

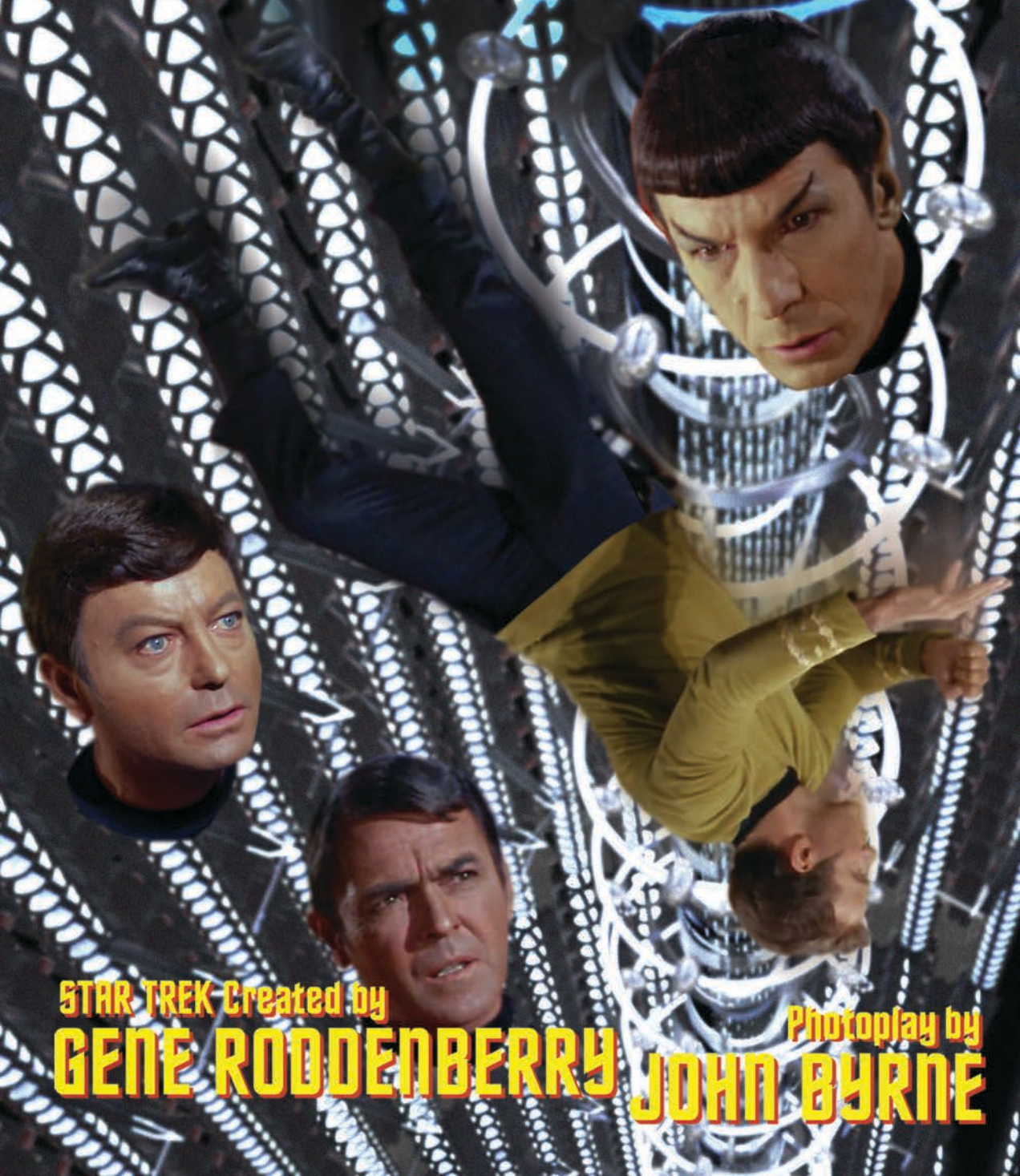
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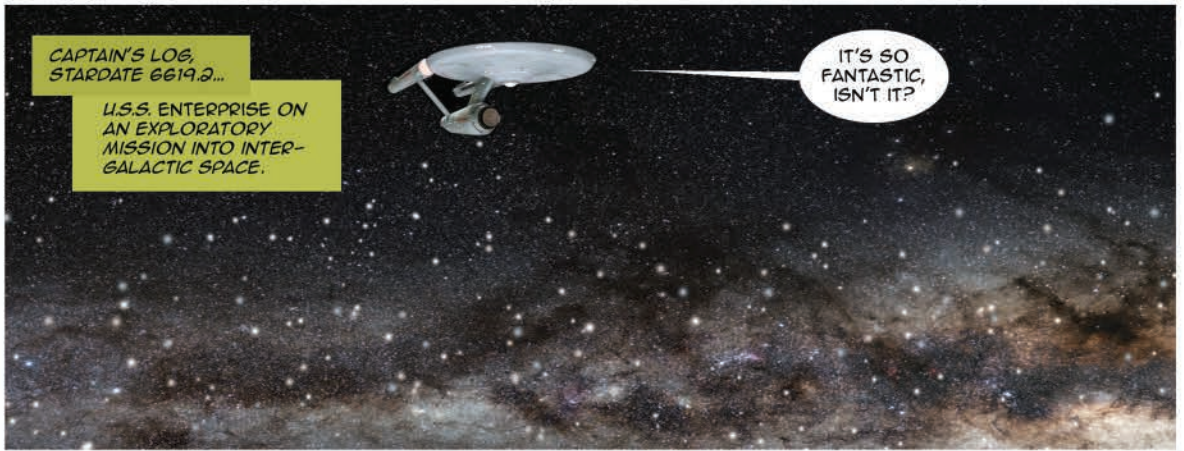
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CAPTAIN'S LOG,  
STARDATE 6619.2...

U.S.S. ENTERPRISE ON  
AN EXPLORATORY  
MISSION INTO INTER-  
GALACTIC SPACE.

IT'S SO  
FANTASTIC,  
ISN'T IT?



THE WHOLE  
GALAXY SPREAD  
BENEATH US.

LIKE SOME  
GREAT OCEAN  
OF STARS!

PLEASANT  
ENOUGH POETRY,  
DOCTOR...

...BUT HARDLY  
GOOD  
SCIENCE.



ALTHOUGH WE ARE  
HIGHER ABOVE THE  
GALACTIC PLANE THAN  
ANY FEDERATION SHIP  
HAS PREVIOUSLY  
VENTURED...

...THERE ARE STILL  
MILLIONS OF STAR  
SYSTEMS ABOVE  
OUR PRESENT  
POSITION.

NOT TO MENTION  
DUST, GAS, ROGUE  
PLANETS, DARK  
STARS...

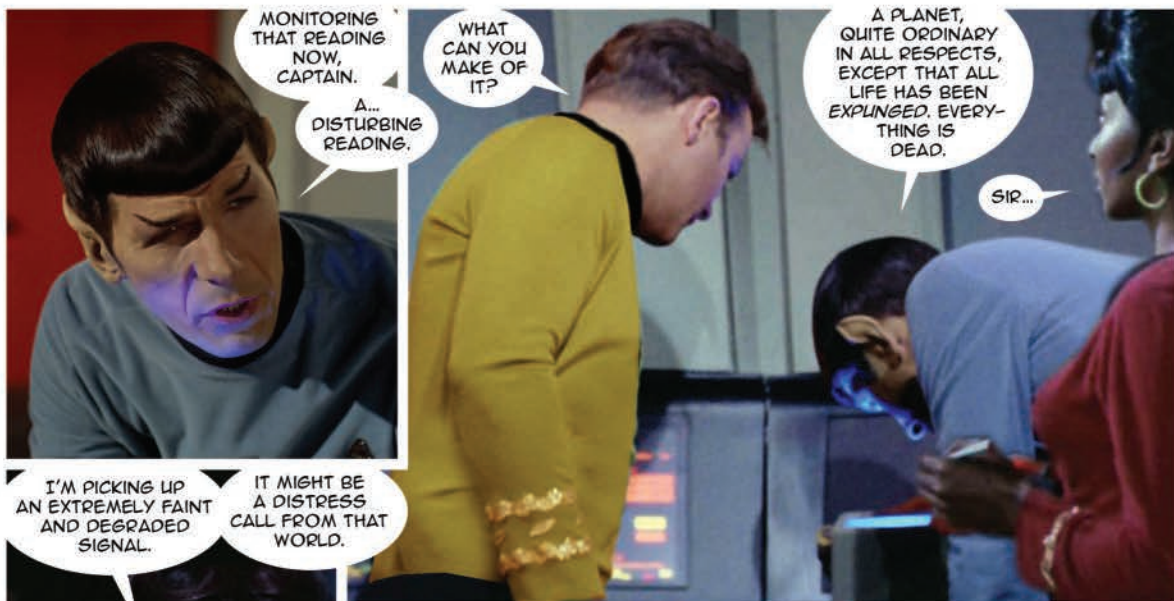
THEN  
LET'S NOT  
MENTION THEM,  
ALL RIGHT,  
SPOCK?

LET'S  
JUST ENJOY  
THE  
VIEW!

SIR...



SOMETHING  
UNUSUAL ON THE  
AUTOMATED  
LONG-RANGE  
SCANNERS.



MONITORING THAT READING NOW, CAPTAIN.

WHAT CAN YOU MAKE OF IT?

A PLANET, QUITE ORDINARY IN ALL RESPECTS, EXCEPT THAT ALL LIFE HAS BEEN EXPLINDED. EVERYTHING IS DEAD.

A... DISTURBING READING.

SIR...

I'M PICKING UP AN EXTREMELY FAINT AND DEGRADED SIGNAL.

IT MIGHT BE A DISTRESS CALL FROM THAT WORLD.



THAT IS NOT ENTIRELY IMPOSSIBLE SIR.

I AM READING SIGNS OF A FAIRLY ADVANCED, MECHANIZED CULTURE.

THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF SUCH A SIGNAL.

BUT THE DEGRADATION MEANS THE SIGNAL IS AT LEAST TWO CENTURIES OLD.

I SEE.

WE'RE SO FAR OUTSIDE OUR USUAL PATROL RANGE, WE CAN'T BE SURE WHAT'S NORMAL.

ALL RIGHT... OPEN A NEW CLASSIFICATION FILE FOR THIS PLANET.



SET THE AUTOMATED SCANNERS TO LOG ALL DETAILS.

MISTER SULLI, MISTER CHEKOV...

LAY IN A NICE, EASY COURSE TOWARD THIS MYSTERY PLANET.

COURSE PLOTTED, KEPTIN.

WARP FACTOR ONE.



"STANDARD ORBIT, CAPTAIN.

"CONFIRMING NO LIFE FORMS, BUT INDICATIONS OF LARGE CITIES HALF BURIED IN DUST."

"ASSEMBLE A LANDING PARTY, MR. SPOCK. AND ISSUE RESPIRATORS.

Space, the Final Frontier. These are the voyages of the starship *Enterprise*.  
Its Five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life, and new civilizations.  
To boldly go where no man has gone before.

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CAPTAIN'S LOG,  
STARDATE 6620.3...

"WE'RE BEAMING  
DOWN."

THE PLANET IS JUST AS  
SPOCK DESCRIBED IT-- COLD,  
DEAD, WITH DUST WHISTLING  
AROUND US.

THE FILTERS IN OUR  
RESPIRATOR UNITS WILL  
LAST ONLY A FEW HOURS  
IN THIS ENVIRONMENT.

CULTURAL  
LEVELS EQUIVALENT  
TO MID-TWENTY-FIRST  
CENTURY EARTH,  
CAPTAIN.

BUT THE  
DEPTH AND  
COMPACTION  
SUGGESTS THIS  
DUST HAS BEEN  
ACCUMULATING  
FOR AT LEAST  
TWO HUNDRED  
YEARS.

THAT'S  
WHY WE CAN  
STAND ON IT  
WITHOUT  
SINKING TOO  
FAR.

VHATEVER  
HAPPENED  
HERE...

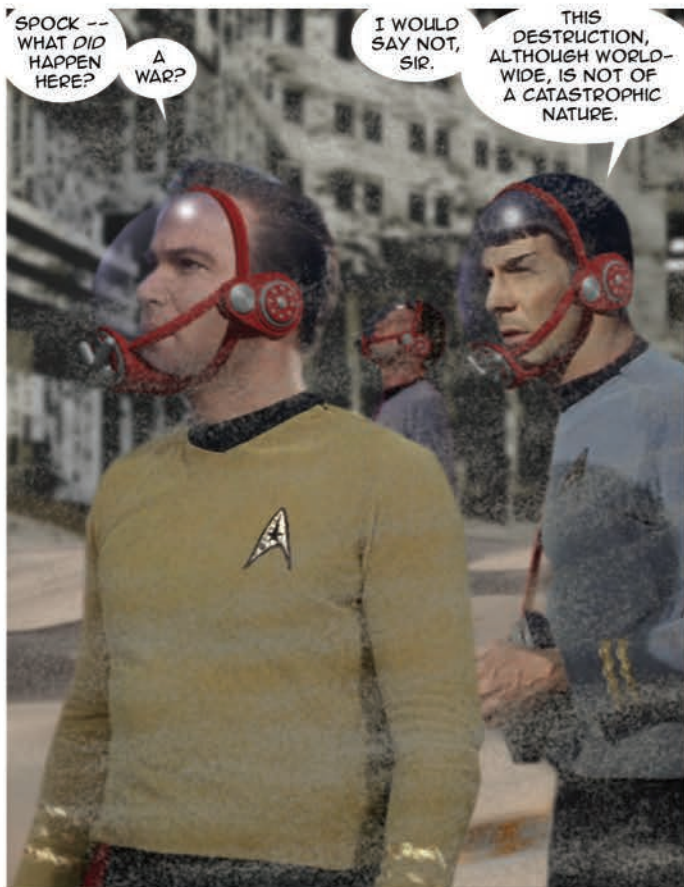
...IT  
HAPPENED  
A LONG TIME  
AGO!

MOST  
INSIGHTFUL,  
MISTER  
CHEKOV..

NOW  
I SEE WHY  
THE CAPTAIN  
PROMOTED  
YOU!

# "THE HUNGER"

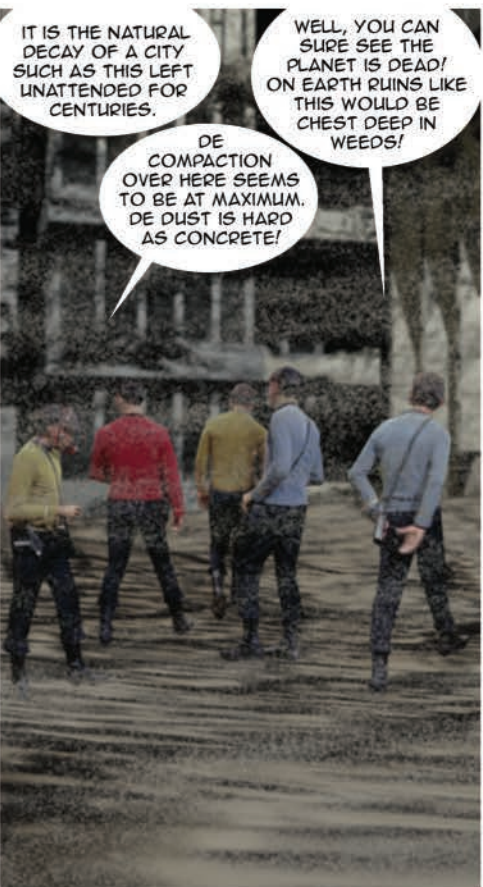
DEDICATED TO THE TALENTED PERFORMERS, CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS WHOSE WORK IS REPRESENTED HERE



SPOCK --  
WHAT DID  
HAPPEN  
HERE?  
A  
WAR?

I WOULD  
SAY NOT,  
SIR.

THIS  
DESTRUCTION,  
ALTHOUGH WORLD-  
WIDE, IS NOT OF  
A CATASTROPHIC  
NATURE.



IT IS THE NATURAL  
DECAY OF A CITY  
SUCH AS THIS LEFT  
UNATTENDED FOR  
CENTURIES.

WELL, YOU CAN  
SURE SEE THE  
PLANET IS DEAD!  
ON EARTH RUINS LIKE  
THIS WOULD BE  
CHEST DEEP IN  
WEEDS!

DE  
COMPACTION  
OVER HERE SEEMS  
TO BE AT MAXIMUM.  
DE DUST IS HARD  
AS CONCRETE!



BUT  
WHAT COULD'VE  
ELIMINATED ALL  
THE LIFE SO  
COMPLETELY? NO  
PEOPLE, NO  
ANIMALS.

NOT  
EVEN TRACES OF  
BACTERIA IN THE  
SOIL!

CHEKOV...  
WHERE ARE  
YOU OFF  
TO?

DIS  
LOOKS LIKE  
AN OFFICE,  
KEPTIN.



VE COULD  
FIND SOMETHING  
IN HERE.

"AND THEY  
ALL LIVED IN LITTLE  
BOXES, AND THEY  
ALL LOOKED JUST  
THE SAME!"

THIS  
IS TOO MUCH  
LIKE OLD  
EARTH!  
BUT  
WHERE ARE  
THE  
BODIES?



I  
TINK I HAF  
FOUND DEM,  
DOCTOR!



OR SOME OF DEM, ANY-VAY!

GOOD LORD! THERE MUST BE TWO DOZEN SKELETONS IN THERE!

ARE DEY... MUMMIFIED, DOCTOR?

NO... NO... IT'S SOMETHING ELSE.

THEIR BONES HAVE BEEN PICKED CLEAN BY THIS BLOWING DUST...  
...AND...



YOU SEEM UNCHARACTERISTICALLY RETICENT, DOCTOR. IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

IN A WORD, YES.

SPOCK, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE LEIBER-KURTZBERG THEORY ON THE ORIGINS OF LIFE?



OF COURSE.

TWO CENTURIES AGO THEY POSTULATED AN AS YET UNDISCOVERED FORM OF ENERGY WHICH MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR PLANETS TO SUPPORT LIFE.



THE IDEA IS LARGELY DISCOUNTED BY SERIOUS PLANETARY SCIENTISTS.

THOUGH I CONFESS I SEE SOME MERIT IN IT.



DO YOU? WELL, I SEEM TO BE SEEING SOMETHING HERE...