

CAPTAIN'S LOG,
STARDATE 2262.141.

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN "THE
WARP CORE IS
COMPLAINING,"
MR. SCOTT?

WHATEVER
THEY HIT US
WITH SOMEHOW
TRICKLED THROUGH
THE SHIELDS,
CAPTAIN.

THE SIX ORION SHIPS WE
ENCOUNTERED TOOK A FEW
POTSHOTS AT US BEFORE
THEY ESCAPED.

IT
WEAKENED
THE CORE'S
ANTIMATTER
CONTAINMENT
FIELDS.

HOW
FAST CAN
YOU FIX
IT?

BUT WORSE THAN THE
DAMAGE TO THE SHIP...

YOUR "WHEN, NOT
IF" CONFIDENCE IN ME
IS MUCH APPRECIATED,
SIR. GIVE ME A
HOUR.

EVERY
SECOND COUNTS,
SCOTTY.

...IS THAT THE ORIONS
KIDNAPPED TWO OF
OUR PEOPLE.

WE HAVE THE
SAME ISSUE WITH
OUR WARP CORE, KIRK.
WE'LL COMBINE OUR
EFFORTS TO FIX
THE PROBLEM.

AGREED,
CAPT. CAMPBELL.

AND THEN
WE'RE GOING
AFTER THE
ORIONS.

WE CAN'T
DO THAT,
KIRK.

WE HAVE A TREATY
WITH THE ORION SYNDICATE
THAT PROHIBITS STARFLEET
FROM VENTURING INTO THEIR
TERRITORY WITHOUT
PERMISSION.



CAPTAIN
CAMPBELL IS
CORRECT.

WE SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO
ASCERTAIN
PRECISELY WHO
TOOK LIEUTENANTS
KAI AND GAILA. IT MAY
WELL HAVE BEEN AN
ORION FACTION
UNSANCTIONED BY
THE SYNDICATE
ITSELF.

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
I'M EVEN LESS
INCLINED TO ASK
FOR PERMISSION
TO GO AFTER
THEM.

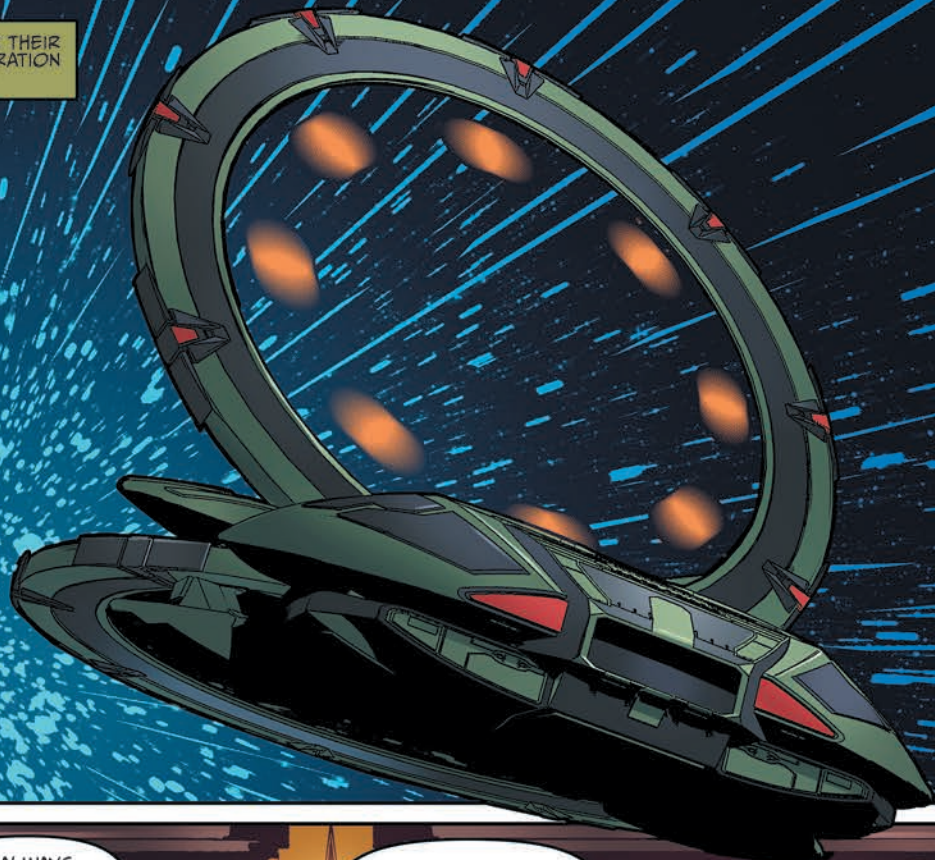
AND GAILA
AND KAI DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
US TO HAND THEIR
FATE OVER TO
DIPLOMATS.

MR. CHEKOV,
CAN YOU TRACE THE
WARP SIGNATURES
OF THOSE
SHIPS?

AYE, KEPTIN.
IF WE GET CLOSE
ENOUGH TO ORION
SPACE, I CAN SCAN
FOR THEM.

THEN THAT'S
WHERE WE'RE
HEADED.

"SO MUCH FOR THEIR VAUNTED FEDERATION TECHNOLOGY."



I ALWAYS FOUND THE LATE ADMIRAL MARCUS' ZEALOTRY DISTASTEFUL.

BUT HIS WILLINGNESS TO TRADE INFORMATION WITH THE SYNDICATE MADE IT CHILD'S PLAY TO SEED OUR SPIES THROUGHOUT STARFLEET.

HUMAN SPIES, OF COURSE. OUR SKIN'S NATURAL HUE MADE IT IMPRACTICAL TO SEND ORION-BORN.

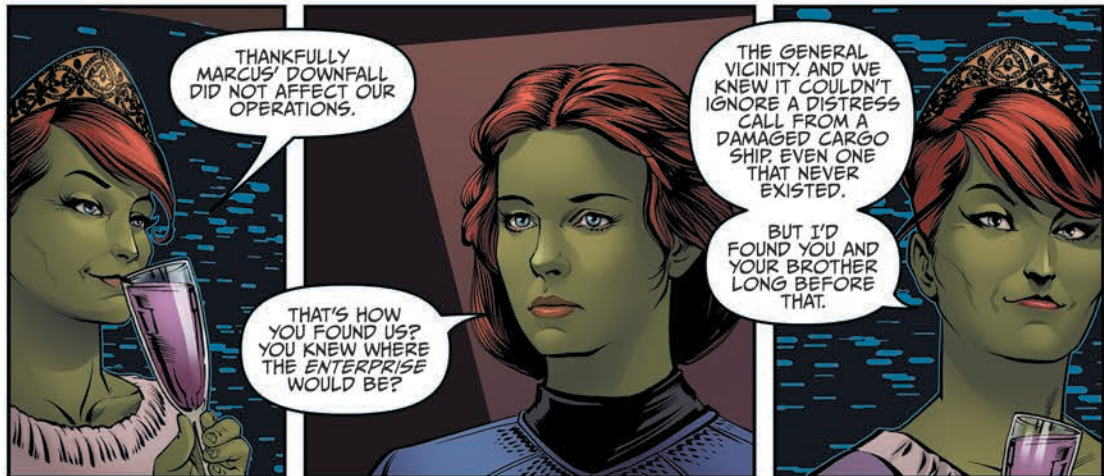


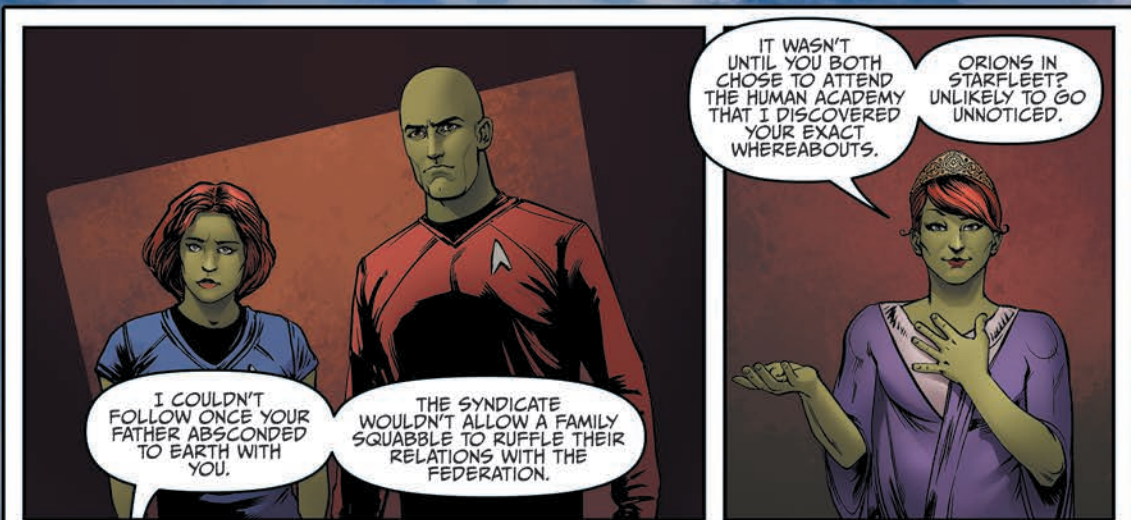
THANKFULLY MARCUS' DOWNFALL DID NOT AFFECT OUR OPERATIONS.

THAT'S HOW YOU FOUND US? YOU KNEW WHERE THE ENTERPRISE WOULD BE?

THE GENERAL VICINITY, AND WE KNEW IT COULDN'T IGNORE A DISTRESS CALL FROM A DAMAGED CARGO SHIP, EVEN ONE THAT NEVER EXISTED.

BUT I'D FOUND YOU AND YOUR BROTHER LONG BEFORE THAT.





I COULDN'T FOLLOW ONCE YOUR FATHER ABSCONDED TO EARTH WITH YOU.

THE SYNDICATE WOULDN'T ALLOW A FAMILY SQUABBLE TO RUFFLE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERATION.

IT WASN'T UNTIL YOU BOTH CHOSE TO ATTEND THE HUMAN ACADEMY THAT I DISCOVERED YOUR EXACT WHEREABOUTS.

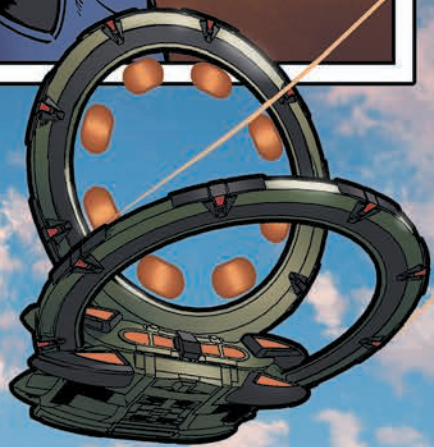
ORIONS IN STARFLEET? UNLIKELY TO GO UNNOTICED.



HOW IRONIC THAT THE PATH YOU CHOSE TO FOLLOW WOULD MAKE IT SO MUCH EASIER FOR ME TO RESCUE YOU.

PLEASE DON'T LOOK SO SAD, GAILA...

"...YOU'RE FINALLY GOING HOME."



CAPTAIN'S LOG,
SUPPLEMENTAL.

FIVE DAYS.
I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE
MYSELF!

REPAIRS TOOK MUCH LONGER
THAN ANTICIPATED. BUT WE'VE
GOT OUR SPEED BACK.

I KNOW YOU
DID THE BEST
YOU COULD,
SCOTTY.

ALL THAT
MATTERS IS
WHAT WE
DO NEXT.

I DON'T AGREE
WITH YOUR COURSE OF
ACTION, KIRK. AND THE
ORIONS WON'T BE HAPPY.
BUT I'M NOT GOING
TO STOP YOU.

I
APPRECIATE
THAT, CAPTAIN. I
KNOW YOU HAVE
TO REPORT BACK
TO STARFLEET ON
MY DECISION.

PLEASE
MAKE SURE TO
NOTE THAT MY
FIRST OFFICER
AGREES WITH
YOU.

AND TRY
TO LOOK ON
THE BRIGHT
SIDE.

"AT LEAST YOU DON'T
HAVE TO COME WITH ME."