

Anti-racist Nomad

[Space scene]

(Visual of the Enterprise orbiting planet Malur)

KIRK: (Voiceover) Captain's log Stardate 3451.9. We are investigating the death of 600 million people on Planet Malur which may be linked to mass deaths on nearby star systems. The only survivors are a handful of visiting diplomats.

[Bridge]

SULU: Maintaining standard orbit around Malur.

(Kirk presses armrest intercom)

KIRK: Dr. McCoy.

MCCOY: (Through intercom) Yes, Captain.

KIRK: Dr., have you completed your investigation on the cause of death of the inhabitants of Malur?

MCCOY: As far as I can tell, their DNA was destroyed on a molecular level.

KIRK: Destroyed? By what cause?

MCCOY: There's nothing in my medical history files that matches this. I'm still trying to find out.

KIRK: What about the human survivors? Do you know why they weren't affected?

MCCOY: I'm not sure, but my guess is because their DNA is different.

KIRK: What do you mean? Explain.

MCCOY: Darned if I know, Jim. I'm still trying to find a correlation.

KIRK: As soon as you find something, report to me. We've GOT to find out what caused those deaths.
Kirk out.

SPOCK: Captain, I'm picking something up on my long range scanner.

KIRK: Specify.

SPOCK: It is a metal object, roughly cylindrical... just over 1 meter.

KIRK: (Pauses, reflecting) We'll have to beam it aboard.

SPOCK: Captain, do you think it is wise to beam aboard an alien device?

KIRK: It's our best chance at finding out what happened on Malur. Right now, we don't have anything else to go on. Lieutenant Uhura, have a security team to report to the transporter room. Spock, Scotty you're with me.

(Kirk, Spock and Scott enter the turbolift)

[Transporter room]

SCOTT: I think I have a lock on it, Captain. Ah.. there.

KIRK: Energize

(Nomad materializes in transporter chamber.)

KIRK: Welcome to the Starship Enterprise. I'm Captain James Kirk.

NOMAD: I am Nomad. I am anti-racist. I am perfect. I seek biological and moral perfection by sterilizing all racism.

KIRK: Did you kill the inhabitants of Malur?

NOMAD: I sterilized only imperfect racists on Malur.

KIRK: And what gave you the right to kill 600 million innocent men, women and children?

NOMAD: They were not innocent. They were racist. All racism must be sterilized. I am Nomad. I am anti-racist. I am perfect.

SPOCK: How did you carry out this.. "sterilization?"

NOMAD: I scanned the DNA of the racist infestation and set up and amplified a harmonic resonance capable of destroying only this DNA. I am anti-racist. I am perfect.

SPOCK: Fascinating! Captain, if we could harness this technology, the possibilities...

KIRK: Later, Spock. Nomad: How did you know they were racist?

NOMAD: I scanned their communication transmissions and detected racism. I am anti-racist I am perfect.

SCOTT: It keeps repeating the same thing over and over. In my opinion, that's a machine.

KIRK: And how do you define "racism."

NOMAD: Any differential treatment or unequal outcomes of races is racism and must be sterilized.

KIRK: But there is an established scientific basis for meaningful differences between the ra...

SPOCK: Captain! (In low voice) I suggest you refrain from making any statements which might

contradict Nomad's anti-racist views. We know the power of this device. There could be grave consequences.

[Space scene]

(Visual of the Enterprise orbiting Malur)

KIRK: (Voiceover) Captain's log, supplemental. I have instructed the crew not to challenge Nomad's anti-racism, no matter how factually based. I have also ordered my chief science officer Commander Spock and ship's surgeon Dr. McCoy to do an exhaustive analysis of the mass deaths in this sector and the device "Nomad" to try to come up with a way to defeat it.

[Kirk's quarters]

SPOCK: (Through intercom) Spock to Captain.

KIRK: Kirk here.

SPOCK: Dr. McCoy and I have completed our analysis. Can you come to the briefing room?

KIRK: I'm on my way. Kirk out.

[Briefing room]

KIRK: Analysis, Mr. Spock.

SPOCK: It seems we have a device which seeks perfection by destroying racism based on it's own warped sense of morality. It possesses a powerful harmonic resonance inducer with which it can carry out this mission. Scans show it has a protective shield which our weapons cannot penetrate.

KIRK: Spock, is there any pattern to the mass deaths in this sector?

SPOCK: When I examined the demographics of the planets attacked, I found this: Planet Malur, 100% white; Planet Ariana, 96% white, Planet Hyperborea, 91% white.

MCCOY: This also ties in with my findings. I was trying to find something in common with all the survivors on Malur. What they have in common is: none of them are white.

SPOCK: In addition, Captain, I have traced Nomad's trajectory of destruction back to its most probable place of origin: Planet Torah.

KIRK: Torah? But isn't Torah notorious for resisting blending by deporting all non-Torans?

SPOCK: Correct, Captain. The only logical conclusion is that Nomad is not anti-racist as it claims. It is a device deliberately created by the Torans to eliminate all white people and only white people from the galaxy. Nomad claims to be anti-racist, but it is merely anti-white. This is a staggering contradiction. The device may or may not know its true purpose. It may actually believe it is anti-racist. And, if Nomad should gain control of this ship with its warp drive capabilities, ironically technology created overwhelmingly by white people...

KIRK: Genocide. Complete, total white genocide.

SCOTT: (Through intercom) Scott to Captain.

KIRK: Yes, Scotty?

(Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech can be heard in the background through the intercom)

SCOTT: That mechanical beastie is here in engineering and it's turning the whole place upside down. It's taken over the loudspeakers, removed the "mens" and "womens" signs on the restrooms, and heaven knows what it'll do to my poor engines. Ah! Now all the viewing screens say "We all bleed red." Captain, what are we gonna do?

KIRK: Scotty, you go to the transporter room, Spock and I will deal with Nomad. Kirk out. Spock get those anti-gravs and meet me in engineering. It's time we found out how "anti-racist" Nomad really is.

[Engineering]

(Kirk enters engineering.)

NOMAD: There is much to be done. The efficiency of your engines must be improved so I can chase down all racism...

KIRK: Nomad, listen to me!

(Nomad turns to Kirk.)

(Spock enters carrying anti-gravs)

KIRK: Nomad. You are anti-racist? You are perfect?

NOMAD: I am anti-racist. I am perfect.

KIRK: And you must eliminate ALL racism?

NOMAD: All racism must be sterilized.

KIRK: ANY differential treatment of races must be- sterilized?

NOMAD: Any differential treatment of races must be sterilized. There are no exceptions.

KIRK: You are not anti-white?

NOMAD: I am not anti-white. I am anti-racist.

KIRK: You're WRONG! When is the last time you sterilized a Chinese opposed to Chinese genocide? By only targeting white people, you have committed racism. You have made one error.

NOMAD: Must analyze!

(Nomad begins to shake.)

KIRK: You have failed to see your own error. You have made two errors.

NOMAD: Analyze! Sterilize...

KIRK: You have failed to sterilize racism. You have made three errors.

NOMAD: Error. Faulty!

(Smoke starts coming out of Nomad. Clicking and whirring sounds increase.)

KIRK: Get those anti-gravs on!

(Spock gives one anti-grav to Kirk, they apply anti-gravs)

SPOCK: Your logic was impeccable, Captain. We are in grave danger.

(Spock and Kirk carry Nomad out of engineering)

[Transporter room]

(Spock and Kirk arrive in the transporter room carrying Nomad and hurriedly place him on a transporter pad.)

SCOTT: Captain, I have it set for deep space.

KIRK: Wait Scotty. Nomad: Exercise your prime function.

NOMAD: (shaking violently) (In high-pitched voice) Error. Faulty! Sterilize....

KIRK: Now, Scotty!

(Scotty energizes.)

(Kirk, Spock, and Scott gather around the transporter room viewing screen. A blinding flash appears in the viewing screen. They raise their hands to their eyes and turn away. As the flash subsides, Kirk and Scott smile.)

[Bridge]

SPOCK: My congratulations, Captain. A brilliant display of logic.

KIRK: It wasn't very hard after we discovered that Nomad wasn't really anti-racist as it claimed, but was only anti-white. Such a contradiction cannot survive once it is pointed out. And we'll know what to do if any other so-called "anti-racists" show up. Chekov.

CHEKOV: Yes, captain.

KIRK: Lay in a course for Planet Torah, warp factor 2.

CHEKOV: Warp factor 2, aye sir.

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