Star Trek: Galilea Episode Five - From the Other Side

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Cold Open

(TALDEX BRIDGE)

1 SOUND: TALDEX BRIDGE

2 SURAK

(Comm filtered) Commander Valkon, I am ordering you to stand your men down.

3 VALKON

We've been over this already, Surak. I will not stand by and let a threat--

4 SURAK

There is no threat. You received the same report as I. The Borg ship has been neutralized by the local populace, a populace that does not pose a threat to us, you, or anybody else.

5 VALKON

Which strikes me as preposterous! For all we know, this could be an elaborate--

6 SURAK

Valkon, civilizations are not destroyed based on presumptions. The facts do not support the threat you perceive, so the logical course of action is--

7 VALKON

I have no patience for your logic, Vulcan.

8 SURAK

Fact: If your explosive detonates, it will wipe out an advanced, sentient, non-hostile species. Fact: Said species is on a planet located within Federation space. Fact: Committing genocide within Federation space would not only violate the treaty with the Romulan Empire; it would be an act of war.

9 VALKON

(Beat) What exactly are you saying?

10 SURAK

If the Shintari are destroyed, you will have declared war, and we will have no choice but to respond accordingly.

11 ROMULAN 1

Commander, the Galilea is raising shields. They are arming weapons.

12 SOUND: ALERT NOISE

- 13 ROMULAN 1 They have locked on!
- 14 VALKON

Raise shields! Prepare plasma torpedoes!

15 SURAK

Commander, there is little doubt that your ship can easily best ours in combat. That is why a distress signal is currently being broadcast that will alert Starfleet to the situation.

16 ROMULAN 2

He's telling the truth, Commander.

17 SURAK

The Galilea may fall, but I can guarantee the Taldex will join it. The decision is yours.

18 VALKON

(Beat) Very well, Captain. We shall wait

Very well, Captain. We shall wait and see what outcome the next hour has in store for us.

Opening Titles

19 T'SA

Sub-Commander's report. The operation is running smoothly. There has been no contact with or sign of aggression from the local populace. The atmosphere is significantly limiting our scanning equipment, but enough was getting through for our shuttle to detect Borg technology from the nearby settlement. No drones were visible. The meaning of this is unknown. The Borg Cube has been secured. There is no resistance, no presence of active drones. The Cube itself has been scavenged and cannibalized, but the warp core is fully operational. This may be related to an unknown device which has been connected to the core. Our scanning equipment is completely useless inside the Cube, which may tie into the atmospheric disturbance. It's unknown and likely to remain so. Centurions Miyon and Bassov proposed connecting the explosive to the core, which they promise will expand the detonation by a factor of seventeen. Whatever Borg threat has found its way to this planet will be completely eradicated.

20 SATEC

We should leave now.

21 J'UUL

There is still more than half an hour until detonation. We will follow our orders and wait.

22 SATEC

This cube is dead. The locals have shown no interest in us. Starfleet is nowhere to be seen. There's nothing here to prevent the explosion.

23 J'UUL

There is also nothing to prevent us from leaving at the appropriate time, so we will follow our orders and... wait, I see something.

24 SATEC

Is it the locals? Are they Borg?

25 J'UUL

No, it's not the Borg.

26 SOUND: ROMULAN COMM BEEP

27 J'UUL

Sub-Commander T'sa. A Starfleet Shuttlecraft is headed for our position.

- 28 SOUND: FEEDBACK
- 29 J'UUL

(Wincing gasp) Blasted interference.

30 T'SA (Heavily comm-distorted) Understood. I'm on my way.

31 J'UUL

Could you make that out?

32 SATEC

I think she said she's on her way.

- 33 SOUND: WAVERIDER APPROACHING AND HOVERING
- 34 BRUNHILDE

(External speaker distortion and reverb) This is Commander Brunhilde Engelstadt of the Federation Starship Galilea. I am ordering you to halt your detonation and stand down.

CONTINUED:

35 SOUND: PLASMA CANNON CHARGING UP

36 SOUND: FOOTSTEPS GETTING CLOSER

37 T'SA

(Aside)

Centurion, do you have them targeted with the cannon?

38 SATEC

The targeting system isn't working, Sub-Commander, but they're close enough that I can aim by sight.

39 BRUNHILDE

I repeat, you are ordered to stand down immediately and halt the detonation of your device.

40 T'SA

(Aside) Keep me covered, Centurion.

41 SATEC

Yes, Sub-Commander.

42 T'SA

(Raising voice to shout at the shuttlecraft) Starfleet officers, I am Sub-Commander T'sa Aenikh. You should be aware that phasers are very unstable in this atmosphere. If you fire, it will arc around unpredictably. You are more likely to hit yourself than any of us. We, however, have an infantry plasma cannon that would maintain cohesion long enough in this atmosphere. It typically has little effect against a Federation ship's shields, but then again your shields aren't working at the moment, are they?

43 WALLACE

(External speaker distortion) (Chipper, almost gleeful) Chief Engineer here. I already know about the phasers and have found a way to compensate. I can demonstrate if you like.

44 T'SA

The moment you fire on us, my Centurion will fire on you.

45 BRUNHILDE

So we're at a standoff. But my order remains. Stand down.

46 T'SA

By what authority do you presume to command us?

47 BRUNHILDE

This planet is in Federation space and thus is protected by its laws. Detonating your weapon and wiping out the native populace will be seen as an act of war and sever all diplomatic ties between the Federation and the Romulan Empire.

48 T'SA

Have you been informed of the potential Borg infestation amongst the populace? Such a threat within your territories would surely--

49 BRUNHILDE

Yes, we've met with the Shintari. They HAVE repurposed some elements of Borg technology, but they have NOT been assimilated. They defeated the Borg long ago, Sub-Commander. There IS no Borg Threat.

50 T'SA

How do we know that YOU are not the Borg? That this is not a ruse?

51 BRUNHILDE

(Deadpan) The Borg don't ruse.

52 T'SA

(Beat) That is a fair point.

53 BRUNHILDE

Look, you and the rest of your crew are free to remain on this world and run all the tests you desire. But until you can conclusively prove that such a threat exists, I cannot permit you to set off that explosive.

54 T'SA

(Beat, then an aside) Centurion, deactivate the plasma cannon and place it on the ground in front of them.

55 SATEC

Sub-Commander?

56 T'SA

She is correct. We may have overstepped our authority in this scenario. Until we can get further instructions from Commander Valkon, we will stand down. That's on MY authority, Centurion. (Raising voice to speak to the shuttle) Commander, consider our operation halted for the moment. You are free to land and join us inside. 57 BRUNHILDE

We'll be coming in armed.

- 58 T'SA
- I would expect nothing less.

Interior - Borg Cube

- 59 <u>SOUND: BACKGROUND: WARP CORE, GETTING LOUDER AS WE GET</u> <u>CLOSER TO IT BECAUSE OF DOPPLAR WHATSITS AND QUANTUM</u> <u>THINGUMMERS.</u>
- 60 SOUND: FOOTSTEPS ON A METAL DECK
- 61 T'SA

Please wait here for a moment, Commander. The rest of my command is inside.

- 62 BRUNHILDE Of course.
- 63 T'SA

(Calling out)

Miyon. Bassov. I am accompanied by Starfleet officers. Stand down.

64 MIYON

Yes, Sub-Commander.

65 BASSOV

Yes, Sub-Commander.

66 T'SA

(Aside to Brunhilde) Please, follow me.

- 67 SOUND: WARP CORE GETS LOUDER. QUANTUM THINGUMMERS!
- 68 T'SA

As you can see, the Borg warp core is still fully operational. I assume this contraption affixed to the side is the Shintari device you described.

69 WALLACE

Fascinating! Commander, may I?

70 BRUNHILDE

You may.

71 SOUND: WALLACE'S ENGINEERING DEVICES. SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE A SONIC SCREWDRIVER, BECAUSE I WANTED TO USE THAT SOUND AND THE BBC PROVIDES IT FREE 'CAUSE THEY'RE AWESOME.

72 BRUNHILDE

(To T'sa)

According to the Shintari, this is what's responsible for the subspace distortion field surrounding the planet. It suppresses Borg technology. Among other things, obviously.

73 T'SA

Obviously. We wondered ourselves about a possible connection, but this close to the device our scanning equipment has been useless.

74 BRUNHILDE

Is that the bomb?

75 T'SA

Yes. Also feeding off the warp core. We figured it would increase the detonation yield enough to crack the planet's mantle and spread enough polaron radiation to render the planet uninhabitable. (Beat) We DID presume it was Borg-infested at the time.

76 BRUNHILDE

Understandable, but now I need you to disarm and disconnect it.

77 BASSOV

Sub-Commander?

78 T'SA

We have our orders, Bassov.

79 BASSOV

It's just, I don't believe it's possible to do so.

80 MIYON

The explosive is locked into a synchronization resonance matrix with the warp core and can't be separated without one or both going off.

81 T'SA

You mean a core overload?

82 BRUNHILDE

In a ship that's resting on a planet?

83 WALLACE

That would be bad.

84 BASSOV

(To Miyon) I TOLD you we should have set in extra safeguards in case it needed to be shut down.

85 MIYON

There wasn't a need for it at the time!

86 T'SA

Yes, yes, the two of you were just following orders. Can you find a solution?

87 BRUNHILDE

Wallace, look into it.

88 WALLACE

Way ahead of you. Hmmm. You're right, the resonance synch is already in place, and dismantling one or the other will set up a nasty feedback loop. It's not something I can simply remove. Our best bet is to section off the power relays and shunt it into some nonessential system, mock it up like it's still connected to the bomb. That'll give us enough time to disconnect the explosive, and we won't have to worry about the warp core going critical.

89 BRUNHILDE

That's good. Get on that.

90 WALLACE

Not that easy. We'll still have an armed warhead inside the warp core chamber. More importantly, we'll still have an armed warhead inside with US. The explosion won't be as focused, but it'll still be pretty big.

91 MIYON

I've already located the power junctions we can use.

92 BASSOV

Once the power flow is stopped, I should be able to deactivate the timer.

93 T'SA

Then you both have your orders.

94 BRUNHILDE

Make it so, Wallace.

95 <u>SOUND: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME A LOT OF SOUND</u> EFFECTS TO FIND, NOEL. SO MUCH.

96 T'SA

Commander, we have fifteen minutes left. If things should... not go well, it was a pleasure meeting you.

97 BRUNHILDE

Likewise.

98 ROMULAN 1

Incoming transmission from the Galilea, Commander.

99 VALKON

On screen.

100 SOUND: COMM OPENING

101 SURAK

Commander Valkon, by our estimation there is just under a minute until the scheduled detonation.

102 VALKON

Has there been any further word from your crew on the surface?

103 SURAK

There has not. But I am taking that to mean they are hard at work resolving the situation and cannot waste time establishing communications.

104 VALKON

Or they may have been defeated by my forces.

105 SURAK

That is a possibility.

106 VALKON

In any case, Captain, I have made a decision. (To bridge) Lower the shields. Power down our weapons.

107 ROMULAN 2

Commander?

108 VALKON

I have decided, Surak, that should the weapon detonate, I will turn myself over to your custody.

109 ROMULAN 1

Commander!

110 ROMULAN 2

Madness!

111 VALKON

The young alliance between the Federation and the Empire is far too important to throw away with my own rash decisions. Instead, I intend to take full responsibility for them.

112 SURAK

That is very admirable, Commander.

113 VALKON

I ask only that my crew not suffer any blame and be allowed to return to Romulan territory unharmed. This is to be my responsibility alone.

114 SURAK

You have my word.

115 VALKON

Thank you, Surak. Valkon out.

116 SOUND: COMM CLOSING

(BEAT)

117 ROMULAN 1 Commander! The planet!

118 VALKON

(Tired acceptance) Has the bomb detonated, then?

119 ROMULAN 1 No. The disruption field... It just... shut down!

120 VALKON

121 ROMULAN 1

The particles will still take a while to dissipate, but our scans are starting to penetrate the atmosphere.

- 122 ROMULAN 2 Commander! I'm receiving a transmission from the surface!
- 123 VALKON Open a channel!

124 SOUND: COMM OPENING

125 T'SA

(Heavily distorted) This is Sub-Commander T'sa. Do you read me, Taldex?

126 ROMULAN 2 I'm attempting to clean it up.

127 T'SA

(Somewhat better) I repeat. Do you read me, Taldex? This is Sub-Commander T'sa. Do you read?

128 VALKON

(Delighted noise of relief) We can hear you, Sub-Commander. We can hear you, and we are very eager to hear of your status.

INTERIOR - BORG CUBE

129 SOUND: HUM OF THE WARP CORE

- 130 SOUND: VERY FAINT SIGNS OF TECHNOLOGY STARTING UP
- 131 SATEC

Ouch!

132 J'UUL

You okay?

133 SATEC

Yeah. I caught my leg on something sharp.

134 J'UUL

Try to be more careful. Between the damage from the crash and the natives stripping this ship down, there are sharp edges all over the place.

135 T'SA

Commander Engelstadt, it would appear Commander Valkon is all too pleased at how the situation turned out.

136 BRUNHILDE

I'm glad to hear that.

137 T'SA

He has decided to leave further investigation of this planet to the Federation. Once we load our explosives onto our shuttle, we'll be off.

138 BRUNHILDE

If you ever find yourself in Federation space again, Sub-Commander T'sa, look me up. Dinner's on me.

139 T'SA

I might just take you up on that.

140 J'UUL

Sub-Commander!

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141 T'SA

What is it?

142 J'UUL

Our sensors are back online. It's the Borg! Our scans show the Borg Cube is reactivating!

143 T'SA

Quick, everybody--!

144 WALLACE

Hold it! Hold it, everybody. It's okay.

145 T'SA

What do you mean?

146 WALLACE

We don't have anything to worry about. With the way the Shintari stripped this ship down, it's not going anywhere any time soon. And I went ahead and severed all connections to the warp core, so whatever Borg machinery is reactivating is running off reserves.

147 BRUNHILDE

But it's a Borg ship. Won't it repair itself?

148 MIYON

Any drones are long dead and decomposed by now. The ship is stuck healing on its own.

149 BASSOV

And that's going to take a very long time.

150 WALLACE

We'll be fine until we can get this Shintari device up and running again.

151 T'SA

Can you reactivate it?

152 WALLACE

Maybe, but it would go faster if we zipped back to the city and picked up a Shintari engineer.

153 BRUNHILDE

Then let's do so. (To T'sa) Sub-Commander, do you require any assistance clearing the bomb?

154 T'SA

No, we have it in order. You go and make sure this monstrosity never wakes up again. We will be gone by the time you return.

155 BRUNHILDE Then farewell, Sub-Commander.

156 T'SA

Farewell to you too, Commander.

157 SOUND: FOOTSTEPS AWAY

158 SOUND: VERY FAINT BORG NOISE

159 BASSOV

(Pained) Ah!

160 T'SA

Is there a problem, Bassov?

161 BASSOV

No, SubCommander. Just caught my hand on something while moving this panel. It's nothing serious.

162 MIYON

I told you to use a light. How can you see anything in this darkness?

163 BASSOV

I once heard a human say his personality was glowing enough to see through the darkest night.

164 MIYON

But he was human and you are not, so what's your excuse?

Interior - Romulan Shuttle

165 SOUND: SHUTTLE HUM

166 MIYON

Still no response from the other shuttle, Sub-Commander.

167 T'SA

There may still be pockets of interference in the atmosphere. Bassov, could such a thing be responsible for the dip they took in altitude?

168 BASSOV

I guess... (Clearing throat) That is a possibility, Sub-Commander. (Sudden wracking cough) 13.

169 T'SA

What is wrong with you, Bassov?

170 BASSOV

Nothing, Sub-Commander. I'm fine. I'll be-- (More coughing)

171 T'SA

That is not fine.

172 MIYON

Bassov, you really don't look that great. Are you sure you're not--

173 BASSOV

I'm FINE!

174 T'SA

Quiet, Bassov. You are obviously ill.

175 MIYON

Could we have picked up a contaminant from the surface?

176 T'SA

Possibly. Contact the Taldex and have them initiate a quarantine procedure. Just to be safe.

177 MIYON

Yes, Sub-Commander.

178 SOUND: COMM BEEPS

179 MIYON

Taldex, this is shuttle 273--

180 BASSOV

(Give me your best First Contact Picard here, Weston) N000000000000!!!

181 SOUND: HEAVY IMPACT

182 MIYON

(Grunt of pain)

183 T'SA

Bassov! Stand down!

184 MIYON

His arm, Sub-Commander! Look at his arm!

185 T'SA

Fvadt, it's fusing to the console!

186 BASSOV

(Go full out here, man. Have fun with it.) You can't... I won't... Sub-Commander, I... I... Resistance is... futile...

187 MUSIC: DUN DUN DUUUUUUUUV~