

STARGATE ATLANTIS
"CHILDHOOD'S END"
EPISODE #106
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TIMECODE DIALOGUE

START TIMECODE 01:00:00:00 AT FIRST FRAME OF PICTURE

TEASER

*01:00:06:07 SHEPPARD: Anything look familiar to you, Teyla?

01:00:08:24 TEYLA: No. I do not believe this is a world I have visited before.

*01:00:11:17 FORD (O/S): Without landmarks...

01:00:12:17 FORD (CONT'D): how can you tell?

01:00:13:29 TEYLA: It is difficult by air, but every world is unique in its own way.

*01:00:17:16 MCKAY: I've read a lot of reports from SG teams on missions like this one.

01:00:20:25 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Specifically, the mission reports of Colonel Samantha
 Carter.

*01:00:24:16 MCKAY (CONT'D): She and I worked together to avert global catastrophe a few
 years back. She and I...ay-yi-yi. Anyways, what was I saying?

*01:00:32:17 FORD: Mission reports...

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01:00:33:25 MCKAY (O/S): Right, well, apparently, there's remarkable similarities between worlds...

*01:00:36:11 MCKAY (CONT'D): that support life. It makes sense, really. For example, the color of the sky...

*01:00:40:26 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): is just a product--

*01:00:44:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): What was that?

01:00:44:19 FORD: Turbulence?

*01:00:46:00 SHEPPARD: It seems to be okay now. I wonder what that was.

01:00:51:12 MCKAY (O/S): I'm getting seriously conflicted readings.

*01:00:53:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): It looks like some sort of powerful energy field about 2,000 yards over there.

01:00:58:00 SHEPPARD: Over where?

01:00:59:01 MCKAY: Uh, 18 degrees from our current heading.

*01:01:00:22 SHEPPARD (O/S): You think it's worth checking out?

*01:01:02:20 MCKAY: Any significant energy emission generally indicates technological civilization.

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*01:01:05:19 SHEPPARD: So...you think it's worth checking out?

*01:01:09:22 MCKAY: I'm sorry, yes. Energy field good.

*01:01:16:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): Maybe not.

*01:01:18:03 TEYLA: It's getting worse.

*01:01:18:25 SHEPPARD (O/S): That's enough.

01:01:19:14 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): I'm getting out of here.

01:01:23:04 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): We're not gaining any altitude. Controls are unresponsive.

*01:01:29:15 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): The drive just went off-line.

*01:01:30:07 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): The pod's retracted.

*01:01:33:05 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): We're going in.

END OF TEASER

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*01:03:05:13 FORD: Nice landing, sir.

*01:03:08:01 SHEPPARD: Thank you.

*01:03:09:26 TEYLA: What happened?

01:03:11:10 MCKAY (O/S): He took us too close to the energy field.

*01:03:12:17 SHEPPARD: Whose idea was that?

01:03:13:22 MCKAY: Look, you've made mistakes. I've made mistakes. Let's not get caught in
the blame game.

01:03:17:01 SHEPPARD: Okay, can you fix this ship or not?

*01:03:20:20 MCKAY (O/S): None of my diagnostic equipment is working.

01:03:22:15 TEYLA: The sun is still high in the sky.

*01:03:23:28 MCKAY: What does that mean?

01:03:25:26 FORD: We can make it back to the Stargate before dark.

*01:03:28:07 TEYLA (O/S): If we intend to leave, we should start now.

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*01:03:29:29 SHEPPARD: Zelenka and I can return and fix it.

01:03:32:13 MCKAY (O/S): No, no, no, Major, you don't understand.

*01:03:33:21 MCKAY: It's not just the jumper. None of my equipment is working either.

*01:03:38:13 SHEPPARD: All right. Let's gear up.

01:03:54:22 FORD: Check it out, sir. I think my compass has gone wonky.

01:03:57:20 MCKAY: You brought a magnetic compass to another planet in another galaxy?
 You have absolutely no way of knowing if this planet's magnetic field is--
 is... Wait a second. Let me see that.

*01:04:10:26 MCKAY (CONT'D): The disturbance is electromagnetic. That probably explains
 why all our equipment's out.

01:04:15:08 SHEPPARD: Which direction is the gate?

01:04:17:07 MCKAY: You're the one flying. Shouldn't you know?

01:04:18:24 SHEPPARD: All right. We should be able to figure this out.

01:04:23:06 TEYLA: I believe it is this way.

*01:04:25:28 SHEPPARD: Let's move out.

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01:04:43:26 MCKAY: Hey, can we...go that way for a bit?

01:04:46:22 SHEPPARD: Why?

01:04:47:22 MCKAY: Oh, it's just...Lieutenant Ford's compass is acting weird. It might be onto something.

01:04:52:15 FORD: I'm glad I brought it along.

01:04:53:15 MCKAY: How prescient of you.

01:05:10:10 MCKAY: Hello, hello. All right.

01:05:15:05 MCKAY (CONT'D): Oh, yeah, definitely this way.

*01:05:22:22 MCKAY: We didn't fly over this on the way in, did we?

01:05:25:00 SHEPPARD: I don't know. I was kind of busy with the whole "trying not to get us killed" thing.

01:05:28:20 TEYLA: These ruins are very old.

01:05:30:14 MCKAY: Several hundred years at least, I'd say. Maybe more.

*01:05:33:04 FORD: So the population here is extinct?

*01:05:36:10 MCKAY: Check this out.

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01:05:39:08 SHEPPARD (O/S): Okay, I give up.

*01:05:40:10 MCKAY: If the disturbance is man-made, as opposed to naturally occurring, it's probably emanating from within these ruins. Somewhere...over there.

01:05:49:12 SHEPPARD: So if we find it, can we shut it off?

01:05:51:00 MCKAY: It's worth a shot. If we can shut down the field, we won't have to walk back to the gate.

*01:05:54:03 SHEPPARD (O/S): I was thinking more of saving a perfectly good Puddle Jumper.

*01:05:57:13 MCKAY: That, too.

01:06:00:03 SHEPPARD: All right, guys, stay here for a second, see if McKay can--

*01:06:14:28 SHEPPARD (O/S): They're kids, Ford.

01:06:15:28 FORD: Yeah, with weapons pointed at us.

01:06:18:00 SHEPPARD: Lower your weapon, Lieutenant.

01:06:22:00 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Hey...kids.

*01:06:23:22 TEYLA (O/S): : We are not here to harm you in any way.

*01:06:27:22 SHEPPARD: That's right, what she said. We're just---we're friendly. Okay?

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01:06:31:24 TEYLA: We arrived through the Stargate. We were only trying to return home.

*01:06:36:21 FORD: I don't think they understand.

*01:06:39:15 TEYLA: I believe they do.

*01:06:40:18 SHEPPARD: Why are they still pointing arrows at us?

*01:06:42:13 HUNTER KID: You're a full-grown.

*01:06:43:27 SHEPPARD: Excuse me?

*01:06:45:14 HUNTER KID: You need to see the elders.

*01:06:48:02 SHEPPARD: Elders...sound good. Just lead the way.

01:07:00:14 FORD: Full-growns?

01:07:43:28 TEYLA: Major...

01:07:55:10 FORD: Now, where'd they get that?

*01:07:56:14 TEYLA: It looks like a shrine.

01:08:00:26 FORD (O/S): You don't think they worship the Wraith, do you?

*01:08:02:27 SHEPPARD: That'd be a first.

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*01:08:04:07 MCKAY: That'd be disturbing.

*01:08:07:09 HUNTER KID: Wraith bones.

01:08:10:25 SHEPPARD: Yeah, we know.

*01:08:12:12 HUNTER KID: Its death bird fell out of the sky years ago.

*01:08:14:21 HUNTER KID (CONT'D O/S): We keep it here to remind us of how life used to be.

*01:08:17:06 TEYLA: "Used to be"?

*01:08:19:10 HUNTER KID: Before.

*01:08:20:12 MCKAY: "Fell out of the sky"?

*01:08:22:18 SHEPPARD: Yeah, I picked up on that.

01:08:23:22 FORD (O/S): You think...

01:08:24:22 FORD (CONT'D): whatever knocked us down knocked it down?

*01:08:26:08 MCKAY: It's possible. Now, if that's the case, we need to find it.

*01:08:28:10 FORD: Why?

*01:08:29:00 MCKAY (O/S): Because anything powerful enough...

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01:08:29:20 MCKAY (CONT'D): to knock out a Wraith dart is a big deal.

01:08:32:20 SHEPPARD: Yeah, that would be nice to have.

*01:08:38:17 HUNTER KID (O/S): The elders are ready.

01:09:16:26 SHEPPARD: Hi. Nice to meet you.

*01:09:18:16 KERAS: I'm Keras, one of the village elders.

*01:09:21:18 SHEPPARD: I'm Sheppard, and this is Rodney and Teyla and--- Did you say
you're one of the elders?

*01:09:27:24 KERAS: Yes.

*01:09:30:21 SHEPPARD: How old are you?

01:09:34:07 KERAS: 24.

*01:09:36:11 SHEPPARD: And that makes you an elder?

*01:09:37:24 KERAS: How did you get here, Sheppard?

*01:09:39:19 SHEPPARD: We used the Stargate to travel...

*01:09:41:16 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): from our world to visit yours.

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*01:09:44:13 TEYLA: You do know of the Stargate?

*01:09:46:11 SHEPPARD: It's a big, round...thing.

*01:09:51:23 KERAS: No one has come through the well for nearly...500 years.

*01:09:55:28 SHEPPARD (O/S): Yeah, well, here's the thing...

*01:09:57:21 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): we're a little lost.

*01:09:59:16 KERAS: And you are all older than 24?

*01:10:03:03 SHEPPARD: Ford, how old are you?

*01:10:05:10 FORD: 25, sir.

*01:10:06:16 SHEPPARD: Well, I guess so.

*01:10:11:25 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Is that a problem?

01:10:17:20 KERAS: Please...sit.

01:10:21:22 ARIES: They are trespassers, Keras. We don't have to explain ourselves.

*01:10:25:04 KERAS (O/S): I apologize.

01:10:46:12 KERAS (CONT'D): You are familiar with the Wraith?

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*01:11:44:25 KERAS: None of us passes the age of 24.

*01:11:46:27 MCKAY: How do you manage that?

01:11:50:18 KERAS: On the eve of our 25th year, we make the sacrifice...

*01:11:54:11 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): both for our people...

*01:11:57:01 KERAS (CONT'D): and for our own safe passage into the eternal rest.

*01:11:59:28 MCKAY: What?

*01:12:01:13 SHEPPARD: You kill each other?

*01:12:03:05 KERAS: No. We take our own lives.

*01:12:10:15 KERAS (CONT'D): And so the Wraith have not returned for nearly 500 years.

END OF ACT ONE

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01:12:47:00 FORD: Never in my life have I ever felt so...old.

01:12:51:25 SHEPPARD: This is without a doubt the most screwed-up way of life I can
imagine.

01:12:55:28 TEYLA: They seem to accept it.

*01:12:56:23 SHEPPARD: They're kids. What the hell do they know?

01:12:59:15 FORD: Kids that don't want to keep us around.

01:13:00:15 TEYLA (O/S): Because they believe...

*01:13:01:20 TEYLA (CONT'D): our presence may bring back the Wraith.

01:13:03:19 FORD (O/S): They can't be right, can they?

*01:13:04:22 FORD (CONT'D): Would the Wraith just ignore them because they're all young? I
mean, I don't eat veal, but it can't be the same thing, can it?

*01:13:11:21 MCKAY: Of course it's not the same. Veal is delicious. The Wraith don't come by
anymore, because when their darts fly close to the villages, the
electromagnetic field takes them out, much like what happened to our
Puddle Jumper.

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*01:13:19:12 TEYLA: Why do they not just land outside the disturbance and take the village by foot?

01:13:23:06 MCKAY: I'm sorry, perhaps I'm not being clear. Nothing works here, not their stunners, their darts...even their shields wouldn't function correctly. I mean, why would they risk their advantage when there's a smorgasbord through some other stargate?

*01:13:35:05 FORD: Our guns still work, though, right?

01:13:36:10 MCKAY (O/S): Because they're relatively primitive.

*01:13:37:06 MCKAY (CONT'D): They don't generate an EM field.

01:13:40:26 TEYLA: We must tell them.

01:13:42:00 MCKAY: Not before I've had a chance to look at those ruins, we don't.

01:13:45:07 TEYLA: They're sacrificing themselves for no reason.

01:13:47:00 MCKAY: What are we going to tell them, Teyla? "Listen, kiddies, everything you believe to be true is wrong, "and trust us, because we've been here for almost an hour."

01:13:56:27 KERAS: We've talked it over. You can stay until you've fixed your ship, but you must work quickly. You being here makes our people...uncomfortable.

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*01:14:06:01 SHEPPARD: It's fair enough. We'll work as quickly as we can.

*01:14:09:28 MCKAY (O/S): There may have been something in the ruins where you picked us
up...

*01:14:11:22 MCKAY (CONT'D): that...caused us to lose control of our ship.

*01:14:14:29 ARIES: They should be watched at all times.

01:14:16:16 KERAS: Aries--

01:14:17:16 SHEPPARD (O/S): No, that's...fine...

*01:14:18:28 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): totally understandable.

*01:14:20:22 KERAS: I'll choose two of the villagers to keep an eye on you.

01:14:26:22 CLEO: Casta says you're a hundred years old? Are you?

01:14:29:10 MCKAY: Who's Casta?

01:14:30:08 CASTA: Me.

01:14:31:10 MCKAY: Where are you getting your information, Casta?

*01:14:33:06 CASTA (O/S): Why are we going to the old city?

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*01:14:35:01 MCKAY: I've got to check something.

01:14:36:13 CASTA: What kind of thing?

01:14:37:13 MCKAY: It's grown-up stuff.

*01:14:38:13 CLEO: What's a grown-up?

*01:14:39:24 MCKAY: Someone who's older than you are.

*01:14:42:19 CASTA: I'm three days older than Cleo. You can tell me.

*01:14:45:01 MCKAY: Nice try, but you're not a grown-up.

01:14:46:23 CLEO (O/S): But you just said...

*01:14:47:27 CLEO (CONT'D): someone that's older than me is a grown-up.

*01:14:50:03 MCKAY: I don't need you to tell me what I just said, okay?

*01:14:52:23 CLEO: Okay.

*01:14:54:16 CASTA: So why are we going to the old city?

01:14:56:06 MCKAY: Ford, a little help here.

01:14:58:08 FORD: What are you talking about? You're a natural.

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*01:15:02:09 MCKAY: Let's see how long we can be quiet. Who could be quiet the longest,
huh?

01:15:06:02 CLEO: Well, I'm not a quiet person.

01:15:07:17 MCKAY: That's not quiet, that's talking.

01:15:09:03 CLEO: Well, I'm not a quiet person. I talk a lot.

01:15:16:05 KERAS: Do you have young?

01:15:17:20 SHEPPARD: Me? No...not yet, anyway. Do you?

01:15:21:11 KERAS: Oh, yes. They're raised in one of our other villages.

01:15:24:12 SHEPPARD: Other villages?

01:15:25:21 KERAS: To keep family lines apart.

01:15:27:17 SHEPPARD: Got it. How many villages are there like this?

01:15:33:02 KERAS: 12. There are a few larger than this one, but more are small in number.

*01:15:37:18 SHEPPARD: And they all make the sacrifice?

*01:15:39:14 KERAS: Yes. We all do, as have the many before.

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*01:15:42:11 SHEPPARD: No one ever...

*01:15:46:15 KERAS: What?

*01:15:47:01 SHEPPARD: Well, decides not to go through with it, takes off, runs away?

01:15:52:25 KERAS: There has been hesitation.

*01:15:54:05 SHEPPARD: Well, I bet.

*01:15:55:20 KERAS: We can be...persuasive when the time comes.

01:16:01:12 SHEPPARD: I know what that means.

01:16:10:09 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Look...I've got to tell you. I--I don't understand this at all.
Where I come from, we value life more than...well, almost anything else.

*01:16:20:23 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Lieutenant Ford, he's just a year older than you.

*01:16:23:07 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Do you know what he would have missed out on if his life
was over a year ago?

*01:16:26:11 KERAS: You know, we're not all that different. It's just that...I would rather have 24
years of peace than a life of fear.

*01:16:35:10 SHEPPARD: Yeah, but what if there's another way? Naturally, when the time
comes.

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*01:16:40:16 KERAS: The time comes.

*01:16:42:08 SHEPPARD: Well, of course it does. That's part of being alive.

01:16:44:00 KERAS (O/S): I mean, for me.

*01:16:45:22 KERAS (CONT'D): Tomorrow is the first day of my 25th year.

*01:16:49:11 SHEPPARD: Tomorrow?

*01:16:50:16 KERAS: Yes.

*01:16:52:17 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): That's why I lead the council of elders.

*01:16:55:05 KERAS (CONT'D): I am oldest among the 24s.

*01:16:56:06 SHEPPARD (O/S): You mean...

01:16:57:06 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): tomorrow, you...

01:16:58:23 KERAS (O/S): Tonight.

01:16:59:23 SHEPPARD: Tonight?

01:17:02:14 KERAS: Our way was put in place long ago, and it works.

*01:17:05:07 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): It's not for me to question it.

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01:17:08:27 KERAS (CONT'D): Tonight, I die.

01:17:18:04 PELIAS: How many?

01:17:19:04 ARIES: Four. They claim they're alone, but we can't be sure. There may be more.

01:17:22:20 PELIAS: And you've given them time to repair the ship?

01:17:24:28 ARIES: Against my strong objection, yes.

01:17:27:14 PELIAS: So this is Keras.

01:17:29:04 ARIES: Who should be readying himself for his sacrifice, not troubling with the full-gowns.

*01:17:32:13 ARIES (CONT'D O/S): I will be the eldest by tomorrow...

*01:17:34:03 ARIES (CONT'D): but that may be too late.

*01:17:35:17 PELIAS: What do you want to do?

*01:17:38:11 ARIES: They came through the Wraith well, Pelias.

*01:17:40:15 ARIES (CONT'D O/S): If they stay any longer, the Wraith will come back...

*01:17:43:09 ARIES (CONT'D): and all our sacrifices will be for nothing. This calls for action.

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*01:17:47:08 ARIES (CONT'D O/S): They must be forced to leave.

01:17:48:12 PELIAS: I need time to talk to the other villages.

*01:17:49:18 ARIES: We have little of it.

01:17:51:08 PELIAS (O/S): You know the laws, Aries.

*01:17:52:15 PELIAS (CONT'D): It's bad enough we're leaving Keras out of this. A forced
 sacrifice must be agreed upon by...

*01:17:57:02 PELIAS (CONT'D O/S): all the villages.

01:17:58:05 ARIES: Leave us!

*01:18:03:21 ARIES (CONT'D O/S): You talk with who you need to talk.

*01:18:05:26 ARIES (CONT'D): I will give them until the end of this day to leave. If they do not...

01:18:23:17 MCKAY: Hey, hey, coming through. Thank you.

01:18:26:19 CLEO: What's that?

01:18:27:19 MCKAY: It's a compass.

01:18:28:19 CLEO: What's that?

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01:18:29:20 MCKAY: Used for determining direction on Earth. I'm using it to--

01:18:32:15 CASTA: Where's Earth?

01:18:33:29 MCKAY: Listen, Cleo--

01:18:35:10 CASTA: Casta.

01:18:36:14 MCKAY: Whatever. Aren't you supposed to be observing? Do you understand
what that means, observing?

*01:18:40:11 CASTA: Observing?

*01:18:41:21 MCKAY: It means you're supposed to watch. You're supposed to stay out of my
way and watch.

*01:18:45:15 CASTA: Why?

*01:18:46:09 MCKAY: Because.

*01:18:47:07 CLEO: Because why?

*01:18:48:14 MCKAY: Because I say so.

*01:18:49:10 CLEO: Why?

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01:18:50:10 MCKAY (O/S): Because I can't get any work done with you two buzzing around, asking stupid questions...

*01:18:52:29 MCKAY (CONT'D): in your stupid little voices. Now sit down and shut up!

*01:18:57:17 MCKAY (CONT'D): Oh, don't. Do--don't.

*01:19:00:03 CASTA: You're mean.

*01:19:02:21 MCKAY: Thank you for finally noticing. Okay, you want to go? You want to go, huh?

01:19:07:15 FORD: Okay, okay, okay. Okay, you've got a real gift with the kids. Do you do birthday parties?

01:19:13:16 MCKAY: Look, I have a purpose here, okay? You deal with them. Excuse me. Thank you.

01:19:21:00 FORD: It's okay. It's okay. He's upset, because you're smarter than him. You guys know what chocolate is? No? This is going to be huge. Okay, come with me. We're going to go over here, and we'll leave the mean, old man alone.

01:20:03:06 MCKAY: Oh, yeah.

01:20:11:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): Okay.

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*01:20:19:19 MCKAY (CONT'D): Hello, hello.

*01:20:26:03 FORD: It's really good, huh? Do you want some more?

*01:20:28:29 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): Major.

01:20:31:08 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): McKay? My radio's working.

*01:20:33:17 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Which is how I'm able to speak with you, yes. Do you
have a second?

01:20:38:16 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): Tell me you found the field generator.

01:20:40:22 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): I found the field generator.

01:20:42:07 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): And obviously, the off switch.

*01:20:43:11 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Better than that---the device is powered by a zero-point
module.

*01:20:47:26 MCKAY (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): It's definitely possible the EM field's been
on-line for centuries. As far as I know, only a ZPM is capable of powering
it that long.

*01:20:53:09 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): I've shut it down. Everything's working now.

*01:20:55:11 SHEPPARD (V/O OVER RADIO): So you've disabled the shield?

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01:20:56:11 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Just temporarily. I need to get the ZPM back to Atlantis, see if it's worth taking.

*01:21:00:13 TEYLA: We cannot just take it. It's their only source of protection against the Wraith.

01:21:04:00 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): There's no evidence that the Wraith have been here in years.

*01:21:06:25 MCKAY (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Besides, if this is a fully functioning ZPM, we can bring them all back to Atlantis. How hard could that be?

*01:21:11:14 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): Hard...but a ZPM could give us the power to make a lot of problems go away.

*01:21:17:16 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Exactly. I need to get it back to a lab.

*01:21:19:09 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): How do you plan on doing that?

*01:21:21:28 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Well, I've had the gene inoculation, and you've already given me a flying lesson.

*01:21:24:23 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): It's going to take more than a shot in the arm and a five-minute lesson.

*01:21:27:29 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Listen, I'm not going to be dog fighting Wraith darts. Ford and I can handle it.

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01:21:33:24 SHEPPARD (INTO RADIO): All right, fine, you can go, but get back to me before tonight. We sort of have a...a deadline.

*01:21:41:10 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Right.

*01:21:44:08 TEYLA: I think it is dangerous to leave the villages unprotected.

01:21:47:17 SHEPPARD: McKay's got a point. The Wraith haven't been around in a very long time.

01:21:50:21 TEYLA: This is reckless, Major. You must see that.

*01:21:52:15 SHEPPARD (O/S): Come on...

01:21:53:05 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): what are the odds they're going to show up in the few hours it takes McKay to run those tests?

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01:22:31:13 ARIES: Why were the guides sent back to the village?

*01:22:32:28 SHEPPARD: Were they?

*01:22:34:10 ARIES (O/S): Yeah, they were.

*01:22:36:18 SHEPPARD: It must have been nap time.

01:22:39:18 ARIES: You think this is a joke, Sheppard?

*01:22:40:29 SHEPPARD: I don't find much of what's going on around here to be that funny.

*01:22:45:03 KERAS: What's wrong?

01:22:47:04 ARIES: Two of the full-grown are out unwatched.

01:22:49:19 KERAS: It's fine, Aries.

*01:22:51:21 ARIES (O/S): You should be getting ready for tonight, Keras.

*01:22:53:27 ARIES (CONT'D): The cleansing ceremony is set to begin, and--

01:22:55:27 KERAS: Fine. I'll go ready myself.

01:23:10:23 TEYLA: What were they talking about?

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01:23:12:15 SHEPPARD: He's supposed to sacrifice himself tonight.

01:23:15:20 TEYLA: Keras?

*01:23:16:18 SHEPPARD: I tried to talk him out of it.

*01:23:18:04 TEYLA: If we tell them about the field that protects their villages--

*01:23:21:08 SHEPPARD: I'm working on that, but we can't do anything until we figure out what
to do with the ZPM.

01:23:33:16 WEIR (V/O): This is a bad, bad call, Rodney.

*01:23:34:22 MCKAY: Why?

01:23:36:13 WEIR: You just told me this ZPM, it powers their defenses against the Wraith.

01:23:40:28 MCKAY: Yeah.

01:23:42:25 WEIR: You don't see the problem with stealing it?

01:23:44:24 MCKAY: It wouldn't be stealing so much as...look, if it's any good to us, we can
bring them here.

*01:23:48:13 WEIR: All right, for one, we don't even know how many of them there are.

*01:23:52:20 MCKAY: Well, I hardly doubt there'll be more than a few hundred.

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*01:23:54:27 WEIR: What? Hey, we're barely getting by here ourselves.

*01:23:58:09 MCKAY: This is a big, empty city, and we have the mainland now.

*01:24:00:26 WEIR: Rodney, we can't just visit planets, take away their defenses, uproot their cultures, and bring them all back here to Atlantis.

*01:24:06:00 MCKAY: If they have a ZPM, yes, we can.

*01:24:08:00 WEIR: Oh, my God, how morally superior you must feel.

*01:24:11:06 MCKAY: Elizabeth, they live in trees. Atlantis would be a big step-up for them. Plus, they could stop killing themselves for no good reason.

*01:24:16:26 WEIR: Are they killing themselves for no good reason?

*01:24:19:14 MCKAY: Yes, they are. The EM shield is what's keeping the Wraith away, not the sacrificing.

*01:24:24:12 WEIR: Okay. You said that the sacrifices began at about...

*01:24:28:17 WEIR (CONT'D O/S): the same time you think the shield went on-line.

01:24:29:28 MCKAY: More or less.

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*01:24:31:05 WEIR: So if the people who built the shield are the same people who implemented the suicide pacts, perhaps the two things aren't as disconnected as you think.

01:24:40:10 MCKAY: Well...maybe.

01:24:48:07 SHEPPARD: One more day, that's all I need. I'll have a much clearer picture.

01:24:53:00 KERAS: A clearer picture of what?

01:24:55:00 SHEPPARD: Long story. Stick around, and I'll tell you.

01:24:59:17 KERAS: I'll be honest with you, Sheppard. There's nothing I'd like more than to spend more time talking with you...but it's not possible.

*01:25:11:20 SHEPPARD: What if you're wrong?

01:25:12:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): What if a day doesn't matter?

*01:25:15:23 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): What if a year doesn't matter?

*01:25:17:29 KERAS: And what if it does? I'd never rest peacefully knowing that I was the reason the Wraith returned...

*01:25:25:06 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): to this planet.

01:25:26:07 SHEPPARD: You could live a full life.

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*01:25:27:18 KERAS: You're a warrior among your people, one who is trained to defend and protect them.

*01:25:31:16 SHEPPARD: I guess you could say that.

*01:25:33:29 KERAS: Would you not willingly give your life if it were necessary?

01:25:38:18 SHEPPARD: It'd have to be really necessary.

*01:25:41:09 KERAS: How is the sacrifice so different?

*01:25:44:12 SHEPPARD: So this is just going to go on forever?

01:25:49:00 KERAS: As long as the Wraith don't return...yes.

01:26:00:20 KERAS (CONT'D): Would you stand witness?

*01:26:03:10 SHEPPARD: Me?

01:26:07:10 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Well, wha---what would I have to do?

*01:26:09:09 KERAS: Just...be there as I prepare.

*01:26:12:14 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): We gather the strength from those...

*01:26:14:29 KERAS (CONT'D): close to us for the sacrifice to come.

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01:26:24:20 MCKAY (O/S): Dr. Weir...

01:26:27:05 MCKAY (CONT'D): The bad news is it looks like the device harnesses M7G-677's
unique electromagnetic field. It probably wouldn't work for us.

01:26:34:01 WEIR: Assuming we were considering stealing from them.

01:26:36:23 MCKAY: Uh, not much point to that either. The ZPM's almost depleted.

*01:26:40:10 WEIR: So it's worthless?

*01:26:41:09 MCKAY: I wouldn't say that. It's enough to give us...oh, the shield at full power for
a few hours...

*01:26:47:06 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): which would be handy if the Wraith ever attack. Now, it
could continue doing...

*01:26:50:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): what it was doing for quite some time, but, uh--

*01:26:51:21 WEIR (INTERUPTING O/S): So it is of more worth...

01:26:52:21 WEIR (CONT'D): to them than it is to us.

*01:26:54:04 MCKAY: Probably.

*01:26:56:23 WEIR: Definitely.

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*01:26:57:16 MCKAY: Fine.

01:27:01:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): There's another thing.

01:27:02:08 WEIR: Uh-huh?

01:27:03:10 MCKAY: I think I have a theory about the suicide pact.

01:27:06:10 WEIR: Yeah? What is it?

01:27:08:00 MCKAY: I'm not sure how much power this thing had to start with, but who ever built the EM device knew it wouldn't be able to power a field large enough to cover the whole planet for very long.

*01:27:14:26 WEIR: So it was built to protect a smaller area.

01:27:17:17 MCKAY: More or less the area around the villages, but if the population got much larger than they are now, there's a chance the kids would move out of the field...

*01:27:23:22 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): and may become susceptible to a Wraith attack.

01:27:26:17 WEIR: So the suicide pact is...

*01:27:27:27 MCKAY: Population control.

*01:27:30:01 WEIR: Wow, that's a little severe.

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01:27:31:15 MCKAY: A little? I mean, the point is they believe if they die in fear and turmoil, they don't get to go to their version of heaven.

*01:27:36:16 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Now, while this, at the very least, guarantees that they die...

*01:27:39:08 MCKAY (CONT'D): in peace, it's...well, it's a religion, and a pretty ridiculous one at that.

*01:27:43:20 WEIR: Well, that's not a judgment we can make for them.

*01:27:45:17 MCKAY: No?

*01:27:46:28 WEIR: No.

*01:27:47:28 MCKAY: No.

01:27:48:28 WEIR (O/S): Now, I'd like you and Lieutenant Ford to return...

*01:27:50:11 WEIR (CONT'D): the ZPM and get their device back on-line.

01:27:56:10 MCKAY: Okay.

*01:28:14:04 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): Sheppard, it's McKay.

*01:28:16:20 TEYLA (O/S INTO RADIO): This is Teyla.

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*01:28:18:20 TEYLA (CONT'D INTO RADIO): Major Sheppard is...unavailable.

01:28:21:03 MCKAY (V/O OVER RADIO): What does that mean?

01:28:22:23 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Keras has asked him to take part in the cleansing ceremony.

*01:28:25:12 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): That doesn't sound good.

01:28:26:21 TEYLA (V/O OVER RADIO): Are you back?

01:28:28:00 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): Ford and I are back at the old city. I'm just going to put the ZPM back.

*01:28:30:17 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): Good. I'll let Major Sheppard know.

*01:28:32:20 MCKAY (INTO RADIO): I've parked the jumper outside the EM field, so we should be able to leave...

*01:28:35:09 MCKAY (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): as soon as I'm finished.

01:28:45:21 SHEPPARD: Teyla!

*01:28:53:14 TEYLA (O/S INTO RADIO): Major Sheppard has just found...

01:28:54:14 TEYLA (CONT'D INTO RADIO): a Wraith bracelet that has already begun transmitting.

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*01:28:56:26 TEYLA (CONT'D V/O OVER RADIO): We need that field returned as soon as possible.

*01:29:02:24 ARIES: Stop him!

01:29:04:19 (GUNSHOTS)

*01:29:15:11 SHEPPARD: Sorry. I--I--I had to do that.

*01:29:18:29 TEYLA (INTO RADIO): McKay, we need it on now!

*01:29:21:09 FORD: Move!

01:29:22:15 MCKAY: I'm coming!

*01:29:36:26 FORD: Well, what are you waiting for?

*01:29:38:11 MCKAY: Well, that should be it.

*01:29:39:15 FORD: It should be what?

01:29:40:22 MCKAY: Far be it for me to cause a panic, but--

*01:29:42:22 FORD: What did you do?

*01:29:45:20 FORD (CONT'D): What did you do?

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*01:29:46:19 MCKAY: There's the slightest possibility that in my haste, I may have broken it.

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*01:30:41:29 KERAS: I'll take you to the well.

01:30:44:00 SHEPPARD: You don't understand.

01:30:45:02 KERAS: You're not safe here.

01:30:46:05 TEYLA: McKay and Ford are in the ruins.

01:30:47:16 KERAS: We'll pick them up on the way.

01:30:48:27 SHEPPARD: Have they put the ZPM back?

01:30:50:10 TEYLA: There's been a setback.

01:30:51:20 SHEPPARD: What did McKay do?

*01:30:52:21 KERAS (O/S): Friends, please...

01:30:57:25 KERAS (CONT'D): The full-grownns have agreed to leave and never come back.

*01:31:02:13 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): I will take them to the well myself.

*01:31:04:28 KERAS (CONT'D): All of this will be over soon...and we can get on with the
ceremony.

01:31:27:03 ARIES: Make sure they get there.

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01:31:36:05 SHEPPARD: Please tell me you have this working.

01:31:37:20 MCKAY: I don't know what I did. These things usually plug and play. This device
must be using an older version of *Windows*.

01:31:41:01 SHEPPARD: Get to the point.

01:31:42:01 MCKAY: What I'm saying is there's a sequence to reinstalling the ZPM which I
haven't gotten yet.

01:31:46:02 KERAS: None of that matters now. Just grab what you can and come with me.
Aries...

*01:31:49:11 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): will be sending men behind us.

01:31:51:22 FORD: What made the bracelet start broadcasting?

01:31:54:00 TEYLA: I do not think it was anything we did.

*01:31:55:19 FORD (O/S): It's possible it was like an emergency beacon...

*01:31:57:28 FORD (CONT'D): that activated when the dart crashed. The EM field's been
keeping it quiet ever since.

*01:32:02:29 SHEPPARD: So it must have begun transmitting...as soon as McKay turned off
the field.

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*01:32:07:10 KERAS (O/S): Listen to me.

*01:32:08:26 KERAS (CONT'D): We have to move on now.

*01:32:10:20 TEYLA: We cannot do that.

*01:32:12:13 SHEPPARD (O/S): Keras, this is hard to explain...

*01:32:14:05 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): but we can't go anywhere until we fix this device.

01:32:16:09 MCKAY: We.

01:32:17:09 KERAS (O/S): You'll just have to abandon your ship.

*01:32:18:16 KERAS (CONT'D): You're risking your lives if you stay.

*01:32:20:05 SHEPPARD: This is not about our ship. It's about the protection of your villages.

*01:32:24:25 KERAS: What?

*01:32:26:00 FORD (O/S): Keras...

01:32:27:00 FORD (CONT'D): the reason our ship went down, the reason the Wraith dart
crashed so long ago, it's because of this device.

*01:32:32:20 MCKAY (O/S): It renders all electromagnetic-based technology...

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*01:32:35:03 MCKAY (CONT'D): inside the field inert.

*01:32:38:15 KERAS: I don't understand.

01:32:39:15 SHEPPARD (O/S): What they're saying is that the Wraith ...

*01:32:40:09 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): didn't stay away because of your sacrifices.

*01:32:42:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): They stayed away because of this shield.

01:32:47:21 KERAS: That can't be true.

01:32:48:26 MCKAY (O/S): It's not entirely true, actually.

*01:32:50:09 MCKAY (CONT'D): The shield doesn't protect the whole planet. It doesn't have
enough power. I believe the idea of the sacrifices was brought in so your
society never left the confines of the shield.

*01:32:57:10 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): Look, the sacrifices...

*01:32:59:13 MCKAY (CONT'D): play a part in your survival, but not for the reasons you
believe.

01:33:04:10 KERAS: It's impossible.

01:33:05:22 SHEPPARD (O/S): I can prove it to you...

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*01:33:07:15 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): but you have to give us time to bring this device back on-line.

*01:33:13:00 ARIES: Keras is weak. I doubt his oath to the sacrifice.

01:33:21:07 ARIES (CONT'D): The full-grown have clouded his judgment.

01:33:32:05 ARIES (CONT'D): They're stopped in the old city, and are not moving on. Gather the bows and the spears. We will rid ourselves of them now once and for all!

01:33:39:03 VILLAGERS (IN UNISON): Yeah!

*01:33:42:20 MCKAY: Coming through, coming through. Excuse me. All right. And again. Still in the way. Thank you.

01:33:54:09 KERAS: This will never work.

01:33:55:19 SHEPPARD: We don't have much of a choice.

01:34:09:08 ARIES: This is not the well, Keras.

*01:34:10:20 KERAS (O/S): Um...it--it's my fault.

*01:34:13:17 SHEPPARD: We just received word from McKay that our ship's just been repaired. In fact, he's back there right now waiting for us.

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*01:34:22:22 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): We were just...saying goodbye to Keras.

*01:34:27:04 ARIES: You think I am a fool?

*01:34:29:12 SHEPPARD: No...I just think you're a little cranky.

*01:34:34:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): Look, if you want to escort us back to the ship...

*01:34:37:04 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): you can watch us leave.

01:34:44:10 ARIES: Lead the way.

01:35:07:21 MCKAY: All right.

*01:35:24:02 MCKAY: Oh...oh, you scared me.

*01:35:25:25 CLEO: You scared us.

*01:35:27:25 MCKAY: Sorry.

01:35:28:25 CASTA (O/S): It's okay.

*01:35:29:26 CASTA (CONT'D): We came to see if you left any chocolate.

01:35:32:20 MCKAY: Uh...yes, yes, of course.

*01:35:36:29 MCKAY (CONT'D): What?

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*01:35:40:00 MCKAY (CONT'D): Oh, you want some.

*01:35:44:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): Okay, you can have this...

*01:35:46:09 MCKAY (CONT'D): but you've got to promise to let me work, okay?

*01:35:48:20 CASTA: Okay.

*01:35:50:07 MCKAY: All right.

01:35:51:10 MCKAY (CONT'D): Quietly.

*01:35:52:11 CLEO: Come on.

01:36:05:15 TEYLA: Do you intend to leave McKay behind?

*01:36:06:28 SHEPPARD: No, we'll just circle around until he gets the device back on. He'll
show up.

01:36:17:05 ARIES: It's too late. We're too late!

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01:36:44:10 (GUNFIRE)

01:36:54:04 FORD: What the hell was that?

01:36:55:17 TEYLA: It was too small to be a dart.

01:36:57:16 SHEPPARD: It's a probe of some kind.

01:36:59:15 FORD: It probably came to check out the signal from the Wraith bracelet.

01:37:02:28 SHEPPARD: We've got to take it down before it gets back to the gate.

01:37:12:20 SHEPPARD: Hey, boys.

01:37:18:00 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Let us take that probe down, or we're all in deep trouble.

*01:37:20:10 ARIES: Even if you were able to destroy it, more will come.

*01:37:23:28 TEYLA: That is not true.

*01:37:25:09 ARIES: Why do you think they're here, Sheppard? You.

*01:37:29:03 ARIES (CONT'D O/S): The Wraith have sensed a crop worth harvesting, and they've come to claim it.

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*01:37:36:03 SHEPPARD: Keras, tell them that we've got to take this thing down before it gets
back to the Stargate.

01:37:44:28 ARIES: Where's the other full-grown?

*01:37:46:05 KERAS: Aries...there's a device that shields us from the machines of the Wraith.

*01:37:51:19 KERAS (CONT'D O/S): The sacrifices might have--

01:37:53:00 ARIES (INTERUPTING): He'll be in the old city. Go.

01:37:54:00 KERAS (O/S): Aries, listen to me.

*01:37:55:18 ARIES (O/S): You've let your fear of the sacrifice

*01:37:57:08 ARIES (CONT'D): put our entire people in danger, Keras.

*01:37:59:08 TEYLA: You have been protected from the Wraith by a shield.

*01:38:03:17 FORD: We turned it off by accident.

*01:38:05:10 SHEPPARD: But the good news is if we get it back up, the Wraith will never come
again.

*01:38:09:02 ARIES: There's only one thing I have to do to make sure the Wraith never come
again...

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*01:39:26:25 MCKAY: No.

*01:39:30:18 FORD: Sir, I don't like where this is headed.

01:39:32:28 SHEPPARD: Easy, Ford.

01:39:38:18 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Nobody's shooting just yet...

*01:39:41:19 FORD: Yet.

01:39:42:19 SHEPPARD (O/S): And nobody's going to either.

01:39:45:20 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Aries...you have no idea what you're up against here.

*01:39:49:17 TEYLA (O/S): The weapons we carry are more powerful...

*01:39:52:02 TEYLA (CONT'D): than any you have ever seen.

*01:39:53:25 SHEPPARD: She's telling the truth. They do more than make a lot of noise. They
will kill you.

01:40:24:28 MCKAY: Whoa, whoa, whoa.

*01:40:30:09 NELEUS: It works.

*01:40:31:25 MCKAY: Of course it works.

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*01:40:33:04 NELEUS: I must tell Aries. Come with us.

01:40:40:10 MCKAY: Hey, you guys okay? All right, head back to the woods. You'll be fine.

*01:40:50:29 ARIES: Your presence has brought the Wraith. All our ancestors' sacrifices,
you've undone, all because you refused to leave when you were told to.

*01:40:59:13 SHEPPARD: It's not that simple.

*01:41:01:24 ARIES: Yeah, it is that simple.

*01:41:08:00 KERAS: Aries, no.

*01:41:09:15 SHEPPARD (O/S): Keras!

*01:41:13:09 FORD: Sir?

*01:41:14:10 SHEPPARD (O/S): Hold your fire.

01:41:17:26 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Look what you've done.

01:41:21:00 ARIES: He's as guilty as you are.

*01:41:24:21 SHEPPARD: Ford?

*01:41:27:04 FORD: Ready, sir.

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*01:41:28:07 SHEPPARD: We will defend ourselves, and believe me, you don't want that.

01:41:36:17 ARIES: Archers, ready!

01:41:43:26 NELEUS (O/S): It works! Aries!

*01:41:47:10 NELEUS (CONT'D): It works! The device works!

*01:41:53:20 NELEUS (CONT'D): The device they speak of is real. I've seen it.

01:41:58:03 ARIES: What?

01:41:59:03 NELEUS: McKay fixed it, and the Wraith bird fell right out of the sky.

01:42:02:27 ARIES: That doesn't matter--

01:42:03:27 NELEUS: Aries...it works.

*01:42:13:21 SHEPPARD: Are you all right, McKay?

01:42:17:13 MCKAY: As soon as I catch my breath...

*01:42:24:16 SHEPPARD: Get the medical kit from the jumper.

*01:42:27:06 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): You're going to be okay.

01:42:46:21 MCKAY: I was able to boost the coverage by over 50%...

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*01:42:49:16 MCKAY (CONT'D O/S): without much of a power increase...

*01:42:51:14 MCKAY (CONT'D): so that should be enough for a sizable population growth.

01:42:55:15 KERAS (O/S): Thank you, but you have no idea...

*01:42:57:16 KERAS (CONT'D): how long the shield will last?

01:42:58:18 MCKAY (O/S): There's no way of knowing, no...

*01:42:59:18 MCKAY (CONT'D): but there's a good chance you'll be a grandparent before
it...before it goes.

*01:43:03:24 SHEPPARD (O/S): We'd be happy to come back...

*01:43:05:21 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): and check in on you every now and then. In fact, Ford
would be happy to come back and explain how to be a 25-year-old.

*01:43:10:13 KERAS: I'll look forward to it.

01:43:12:08 SHEPPARD: You'll have to get used to a few things now that everything's
changing around here...

*01:43:14:11 SHEPPARD (CONT'D O/S): but we can talk about that next time we visit.

*01:43:16:19 SHEPPARD (CONT'D): Just promise me you'll stick around.

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*01:43:19:19 KERAS: I will.

*01:43:21:13 TEYLA: Have all the villages agreed to suspend the sacrifices?

*01:43:24:00 KERAS: They will require us to change some laws, but for now, yes.

01:43:31:14 FORD: Sir.

01:43:32:19 SHEPPARD: Oh, right. Here.

*01:43:35:25 KERAS: What's this?

*01:43:36:11 FORD: Well, where we're from, you get presents when you turn a year older.

01:43:44:28 MCKAY: See him there.

*01:43:47:05 SHEPPARD: Happy birthday.

*01:43:54:20 MCKAY: Here you go.

*01:43:59:24 KERAS: Here you go. One for you.

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