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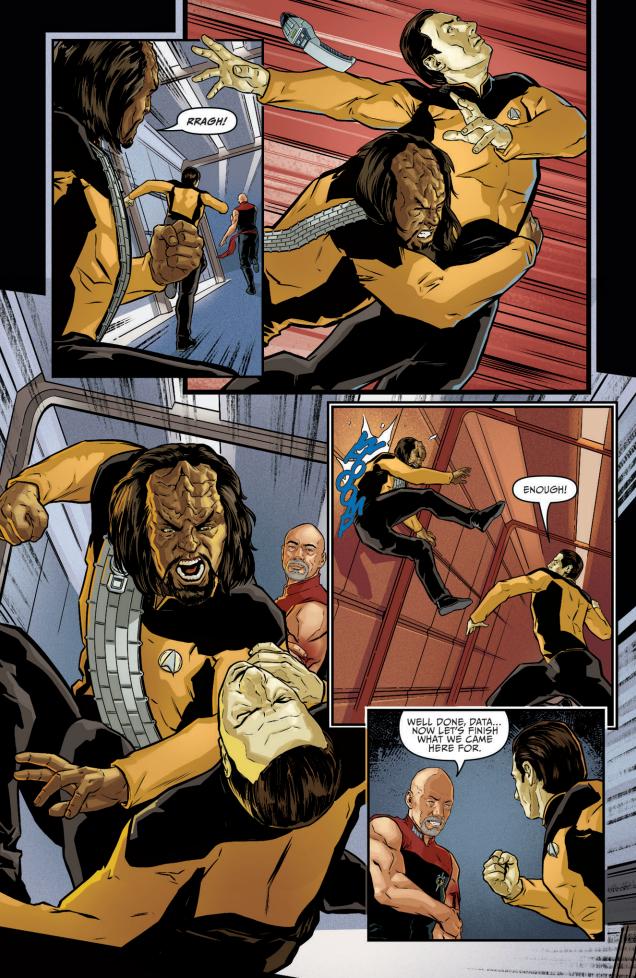
























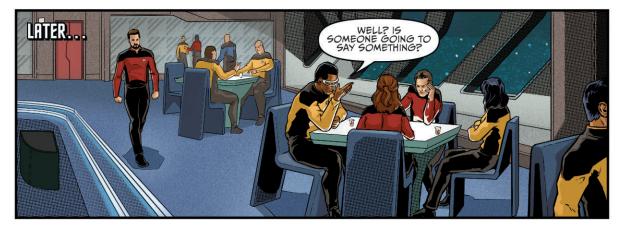
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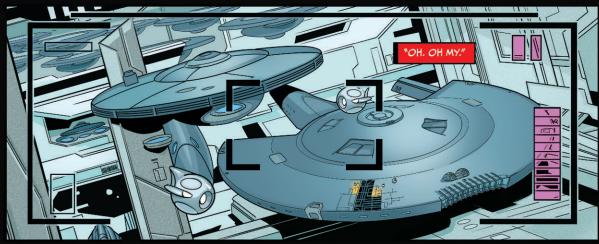




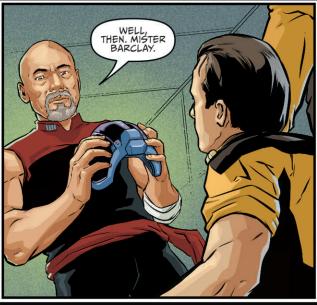


















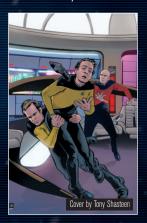


Welcome to "Open Channels," our monthly exploration of the amazing universe of *Star Trek* books at IDW Publishing. December is here, and we've got two fantastic *Trek* books to help you close out 2018 and boldly go into the new year!





First, from writers Mike Johnson & John Barber and artist Philip Murphy, we have *Star Trek vs. Transformers #4*, the penultimate installment of our out-of-this-world crossover! The *Enterprise* has been disabled by the Klingon-Decepticon alliance, and things look dire for Spock, Optimus Prime, and the landing team. But with the Autobots' help, can Captain Kirk come up with a solution to save the day from a massive Cybertronian threat?





Then, from Scott and David Tipton and the art team of Carlos Nieto and Fran Gamboa comes Star Trek: The Next Generation: Terra Incognita #6. The latest installment of THE NEXT GENERATION Mirror Universe saga comes to a twisted conclusion as Mirror Barclay's ruse is revealed! Worlds collide in this stunning final issue!

In this, my last column for the year, instead of an interview, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thanks to you, the incredible readers of our *Trek* books. Before I began assisting former editor Sarah Gaydos back in March 2017, I was familiar with *Star Trek*, but not with the amazing community of fans that it has. As I've gotten more involved with Trek through my work on the comic and traveling to different conventions (of shows I attended in 2017, *Star Trek Las Vegas* was easily my favorite), I can confidently say that *Trek* fans are an amazing group of people – open minded, passionate, intelligent, and friendly. When people come up to me at shows and let me know that they love what IDW is doing with *Trek*, it means the world to me. Thank you for reading our books and thank you for all your kind words throughout the year. Whatever holiday you celebrate this season, I hope it's filled with warmth and joy (and a bit of *Trek*!).

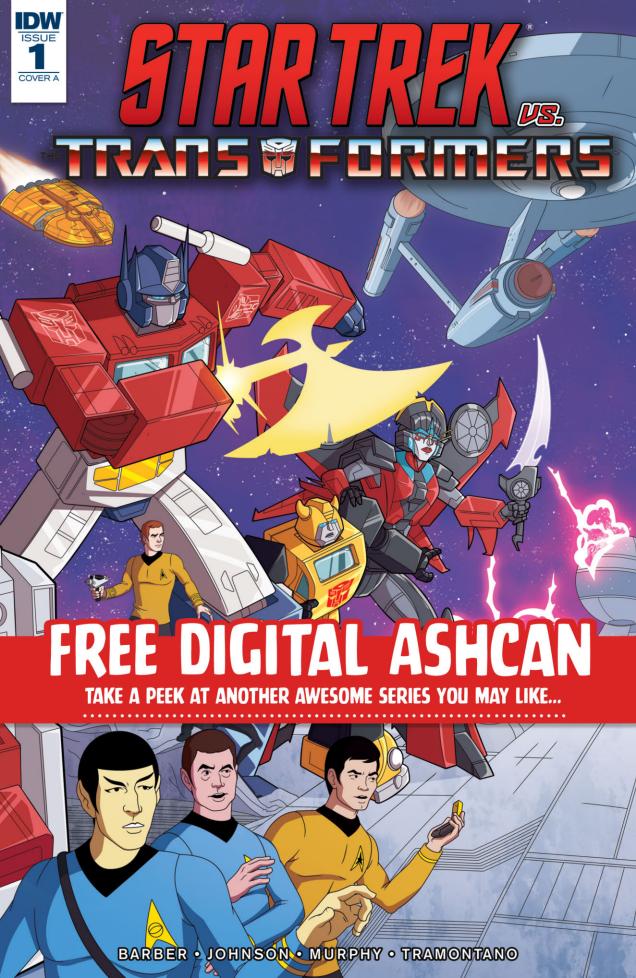




We've got a lot of amazing comics we're getting ready for 2019 – from things we've announced, like *The & Conflict* and the young Picard story in IDW's 20/20 event, to some top-secret projects that I can't wait to tell you more about, so join us back here next year. I truly hope you all enjoy what we've got in store for you as much as I've enjoyed helping our amazing creators put it together. 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 @thrillothechase, or email us at letters@idwpublishing.com. We'd love to hear from you!

See you in 2019!

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