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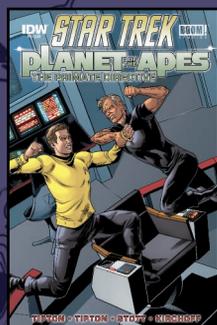
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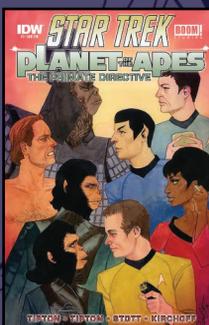
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Captain James T. Kirk and the crew of the *USS Enterprise* have pursued Klingon warships through an interdimensional portal, finding themselves on a parallel Earth where mankind has become an inferior species and apes rule the planet! Searching for Klingon interference, they've encountered Colonel George Taylor, a timelost astronaut from 20th-century Earth who's hell-bent for vengeance for what's become of humanity. When his requests for assistance are rebuffed, Taylor kayoes Ensign Chekov and takes matters into his own hands...

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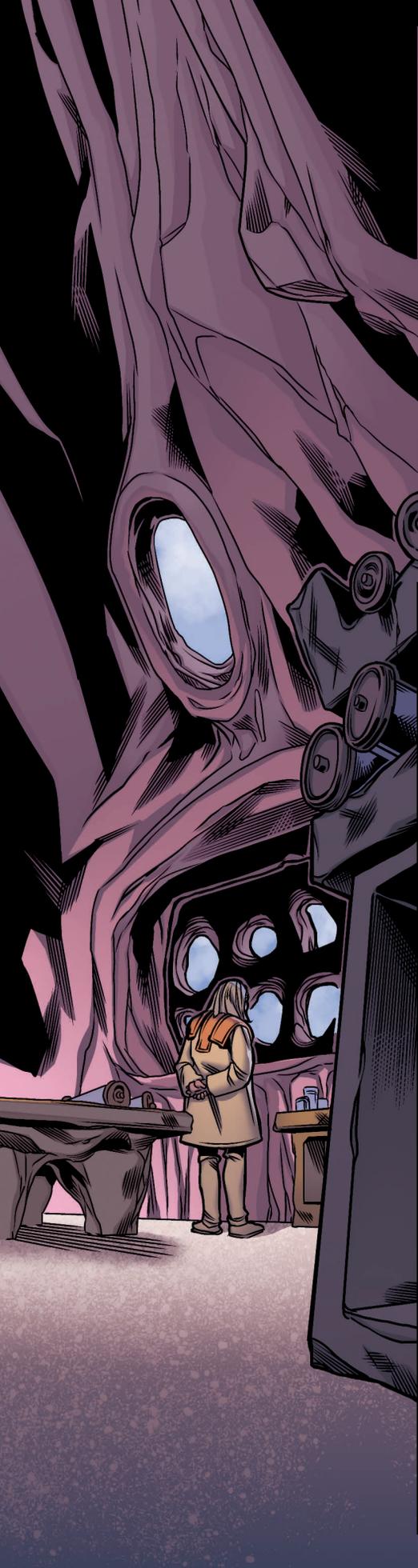
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"THE NEWS COULD NOT BE WORSE. OUR FOOD SHORTAGE IS MORE SEVERE THAN OUR GRIMMEST PREDICTIONS. OUR POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW, BUT OUR ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE OUR AGRICULTURAL YIELDS ARE DISMAL FAILURES.



"WE HAVE OVERWORKED OUR FIELDS, AND OUR OPTIONS FOR NEW LANDS TO TILL ARE LIMITED. WE ARE SURROUNDED—NOT ONLY BY RAVENOUS HERDS OF MAN, BUT ALSO BY THE DANGER AND UNKNOWN THREAT OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE."





"THE PROSPECT OF FAMINE HAS FORCED US TO CONSIDER MEASURES UNTHINKABLE IN THE PAST. THE GORILLAS HAVE SENT SCOUTS INTO THE FORBIDDEN ZONE, HOPING TO FIND ROOM TO GROW: NEW FEEDING GROUNDS FOR OUR HUNGRY POPULATION.

"THE SINGLE SCOUT THAT RETURNED TO US WAS DRIVEN QUITE INSANE. THE CAUSE REMAINS A MYSTERY.



"ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED MULTIPLE REPORTS OF 'STRANGE MANIFESTATIONS' IN THE FORBIDDEN ZONE. THE OTHER SCOUTS ARE PRESUMED DEAD.



"THE GORILLAS ARE UP IN ARMS. GENERALS MARIUS AND URSUS ARE PRESSING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVASION OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE. MARIUS IN PARTICULAR HAS GROWN INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE, ALMOST INSUBORDINATE, IN HIS DEMANDS FOR ACTION. THEY SEEK NOT ONLY VENGEANCE FOR THEIR FALLEN COMRADES, BUT ALSO THE CONQUEST OF NEW LANDS THAT COULD END OUR DESPERATE SHORTAGE OF FOOD.



"MANY OF THE CHIMPANZEES ARE RELUCTANT TO GO TO WAR. THEY CONSIDER THE GORILLAS' ACTION HASTY AND ILL-ADVISED. SOME HAVE BEGUN TO PROTEST. I HAVE NEVER SEEN TENSIONS SO HIGH AMONG APEKIND. ON THE VERGE OF FAMINE, NOW WE ALSO FIND OURSELVES HEADING INTO STRIFE AND CIVIL UNREST.



"PERHAPS MY ONLY GOOD NEWS OF LATE HAS BEEN MY CONTINUING RECONCILIATION WITH CORNELIUS AND ZIRA. DESPITE THEIR ERRATIC BEHAVIOR IN THE MATTER OF THAT TALKING MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF TAYLOR, THEY HAVE PROVEN TO BE AMONG MY CLOSEST ALLIES IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. I HAVE NO REGRETS ABOUT DECIDING NOT TO PRESS CHARGES OF HERESY AGAINST THEM EARLIER.



"INDEED, THEY MAY BE OUR BEST HOPE IN WHAT APPEAR TO BE DARK TIMES AHEAD."



ENTERPRISE,
THIS IS THE
CAPTAIN
SPEAKING.

KYLE HERE,
CAPTAIN.

BEAM ME
ABOARD
AT ONCE.



... THIS IS WHY
IT IS SO VERY
IMPORTANT THAT
WE MINIMIZE OUR
INTERFERENCE--
HOLD ON...

WHERE'S
TAYLOR?



I DON'T
KNOW, JIM--
HE WAS
HERE JUST
A MOMENT
AGO.

SPOCK,
CHECK OVER
THAT WAY.
AND WHERE'S
CHEKOV?



THIS TAYLOR FRIEND
OF YOURS IS GOING
TO GET US ALL IN A
LOT OF TROUBLE.

HE IS A
CLEVER
ONE.

YOU WOULD
NOT BELIEVE THE
PROBLEMS HE HAS
CAUSED FOR ZIRA
AND ME.



CHEKOV!?!?



...WHA— DOCTOR?!

WHAT HAPPENED?



JUDGING BY THE EVIDENCE, TAYLOR CLOBBERED HIM.

WHAT? WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?



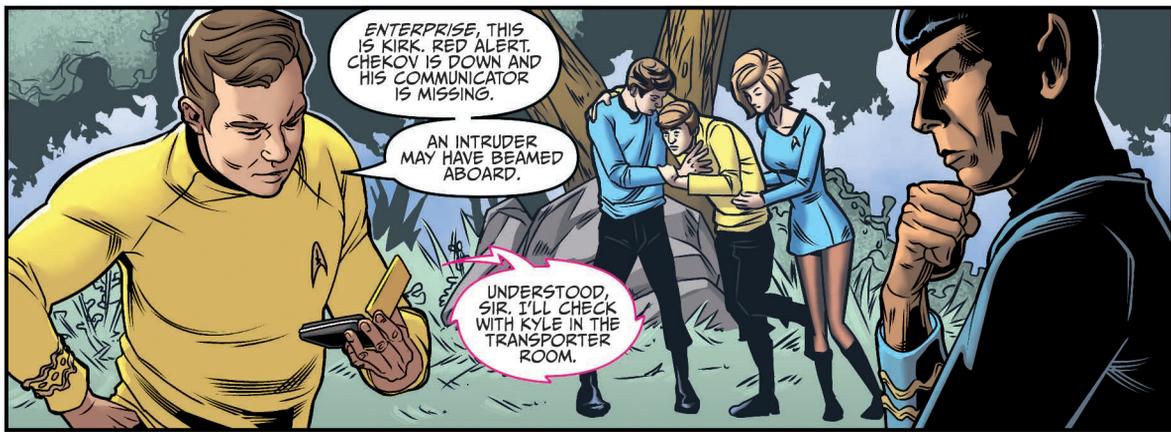
CAPTAIN, CHEKOV'S COMMUNICATOR IS MISSING.



YOU DON'T THINK HE MANAGED TO GET HIMSELF BEAMED UP?

WE WERE JUST TELLING YOUR DOCTOR HERE HOW INGENIOUS TAYLOR CAN BE.

ALSO, HIS TREATMENT WHILE FIRST IN OUR CUSTODY HAS MADE HIM A LITTLE PARANOID, I FEAR.



ENTERPRISE, THIS IS KIRK. RED ALERT. CHEKOV IS DOWN AND HIS COMMUNICATOR IS MISSING.

AN INTRUDER MAY HAVE BEAMED ABOARD.

UNDERSTOOD SIR. I'LL CHECK WITH KYLE IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM.

