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Comet in Visible and Infrared [artist's rendition]

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IMAGE - Featured Front Page

Artist's concept of Comet Tempel 1, based on observations from Hubble and Spitzer telescopes. From NASA/JPL-Caltech



A View From the Catbird Seat

By J.R. Fisher



Summer is upon us and everyone seems to have places to go and people to see. Last meeting was not well attended even though we had food. I understand that at this time of year we have a lot of people doing other things and our meetings get pushed to the back burners.

But, we will have our July meeting on the second at four p.m., and we will be cooking hot dogs for those of you who wish to venture out. We would push it back a week, but Shore Leave is that second weekend in July and we hope some of you will make it there as it is always the best con of the summer.

At our last meeting we talked about our successful yard sale at the

fairgrounds and perhaps making it an annual event. After expenses, we netted \$241.00 plus we had \$20.00 from aluminum recycling. Since then we have added another \$10.00 from recycling for a total of \$271.00. We voted to round up the amount, by way of the treasury, to \$300.00 to be donated to the Raleigh Battered Women's Center.

Also, we received a graduation notice from Katy McDonald. She is planning to continue her higher education at Wake Tech. Congratulations, Katy. Her dad, Brad, tells us that her mom is responding to treatments and is doing well under the circumstances. We continue to send our prayers and best wishes to her and the entire family.

We hope everyone is having a good summer but is being careful,

especially driving. Spring's mother had another operation in June and she has made several trips down to help out with her. Jane got hit May 4th and her car was totaled, but she was fine and has another car now. My van got hit by a falling limb and is out of commission until July (you don't even have to leave home to have an accident), so I am chugging around in my old suburban (miles/gallon) until then.

Hope we can see you on July 2nd, but if not, don't forget that we do not have a meeting in August, so our next meeting will be September 3rd. Be safe! Live long and prosper!

Esse Quam Videri

Front Cover credit

This artist's concept of Tempel 1 illustrates the comet's shape, reflectivity, rotation rate and surface temperature, based on information from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and Spitzer Space Telescope. Measurements from the Great Observatories indicate that the comet is a matte black object roughly 14 by 4 kilometers (8.7 by 2.5 miles), or about one-half the size of Manhattan. It rotates about once every 41 hours. The sunlit side of the nucleus is glowing warmly, and the nightside is about the temperature of deep space.

At the time of these early observations, March 25-27, 2005, Tempel 1 was still far enough away from the Sun that it had not yet developed its characteristic halo of evaporating gas.

Hubble and Spitzer observed the comet in visible and infrared light, respectively. The comet appeared only as an unresolved dot

due to the great distance, but its general shape, size and color could be deduced from the way the visible and infrared brightness varied over time.

The animation (available at http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/deepimpact/multimedia/tempel-concept.html) simulates an optical view of the comet, followed by its appearance in infrared. Spitzer detects the comet's infrared energy or heat, depicted by the reddish glow. The movement of the comet has been dramatically sped up to 13 seconds per rotation versus its normal rotation of about 40 hours. As the comet slowly rotates, the sunlit side heats up while the dark side cools down.

Engineering Rep. By Brad McDonald

Sorry it's been a long time since my last report. Things have been a bit hectic.

Trina's latest cancer battle has expanded, moving from the lungs to the brain. Brain cancer took priority and the lung cancer treatment was suspended. Radiation treatments were finished two weeks ago, but the effects continue so brain scans will check progress for at least another month. Once progress on the brain cancer has been determined, then treatment on the lungs can continue.

Also, things at work have turned for the worse. We had a major flood at Kanki (Crabtree) due to a broken water pipe. It caused major damage and we'll be recovering for some time.

This report will be short, but I'm including another script, *A Second Chance*. It's a *Deep Space 9* story; hope you enjoy it! Let me know what you think at the next meeting.

That's all for now. As always, long live & prosper.

DEEP SPACE NINE - "A Second Chance"

By Brad McDonald

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE
"A Second Chance"

Written by
Brad McDonald

CAST

SISKO ARNEN-GUL TORKIN
WORF GUL BAKAT
BASHIR ADMINISTRATOR JANAK
ADVOCATE VANIR
DAX AMBASSADOR RAGAN
O'BRIEN CONSERVATOR MINAK
KIRA GENERAL NORLIN
QUARK THOMAS RIKER
GAREK ADMIRAL NECHAYEV
ROM LIEUTENANT WRIGHT
CARDASSIAN GUARD
KENLIK

Non-speaking

CAPTAIN TERRITT
LIEUTENANT BORNET
N.D. BAJORAN CIVILIANS
N.D. MEDICAL TECHNICIANS
N.D. BAR PATRONS
N.D. RESTAURANT PATRONS
N.D. DEFIANT CREW PERSONS
N.D. DEEP SPACE NINE CREW
PERSONS
N.D. SECURITY PERSONNEL

SETS

INTERIORS
DEEP SPACE NINE
DOCKING BAY
SISKO'S OFFICE
QUARK'S BAR
ODO'S OFFICE
BRIG
PROMENADE CORRIDOR #1
PROMENADE CORRIDOR #2
MEETING ROOM
SICK BAY
MORD'AN
BRIDGE
DEFIANT
BRIDGE
TRANSPORTER ROOM
CARDASSIAN CENTRAL COMMAND
EXTERIORS
DEEP SPACE NINE
DEFIANT
MORD'AN
CARDASSIAN HOME WORLD

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

BAKAT bah-KAT
MORD'AN MORE-dan
JANAK JAN-ack

VANIR van-EAR
RAGAN RAY-gan
MINAK MY-nack
NORLAN NOR-lan
KENLIK KEN-lick
TERRITT TEAR-it
BORNET BORE-net
ARNEN-GUL AR-nan-gull
TORKIN TORE-ken

TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE -DEEP SPACE NINE
(OPTICAL)

INT. PROMENADE CORRIDOR #1-
CAMERA FOLLOWS ACTION

Kira and Dax are walking together on their way to OPS, engaged in light conversation.

DAX
(walking)

So, what are you wearing to the reception next week?

KIRA
(walking)

My uniform, of course. What else?

DAX
(walking)

Isn't that just a bit, unfriendly?

KIRA
(walking)

No, just practical. I want those 'confused' bureaucrats to remember what I am as well as who I am. There's talk that, in order to rebuild the planet, the military will have to be cut, perhaps eliminated! They want to rely on Starfleet!

Dax is paused at a kiosk to look at something.

DAX
(browsing)

And you don't agree with that?

KIRA
(shocked)

Of course not! That thinking is what allowed the Cardassians to walk over Bajor. Now, with the wormhole, we've got the Dominion and the Jem'Hadar to add to our problems. Who knows

what else will come through that might prove to be a threat?

Finished window shopping, Dax and Kira move on.

DAX
(walking, agreeing)

The wormhole ~ a double edged sword. It allows Bajor to act as a gateway for trade and commerce as well as trouble.

OPS - LOWER LEVEL - LIFT

Dax and Kira board the lift and continue to the upper level, their conversation is continuous.

KIRA

At the reception, I plan to give my opinion on the proposal whether they ask for it or not!

DAX

Have you told this to Benjamin?

KIRA

Yes, and he agrees.

(beat, guilty)

Well, at least he didn't forbid me from trying. He knows Starfleet won't be able to respond to any emergency for days. That could be fatal for Bajor and the station.

OPS - UPPER LEVEL - WIDE ANGLE

Kira and Dax arrive on this level and move to relieve the beta shift personnel. The usual N.D. personnel are moving about, carrying out routine duties.

KIRA
(sitting)

Have you decided what to do about Julian's invitation? You can't continue to ignore his invitation.

Dax is immersed in her work at once and doesn't look up.

DAX
(working)

For now I can. He's not really pressing for an answer.

KIRA

Maybe not, but not saying no may be the same thing as saying yes as far as Julian is concerned.

Dax considers what Kira has said, then agrees.

DAX

All right, I'll talk to him today.

Kira is about to say something, when an alarm sounds, diverting her attention; Dax becomes interested.

DAX

(to Kira)

What is it?

KIRA

(working)

Incoming ship, rather large. It's at the fringe of our sensors, but already it's triggered the alarms

--

Kira stops mid-sentence and turns to Dax, worried.

KIRA

(continuing)

You better get on this. I sure hope I'm reading this wrong...

Dax nods and begins to work feverishly.

KIRA

(working)

I'm notifying Sisko, just in case...
(tapping comm badge)
Captain Sisko, report to Ops please.

Both officers are busy, and activity within Ops has increased, reflecting a sense of urgency. Sisko enters from his office and takes a position halfway between Dax and Kira.

SISKO

(curious)

What is it, Major?

KIRA

(working)

Incoming ship, very large and approaching very fast!

Sisko is very much concerned.

SISKO

Have you hailed them?

KIRA

(working)

Yes! There's no response on any channel.

Sisko takes a few steps towards Dax.

SISKO

Anything Dax?

DAX

(working)

Yes, and it's not very good. Would you like a visual?

SISKO

(looking up)

By all means.

ANGLE ON MAIN VIEWER (OPTICAL)

A ship comes into view. It's obviously Cardassian, but a totally new type, much larger and deadlier looking. Now there is an urgency in Sisko's voice.

SISKO

Red alert! Shields and screens up! Major, stand by on all weapons!

Lighting changes to reflect the alert, and Sisko taps his comm badge.

SISKO

(continuing)

All senior staff members to Ops!

Sisko is studying the viewer intently. Activity at Ops has increased again, due to the alert.

SISKO

(continuing)

Dax, do we have anything on that particular design?

Dax is still working and responds without looking up.

DAX

Nothing at all, Captain. As far as Starfleet is concerned, this ship does not exist. In fact, there's not even a hint of it in any intelligence reports. I think we're the first to see this.

SISKO

(sarcastic)

Aren't we the lucky ones.

OPS -WIDE ANGLE

Worf, Odo and O'Brien enter at a clip

WORF

What's wrong, captain?

Sisko points to the main viewer.

ON MAIN VIEWER (OPTICAL)

The huge ship now fills the screen easily and creates a lasting impression on all those present.

AS BEFORE

SISKO

Plenty, Mister Worf. Chief? See what you can do about boosting our shields. Worf, Odo, get your people ready to repel borders!

(to Kira)

Major! Force a communication, now!

O'Brien takes up the engineering post, Odo and Worf exit quickly and Kira busies herself with the communication.

KIRA

(working)

Channel open, Sir.

SISKO

(controlled anger)

To the unidentified Cardassian ship approaching this station. Identify yourself now or we will be forced to open fire!

ANGLE ON VIEWER -MORD'AN'S BRIDGE (OPTICAL)

Bakat is very friendly and diplomatic

BAKAT

(slight smile)

Captain Sisko! I am Gul Bakat commanding the strike cruiser Mord'ak. I apologize for the delay in returning your hails, but it was 'necessary'.

(beat)

You will note, I am cruising with my shields down and weapons off line.

(beat)

We are here simply to take care of a few legal matters and nothing more.

Sisko is very suspicious of Bakat

SISKO

Legal matter? That might be easier to believe if you had announced your intentions before being challenged!

Bakat remains friendly, despite Sisko's words.

BAKAT

I'm sorry if I caused any problems, and I will take your advice into consideration, should the situation arise again.

Sisko is still cautious, but decides to take the Gul's word, for the moment.

SISKO

(forced smiled)

Very well. For now I'll accept your apology. What exactly do you want?

BAKAT

(business-like)

We are here to reclaim the station, through legal means, using Bajoran and Federation law.

Everyone in Ops exchange looks of shock and disbelief.

Off their reactions...

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

(NOTE: Episode credits fall over opening scenes.)

EXT. DEEP SPACE NINE AND MORD'AN (OPTICAL)

The Cardassian ship is docked to the station.

INT. DEEP SPACE NINE - PROMENADE CORRIDOR #1 - CAMERA FOLLOWS ACTION

Sisko, Worf, Kira and Ado are en route to the air lock with a security detachment, conversation is in progress.

SISKO
(moving)

I know you don't want them here, Major! But I can't refuse them the right to dock. They've come in peace with the intention to talk. Let's not create a crisis where one doesn't exist! An open door policy must be extended to anyone coming in peace.

Kira is still agitated and outraged.

KIRA
(moving)

But they've come to reclaim the station! We can --

Sisko is not pleased with the situation and Kira isn't helping. He cuts her off and explains firmly.

SISKO
(moving)

I'll entertain any suggestion that you may have, if it's constructive and doesn't go against policy. So if anyone has an idea...

WORF
(moving)

I suggest we limit the number of Cardassians on the station, that way we can watch them at all times. You can explain it to them by citing concern for their safety.

ODO
(moving)

That would help considerably.

SISKO
(moving, nodding)

Then we'll limit their party to the legal delegation and the Gul himself. Satisfied, Major?

She is not satisfied and becomes even more agitated.

KIRA
(moving)

No! Gul Bakat is the problem! He's going to require a lot of watching. I don't trust him and there will be many Bajorans trying to kill him.

Sisko stops abruptly and turns to face Kira.

SISKO
(to Kira)

If that's the case, then you will be responsible for him, personally. Watch him all you like but be sure nothing happens to him. Do I make myself clear?

KIRA

Perfectly.

The group continues, Sisko resumes his instructions.

SISKO
(moving)

Dax and O'Brien can hold down Ops, for now. Odo, Worf, are we prepared for this visit?

WORF
(moving)

Security is spread a bit thin, but I believe we are prepared, including quest quarters.

KIRA
(moving, sarcastic)

Not far from the air lock, I hope.

ODO
(moving)

They're the closest available. Limiting exposures of a target is the first rule of security.

SISKO
(moving)

Odo, I need a favor that requires your special talents...

As the two discuss the favor, the group continues on.

DOCKING BAY AIR LOCK -WIDE ANGLE

Sisko, Kira, Worf, Ado and Bashir are standing by with an N.D. security detachment. There are a few Bajoran onlookers and Sisko, who is watching them with concern.

SISKO

I hope we can keep this visit quiet.

KIRA

If Bakat's presence becomes known...

WORF
(curious)

Just who is Bakat anyway? Why is he such a problem?

ODO

Bakat is a former commander of the occupational forces on Bajor. Not a very popular person around here.

SISKO
(to Bashir)

Is sickbay ready for an emergency?

BASHIR

For most emergencies, yes, but I'm not sure about a full scale riot.

The air lock rolls to one side and the Cardassians begin to disembark, Bakat is first. Behind him are several Cardassians in military and non-military dress. Bakat approaches Sisko, overly friendly.

BAKAT
(smiling)

Captain! We meet at last!

Bakat indicates the others with a wave of a hand.

BAKAT
(continuing)

May I present our delegation? Ambassador Ragan, Conservator Minak, Captain Territt, Lieutenant Borne.

(beat)

A special member will join us later.

Kira stiffens at the mention of Territt and Borne's rank; Odo shows a distinct reaction as well.

SISKO

(nodding towards each)

Ambassador, Conservator, captain, Lieutenant and Gul Bakat. I've heard your name before Gul Bakat.

Bakat smiles and ducks the implied accusation.

BAKAT

Due to my many triumphs during the 'Bajoran uprisings'.

Kira makes an uncomplimentary noise, Sisko stares at her.

SISKO

May I introduce my senior staff members? Constable Odo, Major Kira, Lieutenant Commander Worf and Doctor Bashir.

Bakat is trying hard to be diplomatic.

BAKAT

Nice to meet each of you, although by the look in the Major's eyes, I'd say she's less than happy to see me.

SISKO

Due to the added security problems from your presence, compounded by intentions to reclaim this station. In fact, I must insist on limiting your delegation to non-military personnel, at least for now.

BAKAT

If you think it's necessary.

Bakat nods to the junior officers and they return to the Cardassian ship without protest.

BAKAT

(continuing)

You see? We're most cooperative. Anything for interstellar peace.

SISKO

(doubtful)

I'd like to see that continue. Shall we begin with the details of your claim?

BAKAT

(smiling)

I'll leave that to the rest of the delegation. How about a meeting room where we can begin the discussions in private?

SISKO

Yes, I'll arrange it. Meanwhile Major Kira will escort your party to your guest quarters. Major?

Sisko turns to Kira and nods. Her eyes are full of protest and anger, but she exits with Worf and the Cardassian delegation. The others watch as they leave.

THREE SHOT - SISKO, ODO AND BASHIR

SISKO

Something's not right, here but before I get into that I need to contact Command.

(beat)

Odo, will you take care of that favor? Also, I'm relying on you to keep a feel for the mood of the Bajoran people on this station.

ODO

Looks like I'm going to be busy.

SISKO

(smiling)

I can't think of anyone better qualified, Constable.

Odo smiles at the compliment and exits, just as Quark enters, looking for a fight. Bashir makes an excuse to miss the impending argument.

BASHIR

(amused)

I think I'll go check on sickbay.

Bashir pushes past Quark and exits, Quark ignores him.

QUARK

(excited)

Captain! Just who I'm looking for!

SISKO

(exasperated)

Not now Quark!

Sisko begins to walk away, but Quark follows.

CAMERA FOLLOWS ACTION

QUARK

(walking, worried)

When will I be compensated for my down time? When O'Brien cut the power to the promenade, I lost my customers. There were a few very interesting holo programs --

Sisko is very agitated and loses patience with Quark.

SISKO

(walking, agitated)

Later, right now I have to prepare for a meeting with the Cardassians. After they've left, I'll help you.

Quark senses a deal and presses an impatient Sisko.

QUARK

(walking)

What sort of preparations?

SISKO

(walking)

A formal meeting room, why?

QUARK

(walking)

One of my holo suites could meet your needs. I have over a thousand programs, one should be just right.

Sisko stops. He is doubtful so Quark presses.

QUARK

It could be ready in thirty minutes, if O'Brien restores power. If you don't like it, you owe me nothing.

SISKO

(suspicious)

And if I am satisfied?

QUARK

(amiable)

Well, we can work out something--

SISKO

(interrupting)

Meanwhile, you have power restored to your suites for business.

QUARK

Just a coincidence. Is it a deal?

Sisko gives in, anything to make his life a little easier.

SISKO

(resigned)

All right. But if necessary, power will be cut again. And I will inspect the room prior to its use, so it better be good!

Happy, Quark hurries off. Sisko's is first relieved by Quark's departure, then he remembers the other problems.

CUT IT TO:

DOCKING BAY SIX (OPTICAL)

Odo is hidden nearby, observing the thinning crowd. In a few moments, he morphs into a liquid form and slips past the station guards into the inner air lock. Once here, he takes the form of an insignificant life form and heads off in the direction of N.D. Cardassian guards, visible in the B.G.

TO BE CONTINUED

Comp Ops Report By John Troan

As usual, I write to fill the space available -- but this one is definitely the shortest.

NASA has set the launch date for STS-114 as July 13. Although there are a few lingering concerns over damage from ice & foam from the external tank, the risks are minimal and not a show-stopper in the return to flight.

Scheduled a little sooner is the Deep Impact mission to comet Tempel 1 on July 4.

Upcoming Events

Jul.	2	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home
	4	NASA - <i>Deep Impact</i> at comet Tempel 1
	13	NASA - target launch date for STS-114
	26	<i>Enterprise</i> season 2 DVD set released
Aug.		No meeting
Sep.	3	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Fisher Home

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