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Summary

Right this moment, Kyle Riker is enjoying a holodeck suite on a state-of-the-art starship, where every crewman gets his own replicator, the climate control is perfect, and strange new worlds are around every bend.

And right at this moment, in Valdez, Alaska, fifteen-year-old Will Riker is alone.

Notes

Based on [this video compilation](#) of Beyond Belief.

The pipes were frozen.

Fifteen-year-old Will Riker shimmied into the crawlspace with a flashlight clenched between his teeth. This had always been his job; Kyle had been too big to do it, and Ma too ill. But it was different doing it alone, without anyone standing at the grate to check if you were okay. Cold mud seeped through his clothes as he wrapped a heating pad around the pipe overhead. He'd be cold for hours, but at least he'd have hot water.

Somewhere across the galaxy, Kyle Riker was on a *starship*.

In Valdez, Will was battling frozen pipes.

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