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*Space... The final frontier.
These are the voyages of the U.S.S. Enterprise.
Its continuing mission: to conquer strange new worlds,
to enslave new life and new civilizations...
To boldly go where no one has gone before!*

PREVIOUSLY IN STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION: MIRROR BROKEN:

There exists an otherdimensional Mirror Universe, where there is no United Federation of Planets, only a cruel Terran Empire, in which advancement comes through assassination, brutality is commonplace and kindness is a weakness. Only twice before, nearly a century earlier, have members of Starfleet encountered denizens of that barbaric realm who had somehow made their way across parallel universes.

Until now.



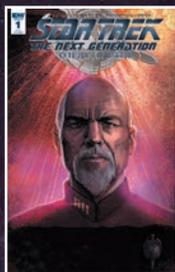
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NAIA VII, STARFLEET MINING FACILITY



QUITE A VIEW.

YOU SAID YOU HAD BEEN HERE ON NAIA IV BEFORE, COMMANDER?



YES, THE MINING FACILITY HERE NEEDED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE ENTERPRISE LAST YEAR.* THIS FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION IS TO CHECK ON THEIR SECURITY.

*AS SEEN IN STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION/DOCTOR WHO ASSIMILATION 2, ISSUE 2



COMMANDER,
JUST TO CONFIRM,
YOUR TEAM MEMBERS
HAVE SECURITY
CLEARANCE FOR
BACKGROUND TO OUR
MISSION HERE
ON NAIA IV?

YES,
YOU CAN
TELL THEM
ANYTHING WE
NEED TO
KNOW.

VERY
WELL.

AS
YOU KNOW, OUR
FACILITY HERE IS ONE
OF STARFLEET'S MOST
VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR
A VARIETY OF MINERALS
AND ELEMENTS. DILITHIUM,
BILITRIUM, KELBONITE,
AND MORE, IT'S ALL
HERE IN GREAT
SUPPLY.

AFTER THE BORG DESTROYED
MUCH OF THE FLEET AT WOLF 359,
THIS FACILITY HAS BEEN AN ESSENTIAL
SUPPLY STATION FOR THE REBUILDING
EFFORT. WE'VE BEEN PRESSED HARD
HERE...SO HARD, AT TIMES, THAT
WE'VE HAD TROUBLE
KEEPING UP.

BUT MORE
RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN
NOTICING SOMETHING
NEW THAT CONCERNS
ME. SOME OF OUR
EQUIPMENT HAS
DISAPPEARED.

AND SOME
OF THE MATERIAL WE
MINE AND PROCESS HAS
BEEN VANISHING TOO.
THREE FULL CRATES OF
DILITHIUM, FOR EXAMPLE,
HAVE GONE MISSING
SINCE JUST YESTERDAY.

WHY DIDN'T YOUR
EARLIER REPORT
INCLUDE THESE
DETAILS?

AT FIRST,
IT SEEMED
LIKE A SIMPLE
BOOKKEEPING
PROBLEM.

BUT IT
GREW MORE
SERIOUS, SO I
WAS LOOKING
FORWARD
TO YOUR
INSPECTION.

AND ALSO--
I WAS WORRIED OUR
COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT
BE COMPROMISED.

DOES ANYONE ELSE
KNOW ABOUT YOUR
SUSPICIONS?

ONLY MY
MOST TRUSTED
OFFICER, LT. AMATO.
AND I INTENTIONALLY
BROUGHT US TO THIS
SECURED ROOM
TO HAVE THIS
CONVERSATION.

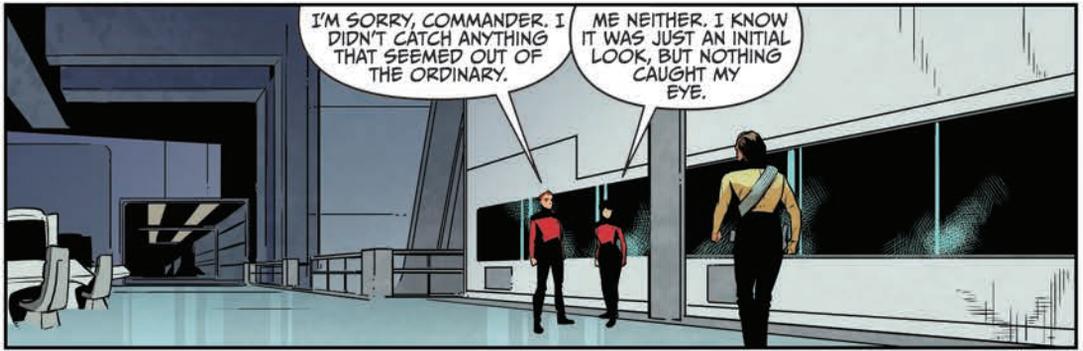
GOOD
WORK,
CAPTAIN.

WE NEED TO CONDUCT A
DISCREET RECONNAISSANCE
OF THIS ENTIRE FACILITY.
THE CAPTAIN'S DISCRETION
WILL MAKE OUR TASK
EASIER.

FAN OUT AND LOOK
AROUND EVERYWHERE
FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.
UNLESS SOMETHING ELSE
DEVELOPS, WE'LL GATHER
BACK HERE IN AN HOUR
AND REPORT OUR
FINDINGS.

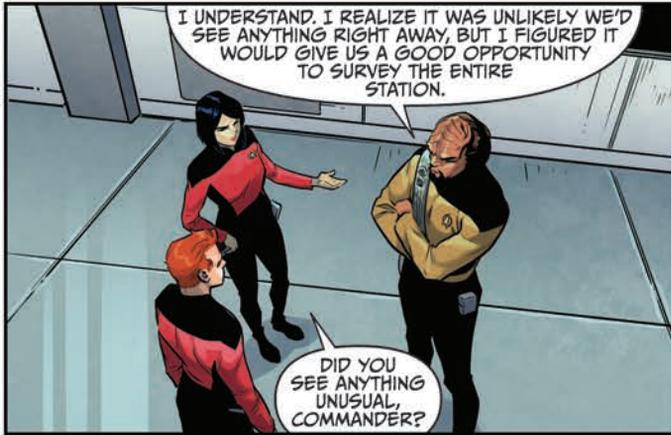
AYE
SIR.





I'M SORRY, COMMANDER. I DIDN'T CATCH ANYTHING THAT SEEMED OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

ME NEITHER. I KNOW IT WAS JUST AN INITIAL LOOK, BUT NOTHING CAUGHT MY EYE.



I UNDERSTAND. I REALIZE IT WAS UNLIKELY WE'D SEE ANYTHING RIGHT AWAY, BUT I FIGURED IT WOULD GIVE US A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SURVEY THE ENTIRE STATION.

DID YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL, COMMANDER?



NO.

ALTHOUGH... I DID SEE SOMETHING STRANGE. THIS MAY SEEM ODD. DO EITHER OF YOU KNOW LIEUTENANT JONES FROM ENGINEERING?



FROM THE ENTERPRISE? YES.

I DO TOO, SURE. I HAD DINNER WITH JONES JUST LAST WEEK.

DOES HE HAVE A BEARD? A GOATEE?



NO, HE'S CLEAN-SHAVEN.

I COULD SWEAR I JUST SAW HIM IN A CORRIDOR HERE. WITH A BEARD.



ARE YOU SURE IT WAS HIM?

HE CERTAINLY LOOKED LIKE HIM.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE WAS HEADED, COMMANDER?



HE WAS JUST DOWN THIS CORRIDOR. I'LL RETRACE MY STEPS AND TRY TO LOCATE HIM.

WHILE I DO THAT, YOU TWO CHECK IN WITH CAPTAIN OCHOA AND LET HIM KNOW WHERE THINGS STAND.