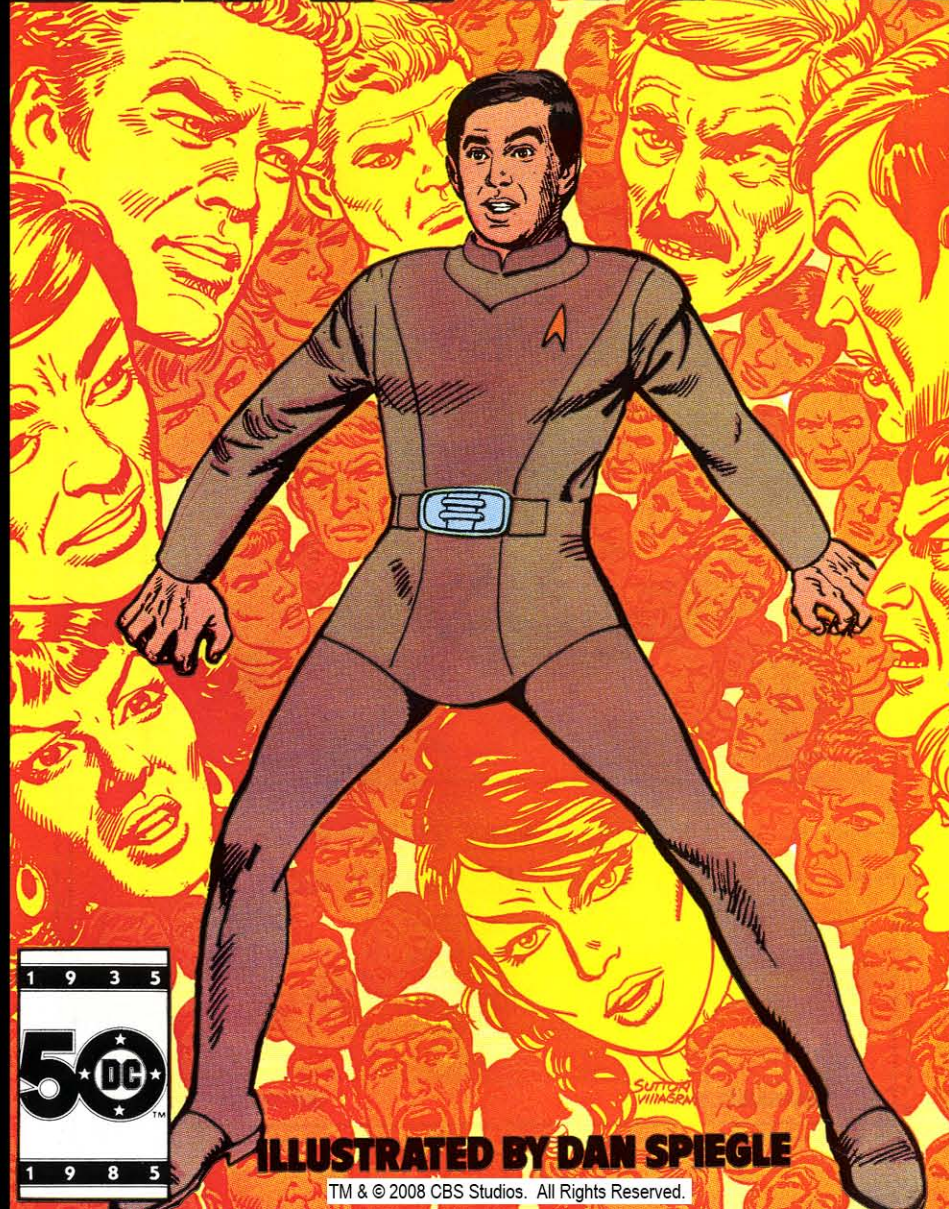




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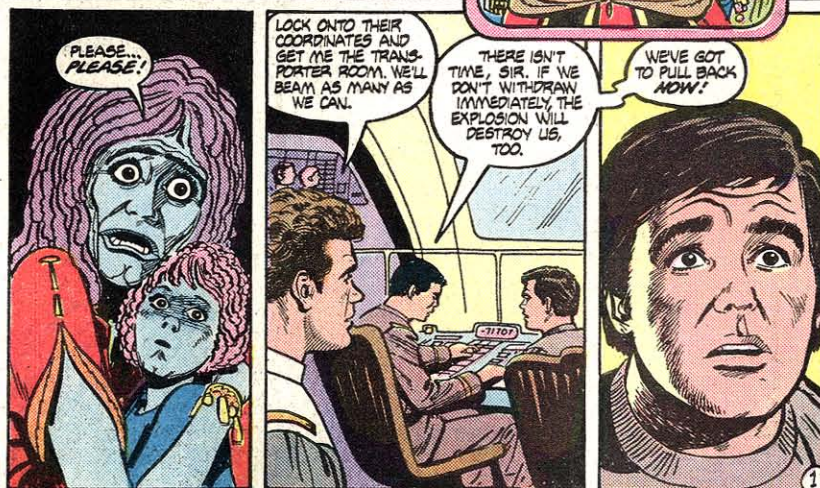
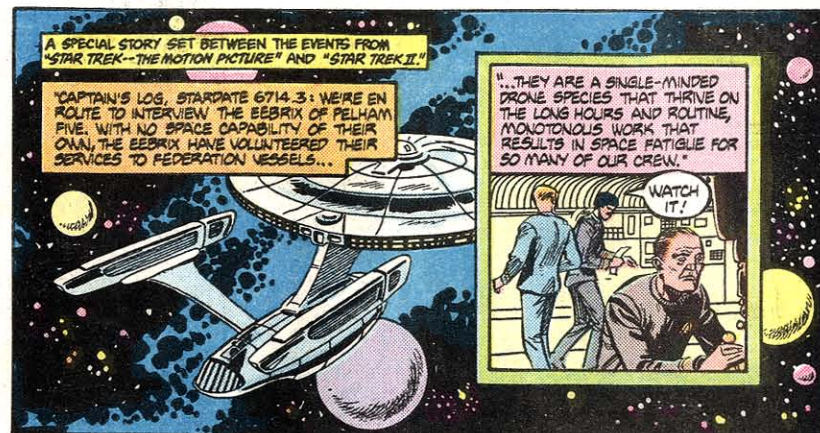
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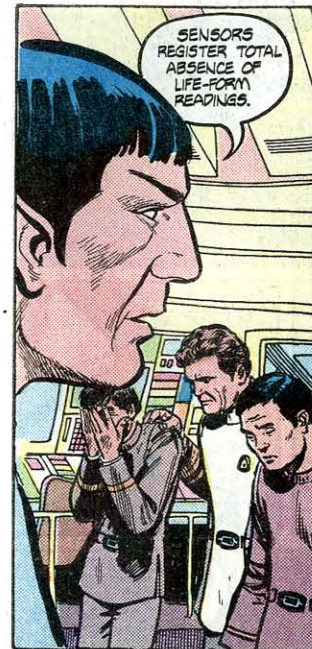
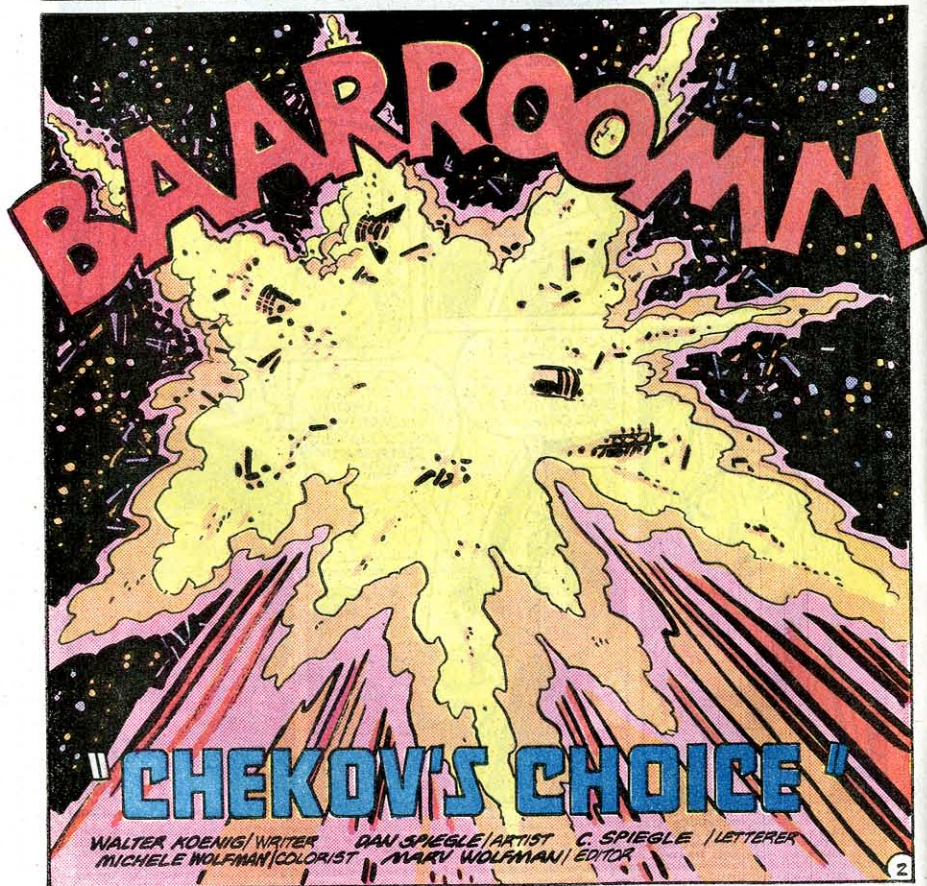
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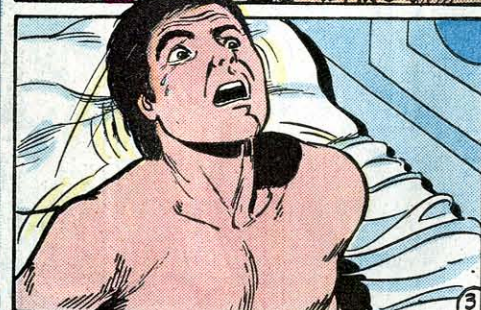
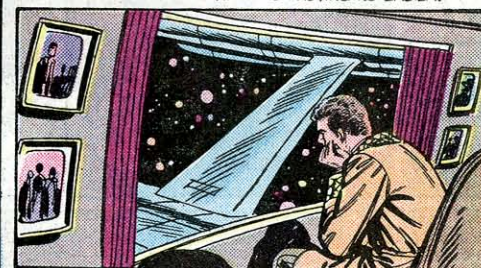


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NOTHING, SIR...ONLY THOSE ALIENS WHO DIED, THEIR LIVES WERE IN OUR HANDS...

I CAN'T GET THAT OUT OF MY MIND.

WELL, YOU HAD BETTER, BECAUSE THERE ARE FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE ABOARD THIS SHIP WHOSE LIVES ARE ALSO IN OUR HANDS!

I'M SORRY, SIR, I JUST CANNOT HELP MYSELF.

IN THAT CASE, MR. CHEKOV, YOU ARE RELIEVED OF DUTY UNTIL YOU CAN. DISMISSED.

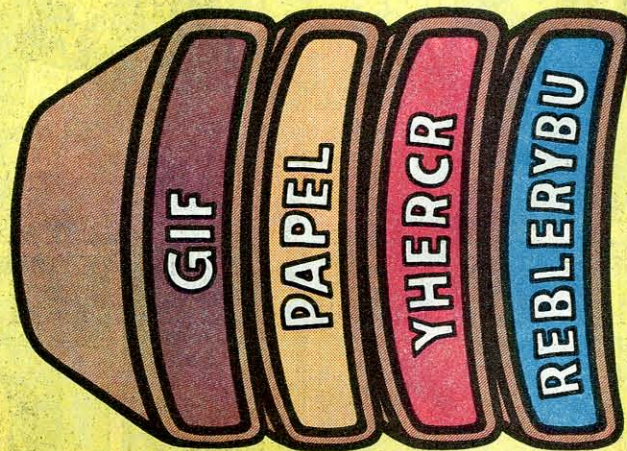
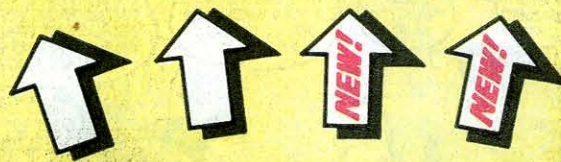
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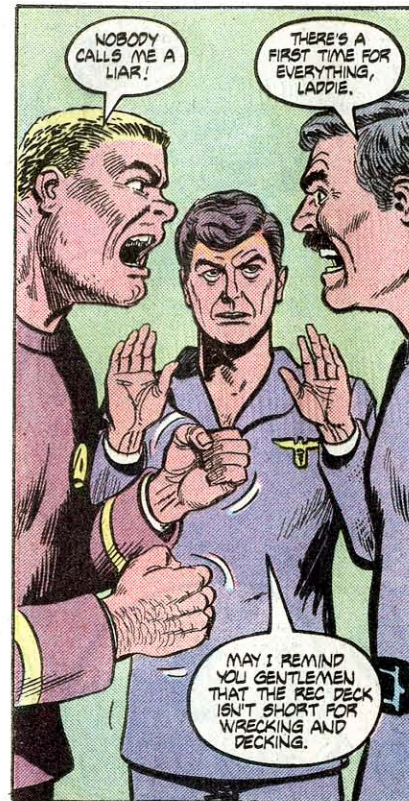
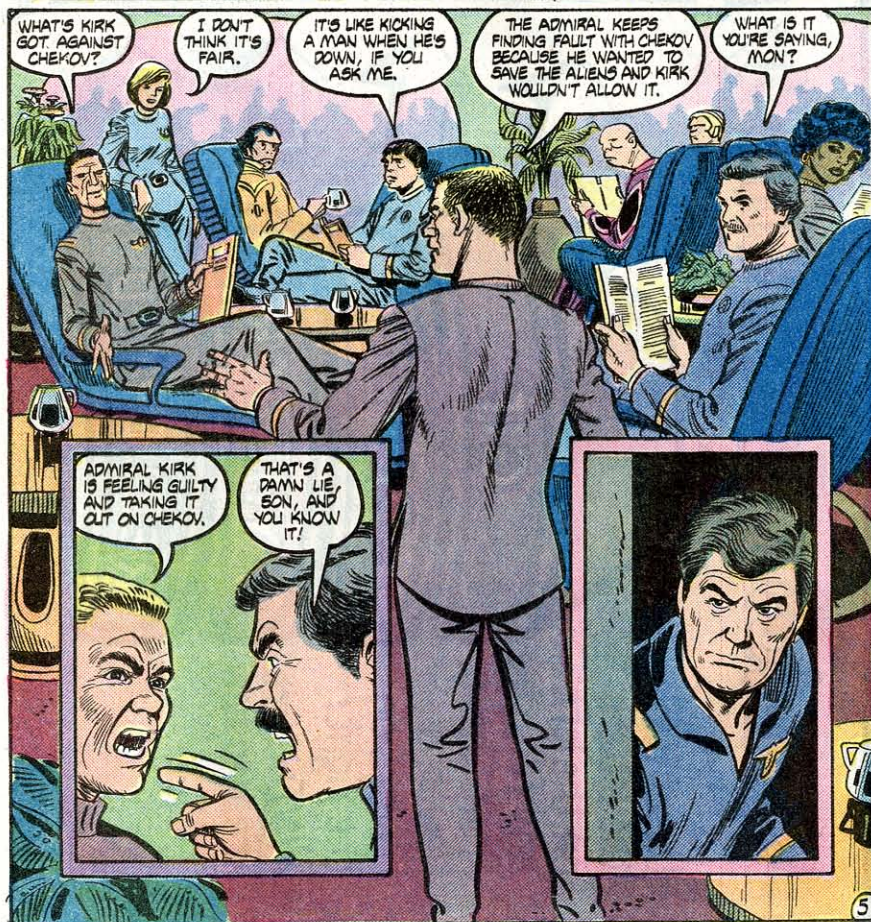
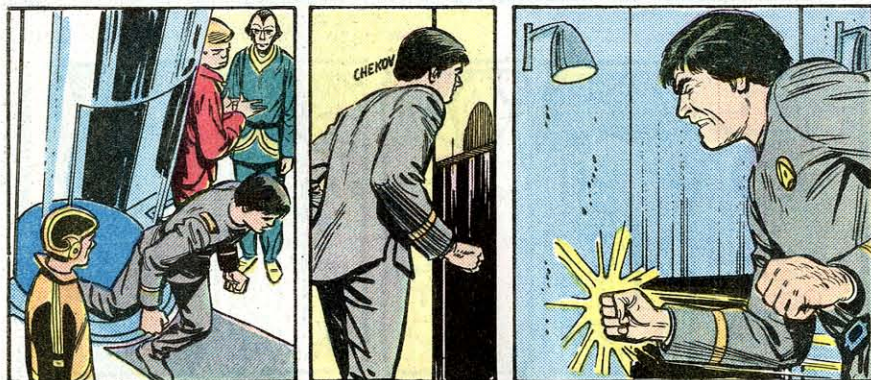


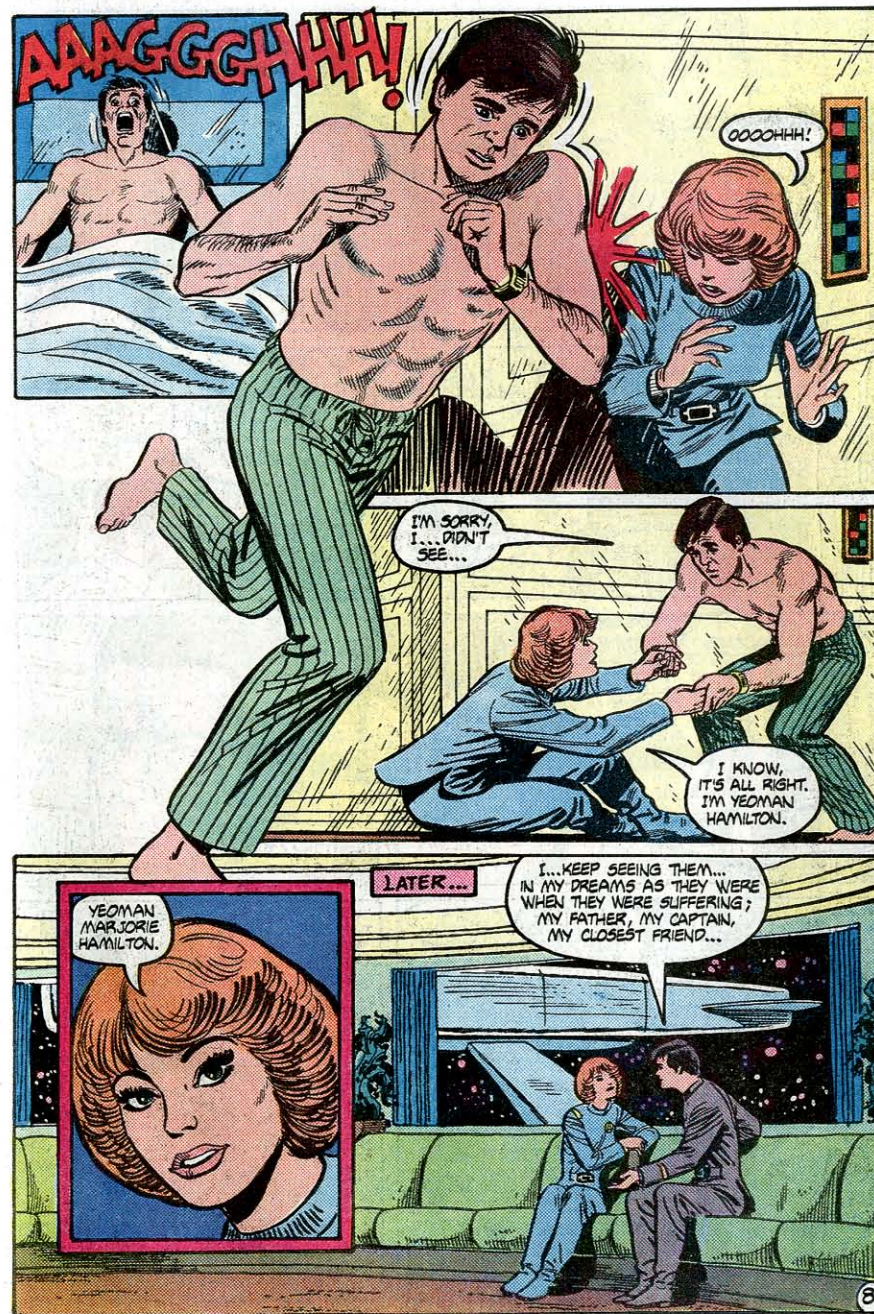
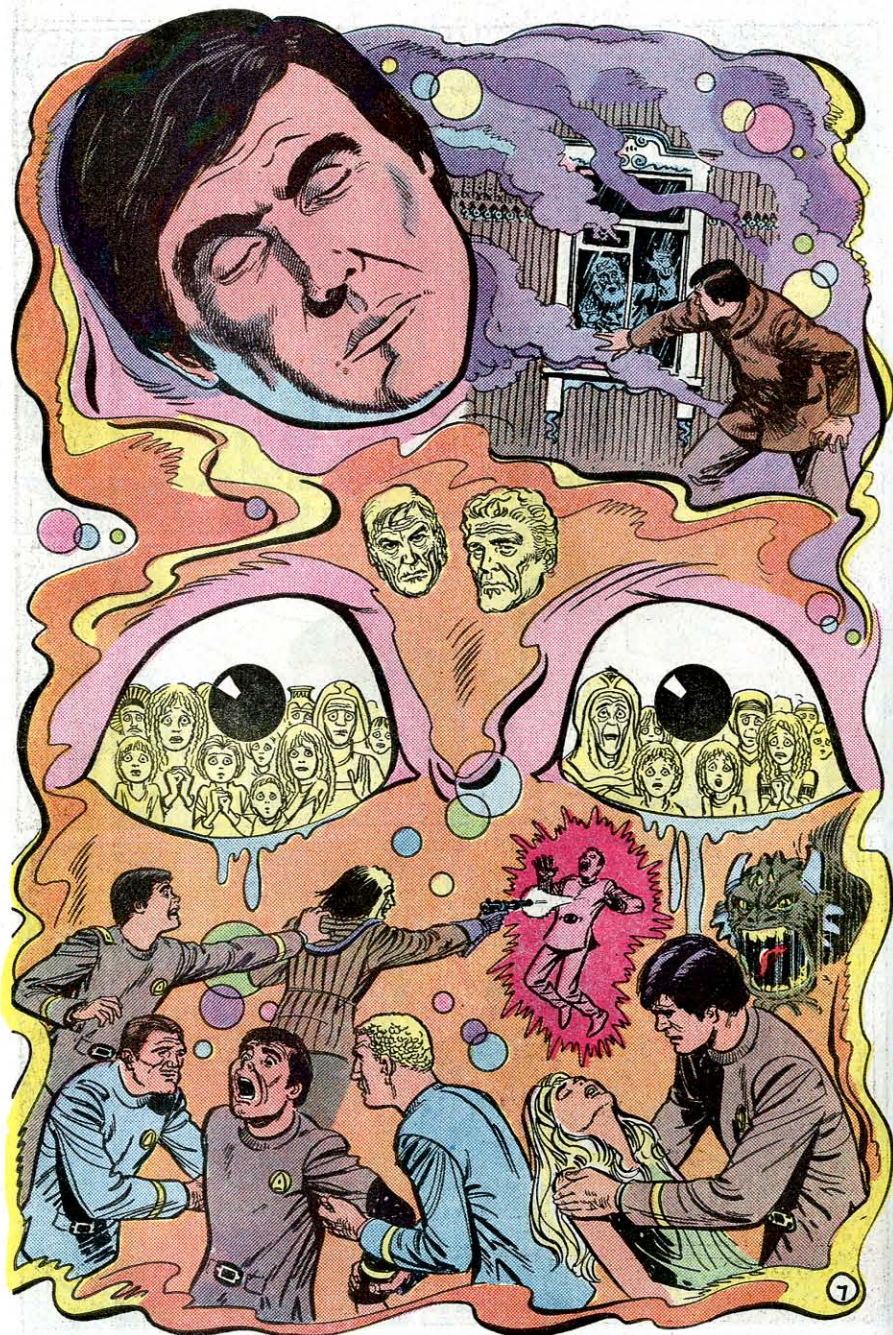
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Unscramble the letters on the left and fill in the Fruit Chewy Newtons flavors on the right!
HINT: there are two new flavors!









...THE GIRL THAT I LOVED, EVEN MYSELF, AND THOSE POOR PEOPLE ON THAT ALIEN SHIP OVER AND OVER AGAIN...



JUST BEFORE...JUST BEFORE...

DON'T, PAVEL. DON'T CAUSE YOURSELF SUCH PAIN.



'CAPTAIN'S LOG, STARDATE 6777.7: THE ALIEN CRAFT IS STILL BEHIND US, STILL MAINTAINING A DISCREET DISTANCE AND STILL WILL NOT OR CANNOT BREAK RADIO SILENCE.'

I HAVE TRIED EVERY HAILING FREQUENCY AVAILABLE. NOTHING.

SENSORS ARE PICKING UP A SIZABLE NUMBER OF LIFE-FORM READINGS BUT NO INDICATION OF WEAPONRY.

COULD THEY BE IN DISTRESS --NEED OUR HELP--BUT ARE UNABLE OR AFRAID TO ASK FOR IT?



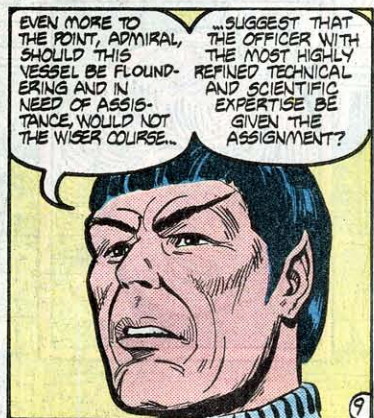
YOU'RE OVERREACTING. THE DESTRUCTION OF THAT OTHER SHIP IS STILL ON YOUR MIND. YOU'RE LETTING IT INFLUENCE YOUR THINKING HERE.



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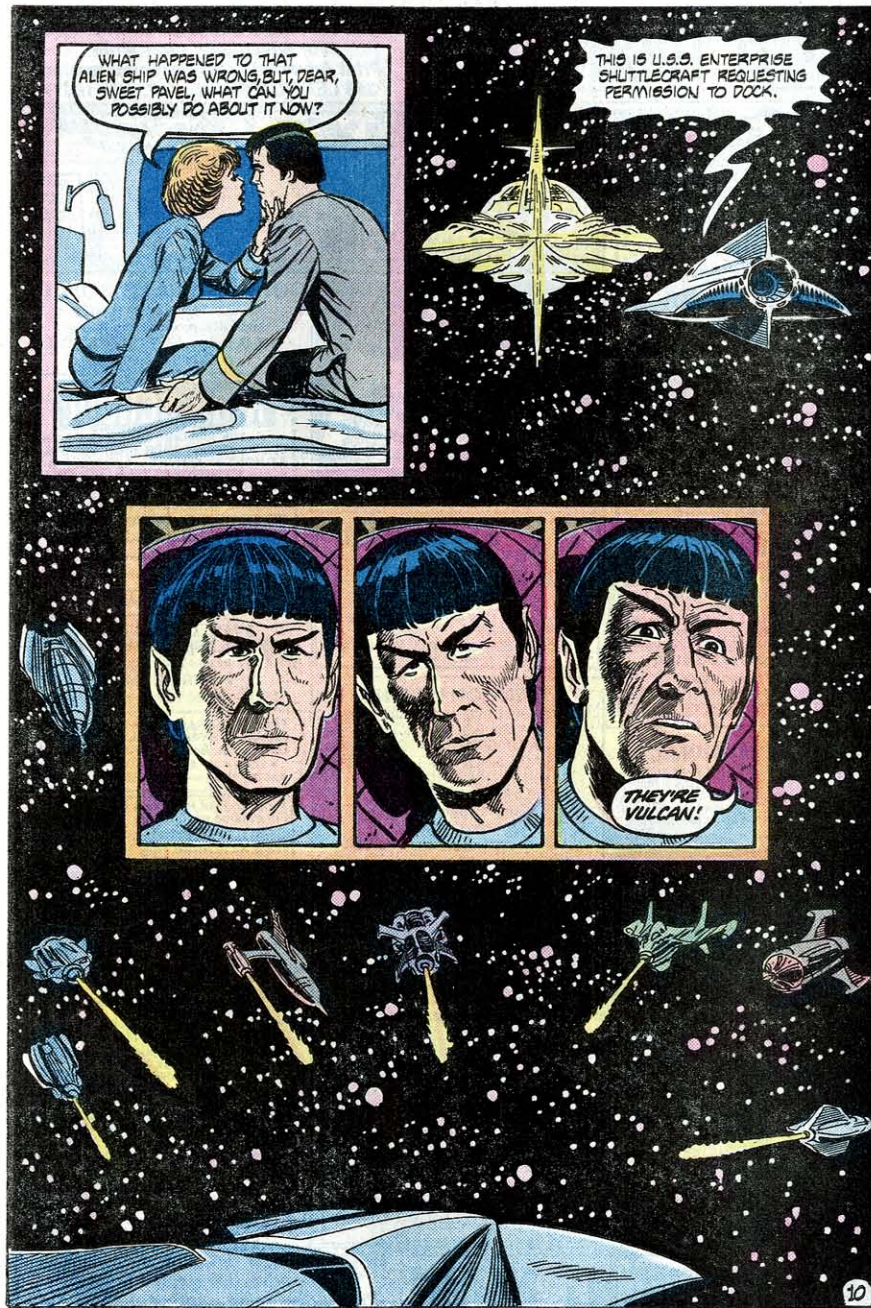
DON'T DO THIS, JIM. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT.

SIR, WE STILL HAVEN'T CLEARED THAT FIELD OF ASTEROIDS.



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THERE'S BEEN TALK AMONG SOME OF THE CREW ABOUT DISOBEYING CERTAIN KINDS OF ORDERS.

WHAT KINDS OF ORDERS?

THOSE THAT CONCERN HUMANISTIC QUESTIONS. IT'S THE THIRD REPORT I'VE RECEIVED IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES ABOUT CREW DISCONTENT.

ADAMIRAL KIRK, THIS IS ENOUGH BURNS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE...

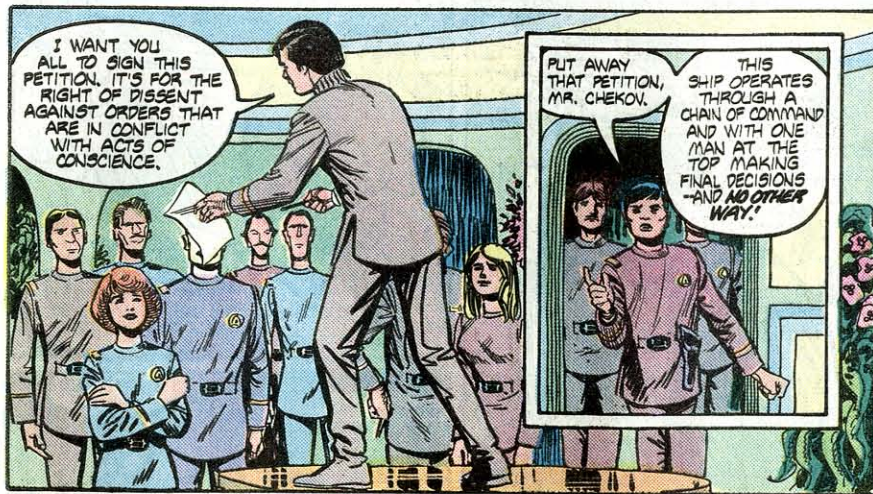
WHO'S BEHIND THIS?

...MR. CHEKOV IS HOLDING A MEETING IN REC DECK. IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S TRYING TO GET THE CREW TO MUTINY.

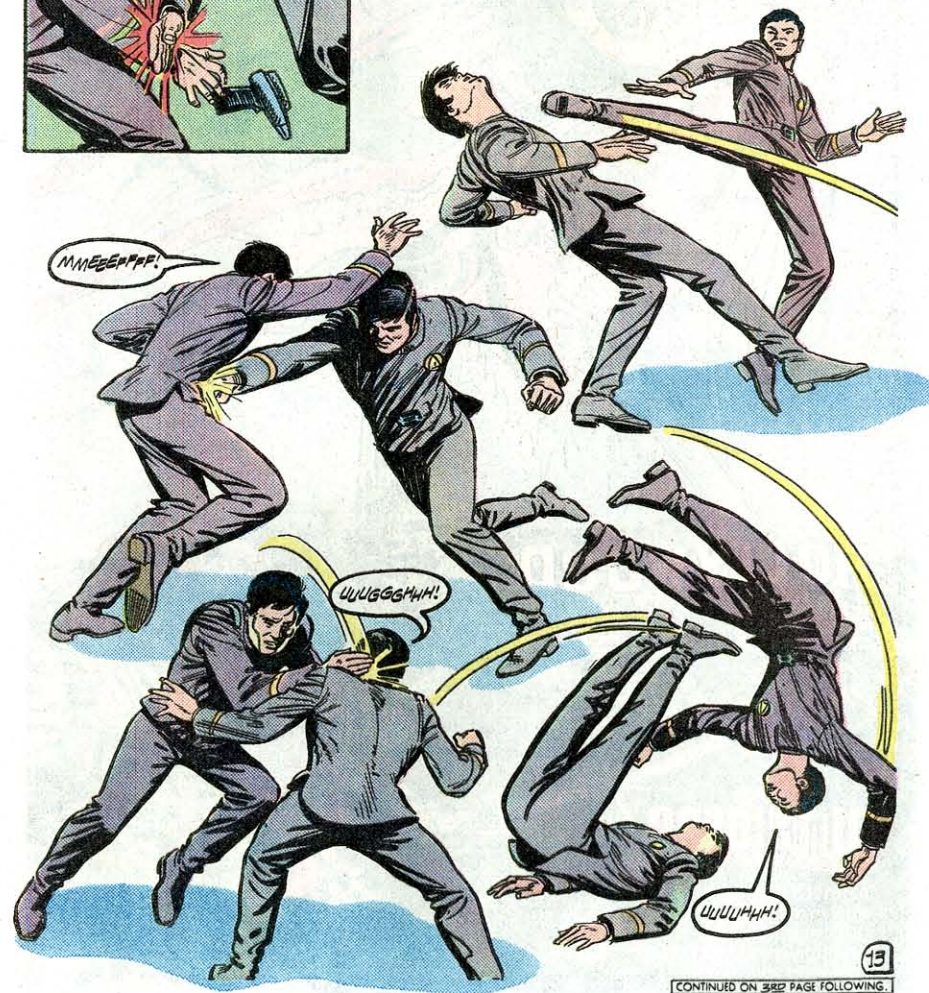
MR. SULLI, TAKE A COUPLE OF MEN AND GET DOWN THERE. I WANT CHEKOV ON THE BRIDGE BEFORE I DRAW MY NEXT BREATH!

WHAT NEXT, I WONDER?

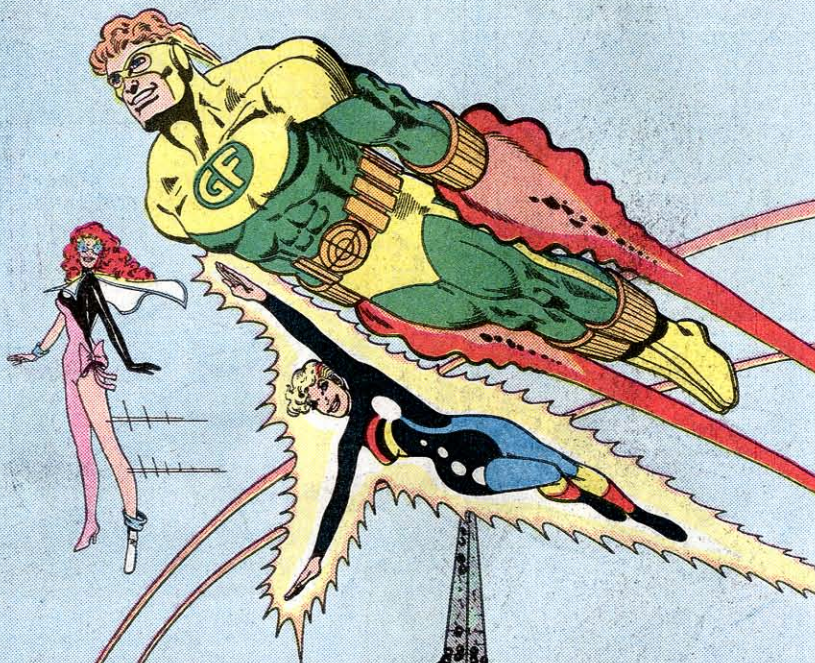
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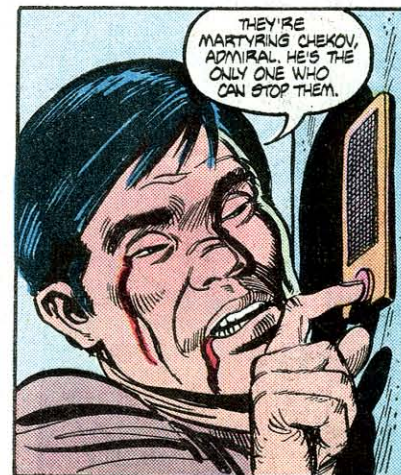
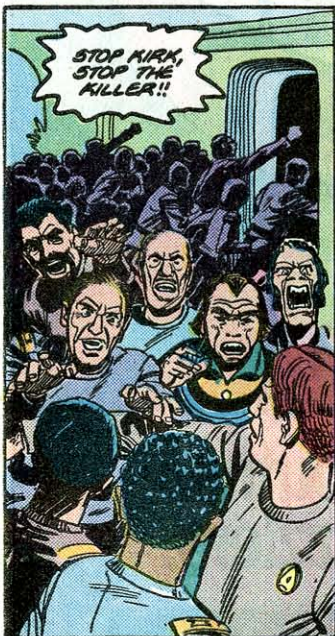


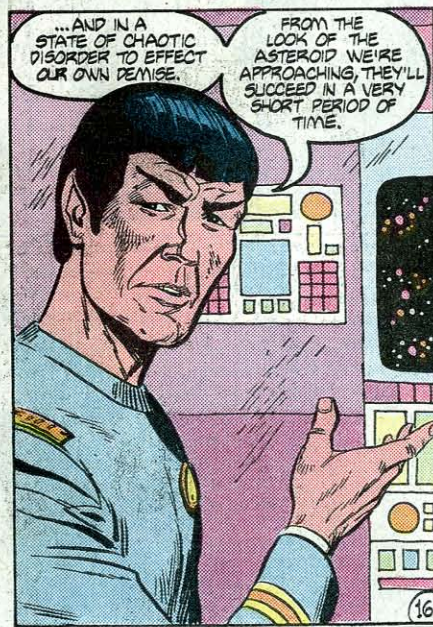
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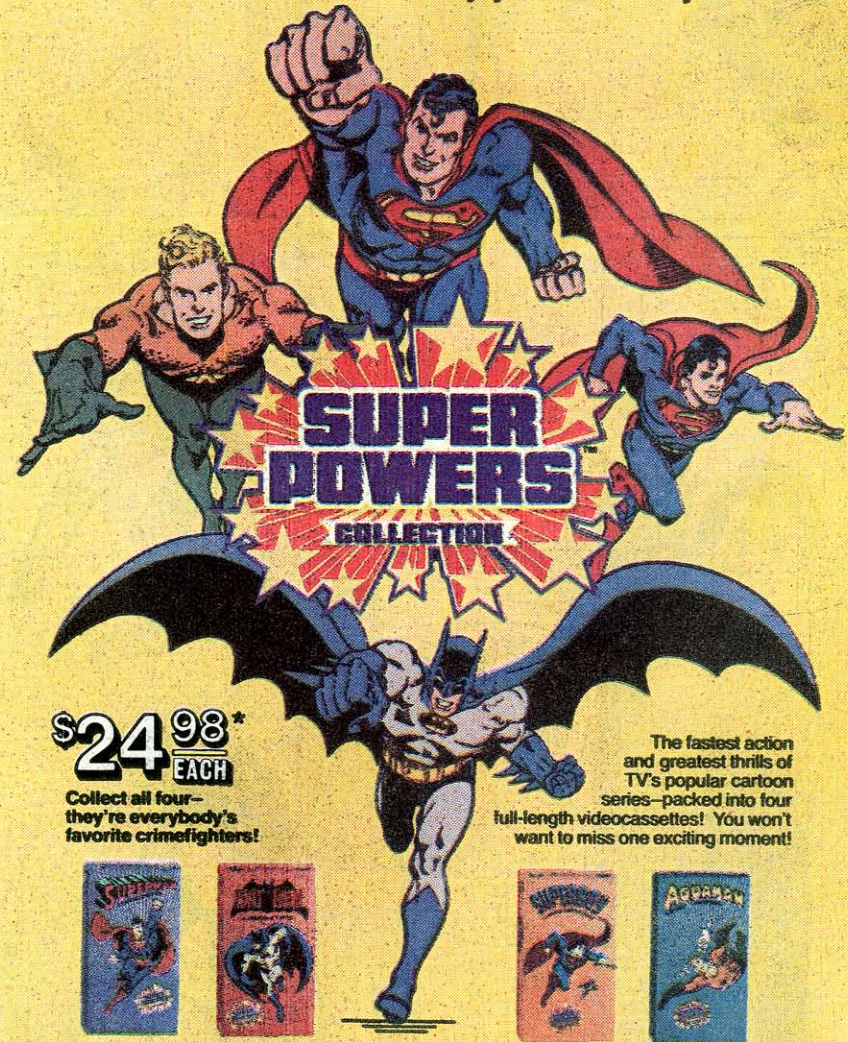




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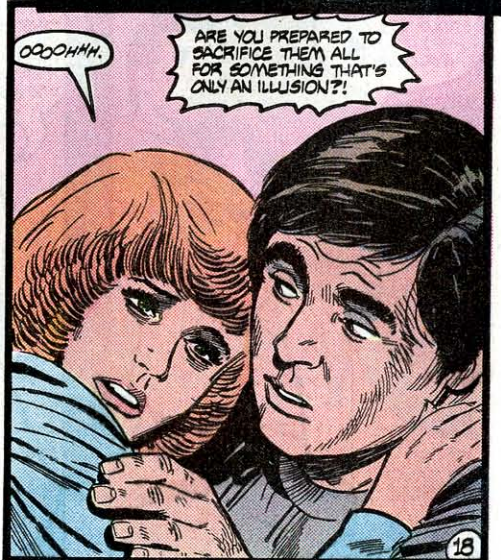
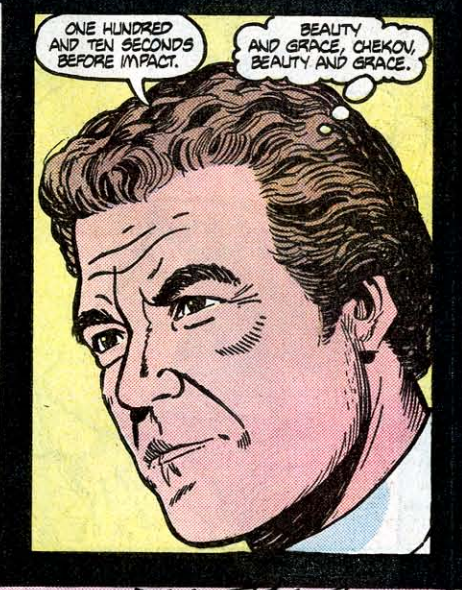
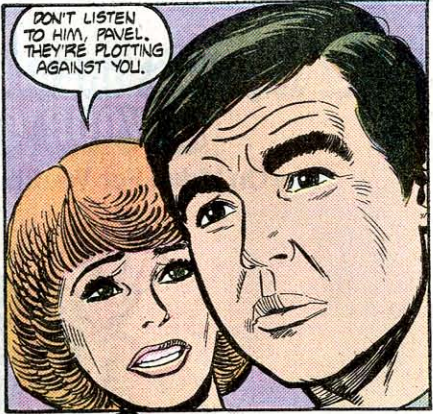
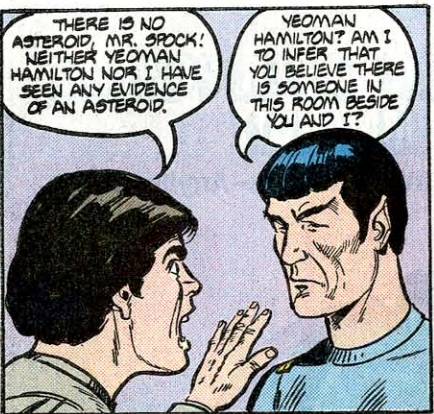


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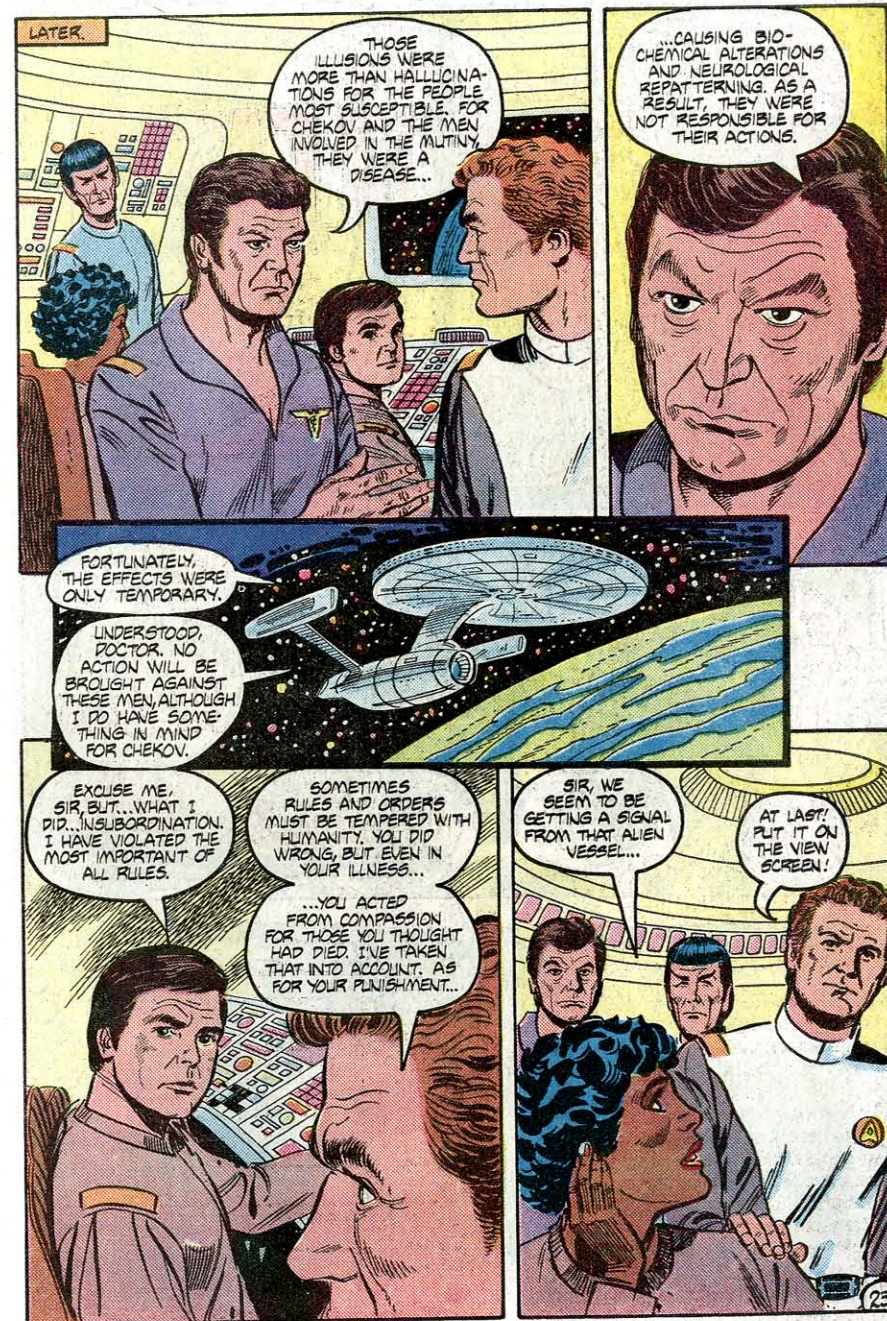
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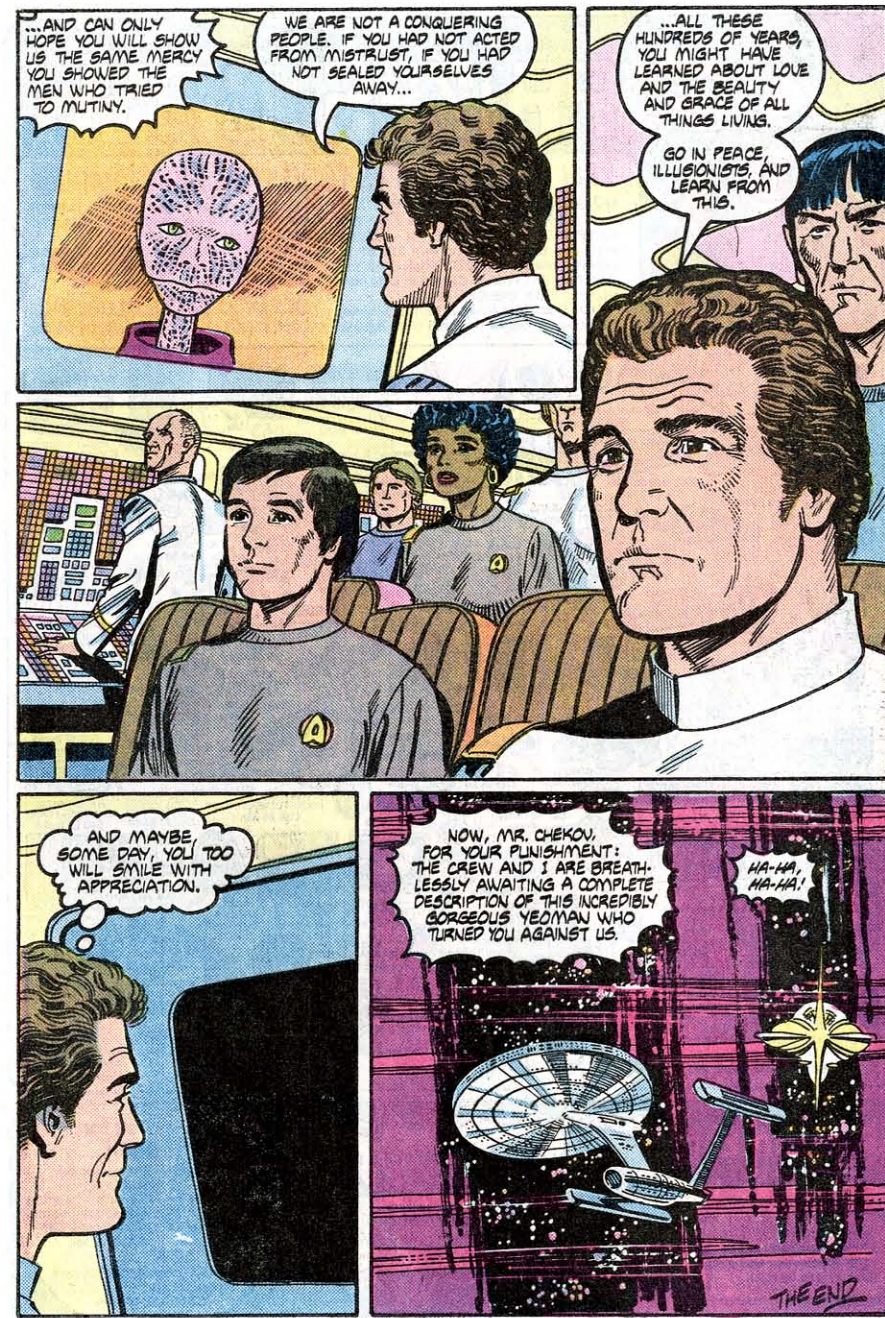
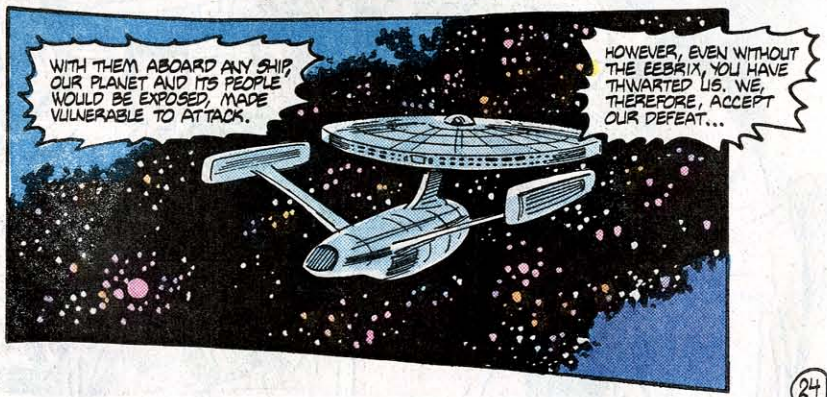
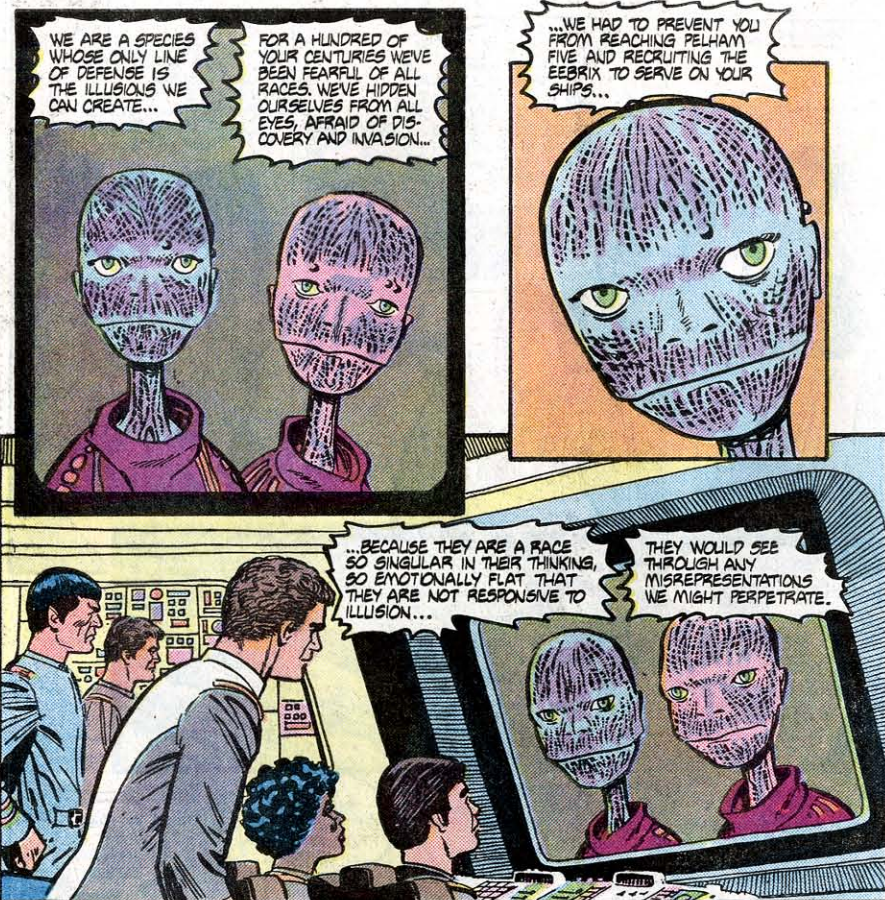
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by Roy Thomas

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So maybe it was.

Maybe it was only yesterday, instead of late June 1965, that a blond 24-year-old ex-high school teacher and sometime rock vocalist from southeastern Missouri stepped off a plane in New York City—and right into the middle of a taxi strike.

So there I was, my suitcase in one hand, my ostensibly portable electric typewriter in the other, and an ace-in-the-hole graduate fellowship to George Washington University in my back pocket—trudging down Lexington Avenue all the way from the bus depot, far, far away.

Though I was on my way to become assistant editor to the late Mort Weisinger on the Superman line of comics, I was no Man of Steel myself—and by the time I found out I had trudged a couple of blocks too far north and had to retrace my steps with my luggage, that spurned academic career in foreign relations was beginning to look better to me every minute.

"Was all worth it, though. Those two weeks I worked at DC in summer of '65, I got to meet and chum around with so many people I'd idolized for years. Guys like Julius Schwartz, Gardner

Fox, and the late Otto Binder, who had been pushing Weisinger to hire me, couldn't have been nicer or more supportive.

I still remember (though they have doubtless since forgotten) long after-hours chats with Joe Kubert and Murphy Anderson.

I even remember then-editor Bob Kanigher verbally assaulting me because I was a "fan," and some fan had recently referred to him as wearing a bow tie, something he vowed he had never done.

And if circumstances (including but hardly limited to my very real admiration for a writer/editor named Stan Lee a few blocks away) dictated that I reluctantly quit DC at the end of two weeks, it was not without a fond wish that someday, when the time was ripe, I'd be back.

It took fifteen years, during which time I had a reasonably successful career at Marvel both as a writer and as editor-in-chief. There are probably a few graybeards out there who remember my stints on *The Avengers* (the longest of anybody, ever) and *Hulk* and *The X-Men*—oh, yes, and on the first ten years of a barbarian named Conan.

But eventually these things do come 'round, like the brass ring on a merry-go-round.

And so in late 1980 I rejoined longtime associates like Gerry Conway, Marv Wolfman, Len Wein, Dick Giordano, and others at DC. Hey,

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WEEK OF JULY 11

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- ☐ **Red Tornado 4:** The android finally gets his life together!

- ☐ **Batman 388:** Captain Boomerang and Mirror Master invade Gotham City!
- ☐ **Flash 350:** Double-sized final issue as everything gets resolved!
- ☐ **Superman 412:** Luthor's ultimate revenge convinces Superman the Earth no longer exists!
- ☐ **Star Trek* 19:** A special issue written by Walter (Chekov) Koenig!
- ☐ **Amethyst 10:** Once they owned the Gemworld—now they want it back!

- ☐ **Arak, Son of Thunder 49:** Will the sojourn in China be victorious?
- ☐ **Omega Men 31:** Elu faces extinction—while the other Omegas struggle with their new lives!
- ☐ **Legion of Super-Heroes 15:** Dr. Regulus holds the new Legionnaires hostage!
- ☐ **Super Powers 2:** Can Earth's mightiest heroes escape the past to save the future?

Of course, by now comic-books were no longer the only things on my proto-Midwestern mind. In concert with Gerry Conway, I was starting a screenwriting career which has seen eight screenplays sold, with more in the works... and I'd met a redhaired soulmate named Danette Couto (now, I'm proud to say, Dann Thomas) more important to me than both careers put together.

Still, as I take stock after two decades in this crazy field, which is currently exploding outward in a hundred creatively promising directions at once, I marvel (excuse the term) at the good fortune and good friends I've enjoyed.

I've been allowed not only to explore new facets of the legendary ISA (in a mini-series and an upcoming graphic novel), but to create a new and ultimate World War Two super-group, the ALL-STAR SQUADRON.

I've had sword-and-sorcery fun with **ARAK, SON OF THUNDER** and cartoony fun with **CAPTAIN CARROT**—and got to own a piece of both pies at the same time.

And INFINITY, INC. has given me a chance to explore what it might be like to be the offspring of some of the most famous and powerful beings on the face of the earth.

The future? Well, I'd like to think I've still got some good years, and some good stories, to look forward to. Say, another twenty years' worth?

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