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The Star Ship  
Return To The Edge Of The Universe  
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Jake and his crew  
Take the Star Ship and a scientific expedition back to the edge of The universe And beyond.

Jake thought, "It had been six months since we returned from the edge of the universe. I was debriefed when we first returned. I wonder what the General could want with me now."  
The door to the General's office opens and the Sergeant walks out.  
"The General will see you now Commander."  
"Thank you Sergeant."  
Jake stood up and walked into the office and closed the door.  
"Well Commander Do you have your land legs back yet?"  
"Yes Sir It feels good to be back home again Sir. there is no place like mother earth."  
"You and your crew did a fine jog. You got a lot of good information."  
"Thank you Sir."  
"Retrieving the Voyager was a fantastic idea. We learned a lot about the universe from it. Who would have thought it would be working for over fifty years. It went through seven different Solar Systems in its travels. It recorded a lot of fantastic information."  
"That's great news, so what can I do for you now General?"  
"Well Commander I'll stop beating around the bush. You know we will be going back there soon."  
"Yes Sir, how can I help?"  
"I want you to Command the project. unlike the last time it must be voluntary."  
"Of cores I will volunteer Sir. But I would like to know one thing."  
"What's that Commander?"  
"What do you want from them planets? They are so far away."  
"They are far away now. but someday they may be only a few days or a few weeks away. We are learning a lot about space travel and how to go faster. We are already at twice the speed of light."

“Sir we found three planets that had humanoids on them.  
They all seem to be very happy and seem to have no enemies.  
They didn’t have a military, and we didn’t even see a police force.  
“ What about them space ships that you ran into?  
Who were they? oh yes the Clarine Empire”  
“ We don’t know what planet they came from.  
I don’t know if they were bothering them or protecting them.”  
Well they are a advanced civilization and we would like to talk to them.”  
“Sir I guess we could talk but they don’t listen very well.”  
“ That’s where the Star Ship comes in.  
We have improved the shields and the weapons, they are twice as good as before.”  
There will be a Star Ship and a scientific ship.  
it will be your job to protect them both.”

When do we leave General?”  
“Three months, but I must tell you this mission is not the same as the other one.”  
“ In what way Sir?”  
This time there will be landing parties.  
Also after you leave there you will explore and map the universe.  
“ How do we do that?  
The computer will do it all, it will record every where you travel.  
There is a beacon on the moon and it will lead you home from anywhere in the universe.  
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How long is this mission.  
it will be ten years maximum but you are free to return home any time you wish.”  
“ I understand Sir and I would like to have the same crew.”  
“ That’s fine but they must volunteer in writing.”  
“ Yes Sir, I will see what they say and get back to you.”  
“Fine, Oh yes Commander, do you know Commander Lawson?”  
“ Do you mean Lucky Lawson?”  
“ The same.”  
Yes Sir, I know him.”  
“ Do you and him get along??”  
“ Yes Sir, why do you ask?”  
“ He will Command the Eisenhower, but he will answer to you.”

“ As long as he knows that there won’t be a problem.”  
“ He knows that Commander, He’s a good officer but a little head strong.”  
“ We’ll get along fine Sir.”  
“That’s great, on a mission like this one everyone has to work together.”  
“ Yes Sir.”  
“ Good day Commander.”  
Good day Sir.”  
Jake turned and left the room and closed the door.  
He had three months to get things ready to go.  
It was a feeling of joy, it was like he belonged out there in space.

He knew Ronda and Nivla was right there at Nasa.  
He would have to find the others.  
He called Ronda and ask her if she could meet him for lunch.  
He told her he had something to talk to her about.  
She said that she would.  
Then he called Nivla and ask her the same.  
She also said she would be there.  
Then he went to personnel and ask them to find the others and have them call him.  
He was sitting in the cafe when he saw Ronda come in the door.  
He waved at her and she came over and sat down at the table.  
“ Hello Jake how are you?”  
“ I’m fine Ronda, How are you?”  
“ I’m well.”

At that time he saw Nivla come in the door and walk toward them.  
“ Hello Nivla have a seat.”  
She sat down and they all three talked a little about the last trip.  
Jake said,” I’m Commanding the mission for the trip back to the edge.  
They both congratulated him.  
“ I need a crew.”  
Ronda said,” Count me in if you want me.”  
“ Nivla said” That goes for me also Commander.”  
“ Before you volunteer this one could last up to ten years.  
think hard about it before you give an answer.”  
” You bet I’m ready, I don’t need to think about it.” Said Ronda.  
“ I would love to go again Commander.” Said Nivla.  
“ Well you both think about it a few days and let me know.”  
“ you must volunteer in writing so get that to me as soon as you can.  
“ When does this flight leave?”  
“ It leaves in three months.”

None of the other three wanted to be away from earth that long.  
so he would have to find someone to replace them.  
Jake went through about one hundred personnel records. Then ask for volunteers.  
He got sixty eight back.  
So now his task was to select whet he needed from the list.  
After he had made up his mind and informed them that they were chosen.  
He had orders cut for all five of them and gave them all a thirty day leave.  
He also took a leave and went home.  
He had not seen his father in three years and he was getting up in years.  
He knew this may be the last time he would see him.  
They had a good time just hanging out together and going fishing like they used to do.  
He told his father about his mission.  
He was sad but knew that it was in his son’s blood and he understood.  
When it was time to leave they said good by, shook hands, then hugged each other and parted.  
That was a hard thing for him to do but he could not turn down this mission.

He went back and waited for the others to report in.  
First was Nivla, she was always early for every thing she did.  
Then came Ronda, Perky and ready to go.  
Then came his radio operator, Staff Sergeant Alice Hobbs.  
she came with a high recommendation.  
Also Lieutenants Allen Groff And Rocky Myers.  
They were in on the design of the Star Ship, and knew it from front to rear and top to bottom.

The USS Eisenhower was the largest of the three ships.  
It had a crew of sixteen people, and a scientific party of eight.  
The Commander of that ship was Commander Lucky Lawson.  
Jake had knew him for about ten years.  
Now there was two months to go.  
The next thirty days would be spent on the ship.  
They had To learn and catch up on all the new improvements that were made since the last mission.  
After which they would have two weeks on earth.  
Then back to the ship for two weeks to do a check list before take off.

The Star Ship would connect to the top of the USS Eisenhower.  
The shuttle Enterprise would connect to the top of the Star Ship.  
All would ride piggy back, and the shields would cover all three.  
Also they could all be operated separate if need be.  
Each had Weapons and shield  
They were all powered by a new fuel cell that could take them at twice the speed of light.  
That mint that the trip to the planets would be cut to around six months.

Another thing new was a voice translator.  
It would translate languages and now they could talk to the people on all of the planets.  
They had installed new power cell in all three ships.  
They were made to last five years.  
There were two more in the cargo bay for each ship.  
In the next thirty days all supplies would be loaded on the ships.  
Food personal items and even some trade goods for the people on the planets.  
Four weeks to go.  
Jake told his crew if they were finished with their work they could go down to the planet for two weeks.  
They were all finished so they all took the shuttle and went down to earth.  
He told them all to meet him two weeks from today, back at the shuttle at nine A M .  
He went to see the General and told him that all was on schedule, and his crew had the next two weeks off.  
The General told him that was fine and wished them luck.  
Two weeks passed quickly and they were all on the shuttle headed back to the ship.

Two weeks till departure time.

All instruments were calibrated, the radio was overhauled, and the engines were tested, and all is well.

Four days until departure.

Then ,” Commander this is Lucky.”

“ Yes Lucky what can I do for you??”

“ Just wanted to let you know, we are loaded and ready to go.”

“ That’s great, it looks like we’ll go together.”,

“ Well I guess I don’t have much choice, since you are riding on my back.”

“Well something has to keep that bucket of bolts moving.“

“ Ha we can’t all fly Star Ships, over and out.”

Jake said,” I think I hit a nerve.”

One hour until departure.

“ Kennedy

This is NASA, Over.”

“ Nasa This is Commander North, Over.”

“ Commander it looks like you are ready to go.”

“ Yes General we’re ready and willing.”

“ From Earth to you all, as they used to say a long time ago, May you have God as your co pilot, and good luck.

“ Thank you sir, over and out.”

Time passed slowly but then came that sound that they were waiting for.

“ Ten seconds to blast off

Nine seconds

Eight seconds

Seven seconds

Six seconds

Five seconds

Four seconds

Three seconds

Two seconds

One second

Shields up and ignition Sir

one minute later Nivla said, “we are cru zing at the speed of light sir, first stop The Nivla System, looks like about thirty days.”

Jake said,” O K Nivla turn it over to the computer, we don’t want to hit some asteroid at the speed of light, I don’t think our shields would hold Ha Ha.”

“ You got that right Commander.

Alice said” Commander, I was talking to NASA when we took off, Sir we out run the radio waves”

“ Well Alice, We’ll slow down later and wait for them,”

All had a good laugh.

Jake pressed the button on his chair,” “ Commander Lawson.”

“ Yes sir.”

Conference time, meet me in my office.”

“ Yes Sir.

Ronda join me.”

“ Yes Sir.” “ Nivla you have the helm.”

They went into Jake’s office and sat down.

Soon Lucky came into the room.

“ What’s up Jake?”

“ Sit down Lucky, we need to have a talk.”

Lucky pulled out a chair and sat down.

Jake said,” When we get to our destination, we will more than likely run into the Clarine

Empire.

We had a run in with them the last time.

I don’t think they will want trouble after that but you never know.

Our shields are stronger now, so their weapons won’t be able to hurt us.

I want to try to be friends with them, so do not fire on them unless I give the order.

I think these people protect the planets in that Solar system.

so if we can avoid trouble we will.”

Ronda said,” What if they tell us we can’t land on them planets Commander?”

Then I will want to know the reason why.

Unless it’s a good reason, we will go to that planet.”

Lucky said, I don’t know why you even worry about them Jake, if they are no match for us like you say.”

Because we are here to make friends, not enemies.

We don’t want to start an intergalactic war here.”

Lucky said,” What about this first planet?”

“ We call it Chatter because of the way they talk.

It’s in the Nivla System because Nivla first saw it.

You will love it, these people are something else.”

Lucky said, What do the ladies look like?”

Ronda said,” You will love them Lucky.”

Lucky shook his head and said,” Never mind Ronda.”

Jake said ,”Are there any questions?”

Lucky said,” I have a question for Ronda.

What’s that Lucky?”

“Have you ever made love at the speed of light?”

“ No.”

“Would you like to?”

She smiled at Lucky, then said,”Hi mite, What are you doing later Jake.”

“Lucky said, Ha, Why go for second best??”

He got up and walked out of the office and slammed the door.

She looked at Jake and smiled and said,” will that be all Commander?”

“ That’s all Ronda.”

She got up and started to walk out.

Jake said,” Ronda?”

She turned and said, "Sir?"

"I'm not doing anything later."

She smiled and walked out the door.

Jake said, "Oh Well, it was worth a shot."

"Time passed quickly, And things went well for the next thirty days.

Just a couple of meteor showers.

"Commander we are coming up on the Nivla System."

"Thank you Ronda, slow us down to normal speed, and set a course To orbit around the planet Chatter."

"Eisenhower ,"

"Yes Commander."

"We will be in orbit around the planet in a few minutes, get your science team ready."

"Yes Sir, over and out."

"Nivla Would you like to take the science team down to the surface?"

"I would love to Commander."

Nivla and the science team loaded their equipment into the Enterprise.

then they separated from the Star Ship, and headed for the surface of the planet.

Jake said, "Ronda send down the drone to keep an eye on the science team."

"Yes Sir, You Are not expecting trouble from these people are you?"

"I never expect anything, I just take precautions."

"Yes Sir, that's what makes you a Star Ship Commander."

Alice did you connect the translator to the radio?"

"Yes Sir, I am listening to their transmission now sir.

There is nothing about the shuttle yet ."

They watched as the shuttle went down and landed.

There was no fear in the people, just curiosity.

The shuttle stopped and the door razed up and a ramp went down to the ground.

The science team and Nivla walked out of the shuttle.

They waved their hands and said into the translator, "Greetings from the planet earth, we want to be your friends."

The people started waving at them and said, "Hello welcome to Yerthon welcome."

The science team went around talking to some of the people.

They told them that they had only been on this planet for about five thousand of their years.

Before that they lived on the other planet but it ran out of water and died.

They had space travel at one time but only in their solar system.

Now They had no wish to leave their world.

But they said that sometimes they have visitors from another world.

They ask them who had been there before.

They told them that the Zoliain came there often and took what they wanted.

They said they had never seen anyone that looked like them before .

They gave them some of their music and Nivla gave them some of ours.

They liked most of it but they didn't care much for the classic rap.

Back on the star ship, "Sir,"

"Yes Alice, what is it?"

“ I’m getting a transmission from another spacecraft.”

Ronda said, “ Yes sir, still a long way off but it’s on the screen.”

Jake said, “ Alice, Are they talking to us?”

“ No sir, I think they are talking to another ship.”

“ Put it on the speaker.”

Jake watched the screen and listened to the radio to what they were saying.

They were A Zoliain ship.

They had never seen a ship like The Kennedy and was asking permission to confront them.

They were told not to confront at that time.

At that time they left the Solar System.

Jake said, “ Just keep watch for them in case they come back.”

After three weeks the science team Went back to the ship and they left the solar system to continue their journey.

Nivla said, “ Commander, I calculate we will be at our destination in two months and twelve days.”

“ Thank you Nivla.

Two weeks past without incident.

Alice said, “ Commander I am receiving a message from A Zoliain ship.”

Well put them on the screen and lets have a look at them.”

Well, A flying saucer.

All stop Nivla, but give us some room, about two thousand meters.”

“ This is Commander North of the U S S Star Ship Kennedy.

Zoliain ship, do you need assistance?

“ What planet are you from? What are you doing here?

How is it you speak our language”?

“ We have a device called a language translator.

We are on a scientific expedition from the planet earth.

Our mission is a peaceful one.

We are going to a planet in the Clarine Empire.”

“ Are you friends of the Clarine?”

“ We had a run in with them the last time we were here.”

“ They are our enemies, and you are in our space, so you will turn your ship around and go back where you came from.”

“ Sir do not mistake us for week.

We are peaceful people but able to defend ourselves.”

“ Commander you will not be told again.”

“ Nivla, shields up.”

“ Shields are now up Commander.”

At that time two more saucers came up beside the other one.

“ Lucky, lock onto the one on your left.

Ronda lock weapons onto the other two.”

“ Commander, you are outnumbered, you can not win.

Turn your ship around and go back.”



“ No.”

At that time the one on the left fired his weapon, contact but no damage.

“ Fire Lucky.”

“ Lucky fired his weapon and the ship on the left exploded.

The other two ships left in a hurry.

In a moment they saw it coming at a high speed.

“ Lock on to it Ronda.”

“ Locked on Sir.”

“ Fire at will.”

Ronda fired the weapon. The second one exploded.

The last one left. “ Nivla continue on at one half light speed.

Ronda keep an eye out for them.”

Alice said,” Sir they won’t be back, they were ordered home.”

All went well from there on,

Then Nivla said “ Commander we are coming up to our destination.”

Alice said,” Sir we have company.”

“ Put it on the speaker Alice.”

“ Yes sir.”

“This is Commander Vorn of the Clarine Empire.

Zoliain space ship, you are forbidden to enter this solar system.

It is controlled by the Clarine Empire, you have been warned.”

Jake pressed a button on his chair and said,” This is The Commander of The U s s Star Ship Kennedy,

We are here on a scientific expedition from the planet earth, our mission is a peaceful one.

We do not start trouble but we are able to handle it if necessary.

We are not a Zoliain ship.”

A long silence.

Then,” We remember you Commander.

We thought you were Zoliain, they are our enemies.

what is your intentions in this solar system?”

“Our intentions are only to meet the people of the planets and become friends with them.

That hand of friendship goes for your world as well.”

“ Commander, What star are you from?”

We are from a planet called Earth, It is over two hundred light years from here.”

That is not possible, that would take a lifetime to travel.”

Our ship will go two times the speed of light.”

“ Amazing, It is true I have never saw a ship like that.”

“ Our purpose is to make friends, not war.”

“ we are always ready to meet new friends.

However we can not allow you to go to the planet closest to the sun.”

“We will listen.

if there is a good reason for us not to go there, we may take your advice.”

“ Yes, you see them are our people, and they are under our protection.

they have no immune system, and you could kill everyone on the planet.”

“ Why do I not believe that, those people are happy.”

“Commander, I am telling you the truth.

Those people came from our planet, it is a sickness that is upon us.

It is contagious and we have no cure for it.“

Sir we have a scientific lab and doctors on board, and would be glad to see if we could help.

“Commander that is good of you but you are not the same as us, What could you know about our people??”

“ If those are your people on that planet then you are the same.”

“ Now why don't I believe that Commander, your world is light years away.”

“What does that have to do with it? We could still be the same”

“ Twenty Thousand years ago our people had space travel.

our world was dyeing, so they loaded many space ships with people. Then they went in different directions.

Some were never heard from again, our tribe came here.

Jake said,” Sir will you come to our ship and let the doctors examine you to see if we are the same.

“How do I know this is not a trick?”

“ We do not have to trick you, we could destroy you if we wished to.”

“ Alright I will do as you wish, how do I enter your ship with my shuttle?”

I will open the door to our cargo bay.”

A short time later they saw a shuttle coming at them.

Open the cargo bay doors.”

Cargo bay doors open Commander.”

Science Ship this is The Commander send a doctor to the cargo bay, we have a visitor.”

The shuttle landed in the cargo bay and the door closed and the cargo bay filled with air.

Jake and the doctors and the science team all went in.

At that time the door opened to the shuttle and the Commander of the other ship stepped out.

He looked at Jake and the others and said,” I can't believe it, We are the same.”

Jake held out his hand and said,” My name is Jake North I an the Commander of this ship, welcome.”

I am Commander Vorn of the Clarine Empire.”

Jake said,” We are your people and your friends, please let us try to help you.”

Commander Vorn said “What must we do?”

The doctor said,” We need one of your infected people to run some test on them.”

“ But if you get near her it will kill her.”

The doctor said,” We will give you a plastic bubble to put her in and we can work on her that way and she will be protected.”

Commander VornWent back to his ship and then came back again. He had a young girl about sixteen in the plastic bubble.

He said,” This is my daughter Deta please help her.”

The doctor said,” Sir we will do our very best.”

The Doctors went to work on the girl and Jake to Commander Vorn up and got him some food. He seamed very happy with it.

About four hours later the doctors came in leading the girl by the hand.

Doctor said, "She will be fine now."

Commander Vorn said, "What did you do to her??"

We found a virus and we already had a cure for it, we can start treating your people at once."

"That is wonderful, how can we ever repay you?"

Jake said, "Just by your friendship, there is a lot of things we can learn from each other."

Commander Vorn went back to his ship and radioed his planet and told them all that had happened.

They told him to bring the visitors back to their planet.

He then radioed the Kennedy and told them to follow him.

Arriving at their planet they were welcomed with open arms.

For the next six months they cured the ones that were sick on both worlds and vaccinated the ones that were not.

Two doctors volunteered to stay there on the Planet.

When they were ready to leave Commander Vorn said to Jake, "We are from two different worlds but we are brothers, please return some day and when we get better space travel we will come and see you."

"You will always be welcome my friend, but now we must leave to explore the universe."

Born said, "I request permission to go with you."

Jake said, "Well I guess it would be a good will link between our worlds."

All I have is my daughter and myself could we both go?"

"If that is your wish."

We will be ready when you are."

When the Star ship left orbit Vorn and his daughter Deta was aboard."

"Where too Commander??"

"Plot a course Nivla, Out there somewhere, the universe is ours to explore."

The End