

Screenplay

INT. OFFICE - STARBASE ONE

An officer sits or stands at the desk. There is random dialog around him and he is casually chatting with the unseen cameraman.

OFFICER 1

Oh, it was after... You know, after last year's corporate.....my wife was always encouraging me, you know? She said, "No, you did fine in the corporate." I was a bit nervous.

The Officer fiddles with his tricorder

OFFICER 1

This little guy. Hello? Sorry.

The camera focuses

OFFICER 1

That's nice, eh?

CAMERAMAN

Yeah.

OFFICER 1

Nice background with the people. We are here at... Must I look in there?

CAMERAMAN

Yes, look into the lens.

OFFICER 1

We are here at Starbase One, Terran Outreach division, My name is [name]. And around me you can see other outreach workers. What we do here at this department is...we try to engage with the Terrans on behalf of all humanity.

CUT TO

EXT. SPACE

Ships orbit the station. Music fades in

(Voiceover)

Yes, we were taken off guard when a handful of Terrans beamed directly

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into Starfleet HQ. Because up until that time, only a few of us had ever encountered them. Yet here they were, for all the world to see.

CUT TO

INT. STATION

Another officer hanging around the office

OFFICER 2

They just stood there. They were heavily armed, but looked like deer in headlights. Security rushed to the scene.

CUT TO

EXT. SPACE

A ship flies through the stars. Caption reads "USS Vigilant - Prisoner Transport Mission"

(voiceover)

After a tense standoff which seemed to last forever, they just dropped their weapons and surrendered. Security removed them from the scene and took them into custody.

CUT TO

INT. PRISON CELL

Various shots of terrans under interrogation.

(voiceover female)

The whole world was watching. We were being scrutinized heavily for our treatment of the Terrans.

CUT TO

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A female officer sits at a desk

FEMALE OFFICER

In most people's minds, they'd done nothing wrong. And after tremendous pressure from the populus, we were forced to release them.

CUT TO

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The officer talks. During his monologue, we cut to various random shots to be determined.

OFFICER 1

They were stuck here. We know they acquired prototype technology in the mirror universe from a Ferrengi merchant which allowed for trans-dimensional beaming. Their plan was to send a heavily armed invasion force into the heart of Starfleet. The unit was designed for small parties of no more than five at a time. They didn't count on the tremendous amount of energy needed to complete such a massive transport. The machine exploded, trapping millions of Terrans in the pattern buffers. The security footage clearly shows a damaged piece of technology beamed in with them. The few who made it through were mostly grunts, infantry. With no leadership to speak of, they were useless.

CUT TO

INT. STATION

Random character interactions

(voiceover)

Our only choice was to integrate them into our society.

CUT TO

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A political figure is interviewed at his desk

POLITICIAN

We have to accept the obvious. The Terrans are not going home any time soon. Whatever they tried to do has sealed the doorway back to their world.

CUT TO

EXT. PLANET

An interview with a random civilian

CIVILIAN 1

At first, everything went well. At least for a little while. Then, small things here and there. And it just escalated.

CUT TO

EXT. OUTDOORS AREA

Terrans attacking people. Rioting.

NEWSCASTER

(voiceover)

Outrage today as several members of a failed Terran invasion fleet attacked civilians in a small town outside greater Ohio. Several injuries reported, none critical.

CUT TO

EXT. OUTDOORS AREA

A terran is approached by the cameraman

TERRAN

Get that fokkin' camera out of my face

He smashes the camera

CUT TO

EXT. SPACE

Random ships moving slowly  
(voiceover)

What else could we do? The Terrans were getting restless, they demanded the same rights as everyone else. So we began to train them in Starfleet protocol and procedures.

CUT TO

EXT. SPACE

Starfleet and Terran ships battle the Borg. Heavy firing.  
(voiceover)

With the increased Borg prescene in the quadrant, we needed fighters, captains. The Terrans were the natural choice.

CUT TO

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OFFICER 2

They already had battle experience. We just needed to get them to behave. And for a while it worked.

CUT TO

INT. BORG FACILITY

The Terrans battle the Borg on foot.  
(voiceover)

They fought hard, they helped turn the tide. We actually had the Borg on the run in the Gamma Orionis sector. They had a more aggressive style than Starfleet. It took the Borg by surprise I think.

CUT TO

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A soldier onboard the station is interviewed.

SOLDIER

They're not like us. They shoot first and ask questions later.

CUT TO

EXT. SPACE

More starships fight against the Borg.

(voiceover)

Again though, it didn't last long. The terrans seemed to become bored with us. They were always looking for a way to move up in society. They started resorting to... unfavorable tactics.

CUT TO

EXT. OUTDOORS AREA

A civilian is interviewed

CIVILIAN 2

They just need to go home. They need to build another device, open the door and leave here. I don't even consider them human.

CUT TO

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A female officer is questioned

OFFICER 3

They couldn't keep our values, not for even a few months. They're natural criminals and they always resort back to that eventually.

CUT TO

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Back to Officer 2

OFFICER 2

The worst thing we did, was teach them our ways. In essence, we've made them even more deadly.

CUT TO

INT STARSHIP BRIDGE

A ship captain is interviewed

CAPTAIN

I've instructed my crew to divert course if we detect a vessel known to be commanded by a Terran captain. 9 times out of 10, they leave you alone, but catch them on a bad day...

CUT TO

EXT. OUTDOORS AREA

Another civilian is questioned

CIVILIAN 3

Yes, they fought on our side against the Borg. What have they done for me today?

CUT TO

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OFFICER 1

Yes, so here we are, back at square one. We're no closer to sending the Terrans back home today than we were five years ago. Did we do the right thing? We don't know. Our job is to keep trying to help them learn our ways. That is what we are setting out to do today.

CUT TO

EXT. SPACE

A fierce battle ensues

(voiceover)

Maybe this was all part of their  
plan? Maybe their commanders didn't  
die in that explosion. Maybe their  
goal was to weaken us from within,  
like a slow cancer. Either way, we  
have to find out. And we have to  
find out soon...

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TITLE - "THE TERRAN 'INVASION' "