

**STAR TREK: THE 36 PRINCIPLES**  
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*Cast of Characters*

*Captain James T. Kirk*  
*Science Officer Mr. Spock*  
*Dr. "Bones" McCoy*  
*Ensign Pavlov Chekov*  
*Helmsman Mr. Sulu*  
*Communications Officer Lt. Uhura*  
*Engineer Scotty*  
*Nurse Chapel*  
*Delegate*

*(Cue music)*

**KIRK**

Space...the final frontier...these are the voyages of the Starship  
Soberize...its one day at a time mission: to help out strange, new drunks...to  
assist problem drinkers in achieving sobriety...to boldly go where no  
alcoholic has gone before!

*(title slides)*

**KIRK**

Captain's log, stardate 2008.03.15 While escorting the California Northern  
Coastal Area delegate to the Pre-Conference Assembly to be held on Earth,  
the crew was startled to discover she had been kidnapped by the evil  
Klingons. We fully expect the Klingons to make some sort of ransom  
demand soon. I've called the senior officers, Mr. Spock, Dr. McCoy, Ensign  
Chekov, Helmsman Sulu and Lt Uhura to a meeting on the bridge of the  
Soberize to explore our options.

*(door opening and closing sound)*

**KIRK**

Come in, come in. Get comfortable. Engineer Mr. Scott won't be joining us as I have him and his crew is busy in the engine room using the food replicators to make 400 pots of coffee for the Pre-Conference Assembly. He'll be briefed later. Now, I am sure I don't need to tell you all the seriousness of this cowardly act by the Klingons. Lieutenant Uhura?

**UHURA**

Yes, Captain?

**KIRK**

I want you to try and reverse the matrix field on the sub-space transmitter while simultaneously holding the play and record buttons and invert the polarity of the vextor converters and attempt to triangulate the Klingons's coordinates.

**UHURA**

But Captain, why can't I just call them on the ship's cell phone? We have 700 rollover minutes.

**KIRK**

*(a little smugly)*: Because Lieutenant, just like in the TV Show this skit has nothing important for you to do or say. I make the important decisions, you just be pretty and pretend you're doing something important.

**UHURA**

*(rather angrily)* Aye aye sir.

**SPOCK**

Captain, I have been curious as to the reason why the Delegate was on board the ship in the first place. After all, CNCA is not affiliated with the Federation.

**KIRK**

No, Mr. Spock you're right. Tell me Spock, what do you know about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous?

**SPOCK**

Well, Captain, if memory serves, Alcoholics Anonymous is a quasi-religious organization...

**McCoy**

*(cutting him off)* It's a spiritual program, not religious, you green-blooded...

**SPOCK**

Your emotional outburst is quite unwarranted doctor. I am merely attempting to relay information I gathered from the ship's computer.

**SULU**

In other words, take a chill pill doc.

**KIRK**

That's enough, Mr. Sulu. Please, Mr. Spock, do go on.

**SPOCK**

AA, as it is often called, is a quasi *(waits a beat)* ...spiritual program founded in the early 20th century on Earth by two humans who suffered from the disease called alcoholism. The two men, a stockbroker and a proctologist, were able to succeed in sobering up by recognizing alcoholism as a disease of the body paired with an obsession of the mind. From those two men, AA has spread across the galaxy and now unofficially includes 14.2 billion members.

*(boatswain whistle)*

**SCOTTY**

Engineering to Captain Kirk.

**KIRK**

Kirk here. Go ahead, Scotty.

**SCOTTY**

Captin, I canna keep makin' this coffee. The replicators are draining all the ship's power.

**KIRK**

Mr. Scott, just do your best. And work on that accent too.

**SCOTTY**

Aye, aye, sir.

**KIRK**

Kirk out. Now, where were we, Spock? Oh, yes. Alcoholics Anonymous has helped many life forms achieve sobriety and live purposeful, productive lives.

**SPOCK**

The 12 Steps of AA have also successfully been adopted and adapted for countless other problems from overeating to gambling to Flugwort sniffing on the planet Yorkimus 6.

**CHEKOV**

Ah, Meester Spook, but you arre wrong.

**SPOCK**

What do you mean, Ensign Chekov?

**CHEKOV**

Vell, you said the 12 Steps vere the reason AA has been so successful and that is not true. *(forcefully)* It is the 12 Steps, 12 Tradeetions and 12 Concepts which helped the program to thrive for so long. Get your facts straight. *(derisively)* And you call yourself a science officer...

**SPOCK**

I hardly think insults are appropriate, Mr. Chekov. And if they were I could remark on the half-hearted lame attempt at a Russian accent the person reading your part is doing. The fact of the matter is, I am not aware of these other 24 principles you have mentioned.

**KIRK**

The 12 Traditions are to different AA groups what the 12 Steps are to the individual. The 1st Tradition states that “Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon AA unity”.

**SPOCK**

Interesting. It sounds remarkably similar to the old Vulcan proverb “the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one”.

**KIRK**

Another tradition is that AA has no opinion on outside issues.

**SPOCK**

What do you mean, Captain?

**KIRK**

Well, Mr. Spock, say for example that magazine you posed for when you needed money before you joined Starfleet. Can you put that on screen, Mr. Sulu?

**SULU**

Aye, aye sir. *(punching buttons)* And...there it is sir.

*(Playvulcan magazine slide)*

**KIRK**

There you are. Wow, that must’ve taken a whole lot of ab crunches. But anyway, Spock as most of the crew got a big laugh out of seeing you in your birthday suit, AA has absolutely no opinion on whether you are hotter than I am naked.

**SPOCK**

I understand, Captain. Now if we could remove the image please.

**KIRK**

Sure. Spock, Mr. Sulu, please. *(waits)* Any time now. Okay.

**SPOCK**

Thank you. Now tell me Captain, what are these 12 Concepts that Chekov spoke so passionately about?

**KIRK**

Bones, you wanna handle that one?

**McCOY**

Dammit, Jim! I'm a doctor not Bill W.!

**KIRK**

You know a chill pill might not be such a bad idea. Spock, the 12 Concepts are an interpretation of AA's world and now interplanetary service structure.

They include such revolutionary concepts as the right of decision, which explains how various AA entities are not just messengers but true trusted servants; the right of participation so proper voting representation is taken into account; and the right of appeal; to hear and take into consideration the minority opinion. Now Spock, the fact that you have never heard of the 12 Concepts is not surprising as only a small number of actual AA members have as well.

**SPOCK**

Captain, the larger question here is what exactly does a history lesson in Alcoholics Anonymous have to do with the Klingons and the kidnapped Delegate?

**KIRK**

Well, Spock, I'm glad you asked that question. You see, it's not history but current events we're talking about.

**SPOCK**

I do not understand, Captain.

**McCOY**

Just tell it to him plain, Jim, for God's sake!

**KIRK**

Yeah, Bones, I suppose you're right. Mr. Spock, I have some information for you which cannot leave this room.

**SPOCK**

Understood Captain.

**KIRK**

*(takes a breath)* I, Mr. Spock, am an alcoholic.

**SPOCK**

I'm sorry Captain. Could you repeat that?

**KIRK**

I'm an alcoholic. More accurately I'm a recovering alcoholic. Recovering through the program that you so eloquently described just a moment ago.

*(pauses)* Hmm, you look skeptical. Let me prove it to you then. Watch closely. *(waits a beat, then clears his throat)* My name is Jim and I'm an alcoholic.

**EVERYONE EXCEPT SPOCK**

HI JIM!

**SPOCK**

Fascinating.

**KIRK**

Oh, but that's just the start, Mr. Spock. All of the senior officers here are as well as the crew are recovering alcoholics as well.

**McCOY**

You know, Spock, you're half-human and half-Vulcan, you've been dead and regenerated, you've got green blood and pointed ears and you're the only "normie" aboard this ship! That just cracks me up!

**SPOCK**

As I do not know what a "normie" is I fail to see the humor, doctor. Tell me, Captain, how were you all able to hide your alcoholism and recovery from me for so long?

**KIRK**

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, Spock. We AA members have found it better to rely on attraction rather than promotion.

**SPOCK**

Attraction rather than promotion you say? Does that refer to your appetite for women all over the galaxy?

*(Kirk fantasizing about green woman slide as "Let's Get it On" plays)*

**UHURA**

Captain? Hello? Captain? We can all see your lustful thought balloon!

*(the balloon pops)*

**KIRK**

We have no opinion on outside issues remember?

**CHEKOV**

Anyway, Meester Spock, with the help of my sponsor, Mr. Sulu, I have not touched a drop of wodka or any other alcohol in 9 years. But it was not because Sulu preached to me. He quit drinking and modeled a sense of peace and serenity vich I vanted for myself.

**SPOCK**

I do not understand, Ensign. You said Mr. Sulu is your sponsor? Does that mean he assumes responsibility for you as some sort of benefactor?

**SULU**

No, no, Mr. Spock it's not like that. In AA a sponsor is someone who has worked the steps of the program and helps to guide newcomers.

**KIRK**

Yes, Spock. Bones is my sponsor.

**McCOY**

And Chekov is my sponsor.

**UHURA**

And Captain Kirk thirteenth stepped me.

**KIRK**

That's TWELFTH stepped, Lieutenant.

**UHURA**

Oh, sorry sir.

**KIRK**

Although...

*(Kirk fantasizing with Uhura slide as "Let's Get it On" plays)*

**UHURA**  
Captain!

*(balloon pops)*

**UHURA**  
It's bad enough I have to wear a uniform that looks like it was made for a Hooters waitress!

**SPOCK**  
Captain, one thing that intrigues me is how you managed to command a Starship while secretly carrying on as a drunken fool.

**KIRK**  
Well, it wasn't easy, Spock. Some call it being a functional alcoholic, but I think that's an oxymoron. I can't count how many captain's log entries I had to erase in the morning after a binge because they were just a bunch of drunken ramblings.

**McCOY**  
And then there was that time you beamed down to the Federation Christmas party in a blackout dressed in a pink tutu...

**KIRK**  
*(cutting him off)* I think Spock has got the idea, Bones.

**SPOCK**  
Actually, Captain, I am still confused as to how you all managed to keep this quiet.

**McCOY**  
Well, duh, you silly Vulcan! The name of the ship is the Starship SOBERize! Do those pointed ears of yours work? Did you not hear the voice-over in the beginning of the skit?  
"Seek out new drunks" and all that?  
Hey! Why are you walking behind me, Spock?

*(slide of Spock nerve pinching McCoy)*

**KIRK**

Spock! Was the Vulcan Nerve Pinch really necessary?

**SPOCK**

Necessary? Probably not. Logical? Yes. Dr. McCoy was starting to piss me off.

**SULU**

Now, there is someone who needs a sponsor!

**SPOCK**

Captain, I have to go back to my original question. Why were we escorting the Delegate to this Assembly in the first place? It would appear that it violates our Prime Directive of not directly interfering with the affairs of other worlds.

**KIRK**

Well, Spock in AA we have our own Prime Directive we call our Primary Purpose. It's simply that we carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers.

**SPOCK**

I see, so the Delegate was drunk and needed help.

**KIRK**

No, no. She has been sober for many years. We were giving her a lift so she could take a newcomer, Tina, to her first General Service Assembly. You see, Spock, newcomers are the lifeblood of AA. AA works when one alcoholic shares with another how they stayed sober. Service is a big part of that.

**SPOCK**

So, why would the Klingons kidnap the Delegate?

**SULU**

*(excitedly)* Captain, maybe the Klingons are as ignorant of the Traditions of AA as Mr. Spock was.

**CHEKOV**

Yes, if that is de case, maybe they think she is some sort of high Federation official and not just a trusted servant.

**SPOCK**

A what?

**KIRK**

A trusted servant, Mr. Spock. In AA our leaders do not govern. Our ultimate authority is a loving God as He may express himself in our group conscience.

**SPOCK**

That is most illogical.

**KIRK**

Well, maybe so, but it works!

**SULU**

Captain, perhaps the Klingons assumed that Tina, the newcomer accompanying the Delegate was some sort of a servant. That would explain why she was left behind.

**KIRK**

Klingons wouldn't kidnap someone they considered worthless.

**SPOCK**

If that scenario is in fact the case, then, in the words of Alanis Morissette, isn't it ironic?

**UHURA**

Isn't what ironic?

**SPOCK**

Well, according to what I now have learned about AA, the newcomer is very important and the Delegate is simply a trusted servant. The fact that the Klingons kidnapped the Delegate and not the much more valuable newcomer constitutes very real irony.

**McCOY**

Well, something like that. Keep coming back, Spock. And if you try that nerve pinch again...

*(door opening and closing sound)*

**KIRK**

Nurse Chapel! This is a closed meeting of the senior staff. What do you need?

**NURSE CHAPEL**

I'm sorry captain I need you to pretend to sign something while I parade around in my way-too-short skirt,

**KIRK**

Come now, Nurse Chapel. You're not just eye candy! You are an integral part of the crew of this starship not just some half-dressed boy toy!

*(Kirk fantasizing about Nurse Chapel slide as "Let's Get it On" plays)*

**NURSE CHAPEL**

Captain!

*(balloon pops)*

**KIRK**

Sorry. I may need to go back to Action Figure Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous.

*(boatswain whistle)*

**SCOTTY**

Captain, a Klingon Bird of Prey has uncloaked and has fired at us!

*(the ship is struck by a blast and everyone lurches violently to their right)*

*(then another blast hits and everyone lurches violently to their left)*

**McCOY**

All this technology and no one thought of seatbelts?!

**KIRK**

Red Alert! (*red alert sounds*) Shields Up! Mr. Sulu, evasive maneuver circle-triangle!

**SULU**

(*pressing buttons*)

Evasive maneuver circle-triangle executed captain.

**KIRK**

Mr. Scott, damage report.

**SCOTTY**

The first blast was a direct hit on the propulsion system. We're on emergency power. Captain, I have to take all the coffee pots off-line while I rewire the warp drive, shields, and life supports.

**KIRK**

Scotty, keep those coffee pots online! Life Support and warp drive are important, but get your priorities straight, man! I'm talking about coffee for alcoholics!

**SCOTTY**

Aye, aye, sir. I need at least an hour to repair the damage here and restore proper power.

**KIRK**

You have 15 minutes, Mr. Scott. Kirk out. Lieutenant Uhura, open a channel to the Klingon vessel.

(*garbled radio message*)

**UHURA**

They're jamming the transmission lines, captain.

**KIRK**

Well what kind of ransom demand is that? I mean, first they fire on us and then won't talk to us?

**SPOCK**

Klingons are well known for their illogical behavior.

**KIRK**

So how are we going to rescue the Delegate? Wait a minute! Maybe if we calculated the exact time the Klingons abducted her, we could reconstitute the warp core and calibrate it so that when we reached maximum warp we could merge into a wormhole, taking into account quantum physics and the time-space continuum, travel back in time, steal the cloaking device from the Klingons, set the Soberize to auto-destruct sequence Alpha and...

**UHURA**

Captain! Maybe we could just distract the Klingons, beam the Delegate aboard, and get the heck out of here.

**KIRK**

*(waits a beat )* Excellent idea, Uhura. What made you think of that?

**UHURA**

Keep it simple stupid!

**KIRK**

I owe you an amends, Lieutenant. You're much more than just a pretty face. Okay, on my command we'll hit the Klingons with our photon torpedoes and while they're stunned we'll transport the Delegate onboard and do warp 10 out of here. Mr. Sulu, lock photon torpedoes on the Klingon ship.

**SULU**

*(pressing buttons)* Photon torpedoes locked, Captain.

**KIRK**

Mr. Chekov, lay in a course for the Pre-Conference Assembly on Earth and be prepared to put the pedal to the medal.

**CHEKOV**

*(pressing buttons)* Aye, aye Captain.

**KIRK**

Spock, be ready to beam the delegate directly to the bridge on my command.

**SPOCK**

Captain, we will only have a 1.73 second window of opportunity to pull this off.

**KIRK**

Let go and let God, Mr. Spock. Mr. Sulu, fire photon torpedoes!

*(photon torpedoes sound)*

Energize, Mr. Spock!

*(transporter sounds)*

**UHURA**

Captain! My idea worked! The delegate is on board!

**KIRK**

Mr. Chekov, hit it, Warp 10!

*(warp engines sound)*

**KIRK**

Madame Delegate, so glad you can join us. Are you all right!

**DELEGATE**

Thank you so much.

**KIRK**

You're very welcome. May I present to you, my first officer and now prime candidate for Al-Anon, Mr. Spock.

**SPOCK**

Live long and prosper.

**DELEGATE**

May the Force be with you!

**UHURA**

Don't take yourself too damn seriously!

**KIRK**

Captain's log; supplemental; We rescued the Delegate from the hands of the Klingons and deposited her and Tina the newcomer safely at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Spock continues to devour AA literature at a frightening pace including the Big Book, Twelve and Twelve, and The AA Service Manual. We have agreed to allow him to sit in during open meetings as long as he leaves his tricorder on "vibrate". The crew and I continue to grow in the sunlight of the spirit as we try to practice all 36 principles of the AA program. In the meantime, we continue to trudge the stars of happy destiny. Kirk out.

*(end theme)*