

SILVER

Audition Side

KEY: Good grief. (Turning to SILVER, who is standing very close.) Is there something I can do for you, Lieutenant?

SILVER: As a matter of fact, there is. You can step aside as Admiral Silver requested. I'm supposed to be leading this mission.

KEY: That was before we set a collision course with a gravity well.

SILVER: Orders are orders. Now if you would just step aside—

QUINN: Look. J.T. is it? We're all just pleased as punch that you're tagging along, and it sounds like you did well for yourself in the Academy. Good for you. But you don't know the first thing about being Captain.

SILVER: (Quoting regulation.) "Awareness, Boldness, and Constancy."

QUINN: Ooo, very good. Hear that, Captain? The Officer's ABCs, as found on page seventy-two of the Galactic Voyager Handbook. I'm talking about the real measures of leadership, rookie. Didn't you see Captain Key's commencement speech last year?

SILVER: (Dryly.) I must have missed it.

QUINN: Go ahead, Captain. Take this egghead to school.

KEY: (Shrugging.) Alright, why not. The three rules of leadership. Rule number one, hotshot: the Captain supports their crew, not the other way around, so you can dismount your high horse anytime.

SILVER: (Scoffing.) That's nonsense.

KEY: I would back Commander Quinn to the hilt. It's the same with all my officers. If you surround yourself with people you support, then there's no limit to how far you can go.

SILVER: That's a little trite, but fine. What's number two?

QUINN: Rule number two: you cannot lead without trust.

SILVER: Oh, give me a break! Is that why you won't step aside? Because you don't trust me? Listen here. Orders are orders; trust is irrelevant.