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USS ENTERPRISE

CONSTITUTION-CLASS STARSHIP DESIGNATED
NCC-1701. FLAGSHIP OF THE FEDERATION FLEET.
ENTERED SERVICE 2258.



THE DEFIANT

DEFIANT-CLASS STARSHIP DESIGNATED NX-74205.
ENTERED SERVICE IN 2367. AFTER THE FALL OF THE
UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS, BECAME
FLAGSHIP OF THE FREE FEDERATION RESISTANCE.

THE BAJORAN WORMHOLE

STABLE WORMHOLE CONNECTING THE ALPHA AND DELTA
QUADRANTS. POINT OF ENTRY TO HIGHER DIMENSIONS FROM
WHICH THE PAH-WRAITHS, THE PROPHETS AND THE Q
CONTINUUM ORIGINATE. ALSO KNOWN AS THE CELESTIAL
TEMPLE AND THE EYE OF THE UNIVERSE.



PREVIOUSLY IN STAR TREK...

The enigmatic entity known as Q transported the *USS Enterprise* several decades into its future, into the middle of a brutal war between the Klingons and the Dominion that has already resulted in the fall of the Federation. Escaping from the insane Cardassian Dukat, Kirk and Spock join forces with resistance leader Benjamin Sisko and finally discover the motivation behind Q's meddling: he needs their help to stop a threat that could bring about the end of the Q Continuum itself...



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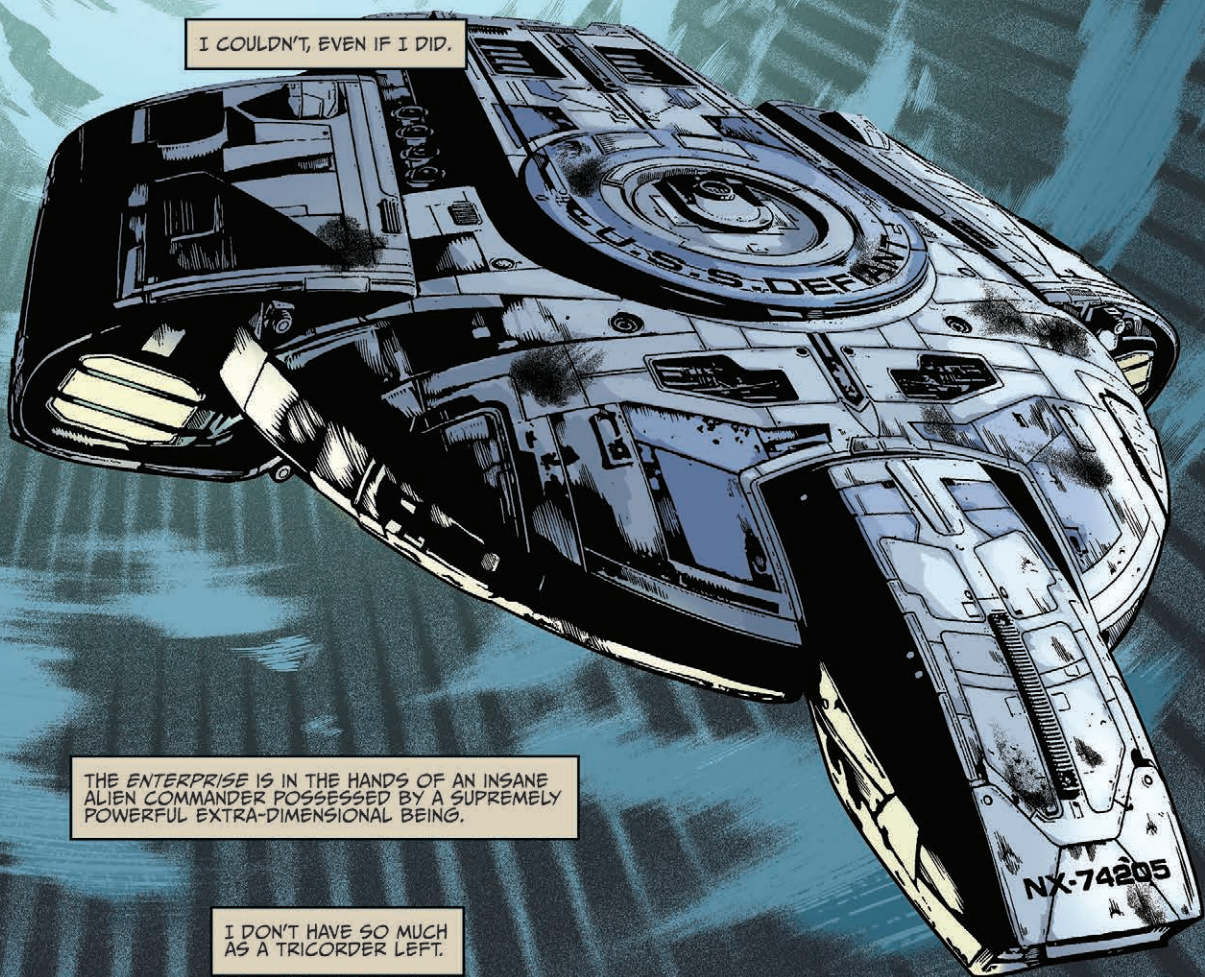


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THE ENTRANCE TO THE
CARDASSIAN WORMHOLE.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO
RECORD A CAPTAIN'S LOG.

I COULDN'T, EVEN IF I DID.



THE ENTERPRISE IS IN THE HANDS OF AN INSANE
ALIEN COMMANDER POSSESSED BY A SUPREMELY
POWERFUL EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL BEING.

I DON'T HAVE SO MUCH
AS A TRICORDER LEFT.

Q SAID HE WANTED TO SHOW
ME A TRUE NO-WIN SCENARIO.

I'LL NEVER BELIEVE IN THEM.

BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT...



...THIS IS STARTING
TO FEEL CLOSE.

YOU'VE DONE
NOTHING BUT PUT
MY CREW IN DANGER
AND TAUNT US WITH
YOUR GODLIKE
POWER...



...AND
NOW YOU'RE
ASKING FOR
MY HELP?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
MAKE IT SOUND SO
UNREASONABLE.



I'M LAYING ALL
MY CARDS ON THE
TABLE, CAPTAIN, TO USE A
METAPHOR YOUR BRAIN
CAN COMPREHEND.

BECAUSE
THERE'S A
MULTI-DIMENSIONAL
WAR RAGING, AND
MY SIDE—

—THE Q
CONTINUUM—

—IS
ABOUT TO
LOSE.



THE Q CONTINUUM SHARES EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL SPACE WITH SEVERAL OTHER EVOLVED SPECIES. MOST ARE CONTENT TO PASS THE EONS IN QUIET CONTEMPLATION.

OTHERS AREN'T QUITE SO DOCILE.

THE PAH-WRAITHS.



PRECISELY. THEY'RE OUT TO DESTROY THEIR MULTI-DIMENSIONAL NEIGHBORS.

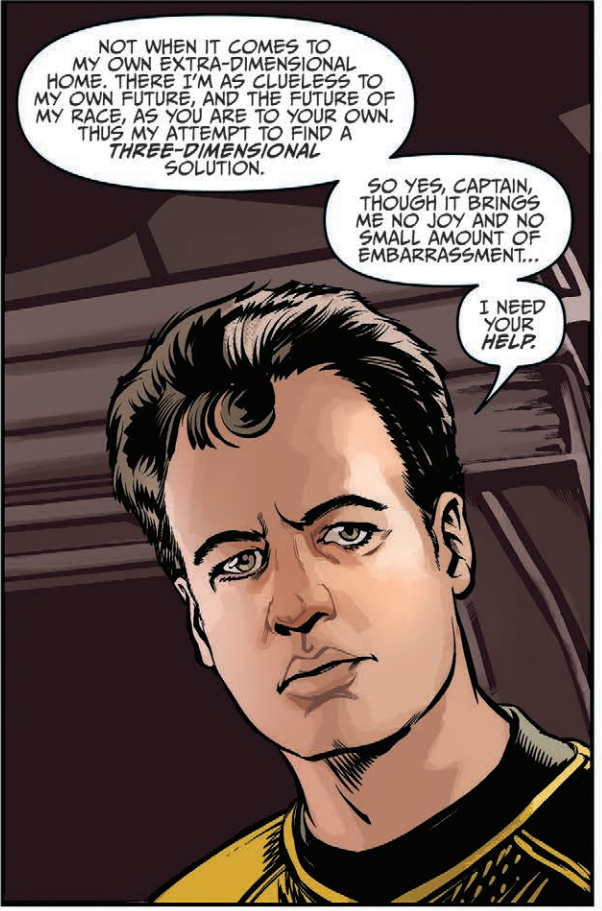
NOT JUST THE PROPHETS WITH WHOM YOU ARE SO CLOSELY BONDED, SIKO, BUT AGAINST THE CONTINUUM AS WELL.

AND FOR ALL OF THE POWER WE Q CAN WIELD IN THREE DIMENSIONS, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO STOP THE WRAITHS.



BUT YOU'RE OMNISCIENT, AREN'T YOU? AT LEAST YOU ENJOY MAKING US THINK YOU ARE.

YOU MUST ALREADY KNOW HOW THIS PLAYS OUT.

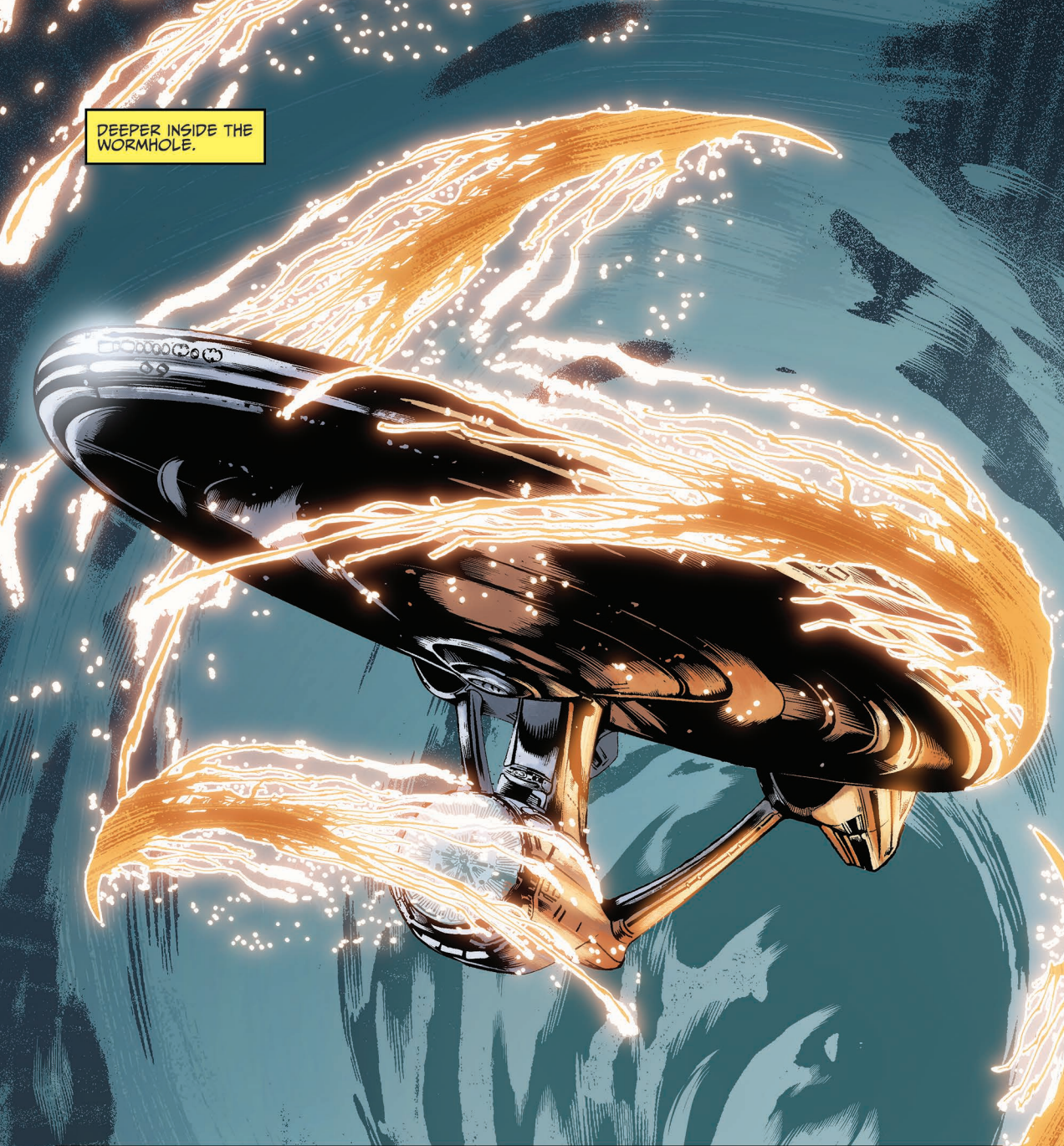


NOT WHEN IT COMES TO MY OWN EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL HOME. THERE I'M AS CLUELESS TO MY OWN FUTURE, AND THE FUTURE OF MY RACE, AS YOU ARE TO YOUR OWN. THUS MY ATTEMPT TO FIND A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SOLUTION.

SO YES, CAPTAIN, THOUGH IT BRINGS ME NO JOY AND NO SMALL AMOUNT OF EMBARRASSMENT...

I NEED YOUR HELP.

DEEPER INSIDE THE WORMHOLE.



YES!
AT
LAST, MY
ASCENSION
BEGINS!



WELCOME,
MY FELLOW
PAH-WRAITHS!

THIS STARSHIP
IS A FRAGILE
CONSTRUCT FROM A
LESSER DIMENSION,
OF COURSE, BUT I
WILL SOON HAVE
NO NEED OF IT.

WITH YOUR
BLESSING, I—*GUL
DUKAT*—WILL LEAVE MY
CORPOREAL EXISTENCE
BEHIND AND JOIN YOUR
PANTHEON AS A BEING
OF PURE ENERGY!
PURE POWER!



WAIT... WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
TO MY CREW?



YOU WOULD
CONVERSE
WITH US.

THUS OUR
POSSESSION OF THESE
CRUDE FORMS, THE BETTER
FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND
GIVEN YOUR LIMITED
PERCEPTION.