

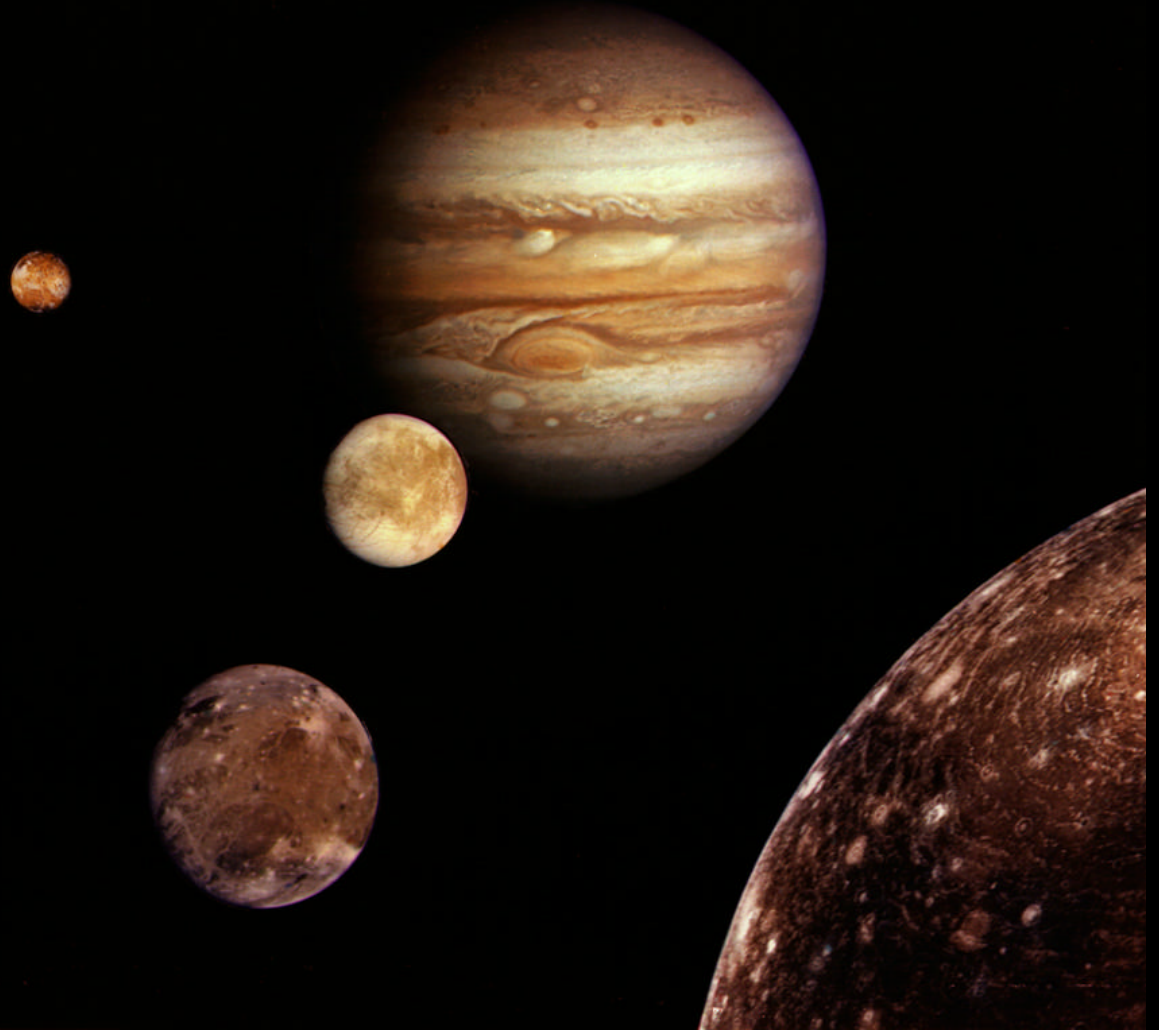
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Jupiter system montage of (from left) Io, Ganymede, Europa, Jupiter, and Callisto. They are individual photos from *Voyager I* and assembled into the one image. From NASA's photo archive at [grin.hq.nasa.gov](http://grin.hq.nasa.gov).



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# A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher

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We are trying to get this newsletter out early so that everyone can plan on going to UNC-TV in RTP for the PBS telethon on Saturday night, March 29th, at 6 p.m. We

will answer phones until 11:30 p.m. Enclosed in our newsletter is a map showing you how to get there. If you are not comfortable following the map, call me at 782-3677 and arrange to meet at my house early to either caravan or carpool over to the park. I will be gone from the 20th until the 25th of March to Coast Con in Biloxi, MS. But I hope to see all of you at the PBS telethon.

We have also heard from Duke Children's radiothon informing us that they will be answering phones from Thursday, May 29th until Sunday, June 1st. We traditionally do this on Saturday night from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. They will NOT be needing us for the TV broadcast which will be on the 31st also. We will be doing the phone bank from the hospital. Please contact me or Amy DeJongh at 266-7315.

Our April meeting is on schedule for 4 p.m. at the Fisher home. Meeting, followed by dinner, and return (?) for movie, TV, or gaming. Those who have

attended the last couple of months seem to have enjoyed themselves. We have not had any organized gaming yet for adults, but I see it coming soon.

I know it seems early in the year, but summer is not that far off. There is the IC 2003 at the end of July and, of course, Shore Leave the second weekend in July. There is still some hope for going to Charleston before it gets hot, but that chance is quickly slipping away. I guess that those who can get away should just do it, as it seems we have too many conflicts in scheduling for a large portion of the crew to go.

The same seems to be for the centennial event in Kitty Hawk. Brad and I are definitely going to be there. Those who cannot make it may want to discuss having our anniversary dinner here in Raleigh.

We need to remind you that you need to maintain your membership in STARFLEET to stay in good standing on the Kitty Hawk. Also, your Kitty Hawk dues for 2003 are now due. Please pay them as promptly as possible.

Please think about events or causes that we as a ship could do, where we would get the maximum participation. Las Vegas seems to be the best so far.

*Esse Quam Videri*

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# Medical

By Amy DeJongh

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Increasing evidence is highlighting the role antioxidants may have in protecting against certain conditions such as heart disease, stroke and cancers. It has been proposed that the mechanisms leading to these diseases may be promoted by free radicals and that antioxidants may oppose the action of these molecules. In addition to the well known antioxidants such as Vitamins C and E, there is growing research demonstrating the potentially beneficial effects of plant-derived antioxidants, found in fruits, vegetables, nuts, cereals and drinks such as tea and red wine.

Free radicals are unstable molecules that include the hydrogen atom, nitric oxide (NO) and molecular oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>). These naturally occur in the body as a result of chemical reactions during normal cellular processes. They can also be formed in response to excess pollution, too much UV sunlight and exposure to cigarette smoke. In an attempt to stabilize, they attack other molecules in the body potentially leading to cell damage and triggering the formation of another free radical resulting in a chain reaction. Some scientists believe that this type of free radical action has been

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# Computer Operations

By John Troan

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This month's cover photo was chosen to mark *Voyager 1*'s flyby of Jupiter on March 5, 1979.

**Computer Operations Moving.** After looking at the mortgage interest rates (under 6% for 30-year fixed), I've decided this is the time to move rather than wait until next year. I just started looking, but I am planning on moving within a few miles of my current location in the Pleasant Valley area of Raleigh.

Upcoming Enterprise episodes:

<u>Episode</u>	<u>Air Date</u>
The Crossing	Apr 2
Judgment	Apr 9
Horizon	Apr 16
The Breach	Apr 23
Cogenerator	Apr 30
Regeneration	May 7

(The production report for *Regeneration* mentions that it's supposed to include some ties back to *First Contact* and what happened to some of the parts of that Borg sphere that was destroyed.)

**Also from STARTREK.com:**

- *Enterprise* and *Nemesis* are both up for several Saturn awards each. The DVD releases for *Wrath of Khan* and *Next Gen* also received nominations. (Others with ties to *Trek* also received nominations for other recent work.)
- LeVar Burton was recognized for his work on *Reading Rainbow*, with his receiving of an NAACP Image Award.

- TOS picked up TV Land's first "Pop Culture" Award. Shatner, Nimoy, Nichols, and Doohan were there to accept the award.

And to close, Amazon.com is listing these release dates for the *Deep Space Nine* DVD sets:

Season 2	Apr 1
Season 3	Jun 3
Season 4	Aug 5
Season 5	Oct 7
Season 6	Nov 4
Season 7	Dec 2

(The first season had a decent set of featurettes and ten "Section 31" entries that had small interviews with most of the primary cast.)

implicated in certain chronic and aging diseases such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, rheumatoid arthritis, cataracts and Alzheimer's disease.

So, how can drinking tea help keep us healthy? Tea has one of the highest total flavonoid contents of all plants at 15% of the leaf by dry weight. Tea flavonoids demonstrate antioxidant activity and while not a replacement for fruit and vegetables, the antioxidant activity of tea has been compared to that of fruit and vegetables in a number of studies. Tea has approximately the same

antioxidant power as eating six apples. Another study found that one or two cups of tea has the same 'radical scavenging capacity' as five portions of fruit and vegetables or 400mg vitamin C equivalents.

Cardiovascular benefits of tea - Several reports indicate that tea flavonoids inhibit the oxidation of LDL cholesterol in vitro, meaning the levels decrease. A reduction in blood lipids has been demonstrated in animal studies. Certain tea flavonoids exhibit anti-inflammatory actions in animals. Atherosclerosis is a disease with a strong inflammatory component. Improvements

in blood vessel function have been seen in patients with established artery disease. Several studies have found that platelet aggregation can be inhibited by various flavonoids.

Cancer benefits - Studies have demonstrated that the initiation stage of cancer can be prevented by the action of tea flavonoids and have been shown to inhibit synthesis of leukemia cells and lung cancer cells.

In summary, raise your glass and drink your tea! Feel free to try different kinds. Just go easy on the caffeine!

Be safe, be happy, be healthy!

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## Engineering By Brad McDonald

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This past month has been quite a remarkable one. The news has ranged from too good to be true to just plain awful. Mostly though, its just, in a word, fascinating.

The past week saw a unique moment in television history. The cast of the original *Star Trek*, in the persons of William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, James Doohan and Nichelle Nichols, was presented a special award at the first annual TV Land Awards show. In recognition of many firsts, *Star Trek* was given the award by Mira Sorveno. I was surprised to hear that she was a long time Trek fan and had watched the show with her father as a means of 'bonding'. The only 'downer' of the evening was seeing Scotty. His 80+ years is catching up with him and he had to be escorted by a young lady on and off stage.

NASA announced that shuttle flights could resume as early as this fall. According to the reports, the *Columbia's* loss will be tough to overcome on several fronts. First, no replacement will be built. The assembly line has been shut down and most of the critical dies and tools no longer exist. Also, the ships are considered obsolete. Any money slated for a replacement will go to financing the next generation of shuttle. Second, the loss of *Columbia* means the other shuttles will have to increase the work load to make up for the *Columbia*. Lastly, it seems that the cause, although not specific, was due to tile loss. From now on, tile repair kits and EVA suits will be stock items on all flights. Before any shuttle returns to Earth, inspections will be conducted from the ground and by the

shuttle crews themselves. More later on as details become available.

Our solar system has a new member, Quaoar! Orbiting the sun about 4 billion miles from Earth, it's the biggest object discovered since Pluto was found in 1930. Quaoar takes 286 Earth years to complete and orbit, but it's not certain whether the tiny planetoid is spinning in its own axis. Now the debate begins. Astronomer Alan Boss of the Carnegie Institution says, "If Pluto deserves to be a planet, I would think that this relatively big guy does too." This has opened the old debate of whether Pluto should even be classified as a planet. We'll see what happens. So far, no one has suggested either course of action. My guess is that Pluto will remain a planet and there won't be a tenth planet.

The Centennial Celebration is in severe peril. The National Park Service had an original budget of \$7 million which was promptly cut to \$3 million, then cut to \$1 million by the senate, then to \$500,000 by the house before finally receiving budget approval. Since the state is in financial trouble itself, it's doubtful that it can add anything to help out. Already there are plans to ask for help from private concerns and agencies other than the Park Service. Hopefully, this can be done, after all, this is a once in a life time opportunity to show the world what we have to offer. Hopefully, the tentative list of VIP's won't be reduced too much by this problem. Time will tell.

The World Trade Center finally has a new design. A few details need to be

worked out, but it will be the tallest structure in the world when completed. Scheduled for completion in stages between 2008 and 2010, the site will feature a special memorial that will remain out of shadow for the entire day of September 11. The building will feature a number of innovations in safety and construction. It will also be the first to incorporate the new building code which was derived from events of September 11. The reconstruction will also include a major transportation hub which will combine the two subway systems which originally entered the old Trade Center's lower levels. Many shops and, of course, much office space will be included, which should help restore lower Manhattan to its original vitality and importance. Good luck to all concerned.

I was interested in the recent announcement, by the President, that he was going to promote the research on the development of fuel cells for cars. Talk about your revelations! Of course, fuel cells have been around a long time. (Another of those side benefits from the space program.) There are still a few technical problems to work out, but the biggest hurdle is the establishment of hydrogen stations across the country. No small task considering the current number of gas stations. Of course, the process will be gradual, but it should ease our dependence on petroleum. Hydrogen production is not exactly an easy task either, but at least we have federal assistance in research.

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# Deep Space Nine - "Long Road Home"

By Brad McDonald

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*Editor's note: the introduction was accidentally left out of January's issue.*

## Notes on Long Road Home

This script is unique in my vast collection of rejects. When I wrote it, Dax was not only a major part of the story, she was alive! Just before I submitted the story, Dax was killed off. So it was back to the computer to do a major rewrite. It wasn't easy, but if I submitted a story with a dead cast member, I figured it will kill any chances of being accepted. I could hear the comments at Paramount, "This guy doesn't know anything about the series, he doesn't deserve to be considered for acceptance." So, after a quick rewrite, I submitted the story shortly thereafter. The timeframe for submission was at the end of the sixth season. I held my breath and waited.

After the start of the final season, the seventh, I figured I had a fairly good chance of getting accepted as there had been web chatter about a shortage of stories. However, by the start of the New Year I figured I had lost out again and quickly forgot the whole thing. As the lead time for episode production was quite long, the prospect for getting a story approved at this point was just about impossible.

Long after that whole affair was over, I received a notice from the Gary post office of a registered letter. I was a bit confused as the notice stated the letter was from Paramount and I didn't have any submissions in the pipeline. When I picked up the package, I had to laugh. It was post marked June 8 2000 and was

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If you've been trying to get in touch with me lately, I apologize for any difficulties you may have. My computer, and therefore E-mail, are on the fritz and my phone is being maximized by two adults and two teenaged daughters.

One final note, I picked up a copy of *Star Trek IV* on DVD this past week. It's very similar to my old laserdisc special edition, but there are few new surprises. If you haven't seen the extras, it's well worth the cost, especially if you pick it up at a discount retailer like Sam's Club, BJ's or Wal Mart.

I'll see you at the next meeting and the UNC-TV telethon. Live long and perspire.

my story, *Long Road Home*. I had submitted that over two years ago! What really tickled me was the letter inside stating that they could not accept the story as *Deep Space Nine* was currently out of production! No kidding! I asked my agent about this and he also had a laugh and explained that it probably got lost on someone's desk, a common problem.

So here you go, a reject that may have actually made it had it not been lost in the shuffle. Read and enjoy, let me know what you think, could it have been an episode?

*(continued from last issue)*

## ACT TWO

FADE IN:

SPACE -DEEP SPACE NINE AND RELIC (OPTICAL)

The relic is now docked at one of the stations pylons.

INT- SISKO'S VOICE

Station log. We have stabilized the relic's damaged systems and it is now docked it to the station to facilitate easier access.

ROMULAN SHIP BRIDGE -WIDE ANGLE

Sisko is surveying the ship's bridge while O'Brien and Kira are busy at a console. Worf is assisting Kira.

SISKO'S VOICE

*(continuing)*

So far we have recovered sixteen survivors and thirty five bodies. The rescue continues as we try to access the ships records and finish with the repairs. Starfleet has been notified as well as Romulan authorities.

Sisko moves to Kira and Worf's location.

SISKO

Any progress?

KIRA

No. The access codes are easy, but the system is badly damaged.

SISKO

Romulan codes, easy?

WORF

I discovered a 'back door' access code, a built-in fail safe, just in

case the Romulans tried to use the ship against Klingon forces. It was a standard practice, then.

SISKO

And now?

TWO SHOT -SISKO AND WORF

WORF

Probably. The Klingon Empire never really trusted the Romulans. They were merely a 'convenient' ally.

SISKO

Just like the Federation?

WORF

No, the Federation proved their honor by assisting the Empire when it was vulnerable.

*(beat, disgusted)*

The Romulans would have attacked, they are without honor.

SISKO

History tells us there were many in the Federation who felt the same way as the Romulans. Remember the Camp Khitomer incident?

WORF

That's what made the decision to assist the Empire impressive.

Worf becomes quiet and speaks from introspection.

WORF

*(continuing)*

My own history is proof of this. It is why I serve in Starfleet.

Sisko nods, understanding Worf's reasoning.

SISKO

Understood. Can you access the ship's logs?

Worf is obviously frustrated.

WORF

No. We've tried every means that I know. It seems the main computers have been 'reengineered'. It will take time to figure out the system.

SISKO

*(to Kira, o.c.)*

Is that your problem as well, Maior?

ON KIRA

KIRA  
(working)

Probably. I'm following standard search patterns within the main computer. That doesn't work well with a non - standard configuration.

(beat, thoughtful)

I'll try a another approach. It's less scientific, but maybe...

As she becomes immersed in her work, Sisko leaves her and heads to Q'Brien's work station.

TWO SHOT -SISKO AND O'BRIEN

SISKO

Chief? What's the verdict? Will this museum piece survive?

O'Brien is hesitant but reports

O'BRIEN

Well sir. We've stabilized it for now. My biggest problem is trouble shooting. Over the years, the ship's systems have been repaired in every way imaginable, but usually not up to specs.

SISKO

Can you give me an example?

O'Brien laughs at the request, then explains.

O'BRIEN

The ship is full of them! Life support has been repaired with part of the communications system. The food processor controls operate the weapons array... it's a bloody mess!

SISKO

How were you able to stop the radiation leaks and life support?

O'BRIEN

Luck of the Irish, Sir. Right I'm proceeding with caution.

SISKO

What's your next move?

O'BRIEN

Once I figure out their makeshift repairs, I'll get replicator patterns from our computers, then I can really make some progress.

Sisko admires O'Brien's enthusiasm but reminds him of a few facts.

SISKO

Chief, this is a hundred year old ship. I don't think you should put too much time or material into it.

Besides, if I know the Romulans, they'll want their ship back.

WIDE ANGLE

Worf reacts negatively to Sisko's statement.

WORF

It is still a Klingon ship. When the old alliance failed, the agreement to share technology was terminated. The ship reverts to its original owner.

Sisko is surprised by Worf's attitude and surveys the poor condition of the ship.

SISKO

You think they'll want it?

WORF

Want it? No. But I'm sure they don't want the Romulans to have it.

Realization hits Sisko, it's the old hate once again. He can see it in Worf's face as well as in his words.

SISKO

Of course.

Sisko's comm badge sounds and he taps it.

SISKO

Sisko here.

ODO'S VOICE

Doctor Bashir wants to see you in sickbay, as soon as possible.

SISKO

Understood. Have we heard anything from Starfleet Command yet?

ODO'S VOICE

Not yet. Should I try my luck, sir?

SISKO

Let's see if any of the Romulans feel like talking first, Sisko out.

(to Kira)

Keep trying to gain access to the computer logs, maybe the repair records are located in there. It would help O'Brien immensely.

KIRA

Of course, Captain.

Sisko turns and exits.

CUT TO:

DEEP SPACE NINE -SICKBAY -WIDE ANGLE

Sickbay is filled with N.D. Romulans. A few are standing, most are sitting and the rest are on diagnostic beds. They all

seem subdued or in shock Sisko enters and seeks out Bashir immediately. He finds the doctor attending to an injured Romulan.

SISKO

You wanted to see me?

Bashir is preoccupied and doesn't stop to look up.

BASHIR

Actually, Sub-commander Durek wanted to see you.

Bashir nods towards his medical duty office.

BASHIR

(continuing)

In my office. I'll talk to you once I have finished.

Sisko realizes the doctor is not in a position to converse, so he goes to Bashir's duty office.

MEDICAL DUTY OFFICE

Sitting at Bashir's desk is a Romulan officer, DUREK, middle aged by human standards. He is unaware of Sisko's presence, studying Bashir's computer screen.

SISKO

Sub - commander, you wished to see me?

The Romulan is startled by Sisko's.

DUREK

Forgive me, Captain.

Durek indicates the computer.

DUREK

(continuing)

I've been catching up on a lot of lost time and history.

Sisko is taken by the Romulan's manner, friendly and quiet. Sisko is cautious, but returns the friendliness.

SISKO

(smiling)

No doubt. Ninety-nine years is a long time, even for a Romulan.

(beat)

Now that you have a few answers, can you provide me with a some?

DUREK

Of course. Let me guess. Who am I? Sub- commander Durek. Senior surviving officer of the Certryx. Next, how did I get here? Actually, that takes a bit more explaining.

TWO SHOT -SISKO AND DUREK

Sisko moves closer and takes a seat opposite Durek.

SISKO

I have some time.

DUREK

(smiling)

I understand.

Durek sits back in his chair, relaxed and begins his story. Sisko listens intently.

DUREK

It actually started over one hundred years ago. The Klingon/Romulan alliance was in effect. We shared technology and became obsessed with neutralizing the 'Federation Threat'.

Durek laughs at his own comment, catching Sisko by surprise.

SISKO

You didn't believe the Federation was a threat?

ON DUREK

Durek shrugs off the inquiry, then continues, quietly.

DUREK

It was or it wasn't, what does it matter now? In any case our ship was delivered to the Preator with a Klingon marine detachment on board. We were then charged with a unique mission. Find a route between our two empires, one which didn't require a trip through the galactic rim or Federation space.

SISKO'S VOICE

(o.c.)

Another Northwest Passage.

DUREK

How is that?

SISKO'S VOICE

(o.c.)

Old Earth history, please continue.

DUREK

Of course. While trying to find a new route, we traveled through an unstable wormhole. We became lost and found ourselves deep inside the Gamma quadrant.

(beat)

Over the many years, we lost a number of crew members during battles, disease and so on.

Damage to our ship was repaired as best as we could. Sometimes we cannibalized parts from one system to repair another.

ON SISKO

Sisko is taken by the tale and by the unique attitude of this Romulan officer.

SISKO

That would explain the poor condition of your ship's systems. It also explains how a sub-commander becomes a ship's captain, correct?

TWO SHOT -SISKO AND DUREK

It's obvious the man is deep in thought about his fate. Sisko's words have touched an emotional chord.

DUREK

Yes, attrition, I'm the only senior officer left, other than the Klingon. The rest are dead, it's amazing we made it at all...

(long beat)

The final blow came just today. We had heard about a stable wormhole and altered our course to locate it. After several tries, we found it. Just as we began the final leg of our journey, we were attacked by several smaller craft for no apparent reason.

Sisko is sympathetic.

SISKO

The Jem'Hadar.

DUREK

Yes, your doctor informed me. Quite nasty, aren't they? Make Klingons look civilized.

Sisko smiles at Durek's comment, surprising himself and Durek as well.

SISKO

I didn't know Romulans had a sense of humor.

DUREK

I developed one. It helped in dealing with so many... setbacks. Maybe you think Romulans lack feelings, but we do have them.

SISKO

I'm beginning to understand that, but you're not a 'typical' Romulan.

DUREK

Agreed, but when I return home I will be treated as a typical Romulan hero. Regretfully I will

have to tell them of what we discovered... and they'll be obligated to go back and conquer those new worlds--

Sisko becomes worried and interrupts.

SISKO

Wait! An invasion of the Gamma quadrant is impossible, the Jem'Hadar would never allow it!

DUREK

They won't have any choice, not when the Romulan fleet shows up.

ON SISKO

Sisko is now horrified at the implications of Durek's statement.

SISKO

Are you serious? Do you think the senate will want a war? After all, we've just finished a lengthy war.

DUREK'S VOICE

It won't come to that. Once these Jem'Hadar see we mean business --

SISKO

Forget the Jem'Hadar, do you think Starfleet will allow you to start a war in the Gamma Quadrant?

TWO SHOT - SISKO AND DUREK

DUREK

I suppose not, but that is how my people will probably see it.

(beat)

We may meet again in war. A pity really as you have shown us nothing but friendship...

Sisko is surprised, he can tell Durek's heart is not in it, but is now calmly talking about war!

SISKO'S OFFICE -ANGLE ON VIEWER (OPTICAL)

Sisko is alone in his office, his desk top viewer is active and ADMIRAL NECHAYEV is visible.

SISKO

Admiral, I'm glad you called. I wish it were under more favorable circumstances...

NECHAYEV

What's the problem, captain?

SISKO

That Romulan relic I called about? it may be more trouble

than we realized. Evidently, during their journey, the crew made some remarkable discoveries. The surviving officer has said that he expects the Romulan Empire to attempt to gain access to those new worlds and resources.

Nechayev realizes the implications of Sisko's statement.

NECHAYEV

Invasion of the Gamma Quadrant and war with the Jem'Hadar with the Federation in the middle this time.

SISKO

Somehow I wish they hadn't survived their journey, despite their discoveries.

NECHAYEV

Captain, have you gained access to their computers?

SISKO

Negative Admiral, but we are still working on it.

NECHAYEV

(stern)

I want us to obtain that information. No matter what it takes, understood?

Sisko doesn't like what he's heard, he pushes just a bit.

SISKO

If that's the way you want us to handle it...

NECHAYEV

That's how Starfleet wants it and after I confirm it, the Federation Council as well. Nechayev out!

Sisko stares off, troubled by the Admiral's directive. He does not agree with her reasoning or plan.

NEW ANGLE - SISKO'S OFFICE

Kira is standing at Sisko's doorway with a data padd in her hand. Sisko motions her in.

KIRA

(moving)

Here's an update on repairs and Julian's medical report.

She hands the padd to him, but he barely looks at it.

KIRA

(continuing)

Something wrong?

SISKO

Starfleet has just ordered me to seize the Certryx for the Federation. On top of that, Durek has told me he expects the Romulan Empire will want to invade the Gamma Quadrant to claim the worlds they discovered.

Kira is struck by Sisko's revelation.

Off her reaction..

FADE OUT

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE -THE STATION AND RELIC SHIP (OPTICAL)

The relic is still docked to the station.

DEEP SPACE NINE -OPS

Kira has the Conn. She seems absorbed in her work as are several N.D. crew persons around her. The comm board sounds and a Starfleet officer, ENSIGN ENDICOTT responds and Kira listens.

ENDICOTT

Incoming signal, Major. It's from the Bajoran Defence Force Command, General Nevik himself.

Kira is surprised.

KIRA

I'll take it, Ensign. On my viewer.

ANGLE ON KIRA'S VIEWER (OPTICAL)

GENERAL NEVIK'S image appears on the viewer, he seems pleased to see Kira.

NEVIK

Nerys! It's good to see you. Where is Captain Sisko?

KIRA

Attending to other duties. May .I. assist you, General?

NEVIK

Some of my people insist they saw an ancient ship at the station.

KIRA

No hallucination General, it's the real thing. It took them almost a hundred years to cross the Gamma Quadrant.

NEVIK

(excited)

You mean they've explored the Gamma Quadrant already?

KIRA

Well, not the whole thing, but they did learn quite a bit about it.

NEVIK

Do you think Bajor might gain access to their findings? It might help to promote use of the wormhole if we could 'advertise' what's on the other side.

When Kira doesn't respond immediately, Nevik presses.

NEVIK

(continuing)

It's been rather difficult to encourage commercial traffic into this sector since the Jem'Hadar made their debut...

Kira feels a sense of obligation, Bajor needs the trade in order to prosper.

KIRA

I'll check with Captain Sisko --

NEVIK

(interrupting)

Just let me have a copy of their findings, Major.

Without saying it, Nevik has implied she obtain the information other than through channels. Betray her trust to Sisko or serve her home world? She skirts the issue and forces a pleasant smile.

KIRA

I'll see what I can do, Sir.

NEVIK

Excellent! I'll look forward to our next conversation.

The viewer goes blank leaving an exasperated Kira.

MAIN PROMENADE -KLINGON KIOSK

There is a small but noisy celebration in progress. Worf, Kordek and the kiosk owner, TARG are enjoying each others company while nearby, amused patrons watch. The table is loaded with Klingon food and the three converse between mouthfuls and during them as well. An N.D. KLINGON WAITER enters and delivers a tray.

TARG

(to Kordek)

Now you can enjoy real food!

KORDEK

(eating)

At last!



(beat, chewing)

More gagh!

The waiter rushes to the kitchen in response. The others continue to slap each other in good fun. Kordek is a bit groggy from drink. Rubbing his head he speaks.

KORDEK

It's been a long time since I had a decent drink.

He eyes Worf with a suspicious look, then speaks.

KORDEK

(continuing)

The situation with the Federation is a bit... confusing.

Targ laughs loudly, then slaps Kordek.

TARG

(moving)

It's not the Federation, you fool, it's the blood wine!

THREE SHOT -WORF, TARG AND KORDEK

They all laugh loudly again, then after another drink, Targ continues.

TARG

The 'situation', as you put it, continues to change. The Federation is no longer our enemy and the Romulans were useful again!

KORDEK

(eating)

This is great! It sure makes up for all those years of making due with Romulan food... or worse.

WORF

What could be worse than Romulan food?

Again, the group breaks out in big belly laughs. The waiter now shows up with a tray loaded with food. The young waiter is about to join the group when Targ hands him an empty tankard. The waiter then rushes off, enthusiastically, to get a refill.

WORF

So what did you eat?

ON KORDEK

KORDEK

Just about anything!  
(beat, eating)

Whatever we could find, actually. But I'll tell you something. There are some interesting possibilities in the Gamma Quadrant.

WORF'S VOICE

(o.c.)

Like what.?

KORDEK

(enthusiastic)

One world had unlimited dilithium deposits, and the inhabitants were simple farmers. Another world had incredible women!

They all share a laugh on that comment, then he adds.

KORDEK

Untapped resources, planets and systems ripe for conquest and colonization!

PROMENADE -WIDE ANGLE

Targ is now very interested. but listens closely as well. Worf continues to eat.

TARG

(eating)

Really? How many worlds would you estimate?

KORDEK

Hundreds of thousands. In fact, the Romulans are planning to enter the quadrant themselves to begin colonization.

Targ stands abruptly, roaring in anger and flaying his his arms in wild gestures. His action sends the waiter sprawling, along with two full tankards. Worf and Kordek are surprised by the action.

TARG

We're not going to let that happen, are we?

WORF

Entering the Gamma Quadrant for the purpose of conquest would not be advisable. The Jem'Hadar would not permit it --

TARG

(to Worf, interrupting)

Maybe, maybe not.

(to waiter)

Clean this up! I will be in my quarters, we must make plans.

(to Kordek)

Come!

Kordek snaps out of his mild shock and stands to follow the rapidly moving Targ. The two exit quickly, leaving an amused collection of patrons behind.

ON WORF

He watches as the Klingons exit, concerned as to what they might be up to. He then rises and follows them.

INT. RELIC SHIP -ENGINEERING

The area is a bit more orderly. O'Brien is busy, assisted by several Starfleet and Bajoran technicians. Sisko enters and seeks out O'Brien immediately.

SISKO

Chief? How's it going?

O'BRIEN

We're sorting out the makeshift repairs one at a time. It's slow going at best.

SISKO

What about the main computers?

O'BRIEN

Better talk to Kira, Sir. I've let her take over that job, exclusively.

(beat, then smiling)

She's a lot like a terrier I once had. Once she gets a hold of something, she won't let go.

Sisko is amused by O'Brien's analogy.

SISKO

Agreed Chief. I'll check with Kira. Let me know if you need anything. And Chief? I won't tell Kira you compared her to a Terran canine!

Sisko exits before O'Brien has a chance to respond.

RELIC SHIP -BRIDGE

Kira is working on a console, totally absorbed in what she is doing. There are three N.D. engineers working in the B.G., Sisko enters and seeks out Kira.

SISKO

Kira?

She is startled by his sudden appearance.

KIRA

Captain, what's wrong? Run out of things to do on the station?

SISKO

Not really. Just curious How's it going?

ON KIRA

She continues her work while updating Sisko

KIRA

(working)

It's a little difficult. I'm essentially trying to rebuild a hundred year old system. Their makeshift repairs make it difficult. I'm applying power in stages to avoid burnouts and overloads.

SISKO'S VOICE

(o.c.)

No wonder you're having trouble.

KIRA

(working)

I'll say! My first attempt burned out the food processors and intercom. These circuits are like an old chain. You repair one link and it's strong, but then all the others are weak in comparison. As soon as you apply power, bang! Another one goes.

(beat)

Their last encounter with the Jem'Hadar didn't help either. This is going to take time, lots of time.

SHOT -SISKO AND KIRA

Sisko now understands O'Brien's thinking.

SISKO

No wonder O'Brien let you 'take' this assignment.

KIRA

He didn't fight me for the 'privilege', that's for sure.

SISKO

How long before we can download the memory banks?

KIRA

(working)

I'm not sure. Maybe tomorrow...

Sisko studies Kira then explains the situation to her

SISKO

Command called back. They want to know exactly what is on the other side of the wormhole. And now, without the Romulan's knowledge.

When Sisko concludes, Kira turns to look at him. notices his look of concern.

KIRA

Maybe I could finish sooner... When will the Romulans be able to return to duty?

SISKO

A few are at Quark's, the rest...

He shrugs, unsure of their condition.

SISKO

(continuing)

...even Julian isn't positive. Most of them will have to be transported directly to the Romulan rescue ship. I don't think they'll be able to return to duty.

Kira realizes Sisko is under a lot of stress.

KIRA

I'll try my best.

SISKO

Your best has always been good enough. You want any assistance?

KIRA

They'd just be in the way. This is a job for one person, me, okay? And when I finish my shift, we have [to] talk about something.

She Sisko exits, with Kira thinking about General Nevik.

TARG'S QUARTERS (OPTICAL)

Targ and Kordek are seated before a viewer. The two are still feeling the effect of their celebration, but not as much as before. KANAR is visible on the viewer and the conversation is already in progress.

KANAR

Targ! What is it? Why have you--

TARG

(interrupting)

An important discovery! Our old ship, Firestorm is now docked at this station!

(beat)

The Romulans have succeeded in crossing the Gamma Quadrant!

Kanar is not impressed!

KANAR

And this is why you've interrupted the council?

Targ attempts to recover from Kanar's wrath.

TARG

The ship survived with the records intact. The Romulans plan to reenter the Gamma Quadrant to begin conquests based on those discoveries!

Kanar is mildly interested but skeptical.

KANAR

Invite war with the Jem'Hadar and jeopardize our treaty with the Federation?

TARG

They claim it is worth it!

KANAR

And you trust the word of a Romulan?

The last word is spoken as an insult.

TARG

No. But I do trust one of our own!

He indicates a bewildered Kordek.

TARG

(continuing)

This is Kordek. He also survived the journey and confirms the findings.

KANAR is now becoming interested.

KANAR

Is this true?

KORDEK

Yes. We found many worlds ready for conquest. The ship's computers hold the location of each one.

ON KANAR'S IMAGE (OPTICAL)

He is now engrossed in the possibilities.

KANAR

You have done well, Targ. I will speak to the council at once. For now, log an official claim on the ship, I will inform the Federation ambassador here as well.

TARG'S VOICE

(o.c. )

What if the Federation refuses our claim?

KANAR

Then we will take it!

Kanar's image fades, Targ and Kordek smile at each other, then turn to face another person emerging from the shadows, it's Worf.

NEW ANGLE

WORF

Now you can defeat the Romulans easily, but you must honor your pledge not to endanger station personnel. Ka'Plaa!

Off his words...

FADE OUT.

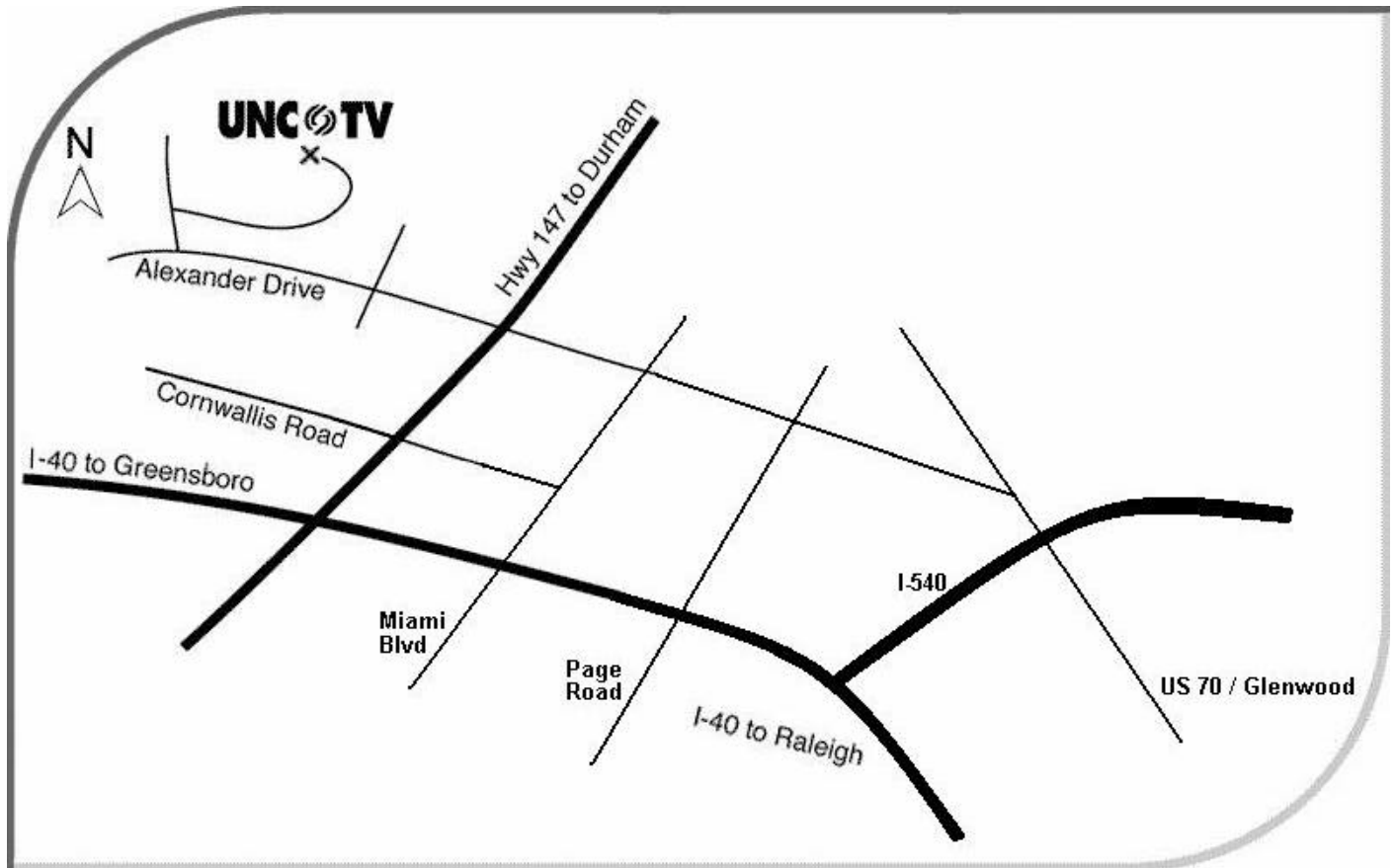
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