

STAR TREK VOYAGER®

EPISODE #110

"PRIME FACTORS"

An alien leader has the technology that could send the crew 40,000 light years closer to home -- but refuses to share it with them.

The crew beams aboard Gath Labin, a representative from Sikaris, a planet known for its outstanding hospitality. Gath invites the weary travelers to take a break from their duties on his homeworld. Knowing shore leave would do the crew good, Janeway orders Voyager to follow Gath back to Sikaris, where residents welcome them with open arms.

Kim visits with a Sikarian woman named Eudana, who explains that her people love to hear stories of faraway places. Smitten with Kim, Eudana uses a spatial trajector to whisk him to a planet 40,000 light years away. Realizing that the space-folding device could knock decades off the crew's voyage, Kim tells Janeway about it. She, in turn, asks Gath about using it, but he refuses, citing Sikarian laws against sharing technology with other species.

Desperate to get home, the crew tries to secure the technology by offering the Sikarians something they value -- the ship's databank of stories -- but Gath puts off a response. Later, Eudana takes Kim to Gath's associate, Jaret Otel, who secretly offers Kim the technology in exchange for the stories his race craves. Meanwhile, officers Torres, Seska and Carey consider taking matters into their own hands.

After Kim tells her about Otel's offer, Janeway approaches Gath one last time. But Gath has no intention of helping the crew, and once he realizes that Janeway is uninterested in his capricious lifestyle, he asks her to leave. Although Janeway opts to reject Otel's offer, Seska, Torres and Carey plan to follow through anyway. They're stopped by Tuvok, who reveals that he's decided to take the responsibility for making the exchange with Otel.

Tuvok returns with the matrix for the trajector, but when the crew tries to use it, they discover it's incompatible with Federation technology and will not work. Janeway confronts Tuvok, who says he was willing to sacrifice his own career so that the crew could return home without forcing Janeway to compromise her own ethics about violating Sikarian law. Touched by Tuvok's sacrifice, she nevertheless orders him never to go behind her back again.



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CAST

CAPTAIN KATHRYN JANEWAY
COMMANDER CHAKOTAY
LIEUTENANT B'ELANNA TORRES
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LIEUTENANT TOM PARIS
NEELIX
THE DOCTOR
LIEUTENANT TUVOK
ENSIGN HARRY KIM

KATE MULGREW
ROBERT BELTRAN
ROXANN BIGGS-DAWSON
JENNIFER LIEN
ROBERT DUNCAN MCNEILL
ETHAN PHILLIPS
ROBERT PICARDO
TIM RUSS
GARRETT WANG

GUEST STARS

GATH
EUDANA
JARET
SESKA
CAREY

RONALD GUTTMAN
YVONNE SUHOR
ANDREW HILL NEWMAN
MARTHA HACKETT
JOSH CLARK

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HIGHLIGHT LISTING

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