

SWISH

Audition Side

SWISH: Good morning, all.

QUINN: Well, speak of the devil. If it isn't the newly promoted Emerson Swish.

DORIAN: Careful, Captain. Better stand at attention.

SWISH: I'm sure I don't know what you mean by that.

DORIAN: (Bitterly.) Sure you do. (Miming a self-impaling.) Et tu, Emerson?

QUINN: We were just talking about your new plan for the Adventure. Tell me, how did you manage to convince High Command to go along with it?

SWISH: (Bristling.) High Command likes my vision.

QUINN: (A chuckle.) High Command likes your profit margins.

SWISH: I'm giving the Adventure a new purpose!

QUINN: The Starship Adventure is a one-of-a-kind vessel built for science and discovery; you're turning it into a galactic cruiseliner. Some new purpose!

DORIAN: The Voyagers already have a purpose, Emerson. We're explorers, not tour guides.

SWISH: Why can't we be both? I believe in the Voyager mission as much as anyone! Under my new proposal, we can share that purpose with the world!

QUINN: Don't be so naive. Our missions are dangerous. Space is dangerous.

SWISH: Yes it is. And you know what? That kind of danger takes a toll on ships. That was the other reason for my proposal. I love the Adventure, but it can't handle the same missions forever.

DORIAN: Who are you to say what the Adventure can handle?

SWISH: You don't submit the systems report; I do. Yes, I took the meeting. Yes, I proposed turning the Adventure commercial. It's a good thing I did! None of you know how close High Command was to retiring this ship completely! My proposal is the only way we stay off the scrapheap.