

Acting Captain's Log

Temporal-spatial coordinates: Hughes, Indiana

“While the TIE Fighter was being repaired, we began to go through our records in an attempt to track down clues as to who had been behind the previous collision with the TIE Fighter, brought about by someone altering the flight path of the mining ship. According to Leah, the style of hacking she noted in the flight recorder salvaged from the mining ship was the same as that used to alter those news articles about the Cartwrights. In both instances, it matched the style taught by one of her old professors, Dr. Furaskin, so we sent her off to talk to him.

“Unfortunately, Leah reported that he was unable to narrow it down any further for her, and she maintained she was unable to recall the specifics of the conversation. However, she did recall her professor mentioning how poorly she’d performed in his class, which was not Leah’s recollection. This seemed significant, and indeed upon further investigation it became clear that changes had been made to Leah’s sophomore year of college.

“Using the search system More to check out the people currently associated with Leah’s college years, we tracked the source of the disturbance to a young man named Lane, who this version of Leah was dating that year, to the detriment of her grades and her permanent record (various instances of vandalism and disorderly conduct were now on file). We suspected he was a Federation plant, and found evidence that his life story was fabricated—his supposed siblings living with him did not appear to actually exist being the clearest proof. Ashven found a data stick hidden in his residence that contained information on Leah from her early life up to her present college self.

“We grabbed Lane and questioned him. He knew Ashven’s name, and claimed that we—meaning Leah, Ashven, Dr. Watson, and myself; he made no mention of Captain Adamska—had hired him to distract Leah from her classes on security. We also discovered that he’d had implants to emit a pheromone to make him more attractive to Leah.

“We locked Lane up while we checked out his story. At the appointed time and place we did in fact observe the four of us, or so it seemed, striking such a deal with him. While ‘Leah’ appeared to be someone using holographic disguise technology—and ‘Ashven’ of course was—Leah did not detect similar devices in use by the other two. Most significant of all, they left in a TIE Fighter. Ashven was able to follow their wake to the vicinity of 2470 Earth.

“While the pieces all seem to point to our future selves intentionally changing Leah’s past—and perhaps to Leah having been responsible for the interference which caused the mining ship to intercept the TIE Fighter—I recommend we proceed with caution here. The entire scene could have been set up by Lane in his future, with non-technological means being used to impersonate myself and Dr. Watson; though if so, the fact that imposters have gained the TIE Fighter is cause for real concern. But it is entirely possible that we will have cause in our futures to orchestrate these events. The alteration to the

mining ship's flight path allowed us to save most of its crew, for instance.

"We've placed Lane in holding in Hughes until the captain returns and she can decide what should be done about him and the rest of this."