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IS SOMETHING WRONG, DAVID? YOU SEEM A LITTLE... DISTRESSED. IS IT OUR STRATEGY, OR--

IT'S OUR ALLIES. I HATE THE EMPIRE, BUT--

I UNDERSTAND YOUR DISTASTE FOR SUCH POLITICAL MANEUVERINGS, DR. MARCUS...

--BUT THE KLINGONS AND THE ROMULANS AREN'T MUCH BETTER!



... BUT, IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE, SUCH COMPROMISES ARE OFTEN NECESSARY, IF NOT PARTICULARLY PLEASANT.

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SICK BAY

I'M FINDING THAT OUT IN A HURRY!



THEY'RE SLEEPING LIKE BABIES, SAAVIK; YOU CAN RETURN TO THE BRIDGE.

YES, DOCTOR.

NOW...



YES, JIM...

... ONE NERVE-PINCH, AND I WILL BE ABLE TO FREE MY CREW WITHOUT INTER--

EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT DOWN HERE, BONES?



... OUR COUNTERPARTS WILL BE SLEEPING PEACEFULLY FOR AS LONG AS WE WANT-- WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT!

GOOD WORK, BONES.

MR. SAAVIK, WE'RE DUE ON THE BRIDGE.

... YES, SIR.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CHANCE.



STATUS REPORT, MR. SULLU?

ALL QUIET, CAPTAIN; MAINTAINING FULL SECURITY ALERT.

AT THE SCIENCE STATION... BY THE SOUL OF SURAK...



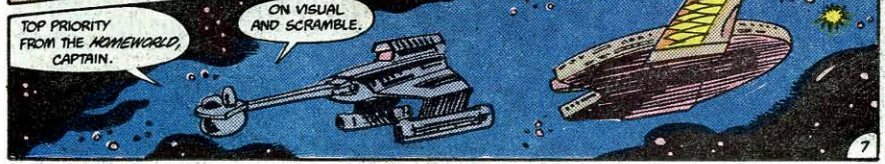
SPOCK! RELIEVING YOU, MR. SPOCK.

THANK YOU, MR. SAAVIK.



THIS KIRK HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT; HE HAS EVEN TURNED SPOCK TO HIS CAUSE.

BUT I AM IN A PERFECT POSITION TO RUIN THEIR PLANS; ALL I NEED DO IS WAIT.



TOP PRIORITY FROM THE ANOMEWORLD, CAPTAIN.

ON VISUAL AND SCRAMBLE.



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# "Shadamedafas"

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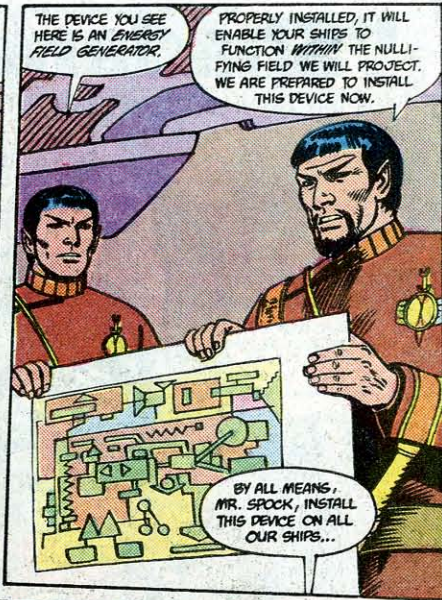
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...MUCH OF THE KLINGON AND ROMULAN TECHNOLOGIES IS ALSO DERIVED FROM THIS "TRANSTATTER"--A KLINGON DISCOVERY, I MIGHT ADD!

NULLIFYING THE EMPIRE'S SHIPS WOULD ALSO LEAVE US HELPLESS! IS THIS HOW YOU TREAT YOUR SWORN ALLIES?

IF I MAY FINISH, CAPTAIN? MR. SPOCK...?



THE DEVICE YOU SEE HERE IS AN ENERGY FIELD GENERATOR.

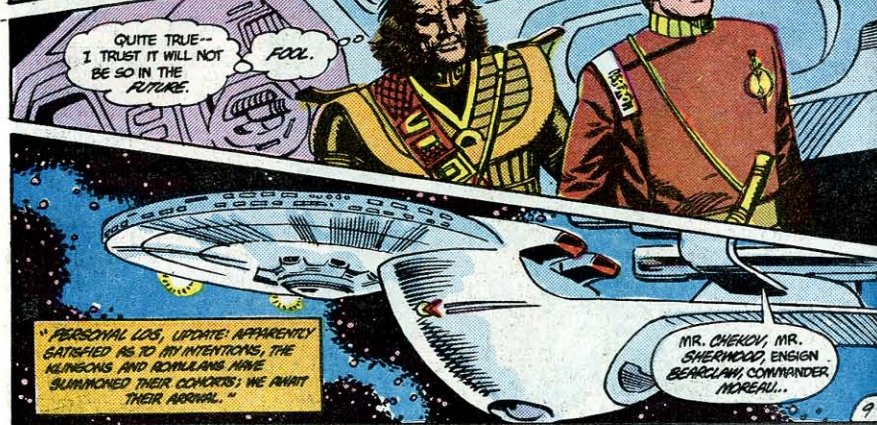
PROPERLY INSTALLED, IT WILL ENABLE YOUR SHIPS TO FUNCTION WITHIN THE NULLIFYING FIELD WE WILL PROJECT. WE ARE PREPARED TO INSTALL THIS DEVICE NOW.

BY ALL MEANS, MR. SPOCK, INSTALL THIS DEVICE ON ALL OUR SHIPS...



... AND CAPTAIN KIRK, FORGIVE ME FOR HAVING DOUBTED YOU.

UNNECESSARY, CAPTAIN, SUCH... CAMARADERIE IS NEW TO ALL OUR PEOPLES.

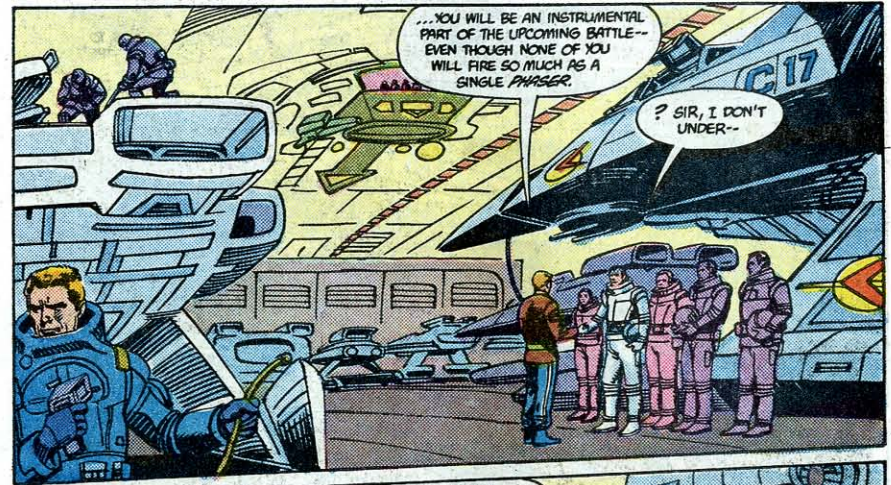


QUITE TRUE-- I TRUST IT WILL NOT BE SO IN THE FUTURE.

FOOL.

"PERSONAL LOG, UPDATE: APPARENTLY SATISFIED AS TO MY INVENTIONS, THE KLINGONS AND ROMULANS HAVE SUMMONED THEIR COMMANDS. WE AWAIT THEIR ARRIVAL."

MR. CHEROV, MR. SHERMWOOD, ENGINEER BENGALAH, COMMANDER MOREAU...



... YOU WILL BE AN INSTRUMENTAL PART OF THE UPCOMING BATTLE-- EVEN THOUGH NONE OF YOU WILL FIRE SO MUCH AS A SINGLE PHASER.

? SIR, I DON'T UNDER--

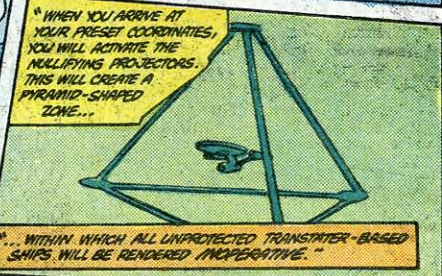


MR. SPOCK WILL ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS, MR. CHEROV...

THE FOUR SHUTTLES YOU WILL MAN HAVE BEEN MODIFIED BY DR. PEDERSEN. EACH ONE CARRIES A SPECIAL NULLIFYING PROJECTOR...

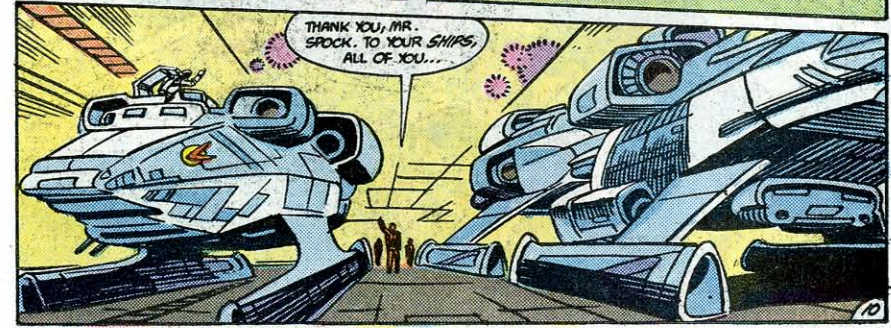


CAPABLE OF NULLIFYING ANY TECHNOLOGY BASED ON THE TRANSTATTER. THE EXCELSIOR, BEING BASED ON OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS, IS, OF COURSE, IMMUNE TO THIS PROJECTOR.



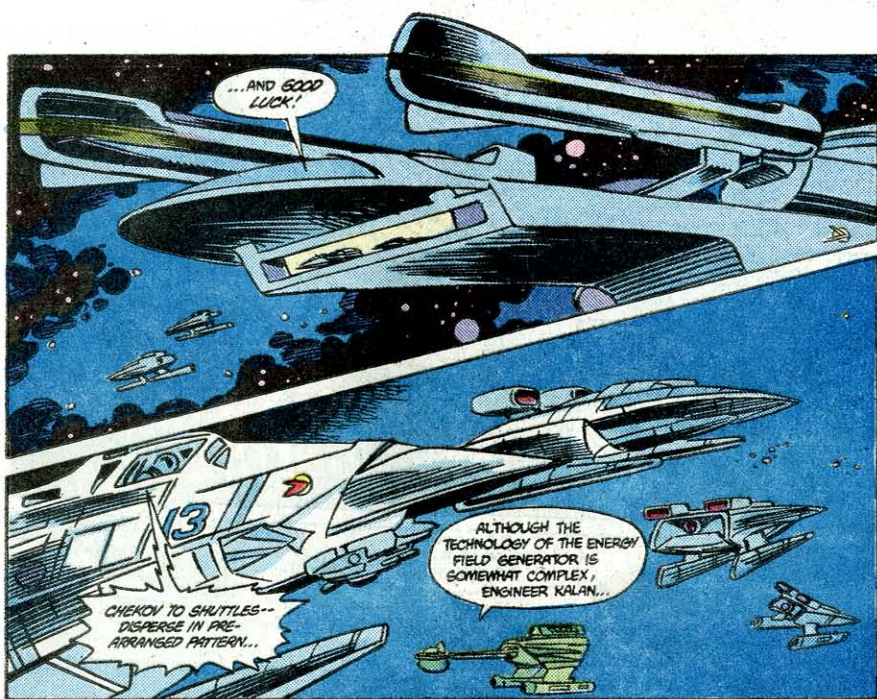
"WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR PRESET COORDINATES, YOU WILL ACTIVATE THE NULLIFYING PROJECTORS. THIS WILL CREATE A PYRAMID-SHAPED ZONE..."

"... WITHIN WHICH ALL UNPROTECTED TRANSTATTER-BASED SHIPS WILL BE RENDERED INOPERATIVE."



THANK YOU, MR. SPOCK. TO YOUR SHIPS. ALL OF YOU...





...AND GOOD LUCK!

ALTHOUGH THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE ENERGY FIELD GENERATOR IS SOMEWHAT COMPLEX, ENGINEER KALAN...

CHEKOV TO SHUTTLES--  
DISPERSE IN PRE-ARRANGED PATTERN...



...ITS INSTALLATION IS A COMPARATIVELY SIMPLE MATTER. DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN TEACH THE TECHNIQUE TO YOUR FELLOW ENGINEERS?

YES, MR. SPOCK...



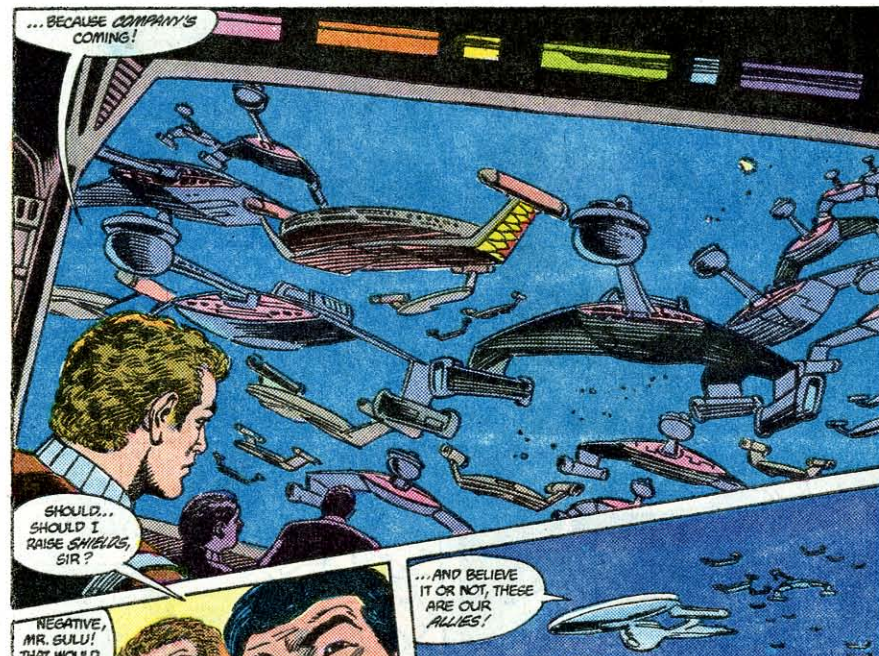
EXCELLENT. SPOCK TO EXCESSOR...



...THE FIRST ENERGY FIELD GENERATOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED, AND IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

GOOD LORD...

YOUR TIMING IS EXCELLENT, MR. SPOCK, AS USUAL...



...BECAUSE COMPANY'S COMING!

SHOULD... SHOULD I RAISE SHIELDS, SIR?

...AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THESE ARE OUR ALLIES!



NEGATIVE, MR. GULU! THAT WOULD BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF HOSTILITY...

"PERSONAL LOG, UPHATE: WITH THE ENERGY FIELD GENERATOR INSTALLED ON OUR ALLIES' SHIPS, OUR GAMBIT FOR A GALAXY'S FREEDOM WILL SOON BEGIN."



KIRK TO CHEKOV--  
STATUS REPORT



ALL SHUTTLES ARE IN POSITION, SIR, AND AWAITING YOUR COMMAND.



KIRK! WHY THIS ENDLESS WAITING? LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!



SOON, CAPTAIN; VERY SOON NOW!

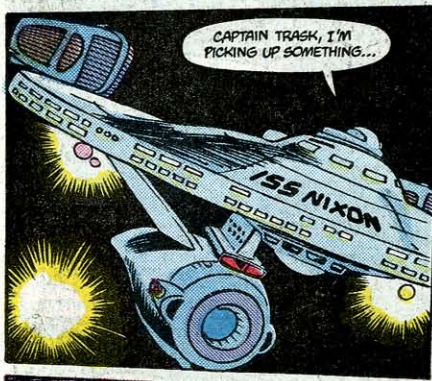
HIS PLAN CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED!



READY, UHURA?

YES, SIR. THE SIGNAL I'M TRANSMITTING SHOULD BE FAINT ENOUGH TO READ LIKE A LEAK, BUT STRONG ENOUGH TO LEAD THE FLEET RIGHT TO US!

PROCEED.



CAPTAIN TRASK, I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING...



...IT'S MESS, BUT-- SIR, IT'S FROM KIRK!

OPEN A CHANNEL TO CAPTAIN BLAINE, IMMEDIATELY!



GOOD WORK, TRASK! YOU'LL LEAD THE FLEET INTO BATTLE!

BUT, CAPTAIN... SURELY SUCH AN HONOR SHOULD BE YOURS, SIR...

I'LL BE THERE, ALL RIGHT, TRASK...

... BUT YOU'LL LEAD THE FIRST WAVE! BLAINE OUT!

AHEAD WARP FACTOR 10! LIEUTENANT, PUT ME THROUGH TO EVERY SHIP IN THE QUADRANT...



MR. SPOCK, ANYTHING?

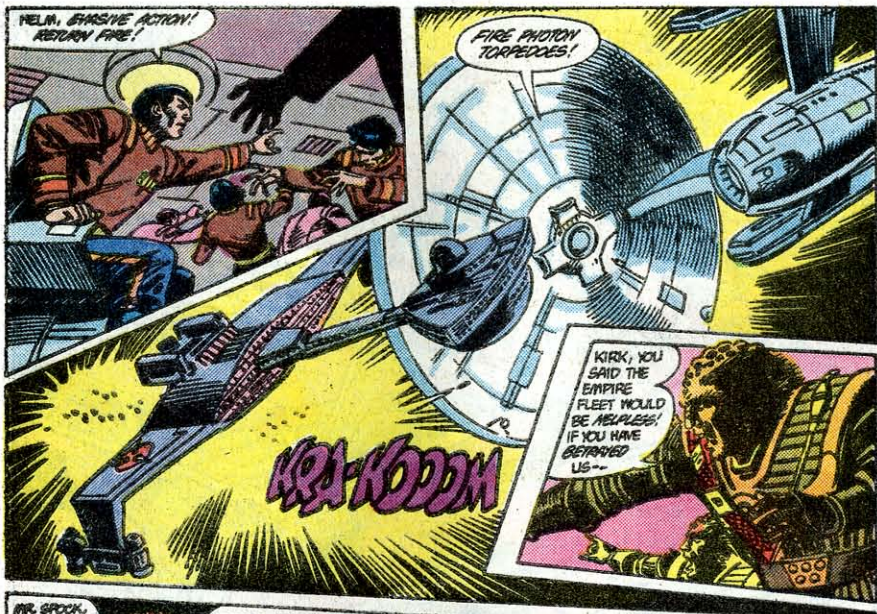
NEGATIVE, CAPTAIN, I-- SIR, I READ SEVERAL SHIPS COMING IN, CLOAKED.

THIS IS IT! ALL HANDS TO BATTLE STATIONS! MR. SULLU, YOU CAN RAISE THOSE SHIELDS NOW!

YES, SIR!

SIR, I READ KLINGON AND ROMULAN SHIPS PRESENT, TOO!

THEN WE'LL BE RIDING OURSELVES OF MORE THAN ONE THREAT TODAY! ALL SHIPS, FIRE AT WILL!



HELM, BRASSIE ACTION!  
RETURN FIRE!

FIRE ANDYON  
TORPEDDES!

**KRA-KOON**

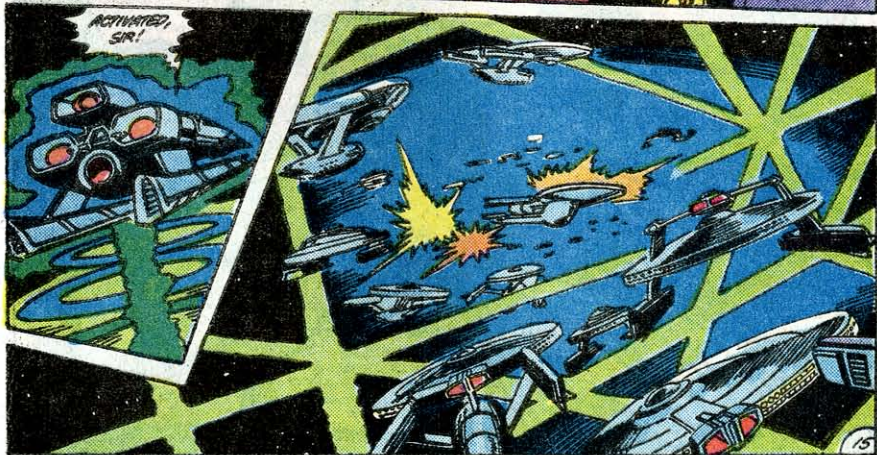
KIRK, YOU  
SAID THE  
EMPIRE  
FLEET WOULD  
BE HELPLESS!  
IF YOU HAD  
BETRAYED  
US--



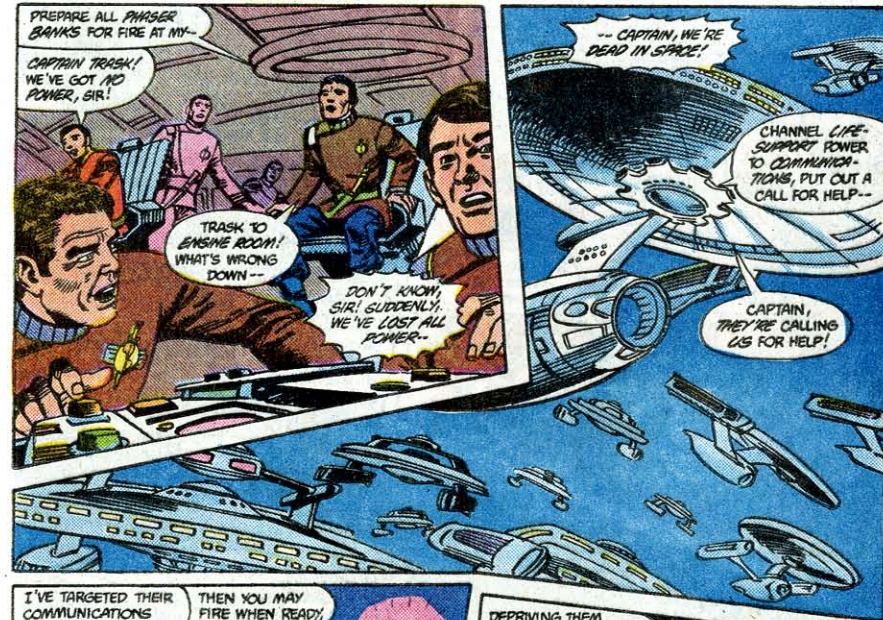
MR. SPOCK,  
ESTIMATE  
NUMBER OF  
EMPIRE  
SHIPS  
PRESENT!

BASED ON AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION, APPROXIMATELY  
75.7% OF FLEET ENGAGED.

THAT WILL HAVE TO  
DO! MR. CHEYCH,  
ACTIVATE NEUTRALIZING  
PROCEDURES.



ACTIVATED,  
SIR!



PREPARE ALL FINASER  
BANKS FOR FIRE AT MY--  
CAPTAIN TRASK!  
WE'VE GOT NO  
POWER, SIR!

TRASK TO  
ENGINE ROOM!  
WHAT'S WRONG  
DOWN--

DON'T KNOW,  
SIR! SUDDENLY,  
WE'VE LOST ALL  
POWER--

... CAPTAIN, WE'RE  
DEAD IN SPACE!

CHANNEL LIFE-  
SUPPORT POWER TO COMMUNICA-  
TIONS, PUT OUT A  
CALL FOR HELP--

CAPTAIN,  
THEY'RE CALLING  
US FOR HELP!

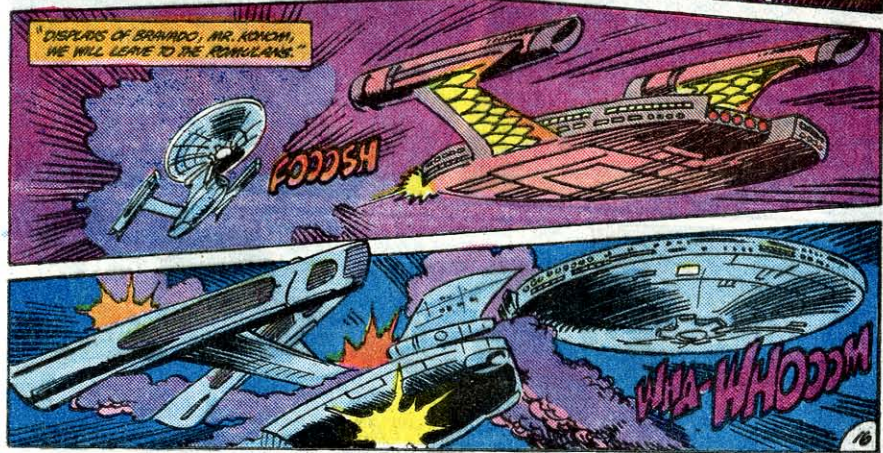


I'VE TARGETED THEIR  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SYSTEMS, MR. SPOCK.

THEN YOU MAY  
FIRE WHEN READY,  
MR. KONOM.

DEPRIVING THEM  
OF EVEN THE CAPACITY  
TO COMMUNICATE WITH  
OTHER SHIPS WILL BE A  
TELLING PSYCHOLOGICAL  
BLOW.

YES, SIR... BUT SHOULDN'T WE  
AT LEAST TAKE OUT THEIR REAS-  
SHIP-- JUST TO SHOW THEM WE  
MEAN BUSINESS?



"DISPLAYS OF BRAVADO, MR. KONOM,  
WE WILL LEAVE TO THE ROMULANS."

**PODDSH**

**WHA-WHOON**



COMMUNICATIONS, PATCH ME THROUGH TO CAPTAIN BLAINE!

BUT, SIR, THAT'LL DRAIN LIFE-SUPPORT TO--

BLAINE, THIS IS TRASK! SOMEHOW, THEY'VE FOUND A METHOD TO DISABLE OUR ENTIRE ATTACK FORCE!

DAMMIT, THAT'S AN ORDER!

STATUS, MR. SPOCK?

RECOMMEND YOU FALL BACK, TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW--

TURN OFF THAT STATIC AND SOUND BATTLE STATIONS! WE'RE GOING IN!

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE REPORTED BY ANY OF THE KLINGON OR ROMULAN SHIPS, CAPTAIN...

... AND I READ THE EMPIRE FLEET AS TOTALLY DISABLED. WE APPEAR TO HAVE WON.

BUT IT WAS TOO EASY, SPOCK!

THE EMPIRE WOULDN'T SEND THE MAJORITY OF HER FLEET INTO A TRAP WITHOUT SOME KIND OF BACK-UP! I DON'T--

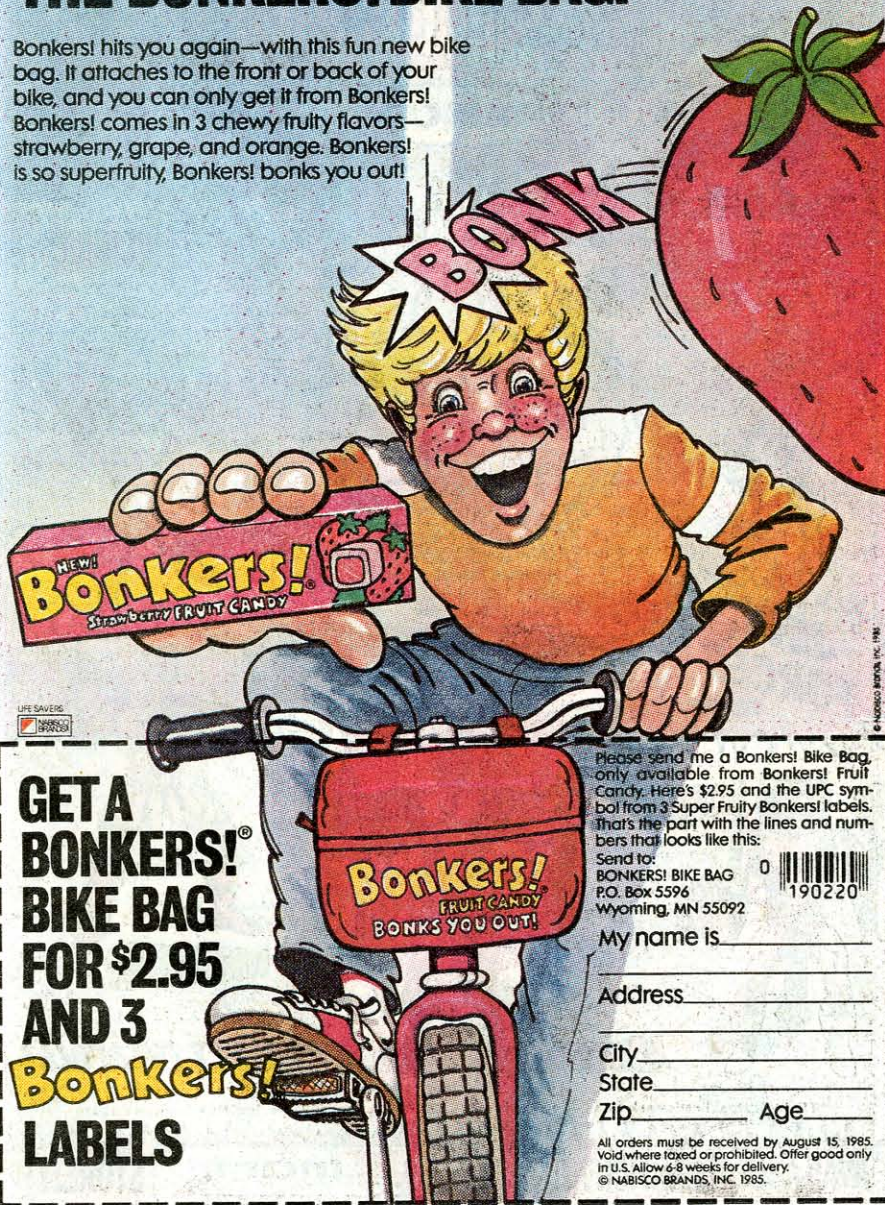
CAPTAIN! I'M PICKING UP AN APPROACHING SHIP, SIR! IT'S--

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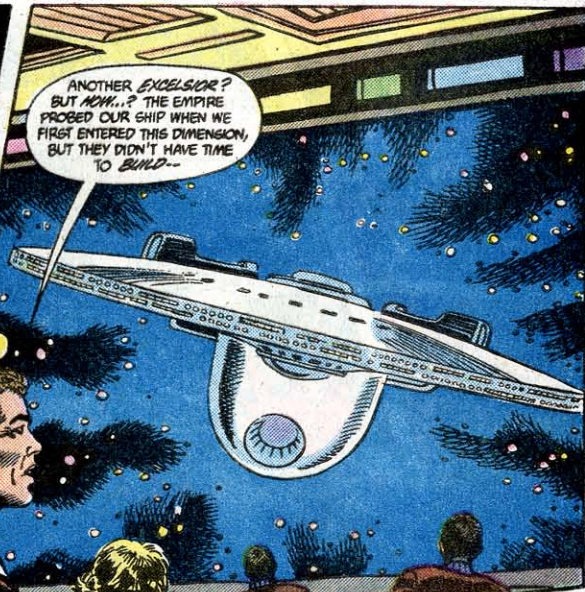
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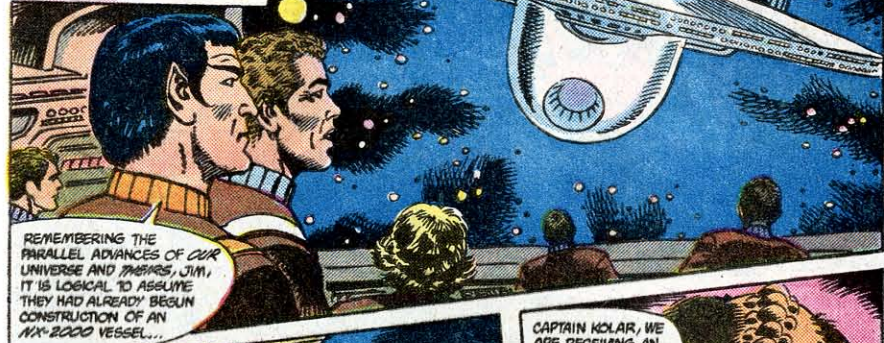
STORES!



MY GOD!



ANOTHER EXCELSIOR? BUT NOW... THE EMPIRE PROBED OUR SHIP WHEN WE FIRST ENTERED THIS DIMENSION, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO BUILD--



REMEMBERING THE PARALLEL ADVANCES OF OUR UNIVERSE AND *STARBUCKS*, JIM, IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THEY HAD ALREADY BEGUN CONSTRUCTION OF AN *NX-2000* VESSEL...

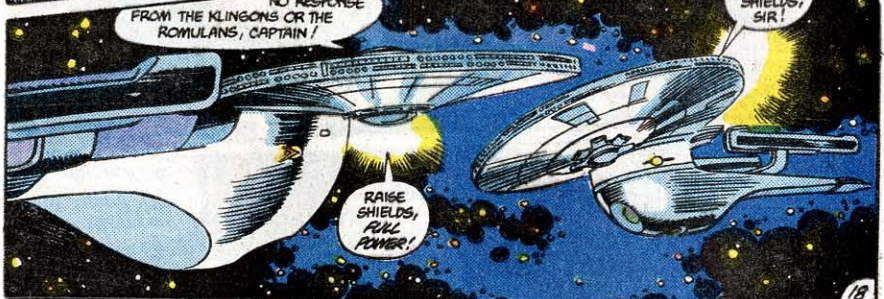


...AND WE *NEEDED* THEM FINISH IT! *DANNY*, UHURA, GET ME THE KLINGON CAPTAIN, *KOLAR!*

AYE, SIR!

CAPTAIN *KOLAR*, WE ARE RECEIVING AN URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE EXCELSIOR! SHALL I ACKNOWLEDGE?

MAINTAIN SILENCE! WE WILL WATCH THE TWO GIANTS DESTROY EACH OTHER, THEN *WE* WILL RULE!

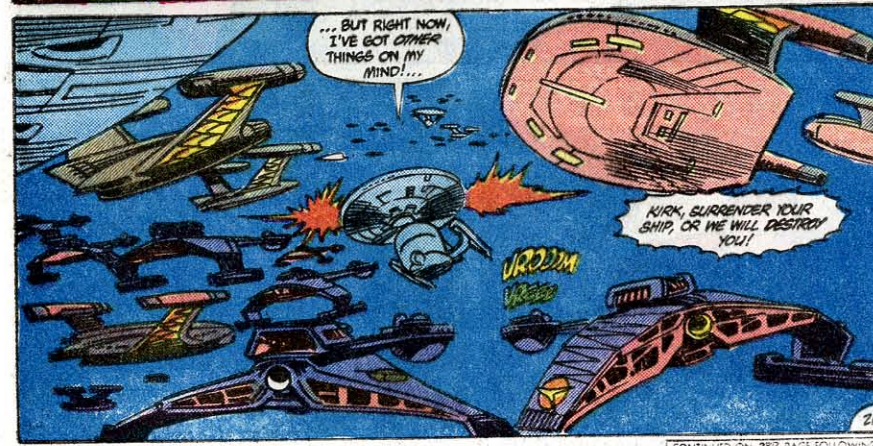


NO RESPONSE FROM THE KLINGONS OR THE ROMULANS, CAPTAIN!

RAISE SHIELDS, FULL POWER!

SHE'S RAISING SHIELDS, SIR!





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BY ANDREW HELFER

You probably never thought twice about Ben Oda. He was never interviewed by the fanzines. He was never the guest of honor at a comics convention. Fans never begged him for his autograph. The spotlight never touched him. And there's probably a very good reason for that: Ben Oda was neither writer nor artist nor comic book creator. He was just one of the hundreds of people who put the finishing touches on comics. Ben Oda was, to put it simply, a letterer.

But Ben Oda had a fan club. An exclusive group. We kept its very existence a secret. Instead of calling it "The Ben Oda Fan Club," we called it DC Comics. To us, Ben was not only our favorite comic book letterer; he was also our favorite human being. And when he passed away a few weeks ago, we all became acutely aware of a space in our lives that would never again be filled.

Ben Oda was one of an ever-dwindling group of comic book professionals—the "old timers." He worked on comics in their infancy, through their heyday, and right into the present. In the forties, his distinctive lettering style graced the pages of Jack Kirby's early work. In the fifties, when Harvey Kurtzman needed hand-lettering for his now-famous EC war comics, Ben was the man asked to

do it. He was a letterer for the Chicago Tribune and King Features Syndicate, regularly turning out pages of *Prince Valiant*, *Little Orphan Annie*, *The Phantom*, and others too numerous to mention. And until mere days before he left us, Ben was also the most prolific letterer working at DC Comics.

Those are the facts—they're easy to tell. What's harder to explain is the way Ben touched us all—every day of his life.

Among other letterers, Ben was the acknowledged master—I remember Tom Orzekowski's delight over being introduced to him some years ago; and Bob Lappan literally studied Ben's work with a comprehensiveness that Ben found both flattering and confusing. He never quite understood why anyone would give his work a second glance—as far as he was concerned, his job was simply to make the writer and artist look as good as possible.

And that's exactly what Ben did so well—twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, or so it seemed. Ben would come into the DC offices every day at four-thirty in the afternoon (you could set your clock to it) with a staggering number of lettered pages. If you had a book that needed to be lettered overnight, you just gave it to Ben. Truth to tell, we took him for granted. He was the ultimate pinch-hitter, and he got the DC team out of more than one deadline jam. But, like most pinch-hitters, he seldom received the praise he deserved.

And as much as we'd all like to believe otherwise, Ben was no speed demon. He'd work long hours, sit

hunched over his drawing board late into the night, all to meet what he undoubtedly felt was a personal commitment to a friend. Sometimes, in his desire to please and help out, he would push himself too far, and the strain would show. Often, the results were hilarious. Once in a while, Batman might "fight a wart on crime," and Superman might be referred to as "The Man of Seal." We'd laugh together over Ben's occasional blooper, and seldom think about the sleepless nights he'd put in just to get the job finished. Again, we took him for granted.

But when the job was finally done, Ben would sit himself down in one editorial office or another and just shoot the breeze. This was where you really got to know and appreciate Ben. He could talk about practically anything—World War II and his time in the service (he was a paratrooper, a spy, and a part-time baseball player), his memories of comic book pros he'd worked with in the past, his family, the performance of various players on his Monday night bowling team, and the current state of the comic book field. All his stories and opinions were delivered with such a keen sense of humor that you couldn't help but laugh.

But there was more to Ben than just that. When Ben told a story, he became a kind of Japanese Will Rogers, a homespun humorist with a shy smile that could melt ice. Dozens of wrinkles etched into his face, laugh lines mingling with the ones that simply come with age, Ben often seemed like an ancient yet humane sage, always aware of the humor in life, and enjoying every minute of it. You had only to talk to Ben to see that this was true. His eyes would sparkle with life, and in an almost mystical transference, our eyes would sparkle too.

And perhaps, when all is said and done, this was the most wonderful thing about Ben—his uncanny ability to make us smile, to make us laugh, to lift us out of our late-afternoon doldrums with a simple anecdote or tall tale—to simply be Ben. These were his gifts to us, these were the things we took for granted, and these are the things we will miss the most.

- **The Flash 346:** A Mystery Man from the future stalks Flash's Rogues' Gallery!
- **Superman 408:** Two more titanic tales, including another new Wayne Boring short!
- **Star Trek 15:** The Mirror Universe saga comes to an unexpected conclusion!
- **Amethyst 6:** To save Citrina, Amethyst must team with her deadliest enemy!

- **Jemm, Son of Saturn 10:** Can Jemm survive his own execution?
- **Arak, Son of Thunder 45:** The Jewels of Serendeeb may spell the death of Arak and Valda!
- **Omega Men 27:** On Wombworld, Paion surgery has transformed the surviving Omegans!
- **Legion of Super-Heroes 11:** The charter Legionnaires take care of some old business, plus a Bouncing Boy solo story!



□ **Batman 384:** The return of the deadly Calendar Man!





... BUT I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CREWS! LOTS OF THE EMPIRE CREWMEN HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED TO SWITCH SIDES!

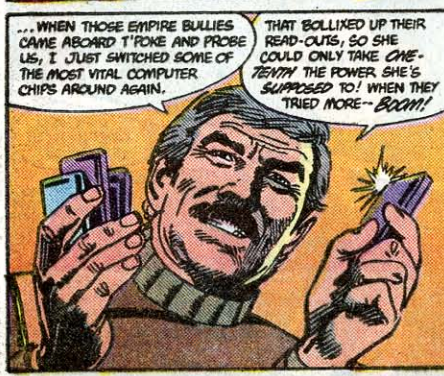
I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT-- GIVEN A CHOICE.



... TWAS VERY SIMPLE, CAPTAIN-- I JUST FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS, REALLY...

BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU BEAT THE EMPIRE'S EXCELSIOR? I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER FOR US!

MR. SCOTT, SINCE YOU'RE THE OLD HAND AT THIS...



... WHEN THOSE EMPIRE BULLIES CAME ABOARD I'POKE AND PROBE US, I JUST SWITCHED SOME OF THE MOST VITAL COMPUTER CHIPS AROUND AGAIN.

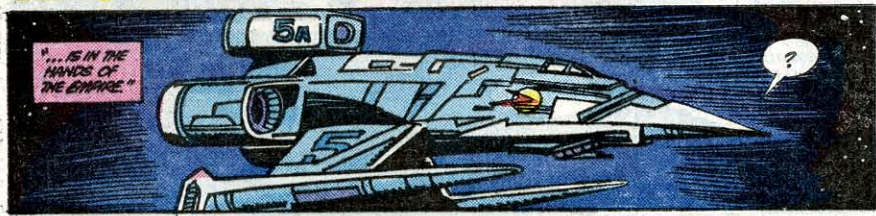
THAT BOLLIXED UP THEIR READ-OUTS, SO SHE COULD ONLY TAKE ONE-TENTH THE POWER SHE'S SUPPOSED TO! WHEN THEY TRIED MORE-- BOOM!



ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, DAVID?

JUST ONE-- WHAT ABOUT YOUR COUNTER-PARTS?

THEIR FATE, FOR BETTER OR WORSE...



"... IS IN THE HANDS OF THE EMPIRE"

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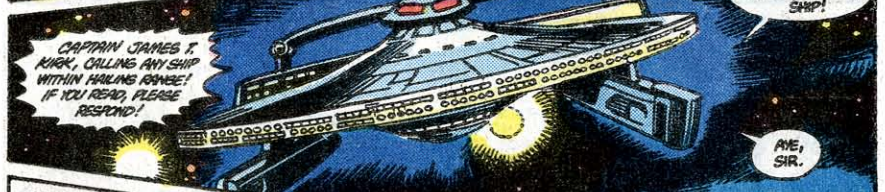


WE... WE'RE IN A SHUTTLE! THAT MERCIFUL FOX...



... HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE STOMACH TO KILL US! SOMEDAY I'LL THANK HIM, BY KILLING HIM QUICKLY...

... BUT FOR NOW...



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, PATCH ME THROUGH TO THAT SHIP!

CAPTAIN JAMES T. KIRK, CALLING ANY SHIP WITHIN HAILING RANGE! IF YOU READ, PLEASE RESPOND!

AYE, SIR.



CAPTAIN KIRK, THIS IS CAPTAIN SIMONS OF THE *ISS NDSURRA*; PLEASE HOLD YOUR CURRENT POSITION.

ROGER, *NDSURRA*.



SCIENCE OFFICER, SCAN SHIP'S PERSONNEL. DO THEIR LIFE-SIGNS CORRESPOND WITH OUR RECORDS?

AFFIRMATIVE.

THEN LOCK PHASERS AND FIRE.

FIRE? NO, I'M ASKING, CAPTAIN JAMES T. --



WHOOOM

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, OPEN A CHANNEL TO *EMPIRE COMMAND*-- TELL THEM WE'RE PUTTING IN A CLAIM FOR THE REWARD ON KIRK'S TRAITOROUS HEAD!



**PERSONAL LOG, UPDATE:** WE ARE AT LAST READY TO RETURN TO OUR OWN DIMENSION-- BUT NOT WITHOUT A PROFOUND SENSE OF BOTH TRIUMPH... AND REGRET.

READY TO BEAM DR. MARCUS AND PARTY TO THEIR FLAGSHIP, SIR.

AS MUCH AS WE'D LIKE TO STAY AND HELP YOU, WE HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF OUR OWN... BUT OUR BEST HOPES GO WITH YOU.



THE LAST TIME WE PARTED, I WANTED TO GO WITH YOU--NOW I WANT TO STAY HERE, TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT YOU BEGAN.

MY THANKS, MR. SPOCK, FOR PROPERLY ALIGNING MY THOUGHT PATTERNS.

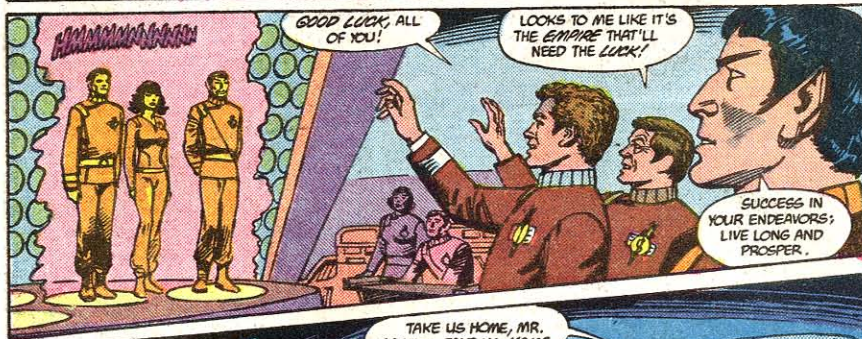
AND MY THANKS, MR. SPOCK, FOR SHOWING ME THE ONLY LOGICAL COURSE-- THAT OF REBELLION AGAINST THE EMPIRE.

I-- I'VE NEVER KNOWN WHAT TO CALL YOU... YOU'RE SO LIKE THE OTHER KIRK, BUT SO DIFFERENT.

... WOULD YOU MIND IF I CALLED YOU... "FATHER"?

NOT AT ALL... SON.

AND IF I'M ANY JUDGE OF CHARACTER, MARLENA, YOU'LL FINISH IT.



GOOD LUCK, ALL OF YOU!

LOOKS TO ME LIKE IT'S THE EMPIRE THAT'LL NEED THE LUCK!

SUCCESS IN YOUR ENDEAVORS; LIVE LONG AND PROSPER.



MODIFIED TRANSWARP ENGINES READY TO ENGAGE AT YOUR COMMAND, SIR.

TAKE US HOME, MR. SAAVIK... TAKE US HOME.

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