

AN ALTERNATE TIMELINE.

THE 24TH CENTURY.

THE PLANET ROMULUS.

MY PREVIOUS STAY ON ROMULUS INCLUDED A VISIT FROM MOST UNLIKELY GUESTS. *

*AS SEEN IN EPISODE "UNIFICATION II" OF STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION!

YOU'RE CERTAIN THE SECURITY SENSORS ARE DEACTIVATED, DATA?

YES, CAPTAIN.

BUT IT WOULD STILL BE WISE TO SPEND AS LITTLE AS TIME HERE AS POSSIBLE.

WAIT...

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A SECURITY DRONE. I COULD NOT SHUT THEM DOWN REMOTELY. WE MUST BE ALERT.

ONCE WE ARE FREE OF THE *CAPITOL PERIMETER* OUR PATH WILL BE LESS HAZARDOUS.



THROUGH HERE, QUICKLY.

THE SECURITY GRID MAY REACTIVATE AT ANY TIME.



I MUST SAY I'M IMPRESSED, SPOCK.

MOST AMBASSADORS YOUR AGE ARE ENJOYING *RETIREMENT* ABOARD A WELL-APPOINTED *LEISURE CRAFT*.



AND MOST *CAPTAINS* PREFER TO CARRY OUT THEIR ORDERS FROM THE BRIDGE OF A STARSHIP...

...NOT COLLABORATING WITH A *DISSIDENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT* ON THE GROUND.



OR *UNDER* IT.

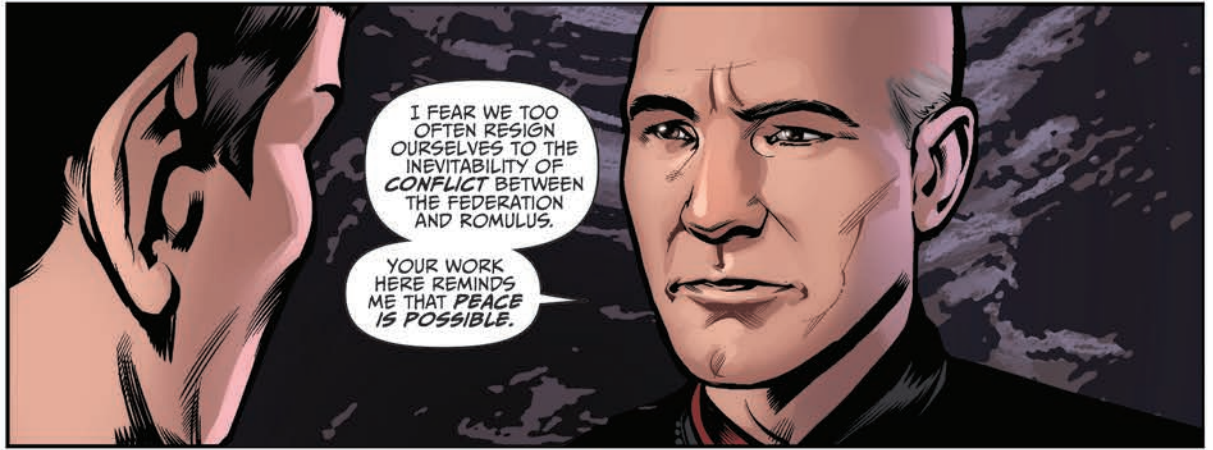
BUT THIS WAS A MISSION I COULD NOT REFUSE.



NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF YOUR DUTY TO STARFLEET, I SENSE...
...BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH MY FATHER.



INDEED.
SAREK AND I SHARED A SPECIAL BOND.
BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU HAVE OPENED MY EYES--OPENED STARFLEET'S EYES--TO SOMETHING NEW.



I FEAR WE TOO OFTEN RESIGN OURSELVES TO THE INEVITABILITY OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FEDERATION AND ROMULUS.
YOUR WORK HERE REMINDS ME THAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE.



I BELIEVE PEACE IS SIMPLY LOGICAL.
THE EVIDENCE FOR THAT BELIEF...



...STANDS BEFORE YOU NOW. ROMULANS WHO BELIEVE THAT WAR IS *NOT* INEVITABLE.

THEY REPRESENT THE *FUTURE*.



MY BELIEF PROVED CORRECT.

IN THE DECADES TO COME, THE PEACEFUL OVERTURES BETWEEN ROMULANS AND VULCANS WOULD GROW TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT I COULD WORK OPENLY AS AN AMBASSADOR HERE.



UNTIL THE TRAGEDY.

ROMULUS WAS DESTROYED.

VULCAN WAS BLAMED...

AND I NOW FIND MYSELF BACK ON ROMULUS, WITH ALL MY WORK *UNDONE*.

A NEW TIMELINE.

ONE CENTURY PRIOR.

SPOCK OF VULCAN.

YOU STAND ACCUSED.



THESE TWO BRAVE ROMULANS--

--SURVIVORS OF OUR PLANET'S *DESTRUCTION* IN THEIR ORIGINAL TIME--

--HAVE SUPPLIED THIS SENATE WITH ALL THE TESTIMONY IT REQUIRES TO KNOW THE *TRUTH*.