VanWyck took one of his many trips that he would take back home to Dantooine. I was on my way back when I had decided rather than going into lightspeed, I decided to take my time getting back home. I was just coming towards the Hutt system when a couple unidentified ships were fighting near the system. I decided that I would have a look see for myself and try to see if there was some way in which I might be able to find a diplomatic solution to the problem. I entered the combat scene when I noticed one of the ships was a perfect cube in shape. The other ship appeared to be a ship with a saucer design for the command section, I also noticed that they were throwing everything at the cube ship and nothing was affecting it, but I noticed that the other ship was in serious trouble. I decided to open a communications channel.

 There was a reply from the cube shape ship, I announced who I was and asked who they were and why they were fighting with the other ship, and that they needed to cease their attack immediately or else I would have to interject.

 The voice on the other end simply said “We are the Borg, you will be assimilated. Your biological and technological distinctiveness will be added to our own. Your culture will adapt to service us. Resistance is futile.” The channel closed and they began their attack on me.

 The other ship answered my communications challenge, as I was weaving and maneuvering to avoid being hit by the cubes weapons. I opened a channel, and said “This is VanWyck, I am a Gray Jedi with Clan Odan-Urr of House Hoth to the ship answering my hail, please go ahead.”

 This is Captain Jean Luc Picard of the Starship Enterprise, we are in contact with a hostile species known as the Borg. We noticed that you decided to interject in our fight. Are your intentions peaceful, or not, he said?

 My intentions are very peaceful. I decided to interject to see if there was some way in which I could try to help you two seek a peaceful conclusion to this attack, when my own ship fell under attack, I said.

 We are planning on falling back to repair some damage that we have taken. It would appear that the Borg are attempting to break off their attack, though I am convinced that they will try to find an inhabited system and assimilate its inhabitants into their collective, he said. If you would like to, you could beam over to the Enterprise and we could see if your ship needs any repairs.

 That would be fine with me, VanWyck said. What is this beaming that you mentioned though I said with a sense of puzzlement to my voice?

 You do not have a transporter system, he asked?

 No, we have never heard of it, I replied.

 We will open our shuttle bay and you can fly your ship in. I will send a security team to meet you though, Captain Picard said.

 That is fine, I will not be a problem for you or your security team, I replied as I began to move my ship into position to dock in their shuttle bay.

 Moments later, I entered their shuttle bay, and set my ship down with no effort and powered down my engines. I grabbed my cloak and got it back on, but kept the hood off of my head. I reached out with the force and sensed no hostile intentions form the security guards, but I would keep my lightsaber on my belt just in case.

 The head security officer did not look like anything I had ever seen before, he had ridges on top of his forehead, and they ended at the bridge of his nose. The more I thought about this, the stranger things became to me, but I was not going to judge until I had more information.

 I am Commander Worf, and I have orders to escort you to the bridge to speak to the Captian, he said as he led me from the shuttle bay.

 We got into the corridors of their ship, the floor was carpeted and the walls had black panels and things were so odd to me, though I must admit that it did look comfortable or so it would seem. I would not have even seen anything like this in a Star Destroyer.

 Is there a problem sir, Commander Worf asked?

 This ship it is unusual, but amazing all at the same time, I said.

 We entered an elevator of some kind which appeared to be voice activated since I heard the security officer say bridge. The elevator stopped when we reached our destination. The door opened and as soon as I walked on to the bridge, I could not believe what I was seeing. There were people all around working at computer stations, and there were three people sitting in chairs in the center of the bridge.

 Sir, this is the pilot of the ship that landed in our main shuttle bay sir, Commander Worf said.

 Thank you Commander, take your station, he said.

 Yes sir, and the man left my side and returned to man his station.

 I’m Captain Jean Luc Picard of the Federation Starship Enterprise, and extended his hand to shake mine.

 I bowed to him, and said I’m Joseph VanWyck of the Clan Odan-Urr, House Hoth, of the Jedi Order.

 So what brings you to this area of space, he asked, and where exactly are we he added?

 You are approaching the planet Nal Hutta within the Hutt system I said. This system is controlled by gangsters called Hutts, for the most part, they will not care if you are on a mission of peace or not. The only thing they will care about is how many credits you have, and what you can offer them or what they can take from you. The Sith have had many dealings with the Hutt Cartel, while the Jedi Order has had some peaceful contact with them, but for the most part we try to avoid contact whenever possible, I said.

 Who are the Sith, he asked?

 They were originally a race, but have since died out. We refer to Dark Jedi or the Fallen as Sith. They use the Dark side of the Force, and are the sworn enemies of the Jedi, and have been at war with the Jedi for centuries.

 What is this force that you speak of, Captain Picard asked?

 The Force is an energy field that binds us, penetrates us, and also binds the galaxy together. It gives the Jedi and the Sith their power I said.

 While the repairs to your ship are being done, may I offer you some quarters on board our ship, and possibly an invitation to join my senior staff and I for dinner, he asked?

 I would be happy to accept your gracious hospitality Captain, I replied thank you.

 Very well, Councilor Troi will you please show VanWyck to the guest quarters please, Captain Picard asked?

 Yes Captain, she replied as she began to walk up to me and escort me to the quarters.

 We entered the elevator once again, and she told the elevator deck four section G please.

 She turned and looked at me. I could feel that she had something to ask me once she had finished trying to figure me out.

 Do not worry Councilor, I do not intend upon hurting anyone here, nor do I pose a threat, I said.

 I was not worried about that at all, and how did you know what I was thinking, she asked?

 How did you know that I was thinking that, are you able to read the thoughts of others, she asked?

 No I studied your facial expressions and the intensity of your focus upon me, as well as the power of the force also, I said.

 We arrived to the location of my quarters, and she opened the door. I stepped in, and took a look around, not even my quarters looked like this. If I could do so, I would find a way to stay with these people, I thought.

 What do you think of your quarters VanWyck, she asked?

 Please do me a favor and call me Joe, and as for my quarters, they are bigger and more extravagant than what I am use to, not even a Jedi serving as an ambassador would get this kind of room, I said. I removed my cloak which showed my lightsaber clipped to my belt.

 What is that clipped to your belt, she asked?

 I looked down to my side, and saw what she was talking about. I asked her, have you not seen a lightsaber before?

 No. What is a lightsaber, some kind of weapon, she asked?

 Yes it is a weapon of sorts, with this if I have to do so, I can open just about any door that will not open, plus deflect blaster bolts, and cut through just about anything, I said. We use these in our war with the Sith.

 Oh ok well I had just been curious about it when I saw it, she said.

 If your Captain would like, I could go to my ship and grab my practice droids and provide a demonstration as to how the lightsaber works, I said.

 The Captain might be interested in seeing that. I know our Security Chief Commander Worf would like to see that, she added.

 Very well, I will need to find my way back to the main shuttle bay so that I can get in there and grab the target droids.

 Councilor if you have VanWyck with you, would you please report to the bridge, there are a couple of ships approaching sensor range and we were wanting to know if he could identify them or not.

 Yes sir we will be there shortly.

 VanWyck, as you heard the Captain would like you to come to the bridge, she said.

 Yes I heard the Captain, is it okay if I leave my cloak here in these quarters, I asked?

 These are your quarters for the time being, so yes you can leave your cloak here all you want, she replied.

 I left my cloak in my quarters and followed her to the bridge as instructed. The ride took only a couple of minutes before we arrived on the bridge. The doors hissed open and as we approached center of the bridge, I looked at the two ships that were in view, one had been kind of flat but wide, with what looked like two pod like objects attached to the main body, while the other looked like a star shape.

 The Captain turned to me and asked. Do you know these two ships by any chance sir?

 I looked at them closely, but I knew right away that there was absolutely no way that I knew these ships, but just as I said that the two ships began spewing out smaller ships and a battle quickly began. The two larger ships began shooting at each other. What has been going on, I wondered, but at this point in time I had no answers for myself or for these people, I was in the dark as much as anyone else.

 Captain, I get the feeling that we should proceed into the combat zone and do what we can to try to help the flat wide ship. I sense that they are trying to survive, and that they could really use the help. The other ship I get no feeling from, but everything tells me that they are trying to destroy the other ship, I said.

 The Captain turned to the Councilor and asked her for her thoughts as to the next course of action.

 She looked at the Captain and said I agree with VanWyck, he seems to have a good insight into the feelings of the people over there in the first unidentified ship, she said. I do not get any indication from him that he is attempting to mislead us, she said.

 Very well than Councilor, helm lay in a course to make for the flat ship being attacked by the star shaped ship and tactical red alert, raise shields and charge weapons, the Captain ordered.

 With the approach of the Enterprise, the star shape ship and its attack fighters quickly pulled back and in the next moment, they saw the ship just vanish into thin air, and could not be seen on any kind of scanning device.

 Tactical, stand down from red alert, and power down our weapons, the Captain ordered.

 Sir we are receiving some kind of audio message, but not on any standard communication system that is known to us sir.

 What do you mean exactly, the Captain asked?

 Sir it appears that the message is being transmitted on radio, tactical replied.

 Open a channel if you would and lets find out who they are, and what they want, the Captain said.

 Attention unidentified ship, this is the Battle Star Galactica. We ask that you please identify yourself please, the voice said.

 To the Battle Star Galactica, this is Captain Jean Luc Picard of the Federation Starship Enterprise. We saw that you were in the midst of a battle of some kind and came to see if we could render some assistance to you.

 Enterprise we appreciate the offer and would welcome any kind of help that you could possibly be. The Admiral request that you please come aboard the Galactica so that we can try to figure out what exactly is going on, the voice said.

 Galactica we will transport over there in a few minutes, the Captain said Enterprise out.

 Captain, might I suggest that you not use any of your technology so that we do not alarm them. I get the feeling that those two large objects that are attached to the Galactica are in fact landing bays, where their smaller attack fighters take off and land at, I said.

 What would you suggest than VanWyck, the Captain asked?

 Do you have any kind of small ship that could make it over to that ship, I asked?

 We have shuttles that would make it there and back with no problem, we could take one of those, the Captain said.

 I think that would probably be a good idea, or if you would like we could take my ship over there and dock with them, I suggested.

 No we will take a shuttle craft over there, so we should probably get to the shuttle bay and head over there, the Captain said.

 Moments later a shuttle craft left the confines of the Enterprise, and were greeted and escorted by fighters from the Galactica into their landing bay. After the shuttle was down and secured, the hatch began to drop and Captain Picard and I disembarked from the shuttle, there we were greeted by three figures, all of which appeared to be of some kind of importance.

 The man in the middle a kind of older man with glasses on his face approached us and extended his hand toward us. I took his hand and shook it, and than Captain Picard did the same thing as well.

 I’m Captain Jean Luc Picard of the U.S.S. Enterprise, and to my right is Joseph VanWyck a Jedi or something like that, I have no idea what kind of importance that is, or what it means he said.

 I approached the two men, and announced who I was, when the man next the man standing in front of the Captain identified himself.

 I am Admiral William Adama of the Battle Star Galactica, and on behalf of the Colonial Fleet I would like to say welcome aboard. This is my Executive Officer Colonel Saul Tigh, and to my left is the President of the Twelve Colonies President Laura Rosilynn, and we would like to thank you for joining in the fight against the Cylons, he said.

 Are the Cylons those who were attacking your ship, I asked?

 That is correct Mr. VanWyck.

 Admiral sir. We have an object on Dradius, there is no squawk codes, what should we do?

 Captain. The Borg have returned sir.

 Is there any way that we can get an assault team ready to head over to the Borg cube, I asked?

 Yes there is, but who will lead them, Captain Picard asked, and who will they be made up of, he added?

 Well Captain and Admiral, I think that it is time that we join forces and get over there and do what we can to stop this Borg threat, I said. I looked over to Admiral Adama, and asked what kind of weapons do you have, I asked?

 We have weapons that fire bullets, why do you want to know Adama asked?

 Captain Picard stepped up and offered to outfit his people with phaser rifles and hand phasers as well. VanWyck what will you be using against the Borg, he added?

 I pulled my lightsaber from my belt, and activated the Adagand Violet blade, and looked at the Captain and said will this work Captain?

 What is that, is it some kind of weapon, both men asked at the same time?

 Yes, it is the weapon of a Jedi, not as clumsy or random as a blaster, but far more effective than most weapons, and only one type of armor has been found that can actually stand up to the blade of a lightsaber, which would be Mandalorian Armor I replied.

 Well Admiral if you do not have any objections, I think that we should put VanWyck in command of the boarding party, and when we launch the attack, we will use our transporter system to beam the team over there and we will divert their attention with an assault on the Borg ship, Captain Picard suggested.

 Very well, you know this enemy better than we do, so it is your operation, but we need to also hunt down the Cylons and destroy them, otherwise they will attack any and all living planets here, Adama said.

 I just wonder if we should try to get the Sith with us, even though I do not like the idea, I suggested.

 Why don’t you like the idea VanWyck, Adama asked, and who are these Sith?

 From what VanWyck has told me so far, they are like what he is, but allow their emotions to control them, and apparently use the dark side of something he calls the force, Picard said.

 What is this force your talking about, and what can he do with it, Adama asked?

 I will be happy to show you what the force can do. I quickly disarmed all of his soldiers of their weapons and turned them into the air and pointed them at the other weapons, I finally set them back in front of the men they were assigned to, and than picked up a strange looking ship. I turned my attention to the Admiral and said, what is this ship of yours?

 That is a Raptor, it is used as an advanced scout ship, and has FTL capabilities which stands for Faster Than Light travel, he said.

 Ah good, it looks like this is the biggest and heaviest aircraft on this landing bay, I said just as I picked up the Raptor with the power of the force, and moved it around the flight bay with little to no effort, and than sat it back down where I had originally got it from. How was that for a demonstration as to the abilities of the force, I asked, or would you like me to further demonstrate what the force can do?

 No, we have an idea of what your capable of doing with your abilities VanWyck, they both said.

 I agree with you Captain Picard, VanWyck will lead the assault force, Adama said.

 The assault teams were re-equipped with weapons from the Enterprise and than shown how to operate them, all with the exception of VanWyck.

 Assault team, what I need you to do is to create a diversion while I get in and destroy the enemies defenses so that way the Enterprise and the Galactica can get in and knock the Borg out, I said.

 The time came for the launch of the assault, and we were transported from the Galactica to the Borg ship. As soon as we were there, we were surrounded by humanoid looking people with mechanical objects sticking out of their bodies. I looked at the Starfleet personnel and asked who they were. One of the men looked at me and said that is the Borg sir. We saw some metallic object that had a red eye bouncing from one side to the next, what is that, I asked?

 One of the Marines from the Galactica looked at me and said, that is a Cylon sir, and they are nasty toasters sir.

 Very…. I paused as I felt a disturbance in the force. I quickly drew and activated my lightsaber, when I heard the hiss of another lightsaber come to life.

 The men from both the Galactica and the Enterprise looked at me and said, what is that sir?

 That is a Sith, they use the Dark Side of the Force, I added.

 Well, well, well, if it isn’t a Jedi Knight, this ought to be fun, the lead Siith said with a sinister smile on his face, and raised his crimson blade to a ready position.

 Sith I am a Gray Jedi. I do not conform to the Jedi or Sith Code, and if you were wise you would not either. You do not owe either order any alliance, I said. From what I have been told the Borg are only interested in assimilating humanoids and taking their technology and adapting it their own, and the Cylons want all humans and anything that demonstrates free will all dead. I say join us and help us defeat this enemy, and let us put aside our differences, I said.

 The Sith looked at me and asked, how do we know that if we join you that you will not turn and attempt to kill us?

 We must trust one another, and we must work together and destroy this enemy, and only through the power of the force no matter if it is light, gray, or dark sides, it does not matter but, what does matter is the defeat of this enemy, I said.

 Very well, we will join forces with you, but any attempt to deceive or trick us will mean instant death for not only you but, for the people in your assault force as well.

 I looked to the lead Sith, and said AGREED.

 The Borg Drones and Cylon forces began closing in on our positions; thanks to my new Sith allies and I we both used the force on them. The Sith would begin by hitting the Borg and the Cylons with wave after wave of Sith Lightning, and than I would send them flying across the confines of the Borg ship and watch as they fell to the bottom where they could no longer be seen by the naked eye. We finally decided to activate our lightsabers and lead the charge, slicing and hacking our way through the lines of the Borg and Cylons offering aid to the Colonial and Starfleet assault forces.

 After many hours of fighting both forces combined, the ship was left with hardly anything in the way of a crew, not even the Cylons had a force that could stop the combined Jedi/Sith, and Starfleet and Colonial forces. Soon enough there was nothing left of the Borg or the Cylons. The team under the command of VanWyck and his new Sith allies were transported from the Borg cube back to the Enterprise where they met up in the Observation Room for our mission debriefing and after action report.

 Before we began the report, I turned and looked to the Sith who decided to join our attack, and thanked them for their help.

 You are not hard to work with, given that you are a Gray Jedi. You do not act like your better than everyone else, nor do you attempt to try to bring us back into the light, and act superior to us like that of the Jedi Order.

 Well I would like to ask that you please stay and give your after action report to these two leaders if you would not mind doing so that is, I asked?

 Very well, we will stay and give our reports, they said.

 Admiral Adama and Captain Picard came into the room and took their seats, and the rest of the Starfleet and Colonial forces took their seats after them. They looked up at me and the people that were with me, and asked who these men were?

 We would not have been able to achieve such a victory without the help from these Sith, I said.

 Are these the same Sith who you said use the Dark Side of the force, and are the sworn enemies of the Jedi, Captain Picard asked?

 They are in deed Captain Picard, but as I told you, I am not a part of the Jedi Order, I am a Gray Jedi, my philosophy is different from theirs. I believe that one can not survive without the other, and to have both is to have balance, thus what I and so many others are, Gray Jedi, a blending of the two into one, I said.

 Well VanWyck you and the Sith who joined you are to be congratulated for a job well done, both Captain Picard and Admiral Adama said, and you have our thanks for it.

 VanWyck just to let you know your ships repairs have been completed, but we would ask that you and the Sith please stay for a celebration that we planned to throw in you and your teams honor, they said.

 We joined the celebration of our victory over the Borg and Cylon forces. Now that the battle is over, we can direct our attention to trying to figure out how to get back home.

 The party ended after several hours of song, recounting of the battle from all perspectives, and being introduced and making friends with each other. As the party was drawing to its end, we all began to wonder why we were all brought together and began to hit us that we would soon be on our way back to our lives. I would return to Clan Odan-Urr, the Sith would return to their plans to destroy the Jedi Order, the men of the Battle Star Galactica would return to their search for a new home, and the Starfleet ship that the party had been held on for the past few hours would return to their mission to explore strange new worlds. Why were we brought together, just to be separated again, it did not make sense, and the more we enjoyed each others company, the more we wanted to try to find a way to stay together, but sadly we knew it would not be able to happen.

 Finally the party came to an end, and now we began to uncover the way to send the Enterprise and the Galactica back to where they belonged. The Sith who helped me in the assault decided that they did not want to return to their lives within the Sith Order, apparently this mission had a profound effect upon them, one that I myself, nor could they have ever anticipated. I told them that as long as they were not wanting to go back to the Sith, and I knew better than to suggest the Jedi Order, so I thought about it, and asked them if they would be interested in declaring themselves as Gray Jedi, and help out on Dantooine at the old Jedi Enclave where my wife was at?

 The leader of the group thought about it for a moment and asked if I was sure that they would be welcomed there?

 I am from Dantooine, so I will see to it that you are given some land and or if you wanted to do so, you could reside at the old Jedi Enclave, and help protect it along with my Mandalorian family members that lived there?

 That would be perfectly fine with us, since we could not go back to the Sith Order, and they did not want to go to the Jedi, so Dantooine was the perfect place for them to go. I immediately altered my course and made my way to Dantooine. When I got back home, I quickly sat my ship down, and got things set up for them, and than began making my way back to Odan-Urr, House Hoth.

 A couple of days later, my ship dropped out of lightspeed and I was cleared for my approach to House Hoth. I still thought about the events that brought the ships to my universe, and I still find myself wondering how their missions are going, if the Battle Star Galactica ever found the planet that they would settle and call home, or if the Cylons had somehow managed to destroy them and the fleet of Civilian ships. I also find myself thinking of the people of the Starship Enterprise, and Captain Picard, and Councilor Troi. They were really wonderful people to get the chance to meet and work with even for the short time that I had with them. I wonder if there is any way in which I could get there and see them once again. All I knew was that I did not look forward to explaining this to the House leadership, they are going to think that I have gone insane or something.