

Star Trek: The Next Generation Christmas Episode

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EXT. OUTER SPACE - DAY

We see the USS Enterprise NCC 1701-D cruising at a casual pace through deep space. The deep, smooth rumble of the idling warp engines is soft but permeating.

CAPTAIN JEAN-LUC PICARD (V.O)
Captain's log, stardate
3-4-9-8-1-7-6-2-

An alien, bird-like, space-borne creature is desperately trying to keep ahead of the glowing energy head of the Enterprise's starboard warp nacelle.

Turning it's head back and squawking, trying to fly faster.

PICARD (V.O)(CONT'D)
-2-4-5-6-7-8-9
(beat)
point 5-
(beat)
7-

The space bird is sucked into the red energy head of the nacelle.

PICARD (V.O)(CONT'D)
-4-2-Gamma-2-4-3-

The starboard nacelle misfires and burps an emission.

PICARD (V.O)(CONT'D)
-6-1-1-1-epsilon-ramalamadingdong-25.

We see a colorful giant nebula with an uncanny resemblance to a bulging speedo as it would appear on the crotch of an overweight middle-aged man.

PICARD (V.O)
The Enterprise will be tucked
inside the Banana Hammock Nebula-

The Enterprise takes position pointed downward at the bottom front center of the nebula.

The ship's saucer section is right where the nebula's bulge is at its lowest point.

PICARD (V.O)(CONT'D)
while the crew is preparing to
insert a probe deep into
Jefferson's Crack,

(CONTINUED)

We see a rift of crackling white energy bearing an uncanny resemblance to a human butt crack.

PICARD (V.O)(CONT'D)
 an anomalous rift with
 large-scale ass-
 (beat)
 trometric readings.

An emission of energy and green gas bursts from the rift and hovers about.

PICARD (V.O)
 Oh yes, and Christmas time
 festivities are at hand too, merry
 yule tide tidings!! Can I say that
 I hope the jolly fat man comes
 quickly?!

INT- ENTERPRISE BRIDGE - DAY

PICARD'S POV

We see Picard's hands holding a tablet computer. On the tablet screen are the words "Captain's L.U.L.G." followed by a page full of smaller text.

END POV

COUNSELOR DEANNA TROI, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER DR. BEVERLY CRUSHER, and Beverly's son WESLEY CRUSHER are putting up Christmas decorations around the bridge.

PICARD
 Well done, everybody! That was a
 textbook "Hanging Thomas" maneuver.

Beverly opens up the access panel in the back of COMMANDER DATA's head and plugs a string of Christmas lights into one of his panel connections. The string immediately lights up.

COMMANDER RIKER
 Ah yes, I remember I was a small
 boy when Admiral John Thomas first
 pulled it off.

Beverly circles around Data, wrapping the light string around his body and arms. and shoulders, the panel still hanging open behind his head.

DATA
 Curious; Doctor, Counselor, may I
 inquire as to what you are doing?

(CONTINUED)

BEVERLY
It's Christmas, Data!

DATA
Christmas? Accessing...

He blinks and twitches his face in a rapid rhythmic pattern

DATA
Ah! Wikipedia. Christmas: Earth
holiday, originated as a Roman
political attempt-

The Christmas lights, previously lit solid, now start
flashing. Data briefly glances down at the lights.

DATA (CONT'D)
...to reconcile Christian
theological events with pagan
solstice celebrations
(beat)and orgies.

TROI
Christmas is more than that! It's
about love and friends and family,
and the cherished time we spend
together.

Troi gets starry-eyed and sighs in contented ecstasy.

WESLEY
(cutting out paper snowman)
Oh, and I just love the
decorating. Doesn't
everything look so pretty?

Wesley unfolds the paper, revealing an intricately cut,
beautiful string of paper snowmen.

WESLEY
(kissy face at snowmen)
Mw-(kiss)-ah!!

DATA
Query: a year ago at this time,
the crew celebrated a different
religious Earth holiday: Chanukah.

ENSIGN MOISHA
(Strong Yiddish accent)
Feh! And what a fershtinkener that
was! The latkes, they taste like
dreck! And who's the shmuck who-

RIKER

That's enough, Ensign Moisha!

MOISHA

What? Now I can't kvetch a little bit?! Ach, My shift is up anyway. Oy vey...

Moisha fixes his Shtreimel and exits the bridge, grumbling to himself in Yiddish, payots swinging with his gait.

Wesley, his hands and face now sparkling with red and green glitter, takes Moisha's station.

DATA

Counselor,

In b.g., a crew technician on his knees opens up a large access panel below a malfunctioning workstation.

DATA (CONT'D)

is it our intention to celebrate a different winter solstice holiday each year?

In b.g. a second crew technician, tapping on a tablet computer, walks up from right side o.c. and stops, partially blocking our view of the malfunctioning workstation.

TROI

Why yes, Data!

In b.g. the 1st technician reaches deep into the workstation panel, submersing his whole arm. Illusion that he's reaching into the crotch of the 2nd technician, who is still tapping away on his tablet.

TROI (CONT'D)

Next year we'll be celebrating the Betazoid holiday Ash Raimon,

In b.g. the first technician pulls a hose out of the panel, keeps pulling and reeling out many feet of hose. Illusion that he's pulling it out of 2nd technician's crotch.

TROI (CONT'D)

in which all participants must be completely naked for 11 days.

PICARD

I'll expect all on-duty officers to remain fully clothed, of course.

(CONTINUED)

RIKER
(Suggestive, lascivious)
Darn!!
(Now downright creepy)
Hehehehehehehe!!

Picard glances uncomfortably at Riker.

BEVERLY
Data,

Troi walks up behind Data, carrying an electronic Santa Sleigh ornament.

BEVERLY(CONT'D)
I think learning about uh, various
winter
(breathes heavily)
solstice holidays-

Troi places sleigh ornament on top of Data's head.

BEVERLY(CONT'D)
might be a great research project
for you. Starting with (beat)
Christmas!!

Troi plugs the Santa ornament into Data's access panel. It lights up immediately.

TROI
I completely agree! Learning the
TRUE meaning of Christmas is a
crucial step towards becoming more
human!

DATA
(intrigued)
Hmm...

The Santa ornament starts making noise with a distorted, muddled, electronic recorded voice.

SANTA ORNAMENT
Ho! Ho! Ho! (beat) Ho! Ho! Ho!