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Welcome back to *Waypoint* and our continued look at new and interesting angles of the *Star Trek* universe. For our final issue, we've got two stories about how sometimes the monsters in front of your eyes are not the ones you need to be afraid of. In our first yarn, set in the Original Series timeline, Nurse Chapel finds herself caught between a biomedical disaster inside a crashed ship and the hostile alien beings outside of its walls. In the second, set in the Phase II timeline, Captain Kirk must come to the aid of a Romulan ship that's been attacked, but nothing can prepare him for the horrible secret lurking its corridors. Dare you face these mortifying monstrosities? We sure do hope so!



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# THE REBOUND EFFECT

STARDATE 2942.1. NURSE'S MEDICAL LOG: THE ENTERPRISE HAS REACHED THE RENDEZVOUS SITE IN THE VARANU SYSTEM IN TIME TO HOST ARMISTICE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO WARRING FACTIONS.

I WOULD HAVE HATED TO BE THE REASON WE DIDN'T GET HERE IN TIME...



"...MAYBE IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T..."

NURSE CHAPEL, I FIND IT CURIOUS YOU HAVE NEVER PURSUED A POSITION MORE IN KEEPING WITH YOUR EXPERTISE.

YOU COULD BE DOING REAL RESEARCH NOW, NOT BANDAGING SCRAPED KNEES LIGHTYEARS FROM CIVILIZE-

CREWMAN SKOV! A MOMENT...

...IF YOU COULD.

OH, DR. TRAFF! YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

DR. TRAFF, YOUR TALK ON BENEFICIAL VECTORS WAS QUITE ILLUMINATING.

I JUST WANTED TO WISH YOU THE BEST. A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

THANK YOU, DOCTOR. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE A FORMAL ARMISTICE CAN TAKE PLACE. I AM MERELY A LIAISON FOR THE FIRST NEGOTIATIONS.

AND A FAR TOO MODEST ONE, AT THAT.

FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT TRAFF WAS GOING TO RECRUIT YOU TO HIS LAB, CHRISTINE. YOU WERE QUITE ENGAGED DURING HIS TALK.

SAFE JOURNEYS, SKOV. PLEASE CARRY MY GREETING TO YOUR PEOPLE.

THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN INSPIRING, PROFESSOR T'WEK.

"...I MEAN, THE CONFERENCE WAS WONDERFUL, BUT WE HAD BARELY LEFT SPACEDOCK WHEN THE TROUBLE BEGAN..."

CREWMAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

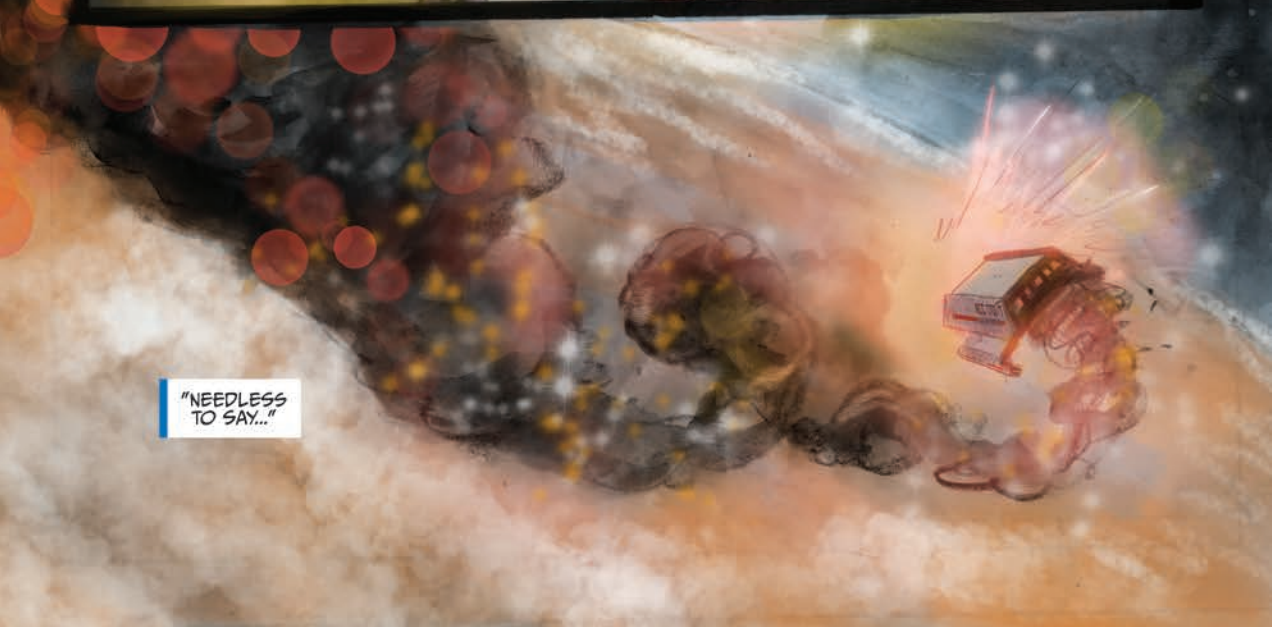
JUST A LITTLE WOOLY FOR A MOMENT...

BUT I'M OKAY NOW.






"NEEDLESS  
TO SAY..."



"...I DIDN'T  
EXACTLY DO  
THAT."



MAYBE NOT,  
BUT IT COULD  
HAVE BEEN A WHOLE  
LOT WORSE IF SOMEONE  
WITHOUT YOUR TRAINING  
HAD TRIED IT. OR HADN'T  
KNOWN HOW TO  
SEND AN SOS...

BUT SKOV  
SEEMS WELL  
NOW?

EVEN  
BETTER THAN THAT.  
WHATEVER AILED HIM  
MUST HAVE BEEN  
TRANSITORY.

MAYBE A  
CASE OF NERVES  
DUE TO THAT BIG  
MEETING WE'RE  
HOSTING.

I DON'T  
THINK SO,  
DOCTOR...

"AT LEAST NOT JUDGING BY HOW HE LOOKED RIGHT AFTER THE SHUTTLECRAFT WENT DOWN..."

I'M SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT TO SET THIS LEG. IT'S GOING TO HURT.

THE FAULT IS NOT YOURS, SO WHY WOULD YOU APOLOGIZE?

CHRISTINE, YOU'D BETTER GET OUT HERE! HE'S GETTING WORSE. WHAT DO I DO?

T'WEK, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

GO, HELP DR. EP. SHE HAS LIMITED ABILITIES WITH MACROSCOPIC PROBLEMS.

HE WON'T WAKE UP!

CHRISTINE, YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! I CAN'T WATCH A MAN DIE!

HAS THERE BEEN ANY CH-

CHK-SHK!

CHRISTINE, WHA--?