

15. New Friends

Topic: Three friends enter a new land.

Cast:

WILL: the commander in charge, but not necessarily the wisest or bravest

SEAN and TANYA: subordinates, but a little defiant

- 1 (*ALL are cowering around a door, peering outside. They are*
2 *anxious and nervous.*)
- 3 SEAN: Which of us is going out first?
- 4 TANYA: (*Nervous*) I'm not going first.
- 5 WILL: Will you stop being such chickens?
- 6 SEAN: Great. Thanks for volunteering.
- 7 WILL: (*Emphatically*) I didn't volunteer.
- 8 TANYA: I thought you did.
- 9 SEAN: So did I.
- 10 WILL: I'm the commander. I should stay here and (*Looking*
11 *for an excuse*) secure the premises.
- 12 SEAN: Exactly what premises are those?
- 13 TANYA: You wouldn't be *afraid*, would you, commander?
- 14 WILL: (*Stuttering*) Oh, no, no, of course not.
- 15 SEAN: (*Sarcastically*) Didn't think so.
- 16 WILL: It's just that I don't ... I shouldn't ... I wouldn't want
17 to abandon you.
- 18 SEAN: (*Encouragingly*) Abandon, abandon.
- 19 TANYA: (*Also encouragingly*) Sure, we'll be fine. You go right
20 on out there.
- 21 WILL: (*Regaining his composure and standing up tall*) OK. OK.
22 I'm not afraid. I am, after all, Commander. I have no
23 fear. I am fearless. This is what I'm trained for.
- 24 SEAN: (*To TANYA*) Is he trying to convince us or himself?
- 25 TANYA: (*Very anxious to get him outside*) You go right on out

- 1 there, Commander. We'll, what was it you said? Secure
2 the premises.
- 3 SEAN: Yeah, we got your back.
- 4 WILL: OK. I'm ready. I mean, we've decided these beings
5 are inferior, right? What harm could they possible do to
6 us?
- 7 TANYA: Right. You're exactly right. No harm. Totally safe.
8 You have a good time and I'll be right behind this
9 bulletproof wall here.
- 10 SEAN: Nothing to fear, Commander. All evidence indicates
11 that those creatures out there are unintelligent, low-level
12 creatures totally unable to inflict any harm to our
13 superior safety suits. I'm behind the wall here, too. You
14 go.
- 15 WILL: (*Sarcastically*) What did I do to deserve such a brave,
16 steadfast crew? OK, I'm going. If I'm not back at
17 fourteen hundred hours, phone home. (*He exits.*)
- 18 TANYA: Is that considered long distance? I don't think I can
19 get reception on my cell phone from here.
- 20 SEAN: Good luck, Commander. Go in peace. May the force
21 be with you. (*To TANYA*) Quick! Lock the door! They're
22 gonna slaughter him!
- 23 TANYA: *Right!* (*They push the very heavy door closed.*)