



STAR TREK

DEBT OF HONOR

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THE SKY IS
FIRE...

...FLAMES LEAPING
TO THE STARS AS THE
GENESIS PLANET
AROUND US TEARS
ITSELF TO BITS.

THE AIR SO HOT,
EACH BREATH
SEARS MY
LUNGS...

...AS BLIND RAGE
DOES MY HEART.

THE KLINGON CAPTAIN SEEKS
HONOR IN HIS OWN DEATH
BY TAKING A MATED,
RESPECTED ENEMY
WITH HIM; THAT'S THEIR
WARRIOR WAY.

IT ISN'T MINE.



HE HAS ME BY ONE FOOT,
IN A GRIP TIGHT ENOUGH
TO SHATTER BONE...

...SO I USE THE OTHER.

KLINGON
BASTARD--

I WANT HIM DEAD, MORE THAN
ANYTHING. AND I WANT HIM
TO KNOW THAT I STILL LIVE.
THAT, ONE MORE TIME.
JAMES KIRK'S FOUND A
WAY TO CHEAT THE
REAPER.



--I
HAVE--

BUT THEN THE FACE BELOW ME
CHANGES. KLINGON NO LONGER,
BUT MY SON, RAVID.

ALL MY
FAULT, HUH,
DAD?

MY WORK THAT
HELPED CREATE THIS
WORLD, MY SCREW-UP
THAT BUILT INTO THE
GENESIS MATRIX THE
FLAW THAT'S DESTROYING
IT.

ONLY FAIR, I
GUESS, THAT MISTAKE
COST MY OWN LIFE IN
THE BARGAIN.

SORRY
I COULDN'T
LIVE UP TO YOUR
EXPECTATIONS.



--HAD
ENOUGH--

AND ANOTHER CHANGE
TRANSFORMS MY
MURDERED SON INTO
KNAK NOONIAN SINGH.

HOW DOES IT
FEEL, OLD FRIEND,
TO WATCH THOSE
YOU LOVE SLIP
THROUGH YOUR
FINGERS?

THIS IS MY CURSE,
JAMES-- SURVIVE YOU
SHALL, AND LIVE I PRAY
TO THE RIPEST OF
OLD AGE...

...KNOWING THAT
THOSE PRECIOUS DAYS
WERE BOUGHT AND
PAID FOR...

...BY THE LIVES
OF THOSE YOU HOLD
MOST DEAR!

AND DESPITE MYSELF,
I LASH OUT ALL
THE HARDER.



I GAVE THE ORDER.

MY RIGHT, MY RESPONSIBILITY, AS CAPTAIN.

NO MATTER THE COST...

...FIND A WAY TO SURVIVE.

FIND A WAY TO WIN.

ONLY I'M FALLING NOW.

TOWARDS AN OCEAN OF MOLTEN LAVA.

I SCREAM.

I BURN.

TRAILING FIRE TO MY ROOM...

AS DID ENTERPRISE.

AFTER I KILLED HER.

IT ISN'T A MAN AT ALL I STRIKE THIS FINAL TIME...

...BUT NO LESS A LIVING THING TO ME FOR ALL THAT SHE WAS BUILT OF STEEL.

EXPLOSIONS TEAR AT THE PRIMARY HULL...

...AS ENTERPRISE TUMBLES SLOWLY AWAY.

THERE'D BEEN NO CHOICE.

ALL OUR COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS HAD FAILED THE SHIP WAS HELPLESS.

IT WAS SCUTTLE HER, OR SEE HER TAKEN BY THE KLINGONS.

--OF YOU!