

## STORY TREATMENT

It opens in the space; there are several spaceships in orbit around the planet. Zoom in on the planet, it's not Earth. Focus goes to a large round building and continues zooming, until it finds a dark-haired man, ERIK FAULKNER. Camera follows him into the building. The inside of the building is a large round room, resembling a stadium or coliseum. There is a box on one side with important looking people. Directly across from them is another box, with reserved seats and ALEX FAULKNER is seated in one of these seats. The rest of the seats are like seats at a sporting event and filled with various species from throughout the galaxy.

ERIK walks to the center of the room, on the way he looks up at the visitor seating and spots his sister ALEX. He is asking the GALACTIC COUNCIL to admit Earth to the GALACTIC ORDER. They listen to him and then deliberate. They refuse to admit Earth. ALEX stands up and starts to watch as ERIK walks out of the room, his head hung slightly. She storms out of the reserved seating, returning to her ship.

Back on the ship, ALEX is asked questions; she storms off to her quarters, not answering anyone. ERIK tries to contact her and they briefly talk. They talk about their parents and she makes a comment about them being the ones who wanted things this way. She comes out of her quarters later and goes to the workout area. She starts sparring with her crewmates. JACK HAWKE, the captain, comes in and watches. After a bit he tells them it's enough. She gets cleaned up and then they all play poker together and grip about how they are going to be taking jobs and not getting the pay they deserve for them.

Sometime later, they get word from headquarters of an assignment, where they need to pick-up some cargo in the Outer Rim and then deliver it to a Galactic Order outpost just on the edge of the Rim. They are also told that there is a crew of TIACK, the bad aliens, trying to get the same cargo. On the planet, they make a pit stop in a local bar to get some information. When they walk in, several of the patrons want the humans to perform since they are the ones who created karaoke. ALEX and a couple of the crew agree to do it only if some of the locals perform too. ALEX's singing impresses the patrons and Jack. They meet their contact who tells them where the cargo is. Some of the TIACK are watching and follow them. A fire fight breaks out and ALEX gets injured when she attempts to keep Jack and the tactical officer from getting injured. The crew gets the cargo and races to deliver it before the TIACK can attempt to steal it. Using crazy flying tactics, they out maneuver the TIACKs and deliver the cargo.

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The crew gets several more missions, some of them where they are in direct competition with other ships. The missions include things like picking up cargo, delivering messages, patrolling an area where trouble has been reported and transporting people. They manage to beat out all but one other ship, another ship controlled by humans. ALEX puts herself in harms way many times and gets injured several times. There is one mission where Jack gets injured to protect her.

There is a mission to take negotiators to planet to help mediate a disagreement. When the ship picks them up, it turns out to be her parents and ERIK. She walks away from them without even saying hello; she nods at ERIK. ERIK explains that there has been falling out in the family and then goes after her. He tells her that they want to try and fix things. She says she has to think about it. They want her to go to the planet with them, but she says she needs to stay on the ship and maybe they can talk after they pick them up. The ship leaves and gets a distress call hours later, the planet is under attack. They turn back and arrive to find two unknown ships attacking the planet. They start engage them and manage to do a lot of damage to one of the ships. A Galactic Order ship arrives and helps them by taking out the other ship. Thousands of people were killed, including her parents. ERIK managed to survive, but he will never be the same.

Another mission involves them going to a planet of primitive aliens who are covered in tattoos and have beaks and hair. They are in need of food because the resources on their planet are running out. They don't like the representatives the GALACTIC COUNCIL has sent and so humans are sent in. First small acts of sabotage start happening, then a couple of dead bodies turn up. It all leads to a major accident where ALEX ends up nearly dying. It starts to make her think about her choices.

She gets a promotion and becomes 2nd officer on another ship, reluctantly leaving Jack behind. Outwardly he supports her, but inwardly he doesn't want her to leave, but can't say it. There is a mission on the new ship where she saves her new captain and gets injured. She does very well on her new ship and mostly stays out of trouble. She gets an offer to become captain of her own ship, which she takes several days to think about. She contacts Jack and he tells her to go for it. She is told that she has to be more careful about her safety, a Captain is not supposed to risking their life all the time.

On her new ship, she gives an order to a crewman and instead of completing the order, he passes it to someone

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else, who passes it to someone else. This person thinks the order sounds strange, so he contacts ALEX and asks what the order is supposed to be. She disciplines both of the crewmen that passed the order on after telling the 3rd crewman what the real order was.

Jack calls her back to help with a big situation and she agrees, temporarily taking a lower rank, so there are not "too many bosses trying to run the ship". The situation gets dangerous and she goes off on her own, risking her life and saves the ship, but ends up in sickbay for a week. Later, Jack gets killed in a stupid accident and she considers resigning, but doesn't do it at first. His body gets stolen and no one knows why.

There is another meeting of the GALACTIC COUNCIL and this time she presents the case while ERIK watches. Earth is rejected. She tells them they will regret their decision and then walks out. She resigns and goes off to live by herself.

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### CHARACTERS

#### ALEXANDRA FAULKNER

She has dark hair, tannish colored skin, and hazel eyes that tend to be more green than brown. One of her nicknames is Blayze. She is usually called Alex. She's one of four children, the only girl. Erik is her twin brother. Her older brother is Steven. He served aboard the Challenger which was destroyed and all were lost. She word that day that she was accepted to the academy. Her parents told her not to join. When she refused to listen, they told her she was no longer a part of the family. It cut her off from her other two brothers, although they found ways to stay in touch. Her brothers taught her to fight, gamble, and drink. They were also a little picky when it came to guys. They never liked who she was interested in and then would try and set her up with someone they liked and she didn't like that person.

She's a feisty woman who falls in love with the wrong man. She spends most of her life trying to convince him that they should be together. This effort gets derailed when he dies. She decides to run away rather than face things. After his body is taken and the "Empire" discovers who took it, they decide to use her to counteract the scheme set in motion by the taking of the body.

#### EDWARD FAULKNER

He works for the Alliance Council conducting negotiations and objects to "Starfleet". When Steven dies he and the mother try to talk her out of joining, but she refuses and joins up. They tell her she's not welcome at home any longer. He doesn't see her for 16 years when they show up on the ship and then get killed when they show up to be escorted to some negotiations. He is killed on the Planet.

#### SAMANTHA FAULKNER

She is mother to Steven, Alex, Erik, and Jimmy. Edward is her husband. She had red hair and is extremely beautiful. She works for the Alliance Council conducting negotiations and objects to "Starfleet". When Steven dies she and the father try to talk Alex out of joining, but she refuses and joins up. They tell her she's not welcome at home any longer. She doesn't see her for 16 years when they show up on the ship and then get killed when they show up to be escorted to some negotiations. She is killed on the Planet.

#### STEVE FAULKNER

He's Alex's older brother and the one who inspired her to join up. He was killed in action. Her parents didn't want her to join and so the fight between them started.

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He is tall and slightly daring. He and his brothers taught Alex to fight, gamble, and drink, etc. He's also very bold.

He dies very early on, but his example serves as a guide to Alex. She also finds herself talking to him (in private). He is a Guardian and Mentor for her even after his death.

ERIK FAULKNER

Has dark hair, lightly tan colored skin, and hazel eyes that are generally more brownish colored. Alex and Erik are fraternal twins. He is 10 minutes older than she is. All of her brothers are very protective of her, but none more so than Erik. Alex isn't bad on the eyes, so guys were always showing up wanting to "get to know her", some of them were even friends of the brothers. The "guys" either turned them away or tried to convince her they were no good if she showed any interest. They would then try and set her up with guys they knew, but she didn't like any of them.

Their parents always wanted someone to "follow in their footsteps" and it ended up being Erik. He's the most leveled headed out of all of them, so was probably the best suited to conducting negotiations. He also did it so everyone else could do what they wanted, especially Alex.

When mom, dad, and Erik show up on the ship so they can take them to a negotiation, there is tension. Erik comes to her saying the mom and dad want to work it out. She agrees to talk to them, once they get back on the ship, she won't go down to the planet. When the ship returns, they find that the planet has been attacked and everyone has been killed.

JIMMY FAULKNER

He's the youngest brother, much more wild than his other siblings. He is too wild for the Confederation so he goes off on his own.

He is always supportive of Alex and all her goals. His ship meets up with hers and he asks to meet with her, but does not say who he is. Weapons fire gets exchanged and his ship is destroyed. She was the one firing the weapons. She learns about his death and leaves the ship a short while later. His death haunts her.

JAMES HAWKE

Became a captain at a young age. Very much a ladies man. He often goes outside the rulebook and since it usually works out, never gets reprimanded for it. He cares for Blayze more than most other women he encounters, but when someone new and interesting appears, he goes off with her and leaves Blayze. When he gets bored, Blayze is always

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there. He's dedicated to his ship and his career (not necessarily in that order).

Once he enters semi-retirement, he starts to realize just how often Blayze was there and all she did for him. He starts to appreciate her more. Then there is an accident that kills him. His body gets stolen and then placed in a device similar to a Stargate SG-1 sarcophagus. This brings him back to life. The aliens that stole his body, brainwash him and he ends up going after her.

KISHI YOSHIMOTO

She is Chinese and is essentially the Sulu character or helmsmen of the ship. She likes to flirt with the guys. She is a skilled swordsman, but is quite short, only 5'5".

Not much happens to her. She will go on to get her own ship

DOUG COLE

DOUG COLE is a somewhat burly guy, with short dark hair and he's never been very impressed with Alex's "so-called" fighting skills.