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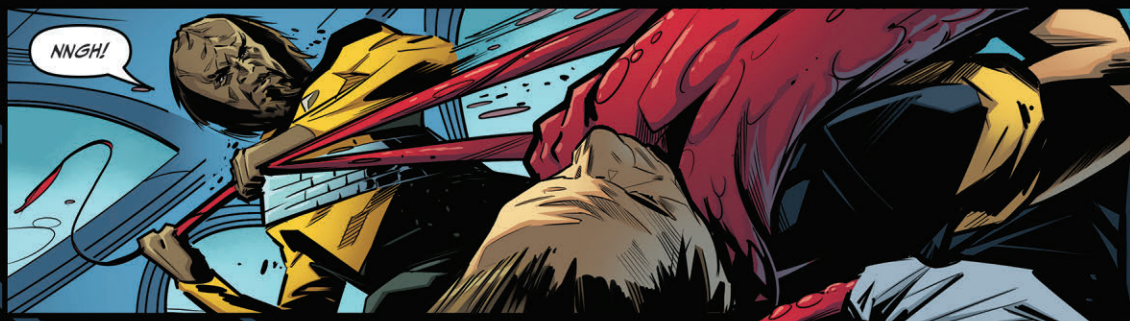
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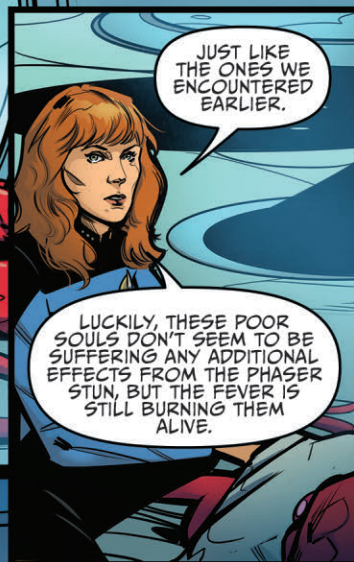
I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A MERCY MISSION...

LT. WORF! WHAT HAVE WE GOT?

THIS IS THE LAST ROOM IN THIS WING OF THE HOSPITAL, DR. CRUSHER. WHEN WE FOUND THEM, THE INFECTION HAD ALREADY ADVANCED TO ITS FINAL STAGE.



THEY WERE WRACKED WITH RAGE AND DEMENTIA, AND ATTACKED. WE WERE FORCED TO STUN THEM.



JUST LIKE THE ONES WE ENCOUNTERED EARLIER.

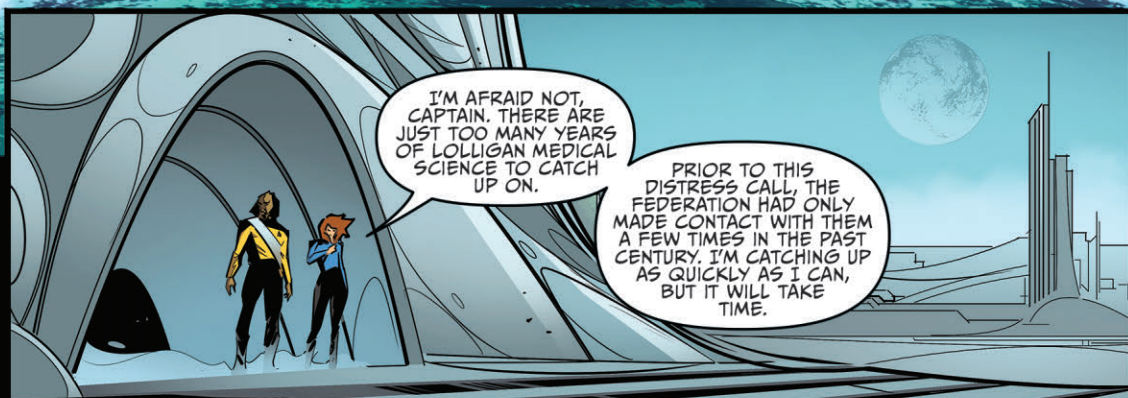
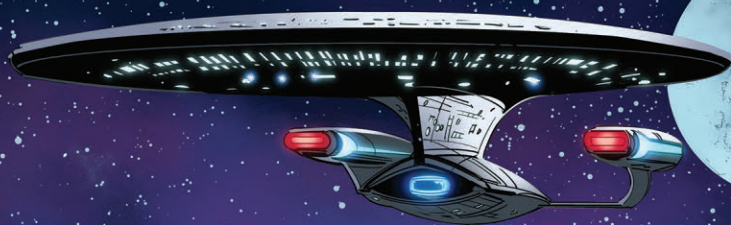
LUCKILY, THESE POOR SOULS DON'T SEEM TO BE SUFFERING ANY ADDITIONAL EFFECTS FROM THE PHASER STUN, BUT THE FEVER IS STILL BURNING THEM ALIVE.



THEIR POPULATION HAS BEEN RAVAGED BY THIS PLAGUE. THEY'RE PRACTICALLY ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION.

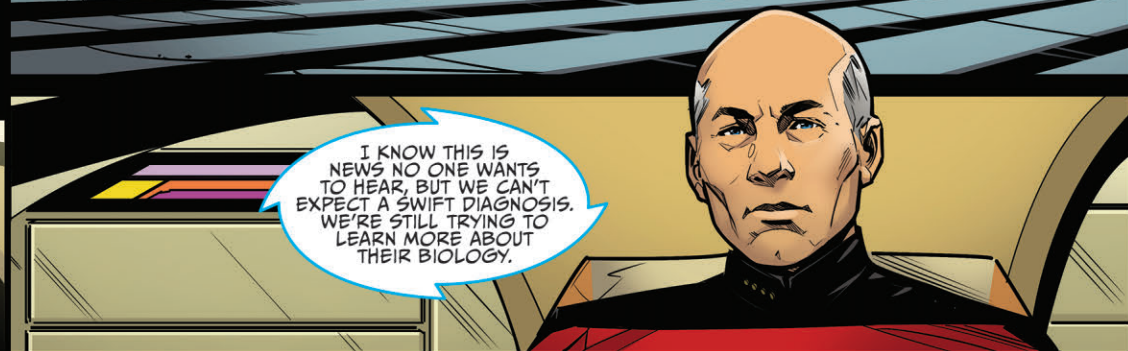


"NO SUCCESS AT ALL IN
DISCOVERING ANY FORM
OF TREATMENT, DOCTOR?"



I'M AFRAID NOT,
CAPTAIN. THERE ARE
JUST TOO MANY YEARS
OF LOLLIGAN MEDICAL
SCIENCE TO CATCH
UP ON.

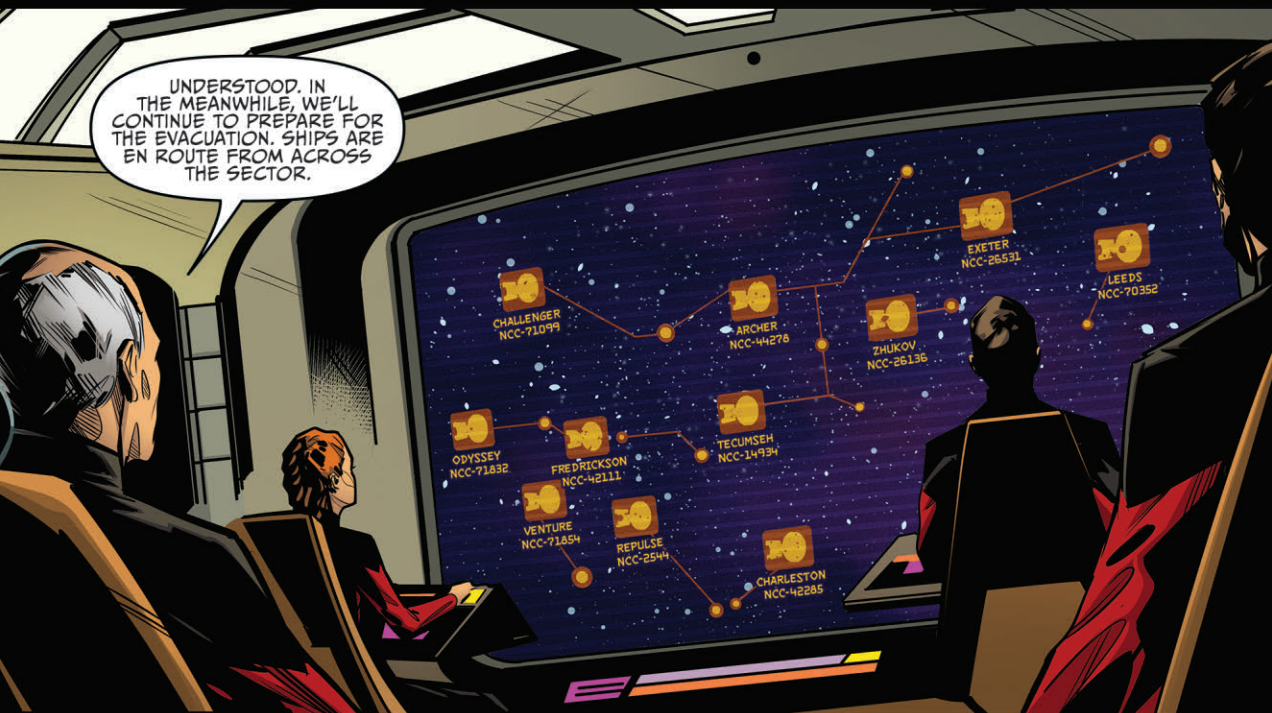
PRIOR TO THIS
DISTRESS CALL, THE
FEDERATION HAD ONLY
MADE CONTACT WITH THEM
A FEW TIMES IN THE PAST
CENTURY. I'M CATCHING UP
AS QUICKLY AS I CAN,
BUT IT WILL TAKE
TIME.



I KNOW THIS IS
NEWS NO ONE WANTS
TO HEAR, BUT WE CAN'T
EXPECT A SWIFT DIAGNOSIS.
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO
LEARN MORE ABOUT
THEIR BIOLOGY.



NO ONE IS
BLAMING YOU,
DOCTOR, BUT THE
SITUATION IS DIRE. WHAT
ABOUT THE PLAN FOR
EVACUATION OF THE
SURVIVORS?





THIS IS THEIR GOVERNMENTAL CENTER?

AFFIRMATIVE.

THEY SAID THEY WOULD MEET US IN THE COURTYARD.



GOOD! I DO NOT APPROVE OF THEIR HUMID, MOIST STRUCTURES. THEY ARE... DISGUSTING. A WARRIOR SHOULD NOT BE DAMPENED SO FREQUENTLY.

DOCTOR, WHY ARE THEIR BUILDINGS SO DAMP INSIDE?

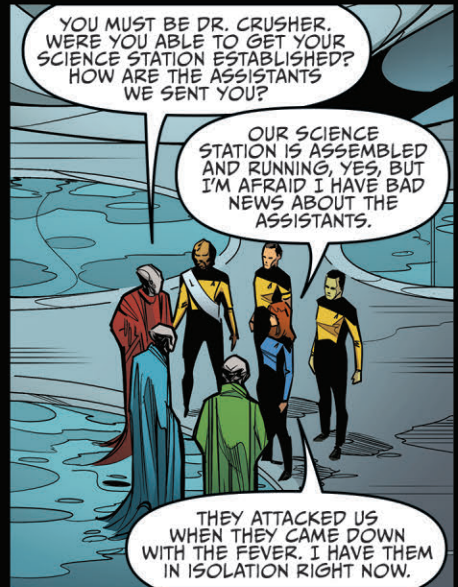
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, LIEUTENANT, THEY SEEM TO PREFER THAT ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS CURIOUS, BECAUSE THEY ARE AIR BREATHERS, LIKE YOU AND ME.



LOOK—THERE THEY ARE. LET'S GO.



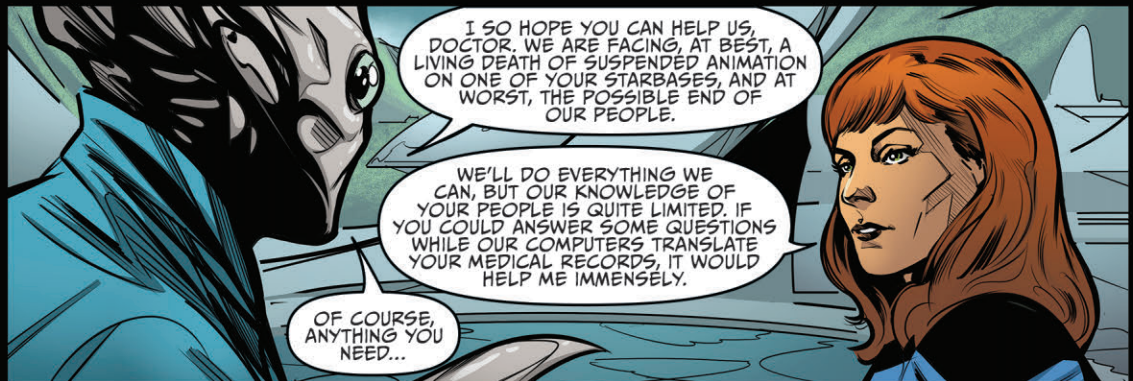
GREETINGS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. I AM CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR TONLOS. THIS IS MY DEPUTY, YEEGLOT, AND OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, ROOLAN.



YOU MUST BE DR. CRUSHER. WERE YOU ABLE TO GET YOUR SCIENCE STATION ESTABLISHED? HOW ARE THE ASSISTANTS WE SENT YOU?

OUR SCIENCE STATION IS ASSEMBLED AND RUNNING, YES, BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVE BAD NEWS ABOUT THE ASSISTANTS.

THEY ATTACKED US WHEN THEY CAME DOWN WITH THE FEVER. I HAVE THEM IN ISOLATION RIGHT NOW.



I SO HOPE YOU CAN HELP US, DOCTOR. WE ARE FACING, AT BEST, A LIVING DEATH OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION ON ONE OF YOUR STARBASES, AND AT WORST, THE POSSIBLE END OF OUR PEOPLE.

WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, BUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR PEOPLE IS QUITE LIMITED. IF YOU COULD ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS WHILE OUR COMPUTERS TRANSLATE YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS, IT WOULD HELP ME IMMENSELY.

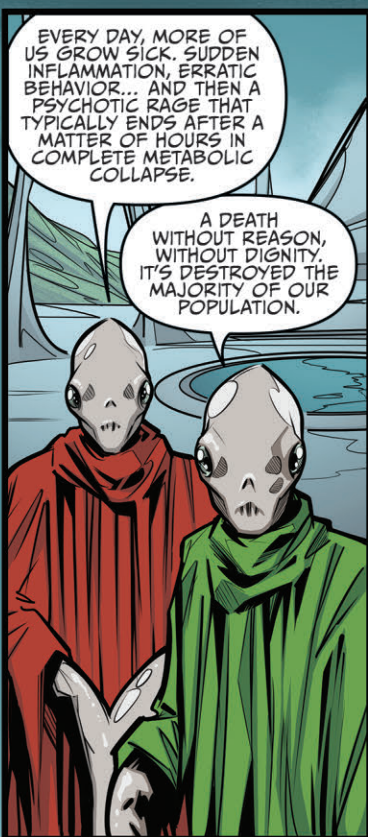
OF COURSE, ANYTHING YOU NEED...



WHY ARE THE INSIDES OF YOUR BUILDINGS SO HUMID?

WE JUST FIND IT MORE COMFORTABLE; WE LOVE MOISTURE.

WHAT MORE CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE PLAGUE?



EVERY DAY, MORE OF US GROW SICK. SUDDEN INFLAMMATION, ERRATIC BEHAVIOR... AND THEN A PSYCHOTIC RAGE THAT TYPICALLY ENDS AFTER A MATTER OF HOURS IN COMPLETE METABOLIC COLLAPSE.

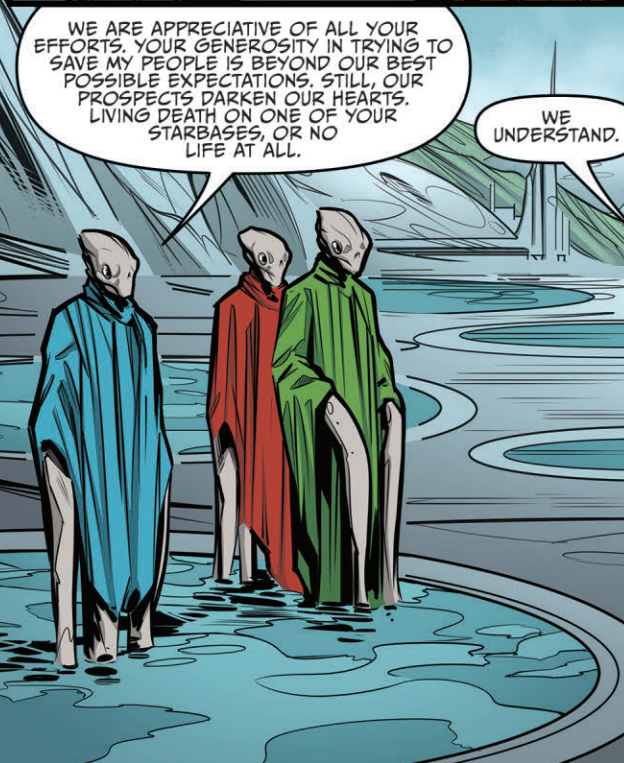
A DEATH WITHOUT REASON, WITHOUT DIGNITY. IT'S DESTROYED THE MAJORITY OF OUR POPULATION.



DOCTOR... WE ARE DESPERATE. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO—ANY SOLUTION YOU CAN FIND—WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.



WE WILL GET TO WORK IMMEDIATELY. AND IF WE CAN'T FIND A CURE, THE FEDERATION IS SENDING A FLEET OF SHIPS HERE TO EVACUATE YOU TO OUR BEST MEDICAL FACILITIES. IF IT COMES TO THAT, WE'LL PUT YOUR PEOPLE INTO STASIS WHILE WE TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION.



WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF ALL YOUR EFFORTS. YOUR GENEROSITY IN TRYING TO SAVE MY PEOPLE IS BEYOND OUR BEST POSSIBLE EXPECTATIONS. STILL, OUR PROSPECTS DARKEN OUR HEARTS. LIVING DEATH ON ONE OF YOUR STARBASES, OR NO LIFE AT ALL.

WE UNDERSTAND.



WE WILL BE CONTACTING YOU SHORTLY ABOUT THE CONTINGENCIES FOR EVACUATION. THE PROCESS WILL BE DIFFICULT BUT SWIFT. YOU MAY WANT TO **PREPARE** YOUR PEOPLE.



LT. BARCLAY AND LT. CMDR. DATA, I WILL REQUIRE YOUR HELP IN DEVELOPING THE EVACUATION PROCEDURES. I NEED TO CONDUCT SOME TEST RUNS TO ENSURE THIS ALL GOES SMOOTHLY.

HOLD UP, WORF. I'LL NEED THEM TO HELP ME WITH THE RESEARCH.



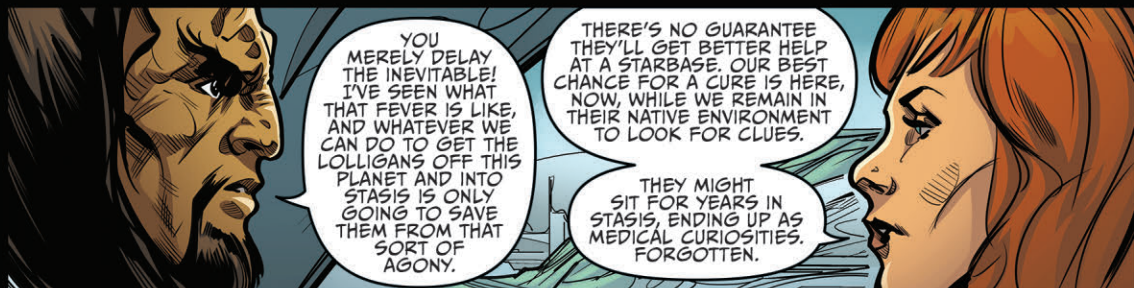
DOCTOR, YOU HEARD THE LOLLIGAN ADMINISTRATOR. THE ODDS OF A CURE IN THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE ARE VERY SMALL.

IF WE'RE TO SAVE THESE PEOPLE, WE NEED TO PLAN FOR THE OPERATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



LIEUTENANT, UNTIL THOSE SHIPS ARRIVE, I HAVE A LIMITED WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO FIND A CURE THAT COULD POSSIBLY PREVENT THAT MASS EVACUATION.

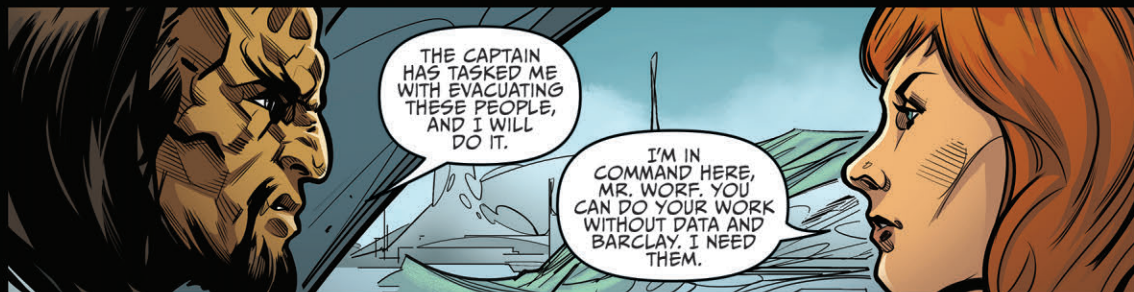
AND I'M GOING TO NEED ALL THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT BARCLAY AND DATA CAN BRING.



YOU MERELY DELAY THE INEVITABLE! I'VE SEEN WHAT THAT FEVER IS LIKE, AND WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO GET THE LOLLIGANS OFF THIS PLANET AND INTO STASIS IS ONLY GOING TO SAVE THEM FROM THAT SORT OF AGONY.

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY'LL GET BETTER HELP AT A STARBASE. OUR BEST CHANCE FOR A CURE IS HERE, NOW, WHILE WE REMAIN IN THEIR NATIVE ENVIRONMENT TO LOOK FOR CLUES.

THEY MIGHT SIT FOR YEARS IN STASIS, ENDING UP AS MEDICAL CURIOSITIES. FORGOTTEN.



THE CAPTAIN HAS TASKED ME WITH EVACUATING THESE PEOPLE, AND I WILL DO IT.

I'M IN COMMAND HERE, MR. WORF. YOU CAN DO YOUR WORK WITHOUT DATA AND BARCLAY. I NEED THEM.



...VERY WELL. I CAN DO THIS WITHOUT THEM. I'LL HAVE A SECURITY TEAM BEAMED DOWN TO HELP ME.

I'LL COORDINATE WITH YOU, DOCTOR

THANK YOU, LIEUTENANT.



DATA, ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT THE LOLLIGANS HAVE A HISTORY OF PLAGUES OR DISEASES LIKE THIS?



NEGATIVE. I HAVE SCANNED THEIR MEDICAL DATABASES, AND WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN INFLUENZA-LIKE CONTAGIONS IN THEIR PAST, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING SIMILAR.



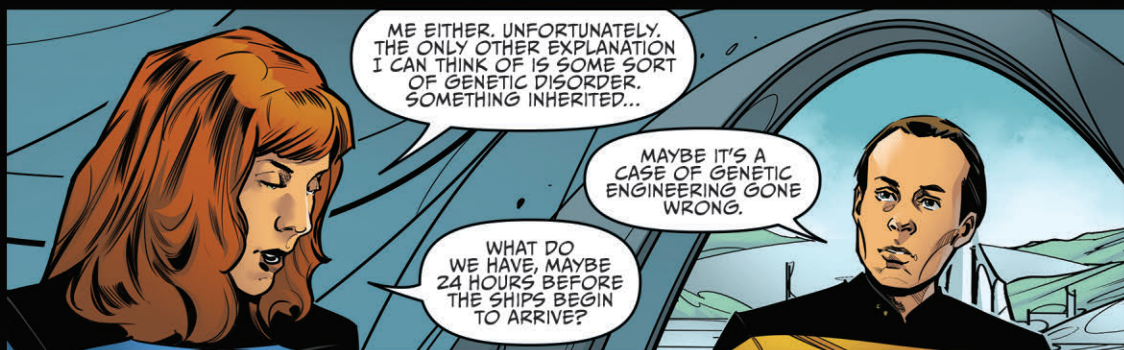
HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE INTERESTING: I CAN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF EXTERNAL INFECTION OR CONTAMINATION IN THOSE LOLLIGANS WHO HAVE CONTRACTED THE DISEASE.



THERE'S ALSO NO SIGN THIS DISEASE IS CONTAGIOUS **AMONG** THE LOLLIGANS. THEY DON'T SEEM TO CONTRACT IT BY PROXIMITY OR CONTACT WITH OTHERS.



THAT'S WHY I DON'T THINK IT'S A PLAGUE.



ME EITHER. UNFORTUNATELY. THE ONLY OTHER EXPLANATION I CAN THINK OF IS SOME SORT OF GENETIC DISORDER. SOMETHING INHERITED...

MAYBE IT'S A CASE OF GENETIC ENGINEERING GONE WRONG.

WHAT DO WE HAVE, MAYBE 24 HOURS BEFORE THE SHIPS BEGIN TO ARRIVE?

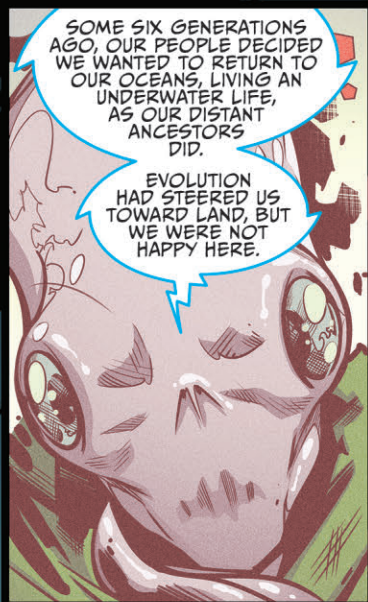


I DON'T THINK THEY'RE TELLING US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW. GET ME A CHANNEL TO THEIR CHIEF PHYSICIAN.



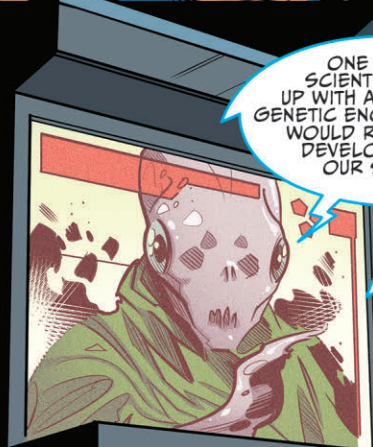
DR. ROOLAN, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES—IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOUR PEOPLE HAVE UNDERGONE SOME SORT OF GENETIC MANIPULATION?

AH, YES... WE KNEW THIS WOULD BE HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND.



SOME SIX GENERATIONS AGO, OUR PEOPLE DECIDED WE WANTED TO RETURN TO OUR OCEANS, LIVING AN UNDERWATER LIFE, AS OUR DISTANT ANCESTORS DID.

EVOLUTION HAD STEERED US TOWARD LAND, BUT WE WERE NOT HAPPY HERE.



ONE OF OUR SCIENTISTS CAME UP WITH A METHOD OF GENETIC ENGINEERING THAT WOULD REVERSE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SPECIES.

AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, OUR PEOPLE DECIDED BY MUTUAL CONSENSUS THAT WE WOULD IMPLEMENT HIS PLAN.

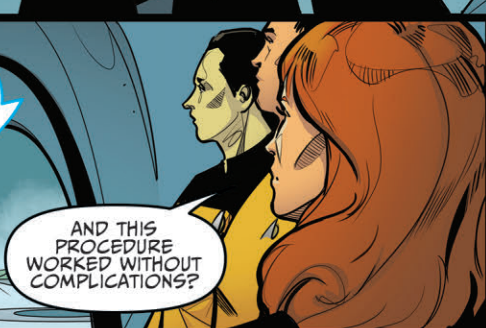


YOU MEAN YOU **REVERSED** YOUR EVOLUTION?

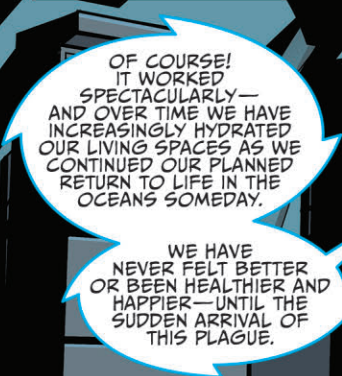


INDEED! WE IMPLEMENTED A POPULATION-WIDE SERIES OF GENETIC MANIPULATION THAT TRIGGERED TEMPORAL REGRESSION OF MUTATIONS IN A HIGHLY ACCELERATED WAY.

WE CONSIDER IT ONE OF OUR GREATEST SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS—TO EXERT CONTROL OVER OUR GENETIC DESTINIES.



AND THIS PROCEDURE WORKED WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS?



OF COURSE! IT WORKED SPECTACULARLY—AND OVER TIME WE HAVE INCREASINGLY HYDRATED OUR LIVING SPACES AS WE CONTINUED OUR PLANNED RETURN TO LIFE IN THE OCEANS SOMEDAY.

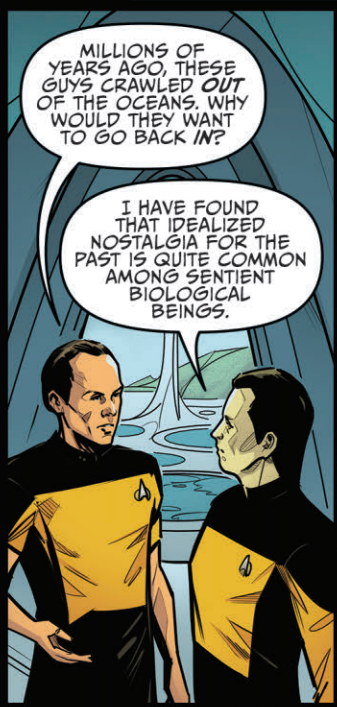
WE HAVE NEVER FELT BETTER OR BEEN HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER—UNTIL THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF THIS PLAGUE.



THANK YOU, DOCTOR. WE'LL BE BACK IN TOUCH.



PERHAPS, DOCTOR, WE CAN WORK OUT SOMETHING FROM THE SYMPTOMS AND WHAT WE KNOW THEY HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY REVERSED THEIR EVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES.



MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, THESE GUYS CRAWLED OUT OF THE OCEANS. WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO GO BACK IN?

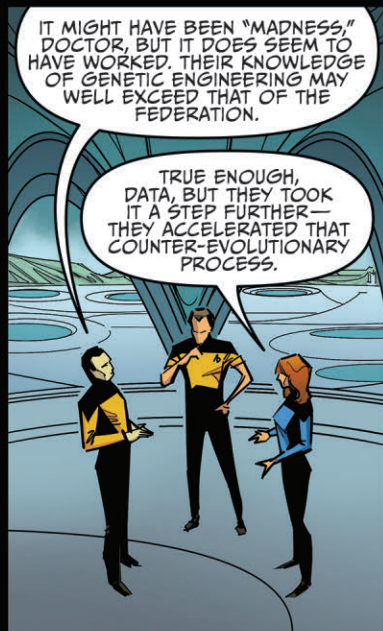
I HAVE FOUND THAT IDEALIZED NOSTALGIA FOR THE PAST IS QUITE COMMON AMONG SENTIENT BIOLOGICAL BEINGS.



FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE 20TH CENTURY, MANY IDEALIZED THE CULTURE OF THE OLD WEST, EVEN THOUGH BY ALL INDICATIONS FRONTIER LIFE WAS MORE DIFFICULT.

THIS SENTIMENTAL LONGING FOR THE PAST SEEMS TO BE ROOTED IN EMOTIONS, AND AS SUCH, I HAVE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING IT. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE RATIONAL.

WELL, *THIS* NOSTALGIA HAS BROUGHT THE LOLLIGANS TO THE BRINK OF DISASTER.



IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN "MADNESS," DOCTOR, BUT IT DOES SEEM TO HAVE WORKED. THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF GENETIC ENGINEERING MAY WELL EXCEED THAT OF THE FEDERATION.

TRUE ENOUGH, DATA, BUT THEY TOOK IT A STEP FURTHER—THEY ACCELERATED THAT COUNTER-EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.



I WONDER IF THEY'VE SPED IT UP TOO MUCH. MAYBE THEIR HIGH-SPEED REVERSE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IS SIMPLY TOO MUCH FOR THEIR BODIES TO HANDLE.

YOU MIGHT BE ON TO SOMETHING, LIEUTENANT. ACCELERATED EVOLUTION WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FORWARD OR BACKWARD.

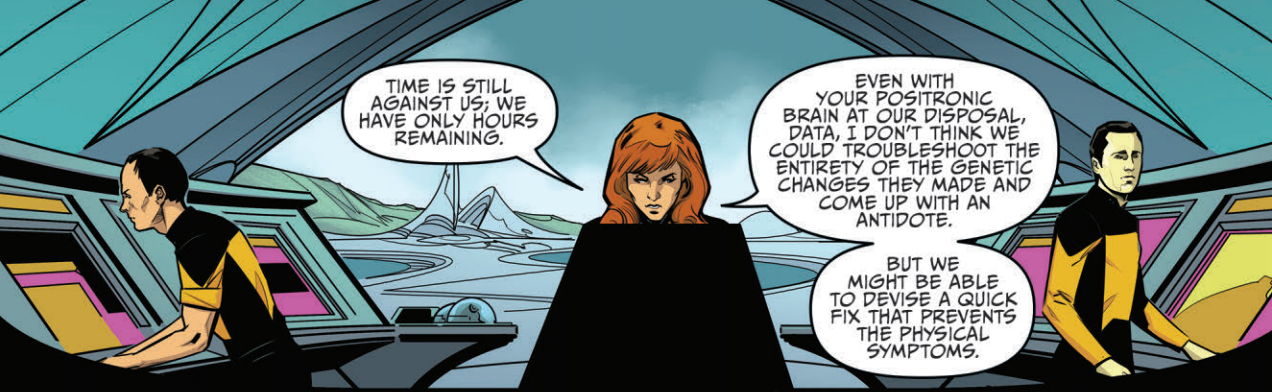


IT IS POSSIBLE THEIR BODIES ARE UNABLE TO COPE WITH THEIR ACCELERATED GENETIC CHANGES, RESULTING IN THE SYMPTOMS THEY ARE EXPERIENCING. THE MOST OBVIOUS OF THESE WOULD BE THE HYDROPHILIC CHARACTERISTICS.

WATER. TOO MUCH OF IT. THEY LOVE WATER, BUT MAYBE IT'S KILLING THEM.

DO YOU REALLY THINK IT COULD BE THAT SIMPLE? LET'S FIND OUT.





TIME IS STILL AGAINST US; WE HAVE ONLY HOURS REMAINING.

EVEN WITH YOUR POSITRONIC BRAIN AT OUR DISPOSAL, DATA, I DON'T THINK WE COULD TROUBLESHOOT THE ENTIRETY OF THE GENETIC CHANGES THEY MADE AND COME UP WITH AN ANTIDOTE.

BUT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVISE A QUICK FIX THAT PREVENTS THE PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS.



ASSUMING THEY ARE BECOMING OVERHYDRATED, MORE THAN THEIR BODIES CAN HANDLE, WE NEED TO DEHUMIDIFY THEM.



A POWERFUL DESICCANT MAY WORK—WHAT ABOUT A NONTOXIC VARIANT OF SILICA OXIFORM?



WE MIGHT WANT A DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT CAN BE USED AT A DISTANCE. SOMETHING WE CAN THROW, ALMOST LIKE A "MERCY GRENADE," TO SAFELY TREAT THOSE ALREADY IN A RAGE.



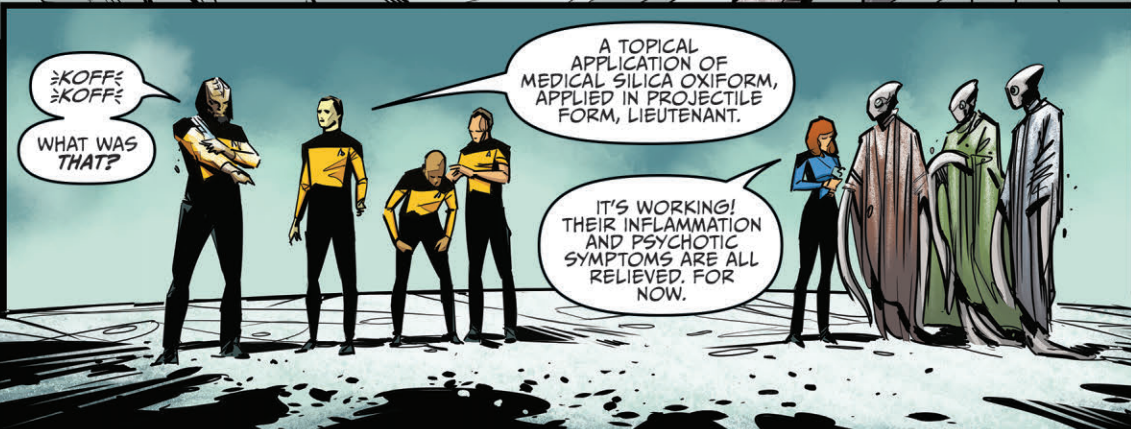
OUR NEED FOR THIS IS EVEN MORE URGENT THAN WE THOUGHT.

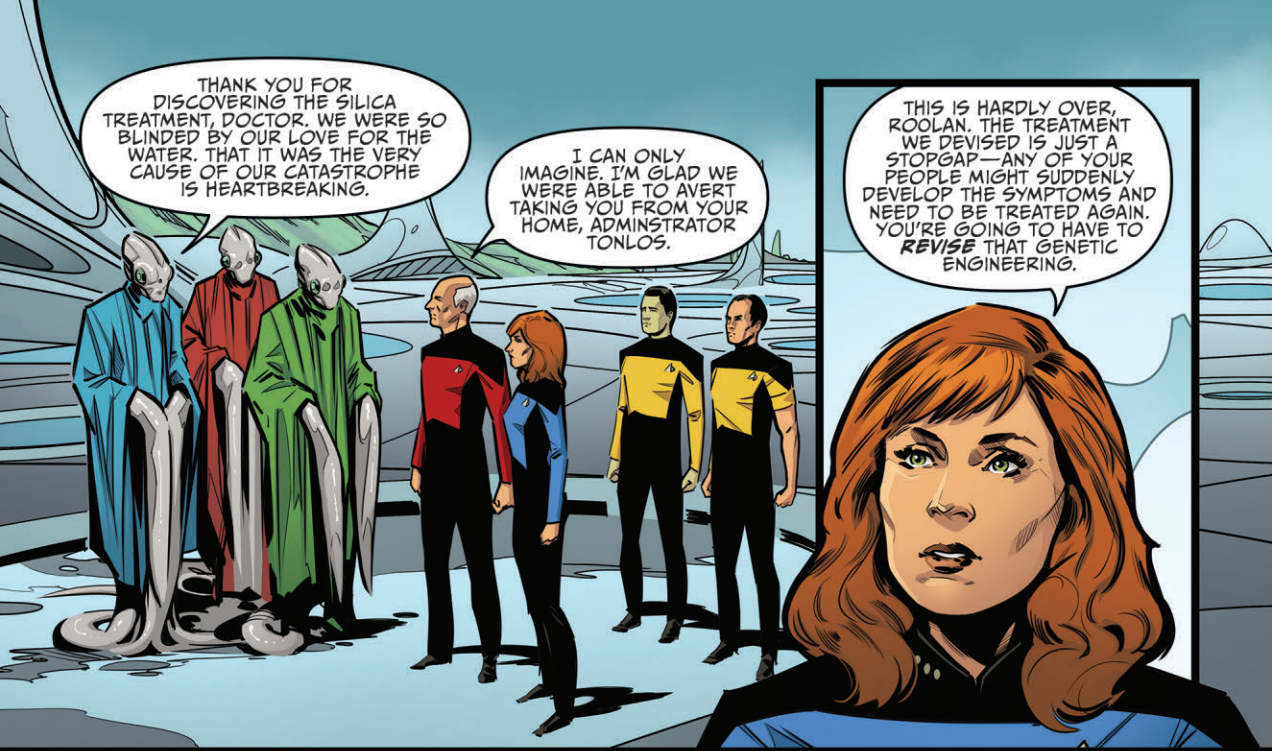
I'M ON IT, DATA!



DONE!

LET'S GO.

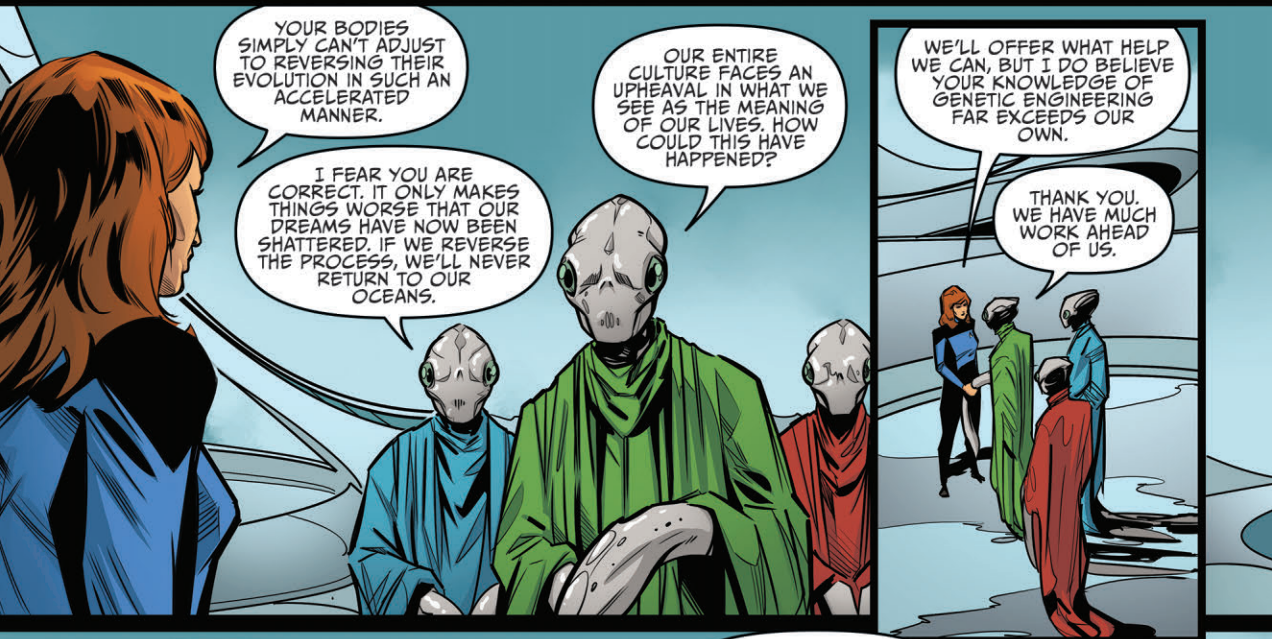




THANK YOU FOR DISCOVERING THE SILICA TREATMENT, DOCTOR. WE WERE SO BLINDED BY OUR LOVE FOR THE WATER, THAT IT WAS THE VERY CAUSE OF OUR CATASTROPHE IS HEARTBREAKING.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE. I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO AVERT TAKING YOU FROM YOUR HOME, ADMINISTRATOR TONLOS.

THIS IS HARDLY OVER, ROOLAN. THE TREATMENT WE DEvised IS JUST A STOPGAP—ANY OF YOUR PEOPLE MIGHT SUDDENLY DEVELOP THE SYMPTOMS AND NEED TO BE TREATED AGAIN. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REVISE THAT GENETIC ENGINEERING.



YOUR BODIES SIMPLY CAN'T ADJUST TO REVERSING THEIR EVOLUTION IN SUCH AN ACCELERATED MANNER.

I FEAR YOU ARE CORRECT. IT ONLY MAKES THINGS WORSE THAT OUR DREAMS HAVE NOW BEEN SHATTERED. IF WE REVERSE THE PROCESS, WE'LL NEVER RETURN TO OUR OCEANS.

OUR ENTIRE CULTURE FACES AN UPHEAVAL IN WHAT WE SEE AS THE MEANING OF OUR LIVES. HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED?

WE'LL OFFER WHAT HELP WE CAN, BUT I DO BELIEVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GENETIC ENGINEERING FAR EXCEEDS OUR OWN.

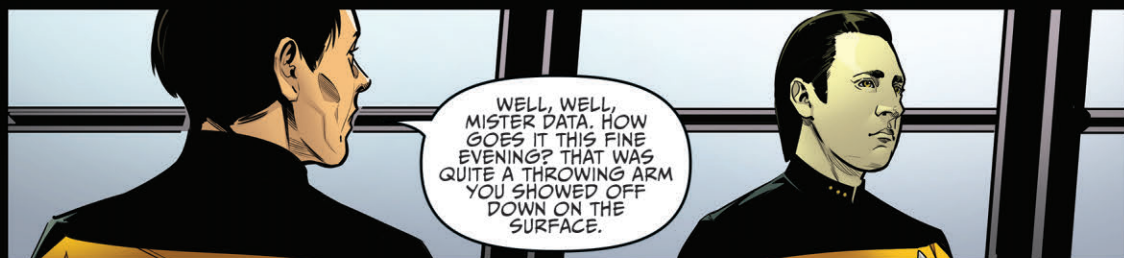
THANK YOU. WE HAVE MUCH WORK AHEAD OF US.



I'M SCARED FOR THEM, CAPTAIN. THEY MAY BE AT AN IMPASSE FOR YEARS TO COME, TREATING THEIR CONDITION IN THE SHORT-TERM AND TRYING TO SOLVE THEIR GENETIC PROBLEMS.

THEY HAVE A DIFFICULT PATH AHEAD OF THEM. I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THEY CAN NEVER RETURN TO THEIR OCEANS AND FULFILL WHAT THEY SAW AS THEIR DESTINY.

IMAGINE OUR OWN SENSE OF LOSS HAD WE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH OUT FOR WHAT WE SEE AS OUR DESTINY IN THE STARS.





AW HELL.
YOU'RE NOT
THEIR DATA AT
ALL, ARE
YOU?



YOU'RE MY
DATA. FROM MY
UNIVERSE.



THE CAPTAIN
DOES NOT TAKE
WELL TO DESERTERS,
LIEUTENANT
BARCLAY.



AND, I AM
SURPRISED TO
LEARN...



...NEITHER
DO I.

TO BE CONTINUED...

OPEN CHANNELS

Welcome to "Open Channels," our monthly exploration of the amazing universe of *Star Trek* books at IDW Publishing. November is here and we're bringing you three out-of-this-world *Trek* books to boldly take you into the holiday season.



First, in *Star Trek: TNG: Terra Incognita* #5, interstellar odd couple Worf and Beverly Crusher undertake a difficult mission, but can they overcome their differences to work together? And just what is Mirror Barclay up to? Find out in a new *TNG* story from Scott and David Tipton, Angel Hernandez, and Mark Roberts!

Then, in *Star Trek vs. Transformers* #3, Klingons and Decepticons lay siege to a remote Federation dilithium mine—and the only thing holding them back is the shaky alliance of Captain Kirk and Optimus Prime. But what dark secret is buried beneath the ground... and can this uneasy partnership withstand the revelations? The no-holds-barred Saturday morning mash-up continues in a tale from Mike Johnson, John Barber, Jack Lawrence, and Leonardo Ito!



Then, the anthology series spanning 50 years of *Star Trek* returns in this oversized annual—the *Star Trek Waypoint*

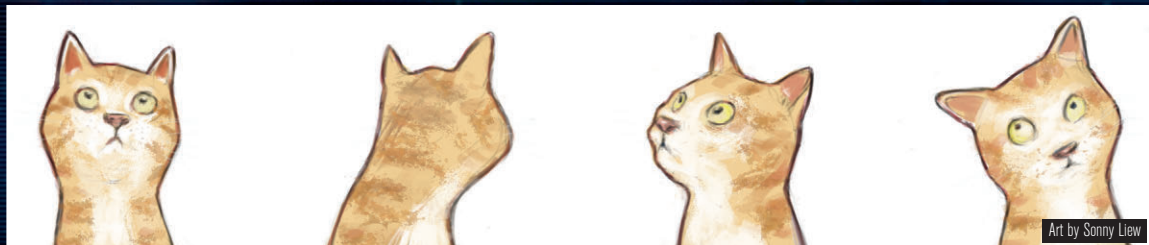
special! These weird and wonderful stories—set during the *Original Series*, *The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, and more—expand on rarely explored corners of the universe to remind us why we love *Trek*. This volume features your favorite characters, including Data, Q, and Ezri Dax, handled by the top creators of today and the future, including Dave Baker, Nicole Goux, Sonny Liew, Brandon Easton, Josh Hood, Matthew Dow Smith, and more!

In honor of the release of *Waypoint*, I had a chat with Jackson Lanzing and Collin Kelly, the writers of "My Human is Not," one of the four stories you'll find in the book. Jackson and Collin have written for comics including *Nightwing*, *Gotham City Garage*, *Green Arrow*, *Joyride*, and many more. They're also huge *Star Trek* fans with a deep knowledge of the entire universe, and it was a pleasure to work with them on their short for *Waypoint*, their first *Trek* work for IDW. Enjoy!



I. What are your earliest memories of *Star Trek*? Have you always been fans?

LANZING: Funny you should ask, because Star Trek is quite literally one of my earliest memories. My parents - a computer programmer and an astrophysicist - had a very strict pattern when I was a kid. They'd put me to bed, close my door most of the way, and then head to the other room of our small apartment to watch this weird show called Star Trek: The Next Generation. I'd hear sounds and voices through the door and imagine what they must be seeing - even though I was too young to really understand any of it. But this one night in 1990, my friend Rusty stayed over at my house and for whatever reason, my Mom decided we could stay up one extra hour and watch the show with her.



It was "The Best of Both Worlds, pt I." I saw a Borg cube for the first time and it broke my tiny brain. I didn't sleep at all that night - as Rusty and I asked my mom a million questions about the Star Trek universe. From then on, Star Trek became a family event. A thing that brought us together around optimism, hope, science, exploration, and drama. I went to my first convention when I was ten. I dressed as a Borg for Halloween - made all the easier because one of the artisans who made the facemasks lived in my hometown of Santa Cruz, CA. In my adult life, it's become a primary way of connecting with new friends. I run a thirty-person Star Trek tabletop RPG. At my wedding last weekend, a friend danced up to me and slipped a magnetic Discovery insignia on my vest.

Basically, Trek's in my blood.

KELLY: Mine is a little simpler; growing up in Hawaii, Star Trek Voyager was a Wednesday night staple in my house. My dad would grill steaks, I'd make chocolate malts (we were not... particularly healthy) and we'd watch the adventures of Captain Janeway. The problem being... I started to be more excited about Trek than I was about the bonding. Hawaii is a tough place for a little pale nerd to grow up in, and Trek became my way of connecting to a world that prioritized and valued the things I held dear in my life - intelligence, kindness, exploration and innovation. Which made it all the more tragic when my precious Star Trek was preempted by Rainbow

Wahine Volleyball, causing me to miss a good 50% of every season. Is Voyager my favorite? Not by a long shot. But that tragic tale of a group of scientists stranded and alone in a vast ocean of space that didn't really want them... it resonated with me in ways I can't describe.

2. Do either of you have a favorite episode of *Star Trek*?

KELLY: That's like asking a Borg Queen to pick her favorite Drone - there are so many to love! There are so many amazing episodes that speak to our humanity, to our influence as a species, to the ramifications of our choices... but for me, Trek has always been best when it lenses those concepts through its characters. Now, call me a hopeless romantic, but "You Are Cordially Invited" - the marriage of Jadzia and Worf - is an amazing and passionate celebration of inclusivity and respect that thrills me to my

toes every time. It's not the most action-heavy or exciting, but it's an episode I can watch on repeat, and every time I feel a little bit better about the world.

LANZING: Deep Space Nine is my favorite series - and I think it's safe to say no Trek series will ever top the moral grey area of "In The Pale Moonlight." That said, for classic Star Trek science fiction, "Darmok" and "The City On The Edge of Forever" will stand as classics for the rest of time.





3. Your *TNG* story in *Waypoint* is your first *Trek* work for IDW. What was the inspiration for this story?

*LANZING: Truthfully, for all our deep-seeded *Trek* fandom, Collin and I are both animal lovers in our off-hours. Collin and his wife have two crazy cats - Rhaego and Indiana Jones*

*- while my wife and I share our life with a little rescue named Olenna. We've never really written about our cats, though we sneak them into our superhero work on occasion - so this was a great opportunity to bring actual life experience to the table and really look at *Trek* with fresh eyes.*

*KELLY: However, you don't get a chance to write *Star Trek* only to square up and bunt; while Data and Spot are (arguably, of course) *Trek*'s greatest characters, once we realized that we could bring in Lore, the show's greatest adversary (not arguable, complete fact), we saw our chance for a home run, and luckily the amazing editorial team told us to swing away.*

4. Which *Star Trek* characters that you haven't worked with would you two most like to write? Why those ones?

KELLY: I think the Holy Grail is to write Jean-Luc Picard. Not only is he one of the greatest leaders in fiction, he provided a strong and stable role model for a generation of young people who perhaps didn't have that at home. He's stylish and funny, stern but kind, and most importantly knows that his role as a captain means that he and he alone is responsible for his crew. While there are certainly more stylish or "sexy" characters, those of us who know, know that there is nothing sexier than integrity.

LANZING: The Klingons. I'm fascinated by their dichotomy of violence and honor, corruption and nearly mythic integrity. Diving into that culture and its history - and really embracing their alien qualities - is a dream of mine.

5. Finally, if you could join any one of the *Star Trek* crews (*TOS*, *TNG*, *DS9*, *Voyager*, *Enterprise*, *Discovery*, or the movie universe), which crew would you choose and why?

LANZING: I think the regimented nature of Starfleet would honestly get to me after a while - I'm a little too freewheelin' for a starship. But give me a booth at Quark's and a great tailor close by and I'm a happy man. So it's Deep Space Nine all the way, even if it means fighting Bajoran demigods on occasion.

*KELLY: At the end of the day, I think I'd personally have to echo Bones in his opinion that "space is disease and danger wrapped in darkness and silence." For me, safety is paramount, and that means I would want to be on the ship that is steady and comfortable, where no one ever runs and you can always trust the captain to get you out of a jam: that's right, I'm signing up to work for Picard and the crew of *TNG*. I just have to make sure that my last name isn't Yar.*



We've got more amazing *Trek* stories for you next month, so join us back here in December. Until then, send us your questions, comments, or tell us what you love about IDW's *Star Trek* titles, as well as *Star Trek* in general. You can tweet me at @thrilltothechase, or email us at letters@idwpublishing.com. We'd love to hear from you!

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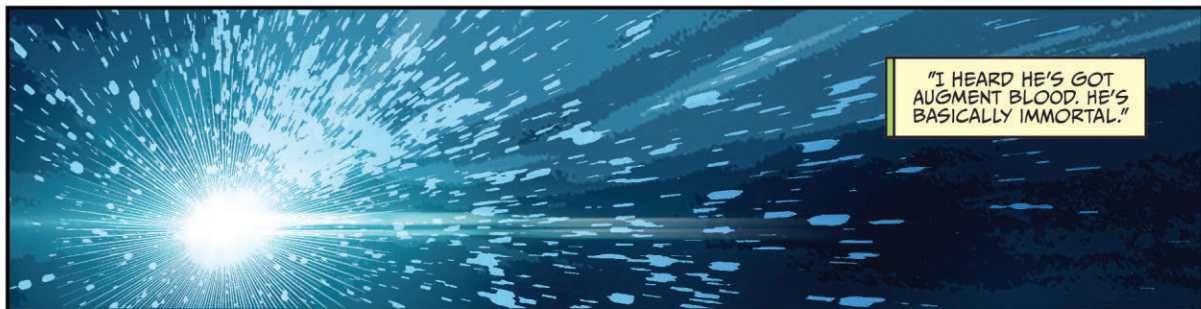
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"MY COUSIN WAS AT
THE ACADEMY WITH HIM.
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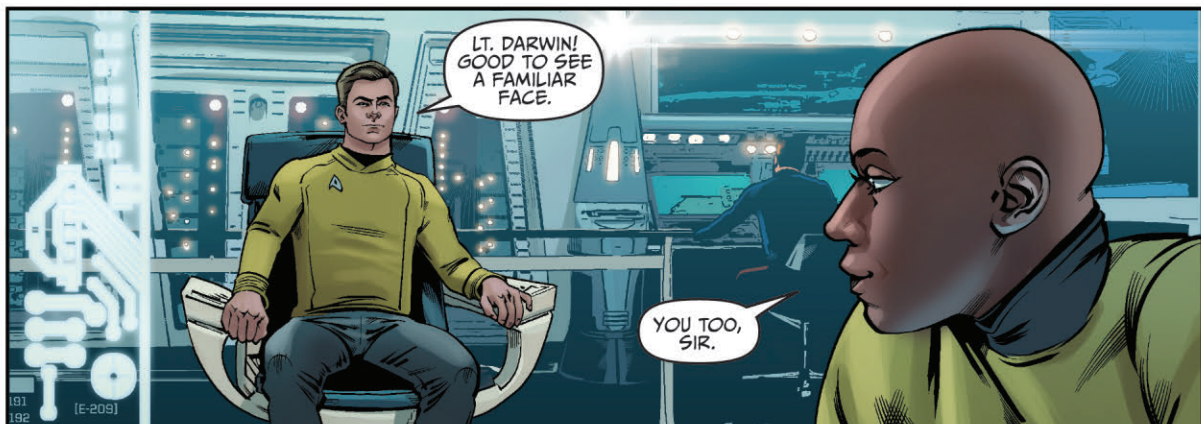
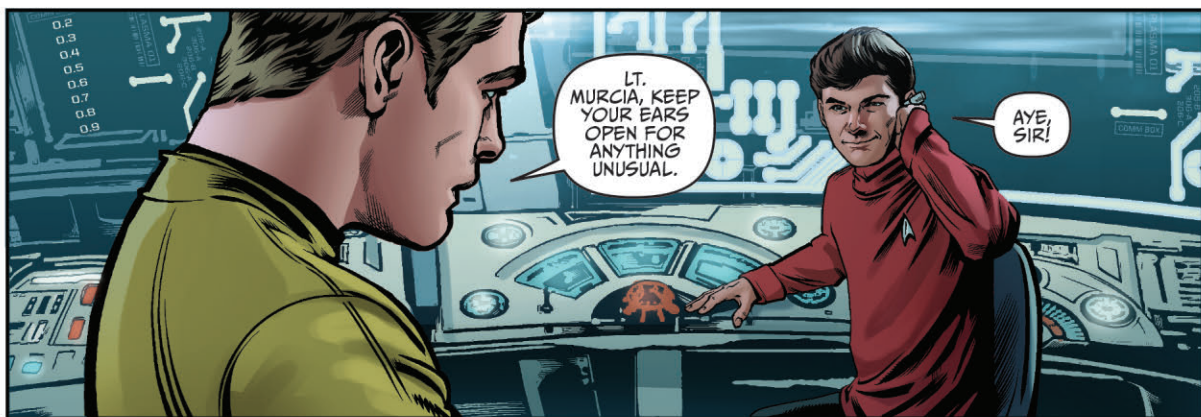
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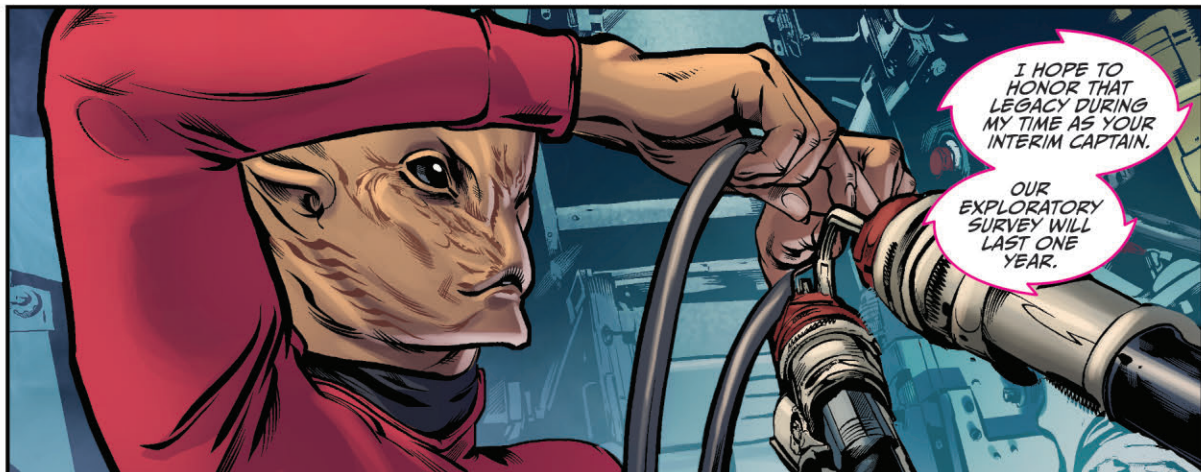
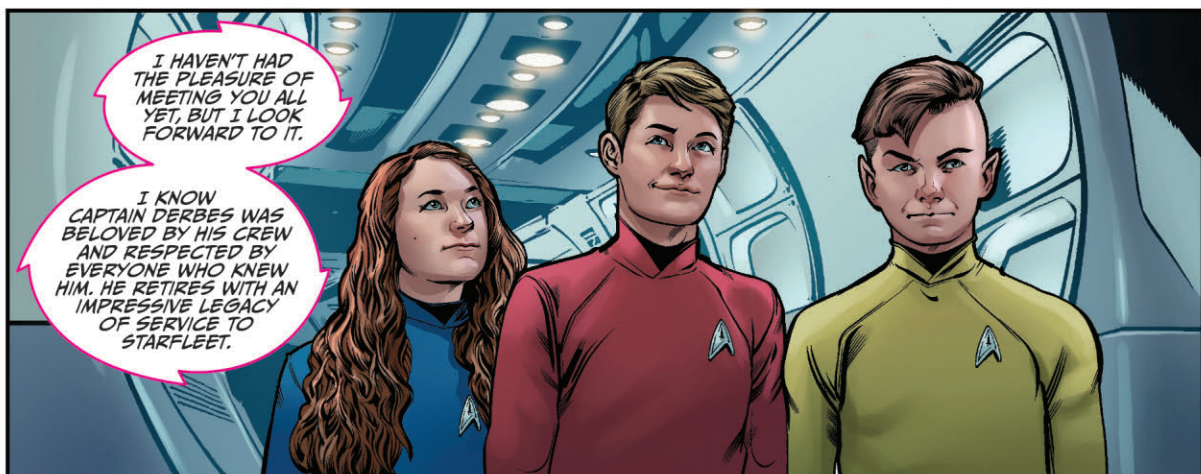


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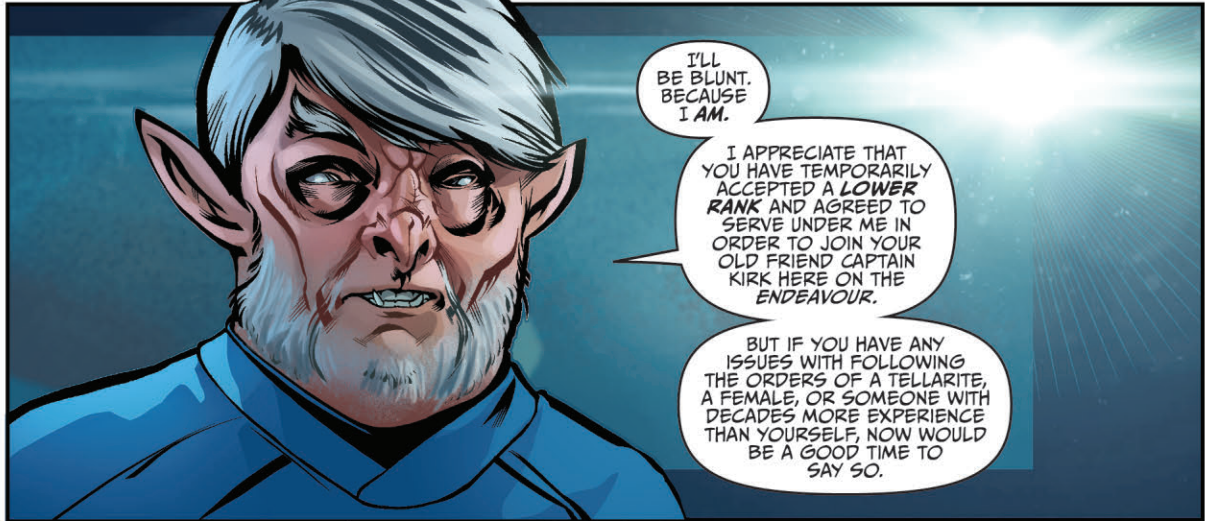
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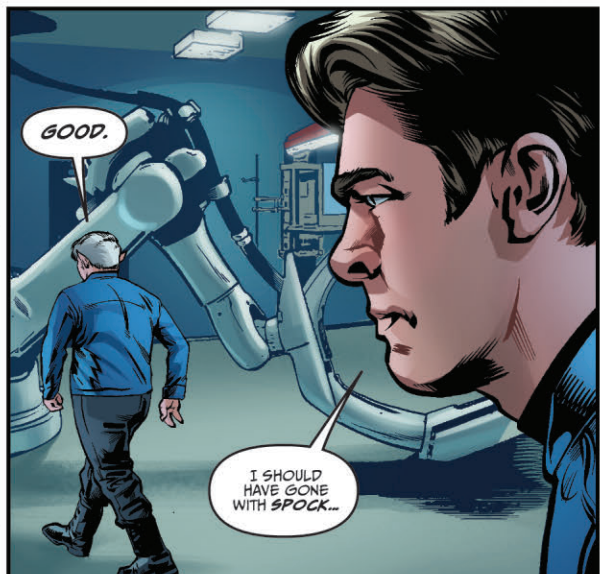
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