

## TO BOLDLY GO

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*Based on 1 Corinthians 12 vv 12-31 this sketch illustrates what happens if the different members of the body do not work together. The characters are based on Star Trek and the flight-deck represents the human brain controlling (or attempting to control) the human's brain.*

### CAST

*Narrator Does not appear. Off-stage.  
 Captain Overall commander  
 Ohura Communications Officer  
 Spock Technical and scientific advisor  
 Scotty Also off-stage. He is the engineer.*

*Captain, Ohura and Spock are on stage around a command console. Ohura is seated at a computer. Star Trek theme music starts.*

*Narrator Space, the infinite void between man's front ear and his other front ear. The Starship Henry Price is on a mission to boldly go where he has never been before.  
 Captain's Log Stardate AD 2016. The SS Henry Price has a date with destiny – Destiny Smith, his first ever date with the lifeform known as 'woman'.  
 We go to the command centre at the head of the SS Henry Price.*

*Captain Give me a mission update please, Ohura.*

*Ohura Yes, Captain Slog.*

*Captain (Irritated) Kirk, it's Captain Kirk. How many times do I have to tell you?*

*Ohura Sorry Captain. We have made it to the restaurant, but we have not yet established first contact with the woman.*

*Captain Get the eyes to scan the room.*

*Ohura Yes Captain. (Types. Then as if reading off screen) The eyes say they have identified a possible candidate.*

*Captain Visual recognition analysis Spock.*

Spock Yes, Captain. The object fits the visual recognition parameters with a 90% degree of certainty.

Captain *(To Ohura)* Tell the mouth to engage in conversation.

Ohura Yes Captain. Conversation initiated ... and there has been a reply.

Captain Voice recognition Spock.

Spock Fourier spectral speech analysis confirms it is the lifeform known as Destiny Smith with a 95% degree of uncertainty.

Captain Instruct the nose to smell the intended target, Ohura.

Ohura Yes Captain, olfactory analysis initiated.

Captain Spock is it the woman?

Spock There is no trace of three days old socks, cheap deodorant nor aftershave .. so olfactory analysis confirms with 100% certainty that it is not a man.

Captain So can we initiate inter-gender integration?

Spock Yes, Captain, I advise that the indications are that it is safe proceed.

Captain Scotty, fire up the perambulation rockets.

Scotty Aye aye Captain. The feet are now set to move at warp speed factor 2.1.

Captain Ohura, instruct the eyes to ensure that they guide the feet to the intended target of sitting down on the chair by the table opposite the lifeform identified as Destiny Smith.

Ohura Yes Captain. Target acquired and locked in. Approaching target area.

Captain Initiate landing protocol Scotty.

Scotty Aye aye Captain.

Ohura The Starship has landed, Captain.

Captain Well done. Good work everyone. A great team effort with everyone working together. A lovely soft landing; I hardly felt a thing. Ohura, tell the eyes to begin scanning for the menu.

Ohura Yes Captain.

Spock Captain we have a problem.

Captain What do you mean Spock?

Spock Look at the screen. The eyes cannot find the menu. All they can see is carpet – and feet. And the gyroscope reading is at minus 180 degrees.

Captain What is going on Scotty.

Scotty I don't know, Captain. For some reason we appear to be upside down.

Captain But why? How has this happened?

Ohura The feet are saying that they want to be hands, and so they are attempting to grab the menu.

Captain What?

Spock That is highly illogical. The feet do not have the design features necessary to function as hands above a capability of 19.45%.

Ohura They say that the hands get all the glamorous jobs. All they do is tramp from A to B. If they can't be hands they say they are going to go off on their own.

Scotty It is chaos down here, Captain. The feet and hands are at loggerheads.

Ohura And now the ears are saying that they want to be eyes.

Spock That is even more illogical. Do they have an adjustable lens system and an array of rods and cones designed to detect visible light? No they don't. What they do have is an auditory system perfectly designed to transduce acoustic energy into electrochemical nerve impulses which we here in the brain can analyse.

Captain Pardon?

Spock The ears are good at hearing. They should stick to doing just that.

Captain Oh right. Scotty, can't you do something about it?

Scotty I'm an engineer not a United Nations peace-keeping envoy.

Ohura I fear it may be too late.

Captain What do you mean?

Ohura Feedback from visuals, audio and olfactory systems indicate that the lifeform Destiny Smith is walking away.

Captain You mean she has broken off the date?

Spock That is a logical conclusion from the incoming data.

Ohura Oh no it looks as though the trauma of Destiny's sudden departure has released the emergency water sprinkling system.

Captain You mean tears are flowing?

Spock Yes, and there appears to be movement along the nasal passage as well.

Ohura Captain we have got to stem the flow.

Captain Beam me up a scottie, Scotty.

Scotty Aye aye Captain. *[Captain grabs tissue which has 'appeared' and holds it to his face as he bursts into tears]*

*THE END*