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The *U.S.S. Enterprise* is on a Five Year Mission of discovery into uncharted space. Following their encounter with the alien pirate Eurydice, the ship's stores of rare dilithium crystals have been filled and its warp drive repaired. Currently en route from deep in the Delta Quadrant, the *Enterprise* seeks to resume its exploration at the far edges of the Alpha Quadrant...



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CAPTAIN'S LOG,
STARDATE 2262.54.

WE'RE ON OUR
WAY HOME.



NOT ALL THE WAY.
OUR MISSION ISN'T
OVER YET.

BUT CLOSE ENOUGH TO RE-ESTABLISH
CONTACT WITH STARFLEET, AND MAKE
REPAIRS AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE
PAST FEW WEEKS.

STATUS,
MR. SULÚ?



ALL
SYSTEMS
OPTIMAL,
CAPTAIN.

WE SHOULD
BE BACK INSIDE
ALPHA'S BOUNDARY
IN JUST ABOUT—



WAIT,
HOW THE—



WE'RE
DROPPING
OUT OF
WARP!

MR. SCOTT,
REPORT!



SHE JUST
POWERED DOWN
ON HER OWN,
CAPTAIN!



MUST BE THE DILITHIUM FROM THE DARK MARKET!

NO SIR, THE CRYSTALS APPEAR PRISTINE! THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE!

-HRRMP-



KEEP SEARCHING, SCOTTY. I DON'T WANT TO SPEND ANOTHER SECOND OF THIS MISSION ADRIFT.



CAPTAIN, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD SEE.

WHAT IS IT, SPOCK?



IT IS SIMPLER TO SHOW YOU THAN TO EXPLAIN.



HOLY—

SHIFTING OUT OF WARP-SPACE APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED IN A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE SHIP'S MOLECULAR COHESION.



DA, COMMANDER. WERY MUCH SO!



NOT ALL OF IT. CHAIR'S AS SOLID AS WE ARE.

WHAT COULD BE CAUSING IT?



IN A WORD, CAPTAIN...

INTERPHASE.



"INTERPHASE?"

YOU JUST MADE THAT UP, DIDN'T YOU?



ON THE CONTRARY, DR. MCCOY. ALTHOUGH ONLY A THEORY UP TO THIS POINT, THE CONCEPT OF INTERPHASE HAS BEEN THE BASIS OF STUDY BY STARFLEET ASTROPHYSICISTS FOR YEARS.

AYE, THAT'S RIGHT.



THE THEORY HOLDS THAT THERE ARE POCKETS OF SPACE IN WHICH TIME AND...

...WELL, AND SPACE...

...CEASE TO EXIST!



A DRAMATIC SUMMATION OF THE PHENOMENON, BUT YES, IT IS HYPOTHESIZED THAT ANY CRAFT ENCOUNTERING AN INTERPHASE POCKET WOULD SIMPLY DISAPPEAR.

IT APPEARS WE ARE OBSERVING THE HERETOFORE UNKNOWN MECHANISM BY WHICH THAT HAPPENS.

OBSERVE.



THAT'S ENOUGH, SPOCK. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE DEMONSTRATIONS.