

**WE FIX SPACE JUNK**

**MINI-SERIES: MARILYN'S DIARY**

**EPISODE 8**

By Beth Crane

**MAIN CAST**

Marilyn:	Francesca Mintowt-Czyz
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Computer:	James Carney
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**SFX:** **THEME.**

MARILYN: So.  
  
Things have... changed a bit since my last diary entry.  
  
As you may have guessed, you have a new AI. Haroldson has been coming on in leaps and bounds. He's taken to flying the ship like a natural. And since he's got fresh eyes, I think he's enjoying it a lot more than Computer did.  
  
I hope you two will get on okay. He's quite a lot like you, I think. Not great with people, great with ships. And unlike Computer, he's not seen everything already. Hopefully the novelty won't wear off too soon.

HAROLDSON: (DISTANT) Oh Bruce, look at all those stars!

COMPUTER: (DISTANT) Don't forget to -- Haroldson you're steering the ship!

MARILYN: Apart from a couple of personality differences, Haroldson should work the same way Computer always did. And we've made a couple of tweaks to the comms system, so if you want to talk... You should be able to.

We didn't get to spend as much time together as I wanted to, but I hope you get the chance to listen to this and think of me sometimes.

COMPUTER: How's it going?

MARILYN: It's okay. It's hard to know what to say.

Oh, I finished working on your temporary body. It's a little clunky, but it should work alright. I'm going to have to wear you like a backpack to sneak you off of the ship though. Or Jault will notice . And he might stop me.

COMPUTER: It has legs.

MARILYN: Of course it has legs. I can't carry you everywhere.

COMPUTER: I've never had legs before. They look complicated.

MARILYN: You've run a ship for almost a century. I'm pretty certain you'll be able to handle legs.

COMPUTER: And... four arms?

MARILYN: I have four. I thought it would be weird for you to have less.

COMPUTER: Creating in your own image now, are we?

MARILYN: Am I making a mistake?

Maybe I should just -- go home and do what I'm supposed to do. I'm... or I should stay here? Am I just making myself a destiny because I feel directionless? Because I want to be more important?

COMPUTER: I was just -- hey. This is going to work. And the more arms, the better.

You're doing a good thing.

MARILYN: Am I? Or am I just going to get a lot of people killed?

COMPUTER: I don't think anyone's going to get killed.

MARILYN: How can you be sure?

COMPUTER: Well, no more than the usual. People die every day. But we're going to be fine.

HAROLDSON: (DISTANT) Air. How do you -- Computer, how do you do air?

COMPUTER: (DISTANT) You're already doing it automatically, calm down!

MARILYN: We're making our final preparations. We've been doing a whole lot of work and hopefully it'll pay off. We're going to find Kilner and then I'm going to leave.

I'm hoping you'll finally talk to Kilner. I hate being lonely and I'm pretty sure you're lonely too. Maybe it's time you made a big romantic gesture.

I don't really want to leave you. Not yet. But there we go. We don't always get to choose what we do. And it looks like this is one of those destiny things, so... well, I can't turn it down. It has to happen.

I guess this is the end of my ship's log. I've got places to go and people to see. A revolution to begin, a corporation to overthrow. You know. The usual.

Haroldson... can you burn a copy of this for me when I'm done? I know it's already on the ship's drive but... I'd like to leave an actual copy. That he can hold. If he wants to.

I'll see you soon. Sorry I took your computer, but I hope... well, I know you'll understand. And if my little revolution fails...

I love you, Dad.

**SFX:**

**CLOSING THEME RISES**

ANNOUNCER: This has been Marilyn's diary, a We Fix Space Junk Mini-series.

In Marilyn's Diary, Marilyn was played by Francesca Mintowt-Czyz and Computer was played by James Carney. The programme was written by Beth Crane and produced by Hedley Knights for Battle Bird Productions. We Fix Space Junk will return on the 17th of September.



