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- Captain: Star date.
Captain's log.
We resume our fundamental approach
towards a particular sector of Habbels radius.
We seek to learn what lies
beyond this expansion of space itself,
into which the known universe moves.
- Data, please report on the white scan of our trajectory.
- Data: The most balanced and continuous presence
of all color segments composing a white light source
comes from a star we have recorded
as Northern Constellation 273.
The last detailed study of this star's emanations
were performed in 2141 Earth time.
In one hour and forty-one minutes,
we will become the nearest known observer of NC 273.
- Captain: Continue to monitor any changes in color balance
and continuity.
I want to optimize our angle of approach.
- Counsellor: Captain, I am continuing to sense a euphoria,
a saturation of my Betazoid empathic sense.
It is increasing, moment by moment.
May I request that we slow our rate of motion in this direction.
- Crusher: Crusher to Pickard:
Captain, I am getting requests
from many segments of the ship
related to a group of symptoms.

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The first four members of the crew
have been under observation for the past sixteen minutes.
I am now having more requests
than we have the capacity to handle.
Can you come to sick bay?

Captain: I'll be right there.

Number One, assume the helm.
Establish the reduction in our velocity
and / or a change in our approach vector
to respond to Counsellor Troi's experience.

Riker: Jordy, cut our velocity to warp 5.5

Jordy: Aye, just a few seconds.
It's done.

Scene: The Captain arrives in sick bay

Crusher: A metabolic acceleration is occurring.
People are reporting a drowsiness.
Not only are the most affected showing this symptom.
As far as I can tell, even every member of my staff
is showing a swift approach towards slow wave sleep.
This is characteristic of the very first sleep we enter.
It is a kind of metabolic catch up.
Our cells collectively adapt to the accumulated experiences
of the wakened state and the orientation
of substance, form and state towards that experience.

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Scenes of Yawning

It's only the second hour of duty for some crew members, but they are showing slow wave requisition for metabolism rates as though they had been on duty six to seven hours overtime.

Captain: What other symptoms are you seeing?

Crusher: Various stages of ecstasy, manic swings of mood. In a few cases, a kind of worshipful love of one another, but even a wonder struck orientation towards everything.

Scenes of Captivated Attention

Riker: Riker to Pickard.

Captain: Go ahead Number One.

Riker: We have slowed our velocity in two stages of reduced forward motion. We are now at sub warp 3. Counsellor Troi continues to be more strongly affected and I haven't a member of the crew on the bridge who isn't' struggling to hold consciousness.

Captain: Drop out of warp drive immediately. Report any changes in the next few minutes.

Shift Scene to Bridge

Data: Commander Riker, we have been picking up new bright-band emanations.

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They show charge orbitals and charge motion geometries
we have never encountered before.

The substances in our ship are being affected.

Riker: Any damage?

Data: No sir, we only seem to be getting enhancements.

Jordy: Engineering to Bridge.

Riker: Go ahead Jordy.

Jordy: Commander, we seem to be getting efficiency improvements
in every engineering system aboard.

Capacity, ranges and rates are all increasing.

And there's nothing I seem to be able to do about it.

Captain: Crusher, is there anything you can do
to keep everyone from falling asleep?

Crusher: There are stimulants,
but everyone seems to be suffering from overstimulation now.

Captain, I think you are the only one
who can do something about it.

The progression suggests to me that it relates
to where we are or what we're near.

But, we have only minutes
before everyone on board may be sound asleep.

Captain: What would happen to someone falling asleep?
Do you know if or when they would awaken?

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Crusher: If there were no further demands of the calibration, metabolism of slow wave sleep or REM sleep, they could awaken in four to four and a half hours.

Captain: Captain to Bridge.
Slow to stop. I'm coming to the Bridge.

Captain Arrives on the Bridge

Riker: Sir, we have just been hailed.

Captain: By whom? From where?

Riker: From the empty space in front of us.

Captain: Open the channel.

Empty Space: Captain Pickard, you enter a portion of the universe for which you are not prepared.

We welcome you, but it will require orientation, both education and training, but more than that, transformation.

Would you like to accept our welcome?

We are prepared to assist you with your orientation and transformation.

Captain: What is the nature of your realm?
What kind of being are you?
Can you brief me?

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Empty Space: We would be pleased to present you with complete briefing, if you would assemble your advisors and position your starship in a less strenuous part of space. Either back up under your own power, or we will assist you.

We suggest that you return to a range about three hours back in the direction of travel.

We will be able to supply you and your advisors with a briefing as you travel.

Captain: Set a course of return.
Assemble all staff advisors in Briefing Room Two.

Riker: Course set.

Captain: Engage.

Data: Captain, all of the enhancements are being sustained.

Captain: Thank you, Data. Let's proceed to the briefing room.