

SHARON

Sharon is an old friend of Dr. Elaine Rena from the academy days. She's concerned, but frustrated.

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INT. RENA'S QUARTERS - NIGHT

Rena sits on her bed. She's having a conversation on her computer with SHARON, another an off-duty officer. Sharon's boyfriend, BILL, is OFF-SCREEN.

SHARON

Elaine, I was just on my way to bed.

BILL (O.S.)

Who is that?

RENA

Hey Bill. Sorry about that.

BILL (O.S.)

Is she calling about another transfer request?

Elaine, a bit embarrassed, smiles.

RENA

I was just wondering if you were able to fast-track it, like you said.

BILL (O.S.)

Tell her she's still in the dog house.

SHARON

Look. I didn't send in your transfer request. Last time Admiral Ikiru literally screamed at me.

RENA

How can they still be that mad?

SHARON

You teleported an entire diplomatic delegation down without their clothes on. It started a war!

RENA

It wasn't a war, it was an  
"incident."

SHARON

You know what happens to officers  
who accidentally start wars? They  
get sent to the Remarkable. It's  
an open secret that the Remarkable  
is the fleet's dumping ground for  
all the screw-ups, burnouts, and  
anyone they want to forget about.

RENA

Which is why I want off!

SHARON

You don't get it, you're not on  
parole. You're in prison. There's  
nothing I can do, and frankly, I'm  
getting in a lot of trouble for  
trying to help you.

Rena's spirits sink.

SHARON (CONT'D)

I'm sorry, I've got to go.

RENA

No, I'm sorry. Thanks Sharon.

The screen switches off.