

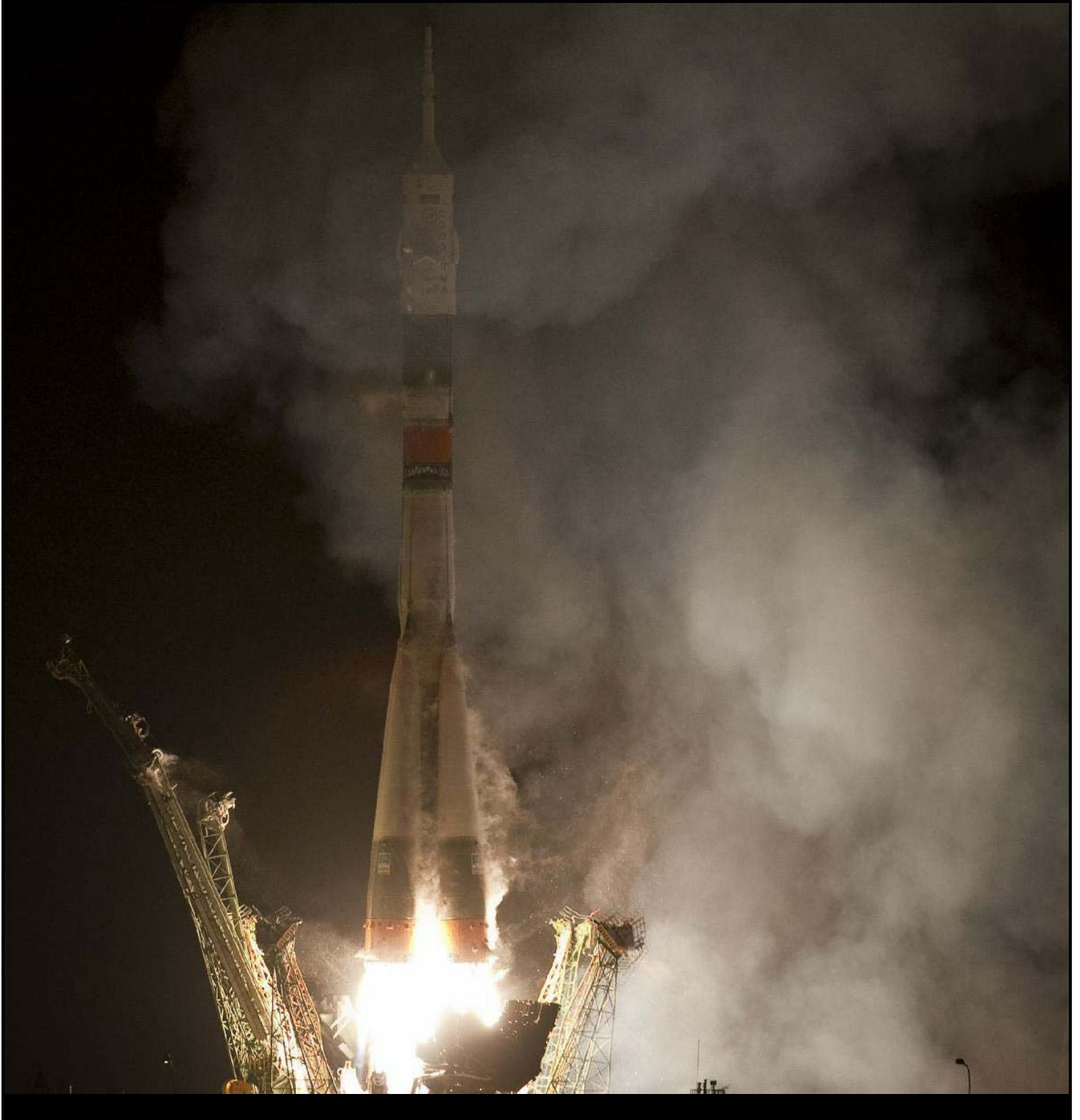
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**IMAGE - Featured Front Page**

Soyuz TMA-01M launches from Baikobur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Oct 7, 2010, taking part of the Expedition 25 crew to the International Space Station. From NASA.

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# Under the Catbird Seat

## By J.R. Fisher

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On October 7th, we celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the commissioning of the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk as a ship of the line in STARFLEET. While we had only a dozen crew and family at our dinner on the 2nd at the Texas Steakhouse, we know that those not in attendance were thinking about us and this significant milestone. We hope for many more years of association.

As I told the crew at the dinner, times are changing and we need to change with them. In the past year STARFLEET International has had clarification of its status with the IRS and consequently all of its chapters have had to make decisions in their best interests

with regards to "not-for-profit" status.

We will continue to be associated with STARFLEET and remain an active meeting chapter. We have closed our checking account and will spend the money on agreed upon charities. Depending on prices, we will try to get Ms. Poole's kids the calculators they need. As needs arise we will ask for donations or engage in fundraisers. We will no longer ask for dues for Kitty Hawk membership.

We are set for our launch anniversary/holiday dinner for the 19th of December, at 6 p.m. at the Kanki in Durham. We will have a private room and can seat 24. The usual discount will apply. We will provide a map for those members requesting one. Dress

code will be dressy casual. Please contact the C.O. with reservations.

Hopefully we will get our tapes back and we can continue our radio show project. We really enjoyed taping Brad's story and maybe we can do some more once we finish the first one.

If you have not voted yet, please do so soon; both in your state and local elections and in our STARFLEET election. Remember the November meeting will be the second Saturday, not the first. You have the *Wright Stuff*, share it with others.

*Esse Quam Videri*

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# Science Report

## By Elaine Pischke

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The Hubble Space Telescope has given us some remarkable images in its 17-year history. Despite some rather embarrassing and expensive problems early on, the Hubble has been well worth the effort. However, it's time for the next generation to take the stage. Enter the James Webb Space Telescope (referred to as the JWST or simply 'the Webb'). Development of the Webb is being overseen by Nobel winning astrophysicist John Mather at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. The Webb is

scheduled to be launched on a European Ariane 5 rocket in 2013. The Webb will not be accessible for repairs as the Hubble has been, so it will be serviced and adjusted remotely. It will take over two months to reach its destination, a point approximately 1 million miles from Earth. The Webb is designed with a 5-year expected life span, but if all goes well, that could be expanded. The Webb will 'see' farther into space than Hubble is able, and has a mirror 7 times the size of the Hubble's mirror. It is so large that it must

be folded for its journey into space. The Webb's cameras will be optimized for infrared wavelengths, allowing it to look further into the past than Hubble. It is hoped that the Webb will answer a host of questions about the origins of the universe, as well as give us a better look at the neighborhood we occupy in the galaxy. It could even help identify planets with the potential for life. We may soon have an answer to the question, "are we alone in the Universe?"

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## Enlisted Aye, Aye

By Babs Freeman

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If I recall, last time I wrote about a trip back to NJ. I could write about a trip to CA for a niece's wedding but not gonna. First, let me say I had really wanted to attend our anniversary dinner but a stupid cold killed that notion. I will leave medical writings to our medical officer.

Today, I will keep it short and simple. I work for the Employment Security Commission and I am one of those chumps who recently heard the cry of the unemployed who recently got dumped on.

What happened was this. A few years ago (I cannot say when and have an internal lawyer friend researching it), a



law was enacted that requires folks to meet certain criteria when opening a continuing claim that crosses their benefit year. The law has been on the books but no update to computer programming caused it to affect unemployment claims. This year we were audited either internally or by the feds and had update our programming. In May, new claims were hindered by this one particular criteria and a decision by some unknown big-wig started a process that said all claims begun in 2010

would also have to be addressed for this. This created a LOT of unlawful payments to folks, lots of overpayments, and a few lucky folks underpaid. And clearly, it made the news.

The ESC was in the news quite a lot over the last two weeks much to the chagrin of those same big-wigs and some others. And as always, the folks like me on the lower rungs of the ladder felt the public impact with unhappy folks calling us. Anybody who thinks all state employees have it easy, please reconsider.

On a lighter note, I was thinking about joining Odo's gym where the motto is, "Get into shape, any shape."

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## Computer Operations Report

By John Troan

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The biggest NASA news this month is getting the FY2011 budget and the "final" version of the new direction NASA is being directed to take. One of the things included is the probable addition of one more shuttle flight next June to support the space station. (The next two are scheduled for Nov 1 and Feb 27.) This mission won't have a rescue shuttle on standby -- as has usually happened post-*Columbia* -- and the crew size is being kept to four to limit the impact on the station if they have to stay until return via Soyuz capsules. (The June crew is already

assigned to be the rescue crew for the February mission.)

As pictured on the front cover, another Soyuz recently launched with a three-person crew rotation for the International Space Station. They combine with three others already onboard to comprise Expedition 25, starting another decade of constant presence on the station.

Two recent press releases from NASA highlight that there are still new discoveries to be made in the solar system. One is evidence of a probable asteroid collision from less than two years ago. The key sign

was Hubble detecting an X-pattern in the trail of debris left behind as the asteroid moves through the space.

Around Saturn, Cassini found several of the small inner moons have been exchanging material among themselves and the E ring. Cassini has built up a large collection of images since 2004 that shows varying patterns in how the mixture of materials are uniquely deposited on each moon's surface. The "how" and "why" of some of the patterns have been easy to figure out, but some are real head-scratchers the experts at JPL.



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# From the Kitchen

## By Lynn Stone

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It was Porthos's birthday aboard the *Enterprise*. The crew decided to throw a party for Captain Jonathan Archer's beloved beagle and invited anyone who wanted, to participate by creating a tasty treat for Porthos. The whole crew became involved in finding just the right combination of healthy and yummy goodies. The collection became one of StarFleet's most popular cookbooks. The recipes that were used are below:

### BANANAS

(Go bananas training treats)

- 3 cups oatmeal
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 mashed bananas

Blend eggs, oil, honey, milk and mashed bananas. Mix well and add flour and oatmeal. Mixture will be similar to cake mix. Spread into a well-greased pizza pan and bake at 325 degrees for about 25 minutes. Cut into tiny squares or strips using a pizza cutter. Keep refrigerated; store unused in freezer.

### BEEFY BISCUITS

- 2 cups whole wheat or all purpose flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 2 tsp. beef bullion powder
- 1/2 tsp. yeast extract
- 1 large egg
- 1 TBSP. cooking oil
- 1 cup hot water

Mix flour, cornmeal, wheat germ, bullion powder, yeast extract in a medium bowl. Add egg, cooking oil and water. Stir well. Roll out on a well-floured surface to 1/2 inch thickness. Place on ungreased cooking sheet. Bake on center rack 275 degrees for about 2 hours until dry and very hard. Let stand overnight to dry thoroughly. Makes 10 big bones and 14 puppy bones.

### COOKIES

- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 small can dog food or cat food
- 1 egg
- 1 3/4 cup liquid, use broth, left over gravy or water

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together flour, can of food, egg, and

liquid. Drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes. Cut into small pieces after cool. These can be refrigerated or frozen.

### LIVER BREAD TREAT FOR DOGS

- 1 lb. any kind of liver, pureed
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup corn meal
- 1 TBSP. garlic
- 1 TBSP. oil

Puree the liver and add flour, corn meal, garlic and oil. Spray cookie sheet or jellyroll pan and add the mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes. Cool and break in pieces and freeze. Take out as needed. It thaws very quickly and dogs like it cool or still frozen.

### MUTT MUFFINS

- 2 carrots
- 1/2 cup applesauce
- 2 TBSP. honey
- 2 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 TBSP. baking powder
- 1 TBSP. nutmeg or pumpkin pie spice

Shred the carrot with a hand shredder or food processor. In a bowl mix carrots, honey, water and vanilla. Add in the applesauce. Mix thoroughly. Mix flour, baking powder and spice together and add to the other mixture. Use a greased muffin tin. Using an ice cream scoop, fill each cup 3/4 full. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour. Makes about 2 dozen Mutt Muffins.

### PEANUT BUTTER TREATS

- 2 TBSP. corn oil
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup whole wheat flour

- 2 cups white flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine oil, peanut butter and water. Add flour 1 cup at a time, then knead into firm dough. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness and cut with small bone-shaped cookie cutter. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.

### SALMON COOKIES

- 15 oz. can Salmon or Jack Mackerel
- flour
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- dash garlic (optional)

Mix together fish and fish liquid, salt and baking powder, add enough flour for texture. Spread out on cookie sheet and score into sections (easier to break apart when done). Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until crust is golden. Store in container in refrigerator or freezer.

### TURKEY TREATS

- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- garlic powder

Mix oatmeal, egg, parmesan cheese and garlic powder using your hands. Pat into a greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool thoroughly then cut into thick strips (these do not hold together when slicing into small squares); freeze unused portions and keep the portions you're using refrigerated. Has the consistency of meat loaf.

*And which was Porthos's favorite??? He loved them all, of course.*

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# VOYAGER - "New Beginning"

By Brad McDonald

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## ACT FOUR

FADE IN:

EXT. SPACE - VOYAGER AND ARK (OPTICAL)

The two ships are motionless, side by side.

ARK - CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

Miller is at his duty desk with Janeway seated opposite. Janeway is angry but controlled. Miller is boisterous and arrogant.

MILLER

So now it is you who must apologize for your crew's actions.

JANEWAY

I've told you, Harry was simply curious about his family's fate. We simply want to know more about what happened with the Borg.

Miller is suspicious and cautious.

MILLER

All you had to do was ask, we have so little data about recent history.

JANEWAY

Why is that?

MILLER

First of all, not enough time. Next, who wants to recall their own destruction? No one wanted the job of recording the loss of billions of lives. It was too painful and a constant reminder of what happened.

Janeway becomes friendlier, understanding the reasoning.

JANEWAY

Again, I apologize. My people are upset and have not had time to adjust to the situation like you.

MILLER

And that's all you wanted?

JANEWAY

Of course, what else?

Miller smiles, thinking out loud.

MILLER

Mordak and Vara thought you were after our secrets of the jump drive and the new torpedo. Once you had that, you could have left us here.

Janeway becomes very much at ease and friendly.

JANEWAY

We wouldn't do that. Could I see my people now?

Miller breaks into a big grin.

MILLER

Why not? They're in engineering.

Janeway is surprised.

JANEWAY

I thought they were --

MILLER

(interrupting)

In the brig? I couldn't put the best repair team in the quadrant in my brig. Let's call it even. My people made a mistake, so did yours.

JANEWAY

Then we're back to trusting each other?

Miller leans forward, calm and frank.

MILLER

You finish helping us and the jump drive and torpedo are yours. Fair enough?

Janeway is overwhelmed.

JANEWAY

Fair enough. Now, may I see my repair team?

MILLER

Of course. But first there's something I want you to see.

He stands and turns his console screen so Janeway can see it, then activates it.

MILLER

Once you've viewed this, I'll see you in engineering. Take your time.

He exits as an image appears.

ANGLE ON CONSOLE SCREEN

The Starfleet logo appears, then fades to an elderly man in a Starfleet uniform. He is tired and a bit haggard. Behind him, damage is evident.

ADMIRAL

This is Starfleet Command. To all unified forces in this sector. Earth can no longer be saved. Regroup and rendezvous at point 'Charlie'. Repeat. Avoid Earth, regroup at point --

The communication is cut by heavy static, then the image is replaced by a slightly fuzzy view of Earth from space. Several damaged ships of various types and worlds are visible, as are many Borg ships. Earth is being heavily bombarded until the planet becomes a large ember. The image then becomes full of static and disappears.

ON JANEWAY

She becomes emotional and puts her head down on the table.

Off her reaction...

CUT TO:

VOYAGER - ASTROMETRICS  
LAB

Seven and Tuvok are both working at consoles. On the viewer, is an Okudagram of the Federation and the Alpha Quadrant.

SEVEN

This is the eighth simulation. How many are required to satisfy the Captain's curiosity?

TUVOK

It is not a matter of curiosity. It is essential she knows if these people are telling the truth.

SEVEN

But why would they lie about such events?

TUVOK

I am uncertain, but it would help considerably if you could recall any directives that relate to the invasion.

SEVEN

The collective was always expanding and the Alpha Quadrant has been a prime target for years.

TUVOK

Then you have no specific recent memories of a large scale invasion.

SEVEN

No. I have no such memory, but the reference to deceptive Borg tactics are not typical, nor is the claim that Borg forces would totally destroy a planet. We absorb, not eliminate. Shall we continue?

CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

Present are Janeway and Miller. The two are reviewing information on a console.

MILLER

I appreciate your assistance in our search for a new

home. Since you have already taken a look, is there a likely candidate nearby?

JANEWAY

Actually, we haven't studied this immediate sector very well. I was distracted by the magnetar.

Miller becomes excited and points to the console.

MILLER

There! A Class M planet fairly close by.

Janeway studies it a bit closer

JANEWAY

The magnetar makes readings very difficult. It could be inhabited. We can take a look. If it is inhabited there are other planets.

Miller looks discouraged.

MILLER

But none in this sector. I rather like the idea of the magnetar shielding our presence. If the Borg do come back, they'll be hard pressed to find us.

JANEWAY

I agree, but there's no rush and you have the entire quadrant.

Miller gives her a look of disgust.

MILLER

A few years ago, we had the whole galaxy. The Borg keep reducing the possibilities. My people are tired of running and want to start over again. The sooner the better.

JANEWAY

I agreed to help you, but we must still adhere to --

MILLER

(interrupting)

Starfleet regulations? Federation directives? Are you telling me that this far

away from the Alpha Quadrant you still follow those rules and regulations?

JANEWAY

Whenever possible.

Miller becomes excited.

MILLER

And practical. You forgot the second half of the axiom. I've got people on board my ship who haven't set foot on solid ground for years! My crew is composed of a very uneasy alliance and they smell freedom.

JANEWAY

I understand your predicament, but I must insist on following some basic guidelines, otherwise we're no better than the Borg.

Miller stops short of challenging Janeway.

MILLER

Let's have a look at that planet, then we can decide what's best.

Janeway studies Miller as he rises and exits the room.

EXT. SPACE - NEW HOME,  
VOYAGER AND ARK (OPTICAL)

INT. VOYAGER - MAIN BRIEFING  
ROOM

Present are Janeway, Chakotay, Tuvok, Kim and Paris.

JANEWAY

We are going to help these people settle on a new world, whether it's this one or not, remains to be seen. I want detailed reports from all away teams. Sensor use will be negated by the magnetar. Before we begin our assignments, I want to

present a very delicate issue. What do we do?

CHAKOTAY

Do you believe their story?

JANEWAY

I have reviewed several logs in their data base and there are other factors as well. Tuvok?

TUVOK

With Seven's assistance, I generated a number of simulations regarding the Borg invasion. In over half, the Borg were able to overtake the Alpha Quadrant in the time specified. The invasion is a physical possibility.

PARIS

Does Seven's memory reveal anything?

SEVEN

My memory of such events are vague, however, they are suspect due to my 'disconnection' from the collective. All memory prior to that moment indicate the invasion a distinct possibility. However, I do not recall the Borg destroying a world to make a point.

KIM

My conversation with some of their crew made me think. The things they described and their feelings... about their personal losses and the war... it does seem real.

TORRES

The thought of the Klingons dying while destroying an enemy is just the tactics I'd expect from my people. They'd do anything rather than become a Borg.

PARIS

I'm not sold so easily, I still have my doubts.

CHAKOTAY

Is that it then?

Janeway is very tired and not comfortable with her words.

JANEWAY

I wish it weren't so, but I believe we need to prepare as if it is. However, part of the deal with the crew of Ark is the acquisition of their technology, which includes a jump drive capability. When we get it, I want to take a quick trip to the Alpha Quadrant. Anyone who wants to go along is welcome, but I can't promise a return trip. Think about this over the next few days, you may wish to remain with the Ark.

They become very quiet and Janeway becomes distracted.

CHAKOTAY

Let's get to the assignments. Report all findings directly to my station. Dismissed.

As everyone rises to exit, Chakotay studies Janeway.

CHAKOTAY

Isn't about time for that rest?

JANEWAY

We're almost done, besides, the whole crew is tired. I'm not that far gone.

CHAKOTAY

I remember a quote, "Tired minds make poor decisions."

Janeway takes a hard look at Chakotay.

JANEWAY

You think I'm doing that now?

CHAKOTAY

I'm not sure, I'll abide with your decision. I just want you awake when you make

it. And I plan to go back to the Alpha Quadrant, with or without you.

She gives him a weak smile and he returns it.

JANEWAY

I hear you. I believe I'll take a little nap... make that a big nap. Let me know if anything happens.

The two exit together.

NEW WORLD - FOREST - MID DAY

Paris, Kim and Seven are scanning the area, each has a tricorder and a phaser.

PARIS

I'm not sure what's more important, exploring this world or making sure one of the Ark's people don't try to get Seven again.

SEVEN

I'm capable of taking care of myself.

KIM

No doubt. But they may not fight fair. In any case, Chakotay put us as far from their teams as possible.

PARIS

That's why he wears the extra pips.

SEVEN

Meaning, his rank determines his intelligence and importance.

KIM

Actually, it's the other way around. I'm picking up readings in that direction.

He points to the area.

PARIS

Me too. May be humanoids. Let's check it out.



SEVEN

I would suggest a stealthy movement so as not to disturb them.

KIM

Couldn't have put it better.

CLEARING

The three now come upon a clearing and spot a very primitive village. Several N. D. NATIVES are visible but the team remains hidden.

PARIS

Well, there goes paradise.

SEVEN

Meaning we can not remain here.

KIM

Exactly. These people have a viable culture. With a quick reading I find agriculture, pottery, clothing and other basic developments.

Paris puts his tricorder away and activates his comm badge.

PARIS

Voyager. Three to beam up. Notify Commander Chakotay, we have found intelligent life.

EXT. SPACE - VOYAGER, ARK AND NEW WORLD

Voyager and Ark are in orbit above the world.

INT. VOYAGER - CAPTAIN'S READY ROOM

Janeway is seated at her duty desk and Miller is seated on the other side.

JANEWAY

What did your teams discover?

Miller is excited.

MILLER

Abundance of raw materials, plant and animal

life; looks promising. I think we'll stay.

JANEWAY

There's a fly in the ointment

She hands him a data padd.

JANEWAY

(continuing)

One of my teams found a small group of inhabitants on the smaller continent. Commander Chakotay is studying them now. I'd say this changes things considerably.

Miller is nervous and tries to put on a happy face.

MILLER

Not at all. They stay where they are and we take the larger continent. Plenty of room for everybody.

He hands the padd back.

JANEWAY

We've been over this before. Even if the Federation is dead, it's principles lives on.

Miller becomes very excited

MILLER

Wrong! If the Federation's 'great' principles had been ignored by Captain Picard seven years ago, we wouldn't be having this conversation. He could have destroyed the Borg and didn't. And don't tell me you haven't bent the rules, I know better.

JANEWAY

We've made a few exceptions

MILLER

(interrupting)

And this is one of them. We may never find another situation like this. A magnetar that shields the planet without endangering it?

JANEWAY

I've just had a long rest and I'm beginning to think a bit more about this situation. But I am sure that Voyager and it's crew will not assist in your colonizing a planet which already has a viable society.

Miller stands in protest, angry.

MILLER

Is that your last word?

JANEWAY

Absolutely!

MILLER

If you don't help us, we'll still colonize the planet and you'll lose everything. No jump drive and no torpedoes.

JANEWAY

We've done just fine without it. As to your plans to colonize without our help, consider this. If you attempt it, Voyager will be forced to stop you. Remember, my engineer knows your weaknesses. Do you really want to chance it?

Miller is furious and exits in a rage. She taps her comm badge after he exits.

JANEWAY

Tom? Recall all our away teams and go to standby alert. Screens and shields as soon as everyone is aboard. On the double!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT FOUR

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## Upcoming Events

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Nov	13	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Triangle Factory Outlet
Dec	4	4 p.m. Ship Meeting, Triangle Factory Outlet
	17	Articles for next <i>Wright Stuff</i> due
	19	6 p.m. Anniversary Dinner, Kanki @ <b>Durham</b> <i>Contact JR to make your reservation</i>

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR STARFLEET STATUS**

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