Ma'ah and Malor and a Schrödinger Field randomly reshapes the ship into different starship classes around them.

Star Trek: Prodigy

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E01	Lost and Found	October 28, 2021	*Series premiere.* Tars Lamora is a mining colony built on forced child labor, and the exiled kids scraping by there have exactly one advantage over their captors: nobody expects them to find, let alone steal, a derelict Starfleet vessel buried in the scrapyard.

EPISODE	TITLE	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
S01E20	Supernova (2)	December 29, 2022	With the Living Construct still turning Starfleet ships against each other, the crew's only remaining option is to detonate the proto-core mid-jump, and hologram Janeway insists on staying behind to trigger it herself rather than let anyone else take the risk.
S02E20	Ouroboros (2)	July 1, 2024	*Series finale.* With the Loom loose in full force, the crew's plan hinges on luring them back through the wormhole using phasers retuned to banish them to their home dimension, using Gwyn as bait aboard the Protostar while Voyager stands guard over her.

APPENDIX G.

IN-UNIVERSE CHRONOLOGY

Every other page in this guide follows the franchise the way it was actually produced and broadcast — series by series, season by season, in the order the audience received it. This page throws that order out entirely and rebuilds the timeline the other way: every episode and film in this volume, resorted by the year its story is actually set in, regardless of which decade it aired or which series made it.

The result is not gentle on the eye. Discovery alone appears twice in this appendix a full nine hundred years apart — once as an Original Series-adjacent show set in the 2250s, and again as a found-family drama a millennium later after its own second-season finale sent the ship there on purpose. Strange New Worlds, Deep Space Nine, and the Kelvin-timeline films all turn out to share a decade with shows that never once acknowledge each other's existence in dialogue. That's the point of setting this next to the rest of the guide rather than instead of it: production order tells you how the franchise grew; in-universe order tells you how its own history actually reads, end to end.

A note on the source data: this table uses each episode's and film's recorded in-universe year, drawn from on-screen stardates, dialogue references, and production-confirmed placements behind every entry in this guide. Nine episodes with no reliably established year are omitted here rather than guessed at; every other entry — 951 episodes and all 14 feature films — is accounted for below, divided into the same seven eras used throughout this volume, so a year here always lines up with the chapter it belongs to. To keep this appendix to a readable length, a series' episodes within a single shared year are grouped into one line rather than given a row each — the episode code or code ranges and episode count are listed, but not every individual title, since those are already indexed in this guide's main episode-by-episode chapters. Any series with only one episode in a given year still gets its own line, title included.

Discovery is kept whole under the era its own chapter belongs to, the Age of the Red Angel, rather than split across two sections — its first two seasons sit at the top of that range in the 2250s, and its last three pick back up nine hundred years later, after the Burn, alongside the Age of Reconnection material that follows it.

The era headings in this appendix are **editorial groupings**, not strict chronological boundaries. In particular, Discovery remains under the Age of the Red Angel despite its later seasons, and the Galaxy-Class grouping includes later Lower Decks and Prodigy stories. Section 31 and the 2324-set Short Trek are grouped with the Constitution-Class material for navigational continuity, not because they occur before 2293.

The Age of First Contact

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2151	Star Trek: Enterprise	S01E01 — Broken Bow; S01E03–S01E26 (25 episodes)
2152	Star Trek: Enterprise	S02E01–S02E26 (26 episodes)
2153	Star Trek: Enterprise	S03E01–S03E24 (24 episodes)
2154	Star Trek: Enterprise	S04E01–S04E22 (22 episodes)

The Age of the Red Angel

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2256	Star Trek: Discovery	S01E01–S01E15 (15 episodes)
2257	Star Trek: Discovery	S02E01–S02E14 (14 episodes)
2258	Star Trek (Kelvin Timeline)	S01E11 — Star Trek (1 episode)
2259	Star Trek (Kelvin Timeline)	S01E12 — Star Trek Into Darkness (1 episode)
3188	Star Trek: Discovery	S03E01–S03E13 (13 episodes)
3189	Star Trek: Discovery	S04E01–S04E13 (13 episodes)
3190	Star Trek: Discovery	S05E01–S05E10 (10 episodes)

The Age of the Enterprise

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2259	Star Trek: Strange New Worlds	S01E01–S01E10 (10 episodes)
2260	Star Trek: Strange New Worlds	S02E01–S02E10 (10 episodes)
2261	Star Trek: Strange New Worlds	S03E01–S03E10 (10 episodes)
2262	Star Trek: Strange New Worlds	S04E01–S04E10 (10 episodes)

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2263	Star Trek (Kelvin Timeline)	S01E13 — Star Trek Beyond (1 episode)

The Age of the Constitution-Class

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2265	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E02–S01E29 (28 episodes)
2266	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E01 — The Man Trap; S02E01–S02E26 (27 episodes)
2267	Star Trek: The Original Series	S03E01–S03E24 (24 episodes)
2269	Star Trek: The Animated Series	S01E01–S01E16 (16 episodes)
2270	Star Trek: The Animated Series	S02E01–S02E06 (6 episodes)
2273	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E01 — Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1 episode)
2285	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E02–S01E03 (2 episodes)
2286	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E04 — Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1 episode)
2287	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E05 — Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1 episode)
2293	Star Trek: The Original Series	S01E06 — Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1 episode)
2324	Star Trek: Section 31	S01E14 — Star Trek: Section 31 (1 episode)
2324	Star Trek: Short Treks	S02E02 — The Trouble with Edward (1 episode)

The Age of the Galaxy-Class

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2364	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S01E01–S01E25 (25 episodes)
2365	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S02E01–S02E22 (22 episodes)
2366	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S03E01–S03E26 (26 episodes)

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2367	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S04E01–S04E26 (26 episodes)
2368	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S05E01–S05E26 (26 episodes)
2369	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S01E01–S01E19 (19 episodes)
2369	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S06E01–S06E26 (26 episodes)
2370	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S02E01–S02E26 (26 episodes)
2370	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S07E01–S07E25 (25 episodes)
2371	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S03E01–S03E26 (26 episodes)
2371	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S01E07 — Star Trek: Generations (1 episode)
2371	Star Trek: Voyager	S01E01–S01E15 (15 episodes)
2372	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S04E01–S04E25 (25 episodes)
2372	Star Trek: Voyager	S02E01–S02E26 (26 episodes)
2373	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S05E01–S05E26 (26 episodes)
2373	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S01E08 — Star Trek: First Contact (1 episode)
2373	Star Trek: Voyager	S03E01–S03E26 (26 episodes)
2374	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S06E01–S06E26 (26 episodes)
2374	Star Trek: Voyager	S04E01–S04E26 (26 episodes)
2375	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S07E01–S07E25 (25 episodes)
2375	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S01E09 — Star Trek: Insurrection (1 episode)
2375	Star Trek: Voyager	S05E01–S05E25 (25 episodes)
2376	Star Trek: Voyager	S06E01–S06E26 (26 episodes)
2377	Star Trek: Voyager	S07E01–S07E25 (25 episodes)
2379	Star Trek: The Next Generation	S01E10 — Star Trek: Nemesis (1 episode)
2380	Star Trek: Lower Decks	S01E01–S01E10 (10 episodes)
2381	Star Trek: Lower Decks	S02E01–S02E10 (10 episodes)

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2382	Star Trek: Lower Decks	S03E01–S03E10 (10 episodes)
2383	Star Trek: Lower Decks	S04E01–S04E10 (10 episodes)
2383	Star Trek: Prodigy	S01E01 — Lost and Found; S01E03–S01E20 (19 episodes)
2384	Star Trek: Lower Decks	S05E01–S05E10 (10 episodes)
2384	Star Trek: Prodigy	S02E01–S02E20 (20 episodes)

The Age of Fracture

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
2399	Star Trek: Picard	S01E01–S01E10 (10 episodes)
2401	Star Trek: Picard	S02E01–S02E10 (10 episodes)
2402	Star Trek: Picard	S03E01–S03E10 (10 episodes)

The Age of Reconnection

YEAR	SERIES	EPISODES
3195	Star Trek: Starfleet Academy	S01E01–S01E10 (10 episodes)

951 episodes and 14 films, spanning 2151–3195, grouped into 64 chronological entries. Nine episodes without an established year are omitted.

APPENDIX H.

MULTI-PART EPISODE DIRECTORY

The season-ending cliffhanger has been a *Star Trek* tradition since long before "to be continued" became a genre cliché — a crew member assimilated, a ship left drifting, a war just declared, and a summer's wait before the resolution airs. Those pairs, and the shorter mid-season versions of the same trick, are some of the most re-watched hours in the franchise precisely because they were never built to stand alone.

This directory collects every one of them: a single narrative split across two or three separate episodes, almost always broadcast back to back or across a single season break. It was built by pulling every entry from the episode directory whose title carries a shared story — a "Part I" and "Part II," a repeated name, or a run of episodes explicitly continuing one another — so a multi-part story can be read straight through without hunting down where the second half landed.

This is a narrower list than the Story Arc Directory. An arc can stretch across a season or more with other episodes in between; a multi-part story is one continuous narrative told back to back, usually resolved within the same season.

Star Trek: Enterprise

STORY	PARTS
Shockwave	S01E26 “Shockwave, Part I”; S02E01 “Shockwave, Part II”
Storm Front	S04E01 “Storm Front”; S04E02 “Storm Front, Part II”
Borderland	S04E04 “Borderland”; S04E05 “Cold Station 12”; S04E06 “The Augments”
The Forge	S04E07 “The Forge”; S04E08 “Awakening”; S04E09 “Kir'Shara”
Babel One	S04E12 “Babel One”; S04E13 “United”; S04E14 “The Aenar”
Affliction	S04E15 “Affliction”; S04E16 “Divergence”
In a Mirror, Darkly	S04E18 “In a Mirror, Darkly”; S04E19 “In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II”
Demons	S04E20 “Demons”; S04E21 “Terra Prime”

Star Trek: Discovery

STORY	PARTS
Such Sweet Sorrow	S02E13 “Such Sweet Sorrow”; S02E14 “Such Sweet Sorrow (2)”
That Hope Is You	S03E01 “That Hope Is You, Part 1”; S03E13 “That Hope Is You, Part 2”

STORY	PARTS
Terra Firma	S03E09 “Terra Firma”; S03E10 “Terra Firma (2)”

Star Trek: Strange New Worlds

STORY	PARTS
Hegemony	S02E10 “Hegemony”; S03E01 “Hegemony, Part II”

Star Trek: The Original Series

STORY	PARTS
The Menagerie	S01E11 “The Menagerie”; S01E12 “The Menagerie (2)”

Star Trek: The Next Generation

STORY	PARTS
The Best of Both Worlds	S03E26 “The Best of Both Worlds, Part I”; S04E01 “The Best of Both Worlds, Part II”
Redemption	S04E26 “Redemption, Part I”; S05E01 “Redemption, Part II”
Unification	S05E07 “Unification, Part I”; S05E08 “Unification, Part II”
Time's Arrow	S05E26 “Time's Arrow, Part I”; S06E01 “Time's Arrow, Part II”
Chain of Command	S06E10 “Chain of Command, Part I”; S06E11 “Chain of Command, Part II”
Birthright	S06E16 “Birthright, Part I”; S06E17 “Birthright, Part II”
Descent	S06E26 “Descent, Part I”; S07E01 “Descent, Part II”
Gambit	S07E04 “Gambit, Part I”; S07E05 “Gambit, Part II”

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine

STORY	PARTS
The Homecoming	S02E01 “The Homecoming”; S02E02 “The Circle”; S02E03 “The Siege”
The Maquis	S02E20 “The Maquis, Part I”; S02E21 “The Maquis, Part II”
The Search	S03E01 “The Search, Part I”; S03E02 “The Search, Part II”
Past Tense	S03E11 “Past Tense, Part I”; S03E12 “Past Tense, Part II”

STORY	PARTS
Improbable Cause	S03E20 “Improbable Cause”; S03E21 “The Die Is Cast”
Homefront	S04E10 “Homefront”; S04E11 “Paradise Lost”
In Purgatory's Shadow	S05E14 “In Purgatory's Shadow”; S05E15 “By Inferno's Light”
Favor the Bold	S06E05 “Favor the Bold”; S06E06 “Sacrifice of Angels”

Star Trek: Voyager

STORY	PARTS
Basics	S02E26 “Basics, Part I”; S03E01 “Basics, Part II”
Future's End	S03E08 “Future's End, Part I”; S03E09 “Future's End, Part II”
Scorpion	S03E26 “Scorpion, Part I”; S04E01 “Scorpion, Part II”
Year of Hell	S04E08 “Year of Hell, Part I”; S04E09 “Year of Hell, Part II”
The Killing Game	S04E18 “The Killing Game”; S04E19 “The Killing Game (2)”
Equinox	S05E25 “Equinox, Part I”; S06E01 “Equinox, Part II”
Unimatrix Zero	S06E26 “Unimatrix Zero, Part I”; S07E01 “Unimatrix Zero, Part II”
Flesh and Blood	S07E09 “Flesh and Blood”; S07E10 “Flesh and Blood (2)”
Workforce	S07E16 “Workforce, Part I”; S07E17 “Workforce, Part II”

Star Trek: Picard

STORY	PARTS
Et in Arcadia Ego	S01E09 “Et in Arcadia Ego”; S01E10 “Et in Arcadia Ego (2)”

Star Trek: Lower Decks

STORY	PARTS
The Inner Fight	S04E09 “The Inner Fight”; S04E10 “Old Friends, New Planets”

STORY	PARTS
Fissure Quest	S05E09 “Fissure Quest”; S05E10 “The New Next Generation”

Star Trek: Prodigy

STORY	PARTS
A Moral Star	S01E09 “A Moral Star”; S01E10 “A Moral Star (2)”
Supernova	S01E19 “Supernova”; S01E20 “Supernova (2)”
Into the Breach	S02E01 “Into the Breach”; S02E02 “Into the Breach (2)”
The Devourer of All Things	S02E09 “The Devourer of All Things”; S02E10 “The Devourer of All Things (2)”
Last Flight of the Protostar	S02E11 “Last Flight of the Protostar”; S02E12 “Last Flight of the Protostar (2)”
Ascension	S02E15 “Ascension”; S02E16 “Ascension (2)”
Ouroboros	S02E19 “Ouroboros”; S02E20 “Ouroboros (2)”

48 multi-part stories, 100 episodes in total.

Combined-Broadcast Episodes

A handful of premieres and finales aired in two parts but are presented here as a single entry, since the guide's numbering follows the combined broadcast rather than splitting it in two. They're listed here for completeness rather than in the table above.

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE
Star Trek: Enterprise	S01E01	Broken Bow
Star Trek: The Next Generation	S01E01	Encounter at Farpoint
Star Trek: The Next Generation	S07E25	All Good Things...
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S01E01	Emissary
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S04E01	The Way of the Warrior
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	S07E25	What You Leave Behind
Star Trek: Voyager	S01E01	Caretaker

SERIES	EPISODE	TITLE
Star Trek: Voyager	S05E15	Dark Frontier
Star Trek: Voyager	S07E25	Endgame
Star Trek: Prodigy	S01E01	Lost and Found

APPENDIX I.

VITAL STATISTICS

Sixty years is a strange span for one franchise to hold together — long enough that *The Original Series*' three-year run and *Prodigy*'s two-season run are both, technically, "Star Trek" in exactly the same sense, separated by nearly six decades of overlapping casts, timelines, and production eras. Numbers are one of the few honest ways to hold that whole span in view at once: how much of it there actually is, series by series, and how the pieces compare in scale to one another.

This page is a quick reference for exactly that: how many seasons and episodes each series ran, when it aired, and how much screen time it adds up to. Every figure here ties back to the same episode-by-episode records behind every chapter in this guide, simply added up rather than reasoned out — details, not conclusions, the kind of thing worth flipping back to rather than digging out of a chapter.

Television Series

SERIES	SEASONS	EPISODES	FIRST AIRED	LAST AIRED	TOTAL RUNTIME
Star Trek: Enterprise	4	97	September 26, 2001	May 13, 2005	70h 39m
Star Trek: Discovery	5	65	September 24, 2017	May 30, 2024	55h 0m
Star Trek: Strange New Worlds	4	40	May 5, 2022	September 24, 2026	34h 51m
Star Trek: The Original Series	3	79	September 8, 1966	June 3, 1969	66h 22m
Star Trek: The Animated Series	2	22	September 8, 1973	October 12, 1974	8h 48m
Star Trek: Short Treks	2	10	October 4, 2018	January 9, 2020	4h 44m
Star Trek: Starfleet Academy	1	10	January 15, 2026	March 12, 2026	10h 21m
Star Trek: The Next Generation	7	176	September 28, 1987	May 23, 1994	135h 45m

SERIES	SEASONS	EPISODES	FIRST AIRED	LAST AIRED	TOTAL RUNTIME
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	7	173	January 3, 1993	June 2, 1999	131h 58m
Star Trek: Voyager	7	169	January 16, 1995	May 23, 2001	129h 57m
Star Trek: Picard	3	30	January 23, 2020	April 20, 2023	25h 13m
Star Trek: Lower Decks	5	50	August 6, 2020	December 19, 2024	22h 26m
Star Trek: Prodigy	2	39	October 28, 2021	July 1, 2024	15h 56m
Franchise Total	52	960			712h 0m

Feature Films

FILM GROUP	FILMS	FIRST RELEASED	LAST RELEASED	TOTAL RUNTIME
The Original Series Films	6	December 7, 1979	December 6, 1991	11h 25m
The Next Generation Films	4	November 18, 1994	December 13, 2002	7h 28m
Kelvin Timeline Films	3	May 8, 2009	July 22, 2016	6h 21m
Section 31	1	January 24, 2025	January 24, 2025	1h 35m
All Feature Films	14			26h 49m

Beyond the Canon & Documentaries

COLLECTION	ENTRIES	DATE RANGE	TOTAL RUNTIME
Star Trek: Very Short Treks	5	September 8, 2023 – October 4, 2023	18m 3s
Star Trek: Scouts	20	September 8, 2025 – March 21, 2026	77m 22s

COLLECTION	ENTRIES	DATE RANGE	TOTAL RUNTIME
Star Trek Documentaries	27	1988 – 2021	45h 32m

APPENDIX J.

FIRST CONTACT: STARSHIPS AND WORLDS

Every episode in this guide happens somewhere, usually aboard something. A ship's registry gets read off a viewscreen once and never again; a planet gets named in a single line of dialogue and then vanishes from the record for the rest of the franchise's run. This page tracks two of the quieter building blocks behind every episode summary in this guide — the ships and the worlds — by their recorded episode association and how often the underlying dialogue dataset names them.

The mention counts track the same thing Signature Episodes does: what was actually said on screen, not just what appeared in a shot. The underlying dataset counts matches to ship and world names in dialogue. Names can be ambiguous or shared with people, vessels, and places, so the figures should be read as dataset mention counts rather than independently certified appearances. That's a different bar than simply appearing in a scene: a ship seen only in a wide shot with no line of dialogue naming it won't show up here, and a planet mentioned constantly in conversation but never actually visited on screen will. To keep this list to the vessels and worlds that actually recur in the show's own dialogue rather than every one-line background namedrop, both tables below are limited to entries mentioned on screen at least five times.

The first-appearance column records the earliest identified association in this guide. Three previously misassigned entries have been independently corrected; the remaining associations and dialogue-derived mention counts have not all been revalidated against the full transcript corpus. A dialogue mention is not necessarily a physical visit or on-screen appearance.

Starships

SHIP	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
ISS Enterprise	S04E18 — In a Mirror, Darkly	ENT	1419
Enterprise	S01E01 — Broken Bow	ENT	1403
USS Voyager	S01E01 — Caretaker	VOY	1212
USS Discovery	S01E03 — Context Is for Kings	Discovery	991

SHIP	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Warship Voyager	S04E23 — Living Witness	VOY	914
USS Defiant	S03E01 — The Search, Part I	DS9	580
USS Rio Grande	S01E01 — Emissary	DS9	402
USS Protostar	S01E01 — Lost and Found	Prodigy	390
USS Shenzhou	S01E01 — The Vulcan Hello	Discovery	383
USS Equinox	S05E25 — Equinox, Part I	VOY	380
USS Cerritos	S01E01 — Second Contact	Lower Decks	371
USS Relativity	S05E23 — Relativity	VOY	371
Enterprise-D shuttlepod 01	S04E13 — Devil's Due	TNG	64
Viridian	S03E08 — The Sanctuary	Discovery	24
CSS Leyton	S04E11 — Paradise Lost	DS9	21
KSF Khi'eth	S03E09 — Terra Firma	Discovery	16
Kobayashi Maru	S04E01 — Kobayashi Maru	Discovery	15
Bok'Nor	S02E20 — The Maquis, Part I	DS9	11
Ravinok	S04E05 — Rejoined	DS9	9
Jellyfish	S04E04 — All Is Possible	Discovery	7

SHIP	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Fleming	S07E09 — Force of Nature	TNG	7
Sherval Das	S01E18 — Duet	DS9	6
Von Braun	S02E03 — Elementary, Dear Data	TNG	6
Taris Murn	S02E11 — Contagion	TNG	6
Yonada	S03E08 — For the World Is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky	TOS	6
Loval	S04E14 — Sons of Mogh	DS9	5
Q'Maire	S04E04 — Suddenly Human	TNG	5

27 starships named on screen five or more times, ranked by mention count.

Worlds Named in Dialogue

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Ni'Var	S03E07 — Unification III	Discovery	108
Kwejian	S03E08 — The Sanctuary	Discovery	90
Rigel	S01E06 — Mudd's Women	TOS	51
Kaminar	S01E04 — The Escape Artist	Short Treks	50
Dramia	S02E04 — Albatross	TAS	45

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Jupiter	S02E25 — Bread and Circuses	TOS	41
Pandro	S02E02 — Bem	TAS	35
Solum	S01E01 — Lost and Found	Prodigy	32
Tahal	S06E12 — Blink of an Eye	VOY	28
Corvan	S05E10 — New Ground	TNG	27
Haven	S03E02 — The Enterprise Incident	TOS	27
Ocampa	S01E01 — Caretaker	VOY	27
Khitomer	S01E20 — The Arsenal of Freedom	TNG	26
Boreth	S06E23 — Rightful Heir	TNG	25
Qo'noS	S07E13 — Repentance	VOY	23
Mercury	S01E16 — The Galileo Seven	TOS	21
Coridan	S02E10 — Journey to Babel	TOS	20
Gideon	S03E16 — The Mark of Gideon	TOS	20
Taurus	S01E16 — The Galileo Seven	TOS	20
Venus	S01E06 — Mudd's Women	TOS	19
Eden	S01E24 — This Side of Paradise	TOS	18
Karemma	S02E07 — Rules of Acquisition	DS9	18

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Nimbus	S01E11 — Asylum	Prodigy	18
Pahvo	S01E08 — Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum	Discovery	18
Antares	S01E02 — Charlie X	TOS	17
Deneb	S01E01 — The Man Trap	TOS	16
Mantilles	S01E03 — One of Our Planets Is Missing	TAS	16
Minos	S01E21 — Symbiosis	TNG	15
Sol	S02E03 — The Changeling	TOS	14
Aldebaran	S01E01 — The Man Trap	TOS	13
Alondra	S01E03 — One of Our Planets Is Missing	TAS	12
Eminiar	S01E23 — A Taste of Armageddon	TOS	12
Meridian	S03E08 — Meridian	DS9	12
Rator	S01E06 — The Survivor	TAS	12
Triacus	S03E04 — And the Children Shall Lead	TOS	12
Vega	S01E01 — The Man Trap	TOS	12
Babel	S02E10 — Journey to Babel	TOS	11

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Majalis	S01E06 — Lift Us Where Suffering Cannot Reach	SNW	11
Neptune	S01E13 — The Conscience of the King	TOS	11
Titan	S01E23 — We'll Always Have Paris	TNG	11
Andoria	S03E16 — Prophet Motive	DS9	10
Argelius	S02E14 — Wolf in the Fold	TOS	10
Benecia	S01E13 — The Conscience of the King	TOS	10
Draken	S06E14 — Face of the Enemy	TNG	10
Cheron	S03E15 — Let That Be Your Last Battlefield	TOS	9
Europa	S01E01 — The Vulcan Hello	Discovery	9
Leo	S01E06 — Mudd's Women	TOS	9
Acamar	S03E09 — The Vengeance Factor	TNG	8
Argo	S01E13 — The Ambergris Element	TAS	8
Arkaria	S06E18 — Starship Mine	TNG	8
Dannus	S03E09 — Terra Firma	Discovery	8

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
M'hanit	S01E02 — Children of the Comet	SNW	8
Megas-Tu	S02E19 — A Private Little War	TOS	8
Organia	S01E26 — Errand of Mercy	TOS	8
Saturn	S01E02 — Charlie X	TOS	8
Tagus	S04E20 — Qpid	TNG	8
Xahea	S01E01 — Runaway	Short Treks	8
Cancer	S01E25 — The Neutral Zone	TNG	7
Deneva	S01E29 — Operation: Annihilate!	TOS	7
Donatu	S02E15 — The Trouble With Tribbles	TOS	7
J'naii	S05E17 — The Outcast	TNG	7
Mintaka	S03E04 — Who Watches the Watchers	TNG	7
Qu'Vat	S06E13 — Aquiel	TNG	7
Sirius	S01E18 — Arena	TOS	7
T'Ong	S03E20 — The Way to Eden	TOS	7
Tyree	S02E19 — A Private Little War	TOS	7

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Argeth	S03E06 — Scavengers	Discovery	6
Bortas	S04E26 — Redemption, Part I	TNG	6
Camus	S03E24 — Turnabout Intruder	TOS	6
Denobula	S01E08 — Breaking the Ice	ENT	6
Kaleb	S06E14 — Face of the Enemy	TNG	6
Narendra	S03E15 — Yesterday's Enterprise	TNG	6
Pendari	S06E15 — Tsunkatse	VOY	6
Pluto	S01E19 — Tomorrow Is Yesterday	TOS	6
Rakal	S06E14 — Face of the Enemy	TNG	6
Seros	S04E05 — Revulsion	VOY	6
Terralysium	S02E02 — New Eden	Discovery	6
Xantoras	S02E21 — The Breach	ENT	6
Yonada	S03E08 — For the World Is Hollow and I Have Touched the Sky	TOS	6
Ajilon	S05E04 — Nor the Battle to the Strong	DS9	5

WORLD	EARLIEST RECORDED REFERENCE	SERIES	MENTIONS
Alastria	S01E10 — State of Flux	VOY	5
Aries	S02E14 — The Icarus Factor	TNG	5
Bopak	S04E04 — Indiscretion	DS9	5
Capella	S02E11 — Friday's Child	TOS	5
Hemikek	S02E19 — Lifesigns	VOY	5
Janus	S01E25 — The Devil in the Dark	TOS	5
Kobliad	S01E09 — Move Along Home	DS9	5
Loval	S04E14 — Sons of Mogh	DS9	5
Merak	S03E21 — The Cloud Minders	TOS	5
Miri	S01E08 — Miri	TOS	5
Orellius	S02E15 — Paradise	DS9	5
Qualor	S05E07 — Unification, Part I	TNG	5
Selay	S01E07 — Justice	TNG	5
Soukara	S06E16 — Change of Heart	DS9	5
Troyius	S03E13 — Elaan of Troyius	TOS	5

95 worlds named on screen five or more times, ranked by mention count.

APPENDIX K.

CROSSOVER CHARACTER INDEX

Most Star Trek characters belong to one ship, one station, one crew, for the length of their run and no further. Then there are the others: the ones who keep showing up. Sometimes it's the obvious kind of crossover — Worf transferring from the Enterprise to Deep Space Nine, Picard's entire third season built around getting the old TNG crew back together one last time. Sometimes it's stranger: a boy who grew up on the Enterprise-D turning up decades later, in animated form, on a Starfleet Academy shuttle he has no memory of ever mentioning to anyone. A tardigrade-loving robot companion from a two-minute short following an entire cadet class fifty years later. A ship's own sentient computer with a stranger backstory than most of her captains.

This index collects every character in the guide's own records confirmed to appear across more than one series — not a cameo photo or an archival clip, but a real, tracked presence in the episode data behind this volume. Read one way, it's a map of the franchise's family tree: which characters carried a role from one bridge to the next, and which ones turn out to be the connective tissue between shows that otherwise never touch. Read another way, it's a reminder that "one series" was never really how continuity worked here — someone was almost always still walking around from the last one.

The Played By column is worth lingering on for its own sake. Most of these characters kept the same performer across every series they touched — Patrick Stewart is Picard is Picard is Picard, three shows and three decades apart. But not always: James T. Kirk is William Shatner in the 1960s and Paul Wesley in the 2020s prequel material; Christopher Pike is both Anson Mount's modern-era captain and Jeffrey Hunter's original 1965 performance, folded into the same character across a sixty-year gap. Recasting a legacy character is its own kind of continuity decision, and this index is where that choice becomes visible at a glance.

CHARACTER	SERIES	SPAN	PLAYED BY
Hikaru Sulu	The Original Series → The Animated Series → Lower Decks	TOS S01E01 “The Man Trap” – LD S03E08 “Crisis Point 2: Paradoxus”	George Takei
Montgomery Scott	Strange New Worlds → The Original Series → The Animated Series	TOS S01E01 “The Man Trap” – SNW S04E06 “Off-Hour”	James Doohan, Martin Quinn
James T. Kirk	Strange New Worlds → The Original Series → The Animated Series → Deep Space Nine	TOS S01E01 “The Man Trap” – SNW S04E05 “Level-Five Transporter Accident”	William Shatner, Paul Wesley

CHARACTER	SERIES	SPAN	PLAYED BY
Spock	Discovery → Strange New Worlds → The Original Series → The Animated Series → The Next Generation → Prodigy	TOS S01E01 "The Man Trap" – SNW S04E09 "Once La'An a Time"	Leonard Nimoy, Ethan Peck
Leonard McCoy	The Original Series → The Animated Series → The Next Generation	TOS S01E01 "The Man Trap" – TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint"	DeForest Kelley
Nyota Uhura	Strange New Worlds → The Original Series → The Animated Series	TOS S01E01 "The Man Trap" – SNW S04E08 "Orders of Magnitude"	Nichelle Nichols, Celia Rose Gooding
Christine Chapel	Strange New Worlds → The Original Series → The Animated Series	TOS S01E04 "The Naked Time" – SNW S04E06 "Off-Hour"	Jess Bush, Majel Barrett
Harry Mudd	Discovery → The Original Series → The Animated Series	TOS S01E06 "Mudd's Women" – DISCO S01E07 "Magic to Make the Sanest Man Go Mad"	Roger C. Carmel, Rainn Wilson
Christopher Pike	Discovery → Strange New Worlds → The Original Series	TOS S01E12 "The Menagerie (2)" – SNW S04E05 "Level-Five Transporter Accident"	Anson Mount, Jeffrey Hunter
Beverly Crusher	The Next Generation → Picard → Prodigy	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – PRO S02E20 "Ouroboros (2)"	Gates McFadden

CHARACTER	SERIES	SPAN	PLAYED BY
Deanna Troi	The Next Generation → Picard → Lower Decks	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – PIC S03E10 "The Last Generation"	Marina Sirtis
Geordi La Forge	The Next Generation → Voyager	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – VOY S05E06 "Timeless"	LeVar Burton
Miles O'Brien	The Next Generation → Deep Space Nine	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – DS9 S07E25 "What You Leave Behind"	Colm Meaney
Wesley Crusher	The Next Generation → Picard → Lower Decks → Prodigy	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – PRO S02E20 "Ouroboros (2)"	Wil Wheaton
William Riker	The Next Generation → Picard	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – PIC S03E10 "The Last Generation"	Jonathan Frakes
Worf	The Next Generation → Deep Space Nine → Picard	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – PIC S03E10 "The Last Generation"	Michael Dorn
Jean-Luc Picard	The Next Generation → Deep Space Nine → Picard	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – PIC S03E10 "The Last Generation"	Patrick Stewart
Data	The Next Generation → Picard → Lower Decks	TNG S01E01 "Encounter at Farpoint" – LD S05E07 "Fully Dilated"	Brent Spiner
Gul Dukat	Deep Space Nine → Picard	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – PIC S02E02 "Penance"	Marc Alaimo

CHARACTER	SERIES	SPAN	PLAYED BY
Julian Bashir	The Next Generation → Deep Space Nine → Lower Decks	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – LD S05E09 "Fissure Quest"	Alexander Siddig
Kira Nerys	Deep Space Nine → Lower Decks	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – LD S03E06 "Hear All, Trust Nothing"	Nana Visitor
Odo	Deep Space Nine → Prodigy	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – PRO S01E06 "Kobayashi"	René Auberjonois
Quark	The Next Generation → Deep Space Nine → Voyager → Lower Decks	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – LD S03E06 "Hear All, Trust Nothing"	Armin Shimerman
Benjamin Sisko	Starfleet Academy → Deep Space Nine	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – ACA S01E05 "Series Acclimation Mil"	Avery Brooks
Jake Sisko	Starfleet Academy → Deep Space Nine	DS9 S01E01 "Emissary" – ACA S01E05 "Series Acclimation Mil"	Cirroc Lofton
Elim Garak	Deep Space Nine → Lower Decks	DS9 S01E02 "Past Prologue" – LD S05E10 "The New Next Generation"	Andrew J. Robinson
Chakotay	Voyager → Prodigy	VOY S01E01 "Caretaker" – PRO S02E20 "Ouroboros (2)"	Robert Beltran
Harry Kim	Voyager → Lower Decks	VOY S01E01 "Caretaker" – LD S05E09 "Fissure Quest"	Garrett Wang
Tom Paris	Voyager → Lower Decks	VOY S01E01 "Caretaker" – LD S02E03 "We'll Always Have Tom Paris"	Robert Duncan McNeill

CHARACTER	SERIES	SPAN	PLAYED BY
Tuvok	Deep Space Nine → Voyager → Picard	VOY S01E01 "Caretaker" – PIC S03E10 "The Last Generation"	Tim Russ
The Doctor	Starfleet Academy → Voyager → Prodigy	VOY S01E01 "Caretaker" – ACA S01E10 "Rubicon"	Robert Picardo
Kathryn Janeway	Voyager → Prodigy	VOY S01E01 "Caretaker" – PRO S02E20 "Ouroboros (2)"	Kate Mulgrew
Seven of Nine	Voyager → Picard	VOY S04E01 "Scorpion, Part II" – PIC S03E10 "The Last Generation"	Jeri Ryan
T'Pol	Enterprise → Lower Decks	ENT S01E01 "Broken Bow" – LD S05E09 "Fissure Quest"	Jolene Blalock
Sylvia Tilly	Discovery → Starfleet Academy	DISCO S01E01 "The Vulcan Hello" – ACA S01E08 "The Life of the Stars"	Mary Wiseman
Me Hani Ika Hali Ka Po	Discovery → Short Treks	SHORTS S01E01 "Runaway" – DISCO S02E14 "Such Sweet Sorrow (2)"	Yadira Guevara-Prip
Zora	Discovery → Short Treks	SHORTS S01E02 "Calypso" – DISCO S05E10 "Life, Itself"	Carol Daniels, Annabelle Wallis
Dot	Short Treks → Starfleet Academy	SHORTS S02E04 "Ephraim and Dot" – ACA S01E04 "Vox in Excelso"	Brian David Gilbert, Rekha Shankar

CHARACTER	SERIES	SPAN	PLAYED BY
Jack Ransom	Strange New Worlds → Lower Decks	LD S01E01 “Second Contact” – LD S05E10 “The New Next Generation”	Jerry O'Connell

39 characters confirmed across two or more series.

APPENDIX L.

FAMILIAR FACES: THE FRANCHISE'S CHARACTER ACTORS

Worf transferring from the Enterprise to Deep Space Nine, Spock turning up decades after his own show ended — the Crossover Character Index a few pages back is built around cases like those, where a character's own story carries them into a second series. Flip the lens from the character to the person playing them, though, and a different roster turns up, one the character-first view can't fully capture on its own.

Most of the actors behind this franchise's continuing characters only ever played one role, however many series that role eventually touched — Michael Dorn is Worf on the Enterprise-D exactly as much as he is Worf on the Defiant. That group is anything but a footnote: it's the backbone of the franchise's regular casts, and it's credited in full just below, by performer and character both, with the complete span of each appearance already held in the Crossover Character Index rather than repeated twice.

The other group is the more unusual one: journeyman guest performers who came back again and again, across series, almost never as the same character twice. Vaughn Armstrong alone appears in this guide's data behind a Klingon, a Vulcan official, and a Romulan senator without any of it being the same role rebooted — and he's far from the only one. The nature of episodic television, and heavy latex, means this guide's own records can't always say with confidence which specific alien face belongs to which appearance; where a character name is confirmed it's listed, and where it isn't, that's noted honestly rather than guessed at. What every row here can confirm is the reliable part: the same performer, credited under the same name, shows up behind the makeup across two or more series a striking number of times.

A bolded **(2)** marks a series where the performer clears this page's minimum bar exactly — two credited episode appearances — rather than having built up a longer run there.

The Franchise's Character Actors

PERFORMER	CHARACTER(S)	SERIES (EPISODES)	TOTAL
Al Rodrigo	— various	DS9 (2), Lower Decks (2)	4
Avaah Blackwell	— various	Discovery (8), Starfleet Academy (2)	10

PERFORMER	CHARACTER(S)	SERIES (EPISODES)	TOTAL
Brian Markinson	Philip Boyce	TNG (2), VOY (2), DS9 (1)	5
Brian Thompson	— various	ENT (3), DS9 (2)	5
Carolyn Seymour	— various	TNG (3), VOY (2)	5
Danny Goldring	— various	DS9 (2), VOY (2)	4
Debra Wilson	— various	Prodigy (5), Lower Decks (2), DS9 (1)	8
Dwight Schultz	— various	VOY (6), TNG (5)	11
Eric Bauza	— various	Lower Decks (7), Prodigy (3)	10
Gregory Itzin	— various	DS9 (2), ENT (2), VOY (1)	5
Jack Shearer	— various	VOY (3), DS9 (2)	5
James Horan	— various	ENT (4), TNG (3), DS9 (2), VOY (1)	10
James Sloyan	— various	DS9 (2), TNG (2), VOY (1)	5
John Fleck	— various	ENT (7), DS9 (2), TNG (1), VOY (1)	11
Lee Arenberg	— various	ENT (2), TNG (2), DS9 (1), VOY (1)	6
Louis Ortiz	— various	VOY (9), ENT (4), DS9 (1)	14
Majel Barrett	Christine Chapel	TAS (22), TOS (9), TNG (4), VOY (4), DS9 (3)	42
Martha Hackett	— various	VOY (13), DS9 (2)	15
Max Grodénchik	— various	DS9 (37), TNG (2), Lower Decks (1)	40

PERFORMER	CHARACTER(S)	SERIES (EPISODES)	TOTAL
Natalija Nogulich	— various	TNG (4), DS9 (2)	6
Nicole Dickinson	— various	Discovery (6), Starfleet Academy (2)	8
Peter Marx	— various	TNG (3), VOY (2)	5
Randy Oglesby	— various	ENT (11), DS9 (2), TNG (1), VOY (1)	15
Richard Herd	— various	VOY (4), TNG (2)	6
Richard Poe	— various	DS9 (3), TNG (2), VOY (1)	6
Richard Riehle	— various	ENT (2), VOY (2), TNG (1)	5
Robert Foxworth	— various	ENT (3), DS9 (2)	5
Robert O'Reilly	— various	DS9 (8), TNG (5), ENT (1)	14
Ronny Cox	— various	Prodigy (6), TNG (2)	8
Rosalind Chao	— various	DS9 (19), TNG (8)	27
Scott MacDonald	— various	ENT (8), DS9 (2), TNG (1), VOY (1)	12
Susan Gibney	— various	DS9 (2), TNG (2), Lower Decks (1)	5
Susanna Thompson	— various	VOY (3), TNG (2), DS9 (1)	6
Tig Notaro	— various	Discovery (19), Starfleet Academy (10)	29
Tiny Ron	— various	DS9 (7), VOY (2)	9
Tony Todd	— various	TNG (3), DS9 (2), VOY (1)	6

PERFORMER	CHARACTER(S)	SERIES (EPISODES)	TOTAL
Vaughn Armstrong	— various	ENT (15), VOY (5), DS9 (3), TNG (1)	24
Whoopi Goldberg	— various	TNG (28), Picard (2)	30

38 performers appearing across two or more series in guest or recurring roles, most of them behind more than one credited character. A character name is given wherever this guide's records confirm one; — various marks a performer whose repeat appearances are confirmed but whose specific characters are not reliably distinguished in the source data.

The Franchise's Leads and Regulars, Across Series

These are the performers behind this guide's continuing characters who also crossed from one series into another — which, for a franchise this size, means most of its leads. Patrick Stewart, Michael Dorn, Kate Mulgrew, Robert Picardo: this is a list of protagonists, not a footnote. Each is credited here by name and character; the full first-to-last-appearance span for every one of them is already tracked in the Crossover Character Index, so it isn't repeated a second time on this page.

PERFORMER	CHARACTER	SERIES (EPISODES)
Anson Mount	Christopher Pike	SNW (30), Discovery (14)
Armin Shimerman	Quark	DS9 (173), TNG (4), Lower Decks (1), VOY (1)
Brent Spiner	Data	TNG (176), Picard (18), ENT (3), Lower Decks (1)
Colm Meaney	Miles O'Brien	DS9 (173), TNG (53)
DeForest Kelley	Leonard McCoy	TOS (79), TAS (22), TNG (1)
Diana Muldaur	Katherine Pulaski	TNG (22), TOS (2)
Ethan Peck	Spock	SNW (30), Discovery (8)
Gates McFadden	Beverly Crusher	TNG (154), Picard (10), Prodigy (3)
George Takei	Hikaru Sulu	TOS (79), TAS (22), Lower Decks (1)
James Doohan	Montgomery Scott	TOS (79), TAS (22), DS9 (1), Prodigy (1), TNG (1)
Jeffrey Combs	Shran	DS9 (32), ENT (11), Lower Decks (3), VOY (1)
Jeri Ryan	Seven of Nine	VOY (102), Picard (25)
Jonathan Frakes	William Riker	TNG (176), Picard (12), Lower Decks (3), DS9 (1), ENT (1), VOY (1)
Kate Mulgrew	Kathryn Janeway, Holo-Janeway	VOY (169), Prodigy (39)

PERFORMER	CHARACTER	SERIES (EPISODES)
LeVar Burton	Geordi La Forge	TNG (176), Picard (5), VOY (1)
Leonard Nimoy	Spock	TOS (79), TAS (22), TNG (2), Discovery (1), DS9 (1), Prodigy (1)
Marc Alaimo	Gul Dukat	DS9 (35), TNG (4)
Marina Sirtis	Deanna Troi	TNG (176), Picard (7), VOY (3), ENT (1), Lower Decks (1)
Michael Dorn	Worf	TNG (176), DS9 (102), Picard (7)
Nichelle Nichols	Nyota Uhura	TOS (79), TAS (22)
Patrick Stewart	Jean-Luc Picard	TNG (176), Picard (30), DS9 (1)
Rebecca Romijn	Una Chin-Riley	SNW (30), Discovery (3)
Robert Beltran	Chakotay	VOY (169), Prodigy (20)
Robert Picardo	The Doctor	VOY (169), Prodigy (17), Starfleet Academy (10), DS9 (1)
Tim Russ	Tuvok	VOY (169), DS9 (2), Picard (2), TNG (1)
Wil Wheaton	Wesley Crusher	TNG (82), Prodigy (8), Lower Decks (1), Picard (1)
William Shatner	James T. Kirk	TOS (79), TAS (22), DS9 (1)

APPENDIX M.

COMMAND ROSTER BY SERIES

Every series in this guide is built around a ship, a station, or a vessel of some kind, and every one of those has a chain of command. This appendix collects the senior officers — captain, first officer, chief engineer, chief medical officer, and a handful of other posts that recur often enough to be worth tracking — for each series, in one place.

Sections below are grouped by in-universe era, the same seven eras used throughout this volume: the Age of First Contact, the Age of the Red Angel, the Age of the Enterprise, the Age of the Constitution-Class, the Age of the Galaxy-Class, the Age of Fracture, and the Age of Reconnection, with the Kelvin timeline films gathered separately afterward under Alternate Timeline. A series that changes command mid-run keeps its own entry together rather than being split by year; Discovery is the clearest case of this, its command chain followed in full under the Age of the Red Angel even though the back half of its run plays out nine hundred years later.

A roster like this only stays honest if it admits where it doesn't fit cleanly. Several series change command mid-run, several posts don't map onto every ship the same way, and a few series (Lower Decks, most notably) are built specifically around characters who are *not* on this list. Where that's true, the notes column says so rather than papering over it, and a couple of entries get a short explanation in place of a table.

The Age of First Contact

STAR TREK: ENTERPRISE

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Jonathan Archer	Scott Bakula	"Broken Bow" (S1)	Captain throughout; commands humanity's first deep-space Warp 5 vessel.
First Officer / Science Officer	T'Pol	Jolene Blalock	"Broken Bow" (S1)	Subcommander, later Commander — Vulcan High Command liaison who formally joins Starfleet partway through the series.
Chief Engineer	Charles "Trip" Tucker III	Connor Trinneer	"Broken Bow" (S1)	
Doctor	Phlox	John Billingsley	"Broken Bow" (S1)	Denobulan; not a Starfleet officer, serving under an interspecies medical exchange program.
Armory Officer / Tactical Officer	Malcolm Reed	Dominic Keating	"Broken Bow" (S1)	
Helmsman	Travis Mayweather	Anthony Montgomery	"Broken Bow" (S1)	
Communications Officer	Hoshi Sato	Linda Park	"Broken Bow" (S1)	

The Age of the Red Angel

STAR TREK: DISCOVERY

Discovery's command chain changes hands more often than any other series in this guide. Georgiou, Lorca, and Pike hold command in Seasons 1-2, set here at the start of this era (2256-2257); Saru and Burnham's captaincies begin there but continue after the season 2 finale sends the ship nine hundred years forward, into the Age of Re-

connection. Rather than split the succession across two sections nine hundred years apart, the full sequence is kept together here, where the bulk of the series — and its title character's tenure as captain — actually sits. See the In-Universe Chronology appendix for the year-by-year breakdown.

CAPTAIN	ACTOR	SEASONS / EPISODES	NOTES
Philippa Georgiou	Michelle Yeoh	S1 (through "Battle at the Binary Stars")	Killed in the second episode; Saru briefly holds acting command in the immediate aftermath.
Gabriel Lorca	Jason Isaacs	S1 (remainder)	Revealed in the S1 finale to be a Mirror Universe impostor occupying the real Lorca's identity.
Christopher Pike	Anson Mount	S2	Takes emergency command after the USS Enterprise is damaged; Burnham serves as his first officer.
Saru	Doug Jones	S2 finale - S3 (through the finale)	Made acting captain at the end of S2; formally promoted to Captain in "People of Earth" (S3). Burnham serves as his first officer until being demoted in "Scavengers" (S3), after which Tilly is named acting first officer.
Michael Burnham	Sonequa Martin-Green	S3 finale onward	Promoted to Captain in "That Hope Is You, Part 2" (S3 finale); Saru returns as her first officer in S4.

Recurring senior staff across the run: Chief Engineer Paul Stamets (Anthony Rapp; also the ship's chief astromycologist and spore-drive specialist), Chief Medical Officer Hugh Culber (Wilson Cruz), and Chief of Security Sylvia Tilly (Mary Wiseman; a role she grows into over the course of the series after starting as a cadet).

The Age of the Enterprise

STAR TREK: STRANGE NEW WORLDS

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Christopher Pike	Anson Mount	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	Captain throughout.
First Officer	Una Chin-Riley ("Number One")	Rebecca Romijn	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	Illyrian, serving under a concealed identity for much of the run given Starfleet's ban on genetic augmentation at the time.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Science Officer	Spock	Ethan Peck	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	Lieutenant — set a decade before his TOS tenure.
Chief Medical Officer	Joseph M'Benga	Babs Olusanmokun	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	
Head Nurse	Christine Chapel	Jess Bush	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	
Chief of Security	La'an Noonien-Singh	Christina Chong	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	
Helmsman	Erica Ortegas	Melissa Navia	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	
Communications Officer	Nyota Uhura	Celia Rose Gooding	"Strange New Worlds" (S1)	Cadet at the start of the series, later commissioned as an Ensign.

The Age of the Constitution-Class

STAR TREK: THE ORIGINAL SERIES

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	James T. Kirk	William Shatner	"The Man Trap" (S1)	Captain throughout the series; briefly holds the rank of Admiral in the film era (see below).
First Officer / Science Officer	Spock	Leonard Nimoy	"The Man Trap" (S1)	Half-Vulcan, half-human; the dual role is unusual even by Starfleet standards.
Chief Medical Officer	Leonard McCoy	DeForest Kelley	"The Man Trap" (S1)	
Chief Engineer	Montgomery Scott	James Doohan	"The Man Trap" (S1)	

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Communications Officer	Nyota Uhura	Nichelle Nichols	"The Man Trap" (S1)	
Helmsman	Hikaru Sulu	George Takei	"The Man Trap" (S1)	Given command of the USS Excelsior by the film era.
Navigator	Pavel Chekov	Walter Koenig	S2	Joins the bridge crew in the second season; exact first episode is worth double-checking against your own episode notes before this goes final.

STAR TREK: THE ANIMATED SERIES

TAS carries over the core TOS bridge crew and actors reprising their roles via voiceover (Shatner, Nimoy, Kelley, Doohan, Nichols, Takei), with one change worth noting: Chekov does not appear, and two new bridge officers — Lieutenant Arex (a three-armed, three-legged Edosian navigator, voiced by James Doohan) and Lieutenant M'Ress (a Caitian communications officer, voiced by Majel Barrett) — join the animated-only crew instead. Rather than a duplicate table, treat TAS as TOS's roster with that one substitution.

THE ORIGINAL SERIES FILMS (STAR TREK I-VI)

Same core crew and actors as TOS, carried through six films, with two changes worth flagging:

- Kirk holds the rank of Admiral for most of *The Motion Picture* and *The Wrath of Khan*, reverting to Captain (and command of the Enterprise-A) by *The Voyage Home*.
- Sulu is given command of his own ship, the USS Excelsior, by *The Undiscovered Country* — the first of the original bridge crew to make captain on screen.

The Age of the Galaxy-Class

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Jean-Luc Picard	Patrick Stewart	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Captain throughout.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
First Officer	William Riker	Jonathan Frakes	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Commander throughout the series; promoted to Captain of the USS Titan by the film era.
Second Officer / Operations Officer	Data	Brent Spiner	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Android; holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander.
Helmsman, later Chief Engineer	Geordi La Forge	LeVar Burton	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Serves as helmsman in S1; promoted to Chief Engineer in "The Child" (S2).
Chief of Security	Tasha Yar, later Worf	Denise Crosby, then Michael Dorn	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Yar dies in "Skin of Evil" (S1); Worf, previously a bridge officer, takes over the post from S2 onward.
Chief Medical Officer	Beverly Crusher, then Katherine Pulaski, then Beverly Crusher	Gates McFadden, then Diana Muldaur, then Gates McFadden	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Crusher steps away after S1; Pulaski serves as CMO for S2; Crusher returns from S3 onward.
Ship's Counselor	Deanna Troi	Marina Sirtis	"Encounter at Farpoint" (S1)	Betazoid; holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander by the later seasons.

THE NEXT GENERATION FILMS (GENERATIONS, FIRST CONTACT, INSURRECTION, NEMESIS)

Same command roster and actors as the series' later seasons (Picard, Riker, Data, La Forge, Worf, Crusher, Troi), with one continuity wrinkle worth a note: the films are set after Worf has already transferred to Deep Space Nine, but he appears back aboard the Enterprise in all four films regardless — a soft continuity fudge the films never really address on screen.

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Benjamin Sisko	Avery Brooks	"Emissary" (S1)	Commander through S1-S3; promoted to Captain in "The Adversary" (S3).
First Officer	Kira Nerys	Nana Visitor	"Emissary" (S1)	Major, later Colonel — Bajoran Militia, not Starfleet; DS9's XO by assignment rather than commission.
Chief of Operations	Miles O'Brien	Colm Meaney	"Emissary" (S1)	Senior Chief Petty Officer — DS9's engineering-equivalent role is titled "Chief of Operations," not "Chief Engineer."
Chief Medical Officer	Julian Bashir	Alexander Siddig	"Emissary" (S1)	Lieutenant, later Lieutenant Commander.
Chief of Security	Odo	René Auberjonois	"Emissary" (S1)	Constable — Bajoran-appointed, not Starfleet; predates the Federation's presence on the station entirely.
Science Officer	Jadzia Dax	Terry Farrell	"Emissary" (S1)	Lieutenant Commander through S6; dies in "Tears of the Prophets" (S6).

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Science Officer	Ezri Dax	Nicole de Boer	S7 premiere ("Image in the Sand" / "Shadows and Symbols")	Ensign — inherits the Dax symbiont after Jadzia's death; boards the station early in S7. Worth confirming the exact episode of her first physical appearance against your own notes.
Strategic Operations Officer	Worf	Michael Dorn	"The Way of the Warrior" (S4)	Lieutenant Commander — post created specifically for the station; also tactical officer aboard the Defiant.

STAR TREK: VOYAGER

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Kathryn Janeway	Kate Mulgrew	"Caretaker" (S1)	Captain throughout.
First Officer	Chakotay	Robert Beltran	"Caretaker" (S1)	Commander — former Maquis captain, folded into the chain of command after the two crews merge.
Chief Engineer	B'Elanna Torres	Roxann Dawson	"Caretaker" (S1)	Lieutenant, later Lieutenant Commander — takes the post within the first handful of episodes.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Chief Medical Officer	The Doctor (EMH)	Robert Picardo	"Caretaker" (S1)	A hologram by necessity — Voyager's organic CMO dies in "Caretaker," leaving the EMH as, unusually, the ship's only doctor for the whole run.
Chief of Security / Tactical Officer	Tuvok	Tim Russ	"Caretaker" (S1)	Lieutenant Commander — dual-hatted; also secretly a Starfleet officer embedded undercover with the Maquis before the series begins.
Operations Officer	Harry Kim	Garrett Wang	"Caretaker" (S1)	Ensign — never promoted across all seven seasons.

STAR TREK: LOWER DECKS

Lower Decks is built around the premise this appendix otherwise assumes away: its main characters are *not* command staff. The USS Cerritos does have a conventional command roster, but the show's protagonists (Mariner, Boimler, Tendi, Rutherford) are ensigns working support and maintenance roles well below it.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Carol Freeman	Dawnn Lewis	"Second Contact" (S1)	Captain of the USS Cerritos throughout.
First Officer	Jack Ransom	Jerry O'Connell	"Second Contact" (S1)	Commander.
Chief Engineer	Andy Billups	Paul Scheer (unverified — please confirm)	unverified — please confirm	Not tracked as a named entity in the source episode data; both the actor credit and first appearance need a manual check before this goes final.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Chief Medical Officer	T'Ana	Gillian Vigman	"Second Contact" (S1)	Caitian.

STAR TREK: PRODIGY

Command of the USS Protostar changes hands between the show's two seasons rather than mid-season:

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer (S1)	Dal R'El	Brett Gray	"Lost and Found" (S1)	A former slave/orphan with no Starfleet training, effectively self-appointed as captain by circumstance; steps down to First Officer in S2.
Commanding Officer (S2)	Gwyn	Ella Purnell	"Lost and Found" (S1)	Introduced alongside the rest of the crew in the premiere, though she doesn't take command until Season 2 — see note above.
Chief Engineer	Jankom Pog	Jason Mantzoukas	"Lost and Found" (S1)	
Security	Murf	Dee Bradley Baker	"Lost and Found" (S1)	Non-verbal, amorphous alien; functions more as ship's mascot-turned-defender than a conventional security officer.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Science / Operations	Zero, Rok-Tahk	Angus Imrie, Rylee Alazraqui	"Lost and Found" (S1)	Medusan (Zero) and Brikar (Rok-Tahk) crew members splitting science and operations duties.

Kathryn Janeway (Kate Mulgrew) appears throughout as a holographic training advisor (and, separately, as the real Admiral Janeway commanding the USS Dauntless, then the USS Voyager-A in S2) — but she is never the Protostar's own commanding officer.

The Age of Fracture

STAR TREK: PICARD

Picard doesn't fit this appendix's table format, and forcing it into one would be misleading rather than useful. Picard himself is a retired admiral for nearly the entire series, not the commanding officer of a Starfleet vessel:

- **Season 1**: Picard (Patrick Stewart) is a civilian aboard La Sirena, a privately owned ship captained by Cristóbal Rios — not a Starfleet command at all.
- **Season 2**: Largely the same arrangement, complicated by an alternate timeline.
- **Season 3**: Picard returns to active duty aboard the USS Titan-A, commanded by Captain Liam Shaw (Todd Stashwick) — Picard is a passenger and advisor, not her captain. By the finale, the Titan is recommissioned as the USS Enterprise-G under a new commanding officer, Seven of Nine (Jeri Ryan), with Picard's son Jack (Ed Speleers) aboard as part of her crew.

If a command-roster entry for Picard is wanted at all, it's probably best framed around whichever ship is central to a given season (La Sirena / Rios, or the Titan / Shaw) rather than around Picard, who spends most of the series not in command of anything.

The Age of Reconnection

STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY

Set in the 32nd century, following the USS Athena's crew of first-year cadets:

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	Nahla Ake	Holly Hunter	"Kids These Days" (S1)	Captain of the USS Athena and, in a dual role unique to this series, Chancellor of Starfleet Academy itself.

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
First Officer / Cadet Master	Lura Thok	Gina Yashere	"Kids These Days" (S1)	Oversees the cadets directly as well as serving as the ship's XO.
Fleet Command	Charles Vance	Oded Fehr	unverified — please confirm	Not aboard the Athena, but the senior authority the series answers to; not tracked as a named entity in the source episode data, so his first on-screen appearance needs a manual check before this goes final.

Alternate Timeline

THE KELVIN TIMELINE FILMS (STAR TREK, INTO DARKNESS, BEYOND)

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Commanding Officer	James T. Kirk	Chris Pine	*Star Trek* (2009)	A cadet at the start of the first film; given command of the USS Enterprise by its end.
First Officer / Science Officer	Spock	Zachary Quinto	*Star Trek* (2009)	
Chief Medical Officer	Leonard McCoy	Karl Urban	*Star Trek* (2009)	
Chief Engineer	Montgomery Scott	Simon Pegg	*Star Trek* (2009)	
Communications Officer	Nyota Uhura	Zoe Saldaña	*Star Trek* (2009)	
Helmsman	Hikaru Sulu	John Cho	*Star Trek* (2009)	

ROLE	OFFICER	ACTOR	FIRST APPEARANCE	NOTES
Navigator	Pavel Chekov	Anton Yelchin	*Star Trek* (2009)	

Same core roles as the original series, reimagined for a divergent timeline — see the Alternate Timeline chapter for the point where this crew's history splits from the one above.

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